



## HAWAII WOMEN'S RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Wow! I can hardly believe that 2012 is already here. I have so many goals and ideas for this 20<sup>th</sup> year, that it's hard to know where to begin. Let's just say, I can hardly wait to start rodeoing!

The Board and I have been brainstorming and have a lot of ideas we hope you'll like as much as we do. . . and before I go any further, let me say that we'd LOVE to hear your ideas on how we can make our club more dynamic, exciting and just plain fun. Please text, e-mail, Facebook, phone or catch up with us in person at a meeting or rodeo. We want to hear from you!

***Our #1 goal for this year is for each member to be actively involved by sharing your ideas, time and energy!***

Toward that end, we plan to hold a mini-meeting combined with a **\$10 jackpot barrel race at DK Ranch** in Waimanalo on **Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of this meeting (and we promise to keep it short) is to get your great ideas on fundraisers, year-end awards, and generally how we can make our club the very best that it can be.

We'll then bring your ideas to our General Membership meeting on Feb. 11 (immediately preceding our first Jackpot of the year), and discuss and/or vote on them as appropriate.

We'll have membership, horse nomination and jackpot entry forms available at this mini-meeting/jackpot. You can also access all forms online at [www.rodeoohu.com/members](http://www.rodeoohu.com/members), fill them out ahead of time and bring them to the mini-meetings or to our General Membership meeting.

**Dues are due prior to the first jackpot.** The bad news is that we cannot offer any extensions on dues this year, but the good news is that we're reducing membership fees considerably. The cost for renewing members is \$35 for keiki (up to age 12 as of Jan. 1, 2012); \$65 for a single adult; and \$85 for a family. The annual dues for new members will be \$75/person or \$95 for a family. Non-riding membership is \$20. Please note that in all cases, "family" consists of immediate family members only (parents and their dependent children up to age 18 as of Jan. 1, 2012).

**Fundraising** is a topic we all wish we could avoid, but the undeniable fact is that year-end buckles and awards cost money. There are a couple of ways to raise money – by holding fundraisers or by securing sponsors – but either way it will require the participation of each and every member. Times are tough right now, and getting donations and sponsorships is harder than ever. It's not impossible, though – **it just needs to involve everyone.** We'll be discussing this at our mini-meeting and again at our General Membership meeting. Do we want to have buckles and awards at the end of the year? If so, we'll need to fundraise. It's that simple. On the other hand, if we'd rather not fundraise, we can still rodeo

without any end-of-year awards. I'm sure this subject will spark a lively debate, so please come prepared to offer your suggestions and solutions.

**Now about our first Jackpot.** I hope your horses are all legged up and ready to go on Feb. 11 – not only for the barrels and poles, but also for a special Fun Event. Not sure exactly what it will be yet, but think steer undecorating or maybe breakaway roping. . . . Also think great food!!! Claudette Joseph will be running her always-popular food booth, so come hungry!

**Entry Forms** for our Jackpots are now available online ([www.rodeoohu.com/members](http://www.rodeoohu.com/members)). These forms can be filled out online and emailed to me at [branja4@gmail.com](mailto:branja4@gmail.com). However, before you can email them, you will need to complete the form online and **save it to your hard drive**. Then **attach** the file when you email me. If you prefer to print out the form and complete it by hand, you can also fax it to 697-1249. Whether you email or fax, please do follow up by phone to confirm we have received it.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Girls Rodeo** plans are starting to take shape. The date is Oct. 6, and Sheila Head has already contacted me, as she wants to be involved with the sponsorship again. Plus, this year the Zip Memorial Mixed Barrels event is returning with \$1,000 in added money. Plan to cowgirl up (and start training your partners now)!!!

**HWRA Horse of the Year** – This is something new. This year, we'll be recognizing the first-ever HWRA Horse of the Year and presenting an award at the All-Girls Rodeo. More details on that below.

**BTW, HWRA now has its own Twitter feed.** If you aren't already following us, please take a minute now to sign up. That way you won't miss any of our late-breaking news – and believe me, we have lots of exciting plans that we'll be sharing in the next few days and weeks!!!

<http://twitter.com/RodeoOahu>

Questions? Suggestions? Concerns? Please call or text me at 216-7555. I really want to hear from you.

Ha'ole Makahiki Hou,

Brandy Joseph,  
HWRA President

**HWRA HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD** - This year, for the first time, we will be honoring the HWRA All-Around Horse of the Year. This will be the horse that earns the most money at HWRA Jackpot rodeos throughout the year, regardless of who was riding it and how many events it competed in. All winnings from all HWRA Jackpots in which the horse competed will be counted. To be eligible for the Horse of the Year Award, the horse must compete in at least 4 HWRA jackpots in 2012 and in the 2012

All-Girls Rodeo (although winnings from the All-Girls event will not be counted towards this award). The owner must be an HWRA member in good standing, and the Award will be presented to the owner at the All-Girls Rodeo.

### **HWRA 2012 CALENDAR (SO FAR!!!)**

*All Jackpots start at 10 a.m. unless otherwise indicated.*

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| January 25 | Regional mini-meeting combined w/ \$10 3D Jackpot. DK Ranch.<br>6:30 pm sharp, bring light pupus if you like. |
| Feb. 11    | Diamond J Ranch, Wai'anae (General Membership Meeting to precede rodeo)                                       |
| March 10   | DK Ranch, Waimanalo   |
| April 28   | Gunstock Ranch, Laie  |
| May 19     | DK Ranch, Waimanalo   |
| July 21    | Gunstock Ranch, Laie  |
| August 4   | Diamond J Ranch, Wai'anae   |
| October 6  | ALL-GIRLS RODEO, Location TBA   |