

CENTRAL ALBERTA TEAM PENNING ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, OCT 29, 2009

WELL, CATPA HAS COMPLETED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PENNING YEAR.

INCLUDING THE JOINT SHOWS , HELD WITH CHINOOK IN OLDS, CATPA HAD A TOTAL OF 10 REGULAR SHOWS AND THE FINALS HELD IN STETTLER.

WE HAD AN AVERAGE OF 190 TEAMS PER SHOW [230 IN 2008] , AND OUR MEMBERSHIP IS APPROXIMATELY 150 [190 IN 2008].

THIS YEAR CATPA DIRECTORS PUT ON THE FINALS SHOW , WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LARRY HUELSMAN ,AND ALL OTHER SHOWS WERE RUN BY PRIVATE OPERATORS. OUR REGIONAL FINALS HAD 245 ADULT TEAMS OVER TWO DAYS. ON SATURDAY NIGHT, WE HAD OUR AWARDS BANQUET AT THE STETTLER AG SOCIETY. THE BANQUET WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 130 PEOPLE AND MANY PRIZES WERE AWARDED FOR THE YEAR.

IN THE CANADIAN FINALS, CATPA DID VERY WELL, WITH MANY TEAMS PLACING IN THE TOP TEN IN EACH CLASS.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLITES:

OPEN CLASS: 5TH PLACE : BOB BOLIN, PAT BOLIN, ROBBIE MCKAY

TEN CLASS: 4TH PLACE: BRIAN DICK, LARRY CRESSMAN, WALLACE MCCOMISH

SEVEN CLASS 2ND PLACE: LORI BOLIN, BILL ENTICKNAP, ANDREA MUHLBACH

FIVE CLASS 1ST PLACE: JIM GILBERT, GLEN ROMANUIK, CLIFF DENHAM

CENTURY AND A HALF 1ST PLACE: BEV MAILER, RICK BOND, KENT HILLIARD

JR. YOUTH 4TH PLACE: HANNAH BURRELL, JOSIE ABRAHAM

DUE TO COSTS AND TIME CONSTRAINTS, WE DROPPED THE PRINTED NEWSLETTER AND BEGAN POSTING INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS ON OUR WEBSITE. MILES WRIGHT HAS TAKEN OVER THE CATPA WEB POSTINGS, AND DOES A GOOD JOB AT KEEPING THE SITE CURRENT.

CLUB RATINGS RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE CHANGED, WITH THE CANADIAN ASSOC TAKING A MUCH MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN RATING OUR MEMBERS. JODY JENSEN WAS OUR LIASION WITH LINDA BURRELL FOR THE 2008 YEAR RATINGS.

THE BOARD MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS REGARDING CATPAS FINANCIAL STATUS. MEMBERSHIP FEES REMAINED UNCHANGED, REGULAR SHOW ENTRY FEES INCREASED APPROXIMATELY \$5.00 PER RIDER, AND FINAL SHOW ENTRIES INCREASED APPROXIMATELY \$10.00 PER RIDER. THIS ENABLED US TO PROVIDE ADDED MONEY TO EACH CLASS FOR OUR FINALS. WE ALSO MANAGED TO REDUCE CATTLE COSTS FOR OUR FINALS BY USING LESS CATTLE, BUT STILL MAINTAINING EXCELLENT CATTLE FOR THE TOP TEN. THE NET RESULT WAS AN INCREASE IN OUR CASH ON HAND TO A MORE STABLE LEVEL FOR 2010. THANKS TO SPONSORSHIP FROM DON BADRY AND REG COX, WE ALSO WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE HIGH POINT RIDER SADDLES FOR OUR FINALS SHOW.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION IN THE FINALS, THE CATPA BOARD RELAXED THE 6 SHOW RULE [NEEDED TO ATTEND OUR FINALS] TO ATTENDANCE OF 50% OF CATPA SANCTIONED SHOWS TO QUALIFY FOR OUR REGIONAL FINALS.

I DO HAVE ONE APOLOGY TO MAKE , AT THE BANQUET, I CALLED THE CLEARWATER ARENA A SHOW OPERATOR, HOWEVER, IT WAS TREVOR MARCINEK WHO WAS THE SHOW OPERATOR AT THE CLEARWATER ARENA. SORRY TREVOR, AND GREAT JOB PUTTING THE SHOW ON.

SHOW OPERATORS INCLUDE:

CAM CLARK FORD/ELWOOD SAWBY[JOINT SHOW WITH CHINOOK]

JVS ARENA

TREVOR MARCINEK

ROCK N H ARENA

STETTLER AG SOCIETY

KJEN ARENA

THANKS TO ALL THE SUPPORT SHOWN TO US OVER THE PAST YEAR BY OUR MEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK DONE BY OUR STAFF, THE MANY VOLUNTEERS, ALL THE DIRECTORS AND OF COURSE ALL THE SHOW OPERATORS WHO PUT ON SHOWS FOR US.

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