

HAWAII WOMEN'S RODEO ASSOCIATION

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Happy Valentine's Day!!



So many exciting things are happening that it's hard to know where to begin. First, of course, was our FANTASTIC (!) first rodeo of the year this past Saturday. We had 40 entries and a General Membership Meeting, all of which resulted in a long day, but it was worth every minute! I'll get to the highlights in a minute, but let me first congratulate and thank everyone who participated.

With \$376.45 in winnings, Kiana Uechi-Won, took home top honors for the day. Congratulations also to Sydney Porter, whose horse Lena, is currently leading the standings in the All-Around Horse category.

The full results/standings report is posted at www.RodeoOahu.com/members, so do take a minute to check it out. I'm also attaching a copy of it here. If anything seems incorrect to you, please let us know right away. We do our absolute best to avoid errors, but it's always good to have others proofreading our work.

The General Membership Meeting, held during the lunch break, was one of our most productive in recent memory. The enthusiasm and energy radiating from our members is absolutely amazing – and so very welcomed! New ideas came up for discussion and we voted to try several of them:

1. **Optional "Time -Forwarding"** – This suggestion came from one of our new members and is a great one. In the interest of not over-running our horses, members will now have the option of rolling forward the time from their first run of the day to other classes in which they have entered. Here's how it works — and remember — it's all optional. If you prefer to pay for and run in each class, you're still welcome to do that.

But for those who would like to run in several classes but don't want to over-run their horses — especially their young horses — they can declare before the rodeo starts

that they would like their time from their first run to carry forward to their other barrel or pole runs. You'll still pay the regular entry fee for each class you want to enter, but you won't actually run in any events after your first one. You'll just use that time for the subsequent events.



The benefits to rolling time forward are that you'll make fewer runs throughout the day, but you'll still have a chance to win money in each event you've entered. If you do well on your first run, you're in great shape for the day. On the other hand, for example, if you bump a barrel or a pole in the 3D events, you'll be stuck with a "NO TIME" in all of the other events you've entered.

The key is, you must declare on your entry form **BEFORE** the rodeo starts run whether you want to run in each event or roll your time forward. If you declare that you want to roll your time forward, then have a humbug first run, you won't be able to change your mind. By the same token, if you have a super run on your first run and have not previously declared that you want to roll forward your time, you won't be able to do so. . . Sorry. . .

2. **Masters Level Events Added** - After some good-natured "wrangling" over whether the age limit should be 45 or 50, the HWRA membership on Feb. 11 voted to add two new events for cowgirls "of a certain age." Starting with our next jackpot, riders age 45 and older may can compete in Masters' Level Barrels and/or Masters' Level Poles. To be eligible to compete in either of these events, participants need to be 45 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2012. Should be fun!!!

Also discussed at the General meeting was the upcoming Balls-to-the-Walls Fundraiser - We need all members to help with this event on Saturday, March 3. This rodeo is to show our appreciation to the many men and boys who help us each year with the All-Girls Rodeo -- *and* -- to help us raise money for the 20th Annual All-Girls! But we need all HWRA members to be on hand to help. It's a night rodeo -- starts at 5:30 -- but we need you there by 4:30 -- at DK



Ranch in Waimanalo. Please call or text me to let her know if you cannot make it. Otherwise, we'll plan to see you there.

March 24 Fundraiser at Dillingham Ranch – The HWRA has been given the opportunity to volunteer at the Extreme Horse Race on March 24. If we can provide 25 volunteers to help give water to horses and riders for 5 hours on that day, the race sponsors will donate \$1000 to HWRA. If we can provide another 25 people who will work for 5 hours, they will give us \$2500. Who's in??? Let me know right away so I can sign us up.

And speaking of fundraising, please be thinking about the companies or individuals you can ask to sponsor events for the All-Girls Rodeo. Event sponsorships are \$250 and we'd like each member to try to get at least one such sponsor. Although the mandatory fundraising amount is \$100 per member, if we can each bring in one event sponsor, we'll have that much more for our awards and scholarships.

On that topic, please be sure to give a shout-out to Maxium Trucking LLC, which has very generously donated \$250 for one of our events. Also, one of our own very favorite members, Bettie Cox, and her husband Jim have made a similar donation. Mahalo nui loa Stancie and Dean Freitas and Jim and Bettie!!

Last but not least, if you haven't joined **our HWRA Group page on Facebook**, now would be a great time to do it. Lot's of pictures posted there –everyone in the group can add photos – as well as club updates. To find the group, just log in to your Facebook account and enter "HWRA" in the search field. Select the HWRA Group and you're in. Follow us on Twitter, @RodeoOahu, for late-breaking news and announcements.

I think that's it for this time – who knew we'd have 3 pages of news to share!!!! But I'm loving it. Please keep the ideas and the suggestions coming. Your involvement is what makes this a great organization!

See you in the Arena,

Brandy Joseph, President
HWRA

P.S. For the record, we now have 40 members – more than double our membership last year. . *annnnnd*, several more people have indicated an interest in joining us, so please encourage all your friends and relatives to come be part of the fun!



HWRA CALENDAR FOR 2012

All Jackpots start at 10 a.m. unless otherwise indicated. For details and a full listing of all events, please go to www.TheCowboyCalendar.com.

- March 3 Balls-to-the-Walls Night Rodeo (a fundraiser and a mahalo event – all members asked to attend and help). DK Ranch at 4:30 p.m. Rodeo starts at 5:30.
- March 10 DK Ranch, Waimanalo – Jackpot #2
- March 24 Extreme Horse Race – (pending) HWRA fundraiser. Please call Brandy asap to volunteer to help with this. It's a great opportunity to raise big \$ for our club.
- April 28 Gunstock Ranch, Laie – Jackpot #3
- May 5 Battle in the Saddle at DK Ranch
- May 19 DK Ranch, Waimanalo – Jackpot #4
- July 21 Gunstock Ranch, Laie – Jackpot #5
- August 4 Diamond J Ranch, Wai'anae – Jackpot #6
- October 6 ALL-GIRLS RODEO, Location TBA

