



YAKIMA VALLEY TEAM PENNING CLUB

**P.O. Box 3091
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AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS PENNERS! We are getting down to the final days of summer... and our penning season, with only **2 Events left!** Remember, one needs to ride in 75% (6) of our Events to qualify for year-end awards. If you've missed 3, sorry but you are already out. If you've missed 2, you'll need to ride in the last 2 events to qualify. Check the Events column in the Standings on our website to see how many events you've ridden.

Our next Event is **September 9th & 10th at Winters' Arena** in Harrah with **CALL-IN** this **Monday/Tuesday, August 28th & 29th**. The Event flyer is attached with the start times and pertinent information. Please watch our Facebook page and your e-mail for any last-minute changes that might come out about time changes or other information about the upcoming Event.

VOLUNTEERS! Please... if you haven't already volunteered to do a job this year, take your turn. We are seeing the same folks sign up each month and we know there are plenty of others that could help. After your class has run, please volunteer to help the next classes after yours; or if you are in the Novice, take a job in the Open or AM or Grn Nov or Youth Class. Matt Vachon and AJ Metheny will greatly appreciate everyone that can help.

The Awards Committee will have jackets at this penning for riders to try on for size. Please **POST YOUR SIZE** on the appropriate list that will be on the office tables. New this year! **ALL qualified riders will be receiving a jacket!** No sweatshirts will be awarded to those below the Top 10! Thanks to our Board and Awards Committee for making this possible this year! Giving back to our riders!

A couple of concerns have been raised:

- 1) **Spotting** (*calling out the location*) of cattle from observers outside the arena is not allowed and can result in a 15-second fine to the team riding... which in many instances will DQ the team. Please tell your family and friends that come to watch that although hard, it is not allowed.
- 2) It will be appreciated if our **Pen and Line Flaggers are not distracted** whilst they are judging a class. It is important that they stay focused on what's happening in the arena so they can administer the correct time and be aware of any issue going on in the arena... in case they have to give a judgment call. **Please give them some space while they do their job;** it will be appreciated. Your team might be the one out there that a flagger got distracted on when a decision needs to be rendered!

Remember that we have **2 SADDLE RAFFLES** going on! One is for a Club saddle and the other is for a Youth saddle. Each raffle is \$5.00 a ticket. Support your Club and our Youth by buying tickets.

SPONSORS: We have a great list of Club Sponsors! Please take a look at the list attached and support these businesses whenever possible! **Tracey Bechtholdt & Kelli Loth will be sponsoring our Youth Class this month** by adding \$200 to their pay-outs! Thanks guys! **Anyone want to pick up October's?**

GENERAL MEETING: Please put Saturday, **October 28th** on your Calendars for our next General Meeting. If you have any items you would like brought up, please e-mail them to Wyatt Crowley at: wyattolen@gmail.com so they can be included in the agenda.

YEAR-END BANQUET: is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th. Please start getting items to put in our banquet auction!

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HOLDING THE HERD: Reminder that when you are holding the herd for the next team, the Center rider leaves at “Flag’s Up” and the 2 Side Holders stay and then leave when the Cow Number is called.

SETTLING THE HERDS: Riders should stay out of the arena while the cattle are being settled to avoid disruption to the herds. Please use the warm-up area during this time.

ARENA WARM-UP: Riders should stay off the cattle end of the arena to avoid compaction of this area.

DOGS: Please keep dogs on a leash and away from the arena fence as they could cause someone to get a re-ride.

SORT ARENA APP: If you want to sign up for the paid Sort Arena Sidekick App, please get your existing Rider’s name and Rider-ID number from Amanda **BEFORE** you sign up, or you will have two separate accounts.

CELL # & E-MAIL CHANGES: If you have a change to your cell phone # or e-mail address, please let me AND Amanda know so you will continue receiving Club & Sort Arena updates.

2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE BOARD: Penning season is upon us:

- 1) **Reminder that start time on Saturday is 10:00**, starting with the Open Class; except July & August, which is 9:00.
 - a. **Subject to change depending upon conditions. Watch Club’s Facebook page to monitor new info.**
- 2) A reminder about our **“Calling for Time” rule**. You no longer need to raise your hand to call for time on 3 cows. Once all **three cows** (tails) have entered the pen (cleared the gate) the flag will automatically drop & time will be called. Riders will still need to call for time (raise your hand) if you are calling time for 1-2 cows penned. (See also No. 3.)
- 3) We need to bring to our rider’s attention, that while we don’t have a “tail rule” upon entering the pen with our cattle, we need to **STOP our horses before fully entering the pen**. Our gate and the cattle are being put to undo stress due to a very few people’s actions. (See also No. 2.)
- 4) We have been asked to please **REMEMBER OUR LANGUAGE**, both in and out of the Arena. We are a FAMILY EVENT, and should always be conscious of how we present ourselves.
- 5) It really helps Amanda, our penning secretary, if everyone could try to **make their teams recurring!**
A team change form can be filled out at the penning to make any modifications to their teams.
- 6) A reminder about **TEAM CALL-IN times**. Our Event secretary can receive e-mails, text messages and Facebook messages anytime during the day during the Call-In period, but due to work . . .
PHONE CALLS CAN ONLY BE TAKEN BETWEEN 6:pm - 8:pm.
She may not respond to your messages until after she is off work. Please respect the time Call-In period that is shown on the monthly Event Flyers. Cattle numbers are ordered following the Call-in period, so we want to have enough cattle for everyone to run on.
- 7) Members... if you bring **NEW PEOPLE** into the Club... please help them understand Call-in and when and how the Classes run... and that the second Goes are in reverse order.

CLUB’S WEBSITE: www.yvtpc.com

ALL of the Club’s information, including the By-Laws, Rules, Ratings & Event Flyers are on this site. The Rules is a great resource for all new members to get acquainted with!

E-MAIL or ADDRESS CHANGES DURING THE YEAR:

Please notify Connie Hauver at LCHauver@yahoo.com if your e-mail or mailing address changes during the year to make sure you receive the Event Flyers, Newsletters, IRS 1099 forms and other Club correspondence.

NW CLUBS SCHEDULE:

A quick easy reference to our Club dates and other Clubs in the Northwest, along with a few big shows, is on:

<http://sort4thecause.com/allclubs2022/allclubs2022.cfm>

If you click on a Club’s name, it will bring up all the Events for that particular Club.



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