

# HoolBeats

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HAWAII WOMEN'S RODEO ASSOCIATION

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It seems like just yesterday I was writing the first newsletter for 2015 and with a blink of an eye its now 2016! Time is just flying by so fast but I'm excited to start another successful rodeo season! Last year was one for challenges and overcoming hurdles but we prevailed triumphantly. With the calendar being so full and only one fundraiser opportunity under our belts we were not sure what we were going be able to afford. But the board worked hard to make sure all of our 2015 goals were met and with help from all of our generous sponsors we were able to have a very successful season and All Girls Rodeo! We made just enough to cover our All Girls Rodeo awards, year-end awards, and insurance costs for the 2015 season. There is no where to go but up from here and with the help from all of our members we are looking forward to making this season even better than last!

## **2015 YEAR-END AWARDS**

Due to the hectic holiday season and everyone's busy schedules we decided to not have a year-end banquet in December. Our distributor also did not have all of what we wanted in stock at the time and we wanted to make sure that we got things that you all would love so I hope you don't mind the wait. We promise that it will be worth waiting for. They are still trying to recover from the holiday rush but if everything goes according to plan all of the awards will arrive in a week. If so, we will be handing it out at the end of our first rodeo of the season on February 27, 2016 at Diamond J Ranch. If anything changes we will be sure to keep you updated.

## **NEW 2016 BOARD MEMBERS**

The rodeo season cannot run smoothly without the help of dedicated individuals and leaders like the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Board of Directors. These individuals dedicate their free time and energy to make sure the association is ran with the highest of standards with everyone's best interest in mind. With that being said it is my pleasure to introduce you to your 2016 Board of Directors. President – Bridget Napier, Vice President – Tricia Ann Ching, Secretary – Brandy Joseph, Treasurer – Moana Tupou, Members at large – Kali Adkins, Brittany Joseph-Faborito, and Bettie Cox.

Please join me in extending the warmest mahalo to our outgoing board member Amber Kaonohi. She decided to relocate to Kauai and we wish her nothing but the best! Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into the 2015 season. We welcome back on board Bettie Cox who is one of our most dedicated and generous member that we have. She has helped us tremendously over the years and welcome back her back with open arms!



### **2015 GRADUATING RIDERS/HORSES**

A BIG Congratulation's goes out to these horses and riders who have graduated out of their classes at the end of 2015. Great job on the hard work!

#### **Novice Barrels**

Shiver  
Smartie  
Ho'olehua

#### **Novice Poles**

Smartie  
Sonny  
Ymea  
Hooker

#### **Amateur Barrels**

Amber Kaonohi  
Amanda Heydt  
Carrie Wilson  
Kanani Henriques  
McKenzie Monfort

#### **Amateur Poles**

Amber Kaonohi  
Carrie Wilson

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

We are keeping the membership rates the same as last year. Keiki membership rates for new and existing members are - \$35 for those ages 12 and under as of Jan. 1, 2016. Dues for an individual member are \$115 for renewing members and \$125 for new members. Family dues are \$135 for renewals and \$145 for new members. Please note that family rates apply only to parents and their dependent children age 18 and under as of Jan. 1, 2016. Families with a child that is between the ages of 18-23 year old who is actively enrolled in school are eligible to be covered by a family membership with the proof of school enrollment verification. All membership fees must accompany membership forms and be paid in full by our first rodeo on **February 27, 2016** in order to be eligible for year-end awards. If you need to make arrangements please contact any board members with questions. Any members joining after the above stated deadline will have to pay full membership. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email us. Membership forms and entries can be downloaded on our website [www.rodeoohu.com](http://www.rodeoohu.com)

### **NEW JACKPOT RATES**

Please take notice of the new 2016 jackpot entry costs. Due to the rising cost of insurance premiums we were forced to come up with a way to help with the cost. The exhibition class has gone up \$1.00 and all the other classes have gone up \$5.00. We will be taking \$3.00 barrel and pole fee for each run that will go to help paying for insurance for the season.

Also there is a box at the top of the entry for you to check if you would like to roll your entry for the season. By checking the box Tricia will automatically sign you up for all the jackpots in the season. If you are going to make changes throughout the season you will have to submit new forms. Please contact Tricia (808-349-7206) by the Wednesday before each rodeo at 5p.m. if you are not going to make it or have any last minute adjustments. The random sorting and line-ups will be done the Thursday before each show. This also means that the work list will be the same for the entire season unless changes need to be made. If you have any questions or concerns about this process please let me or any of the board members know. Jackpot entries can be downloaded on our website at [www.rodeoohu.com](http://www.rodeoohu.com)



## **2016 ARENAS**

We are happy to announce that all of our Jackpots will take place at Diamond J Ranch in Waianae and Pohaku Nui Ranch in Kahuku this year. For those who have not been to Pohaku Nui Ranch yet we are sure that you will be blown away by their facility and amenities. It's the indoor arena at the top of the hill before the Kahuku shrimp trucks. Tricia and I had the privilege to tour the grounds and knew that our members would instantly fall in the love with the arena just like we did. There will be food booths available at all of our shows but I still encourage you to bring a snack and something to keep you hydrated throughout the day. We are thankful to the Pontin's and Joseph's for hosting all of our shows this year! Please be sure to express your gratitude to them as well when you see them!

Please note that although dragging may be options at these two venues we still need a work crew to pick up barrels and poles, work gates, and backup flag each class. If you prefer, you may pay a "NO WORK FEE" of \$20 per rodeo, and we will find someone to work your 3 classes in your place. If you do not work your three classes, you will be assessed this \$30/rodeo fee. It will be deducted from your winnings or is due and payable before you may enter the next jackpot.

## **FUNDRAISER OPTIONS**

We have four Fundraiser dates reserved on the calendar so far. We will have a few Gymkhana Fun Days with a few new events since everyone seems to really enjoy those and also a possible hunting tournament is in the works. If any of you have other fundraiser ideas we will be happy to hear any and all of your ideas. Please remember that in order to qualify for year-end awards you must participate/help in two HWRA sanctioned events, enter three out of six jackpots, and make sure you are in good standings. The events we have planned cannot run smoothly without the help and cooperation from our members. If you cannot make it to any of our planned events you may send someone in your place.

Questions? Suggestions? Concerns? Please call or text me at 1-808-630-9211. I really would love hear from you.

Mahalo Nui Loa,



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## HWRA 2016 CALENDAR

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

- Feb. 27      Jackpot #1 – Diamond J Ranch, Waianae
- March 12     HWRA Fundrasier – Kualoa
- March 26     Jackpot #2 – Pohaku Nui Ranch, Kahuku
- April 9        Jackpot #3 – Diamond J Ranch, Waianae
- May 14th     Jackpot #4 – Pohaku Nui Ranch, Kahuku
- June 4        HWRA Fundraiser – Kualoa
- June 18      Jackpot #5 – Diamond J Ranch, Waianae
- July 23        Jackpot #6 – Pohaku Nui Ranch, Kahuku
- August 13    HWRA Fundraiser - Kualoa
- August 20    Rainout date – Diamond J Ranch, Waianae
- September 10 HWRA Fundraiser - Kualoa
- October 8     24<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL ALL GIRLS RODEO – Kualoa
- November 6   HWRA Year-End Awards Banquet – TBD

