



NWBC NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2008

It is time to officially announce the dates for events happening for our club in 2009. Our show dates have been confirmed, and we want you to mark your calendars so you won't miss a thing!

March 6, 7, and 8 will be our first show of the season and will be held in Albany, as usual.

Our April show will **not** be held in 2009. Our usual date for the Albany arena was given to another organization. After some searching for alternate venues, and some heartfelt thought, the board decided not to pursue another site. We have considered the insecurity in the state of the economy, and feel that it would be less of a strain on our exhibitors to participate in three shows for 2009. Our hope is that everyone will be able to attend all of our shows next year without causing an economic hardship. We have asked the Albany fairgrounds to rebook a date for us in April of 2010 in hopes that times will allow us to afford a four show season again.

May 29, 30, 31 is the date for our second show, also in Albany.

September 18, 19, 20 will be our final show date, in Albany as well. This is a weekend later than we had announced at the show, and from our previous year's date. This move will allow us to avoid a conflict with the AQHA show in Eugene, which we have lost exhibitors to in the past.

The final date that you will defiantly not want to miss is for our 2008 year-end awards banquet. Saturday **January 17, 2009** is the date, Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1770 Baxter Rd. S. Salem is the place, Disco is the theme!

Other important information:

It looks like we will be able to expand the fun at our shows this year by adding a team sorting event on Friday prior to the show starting. Kevin Semmel has offered to teach us all how to sort those cows, and then we can team up to give it a try! I hope everyone with even the slightest interest will plan on coming down to Albany in the morning and join in the fun! This is the fastest growing equine event, and much less intimidating than working cow or team penning. Plan on participating or at least cheering on the teams!

The photographer who was at our September show soon will have the photos up on a website for us to review and order. Check them out at:

www.spanishmount.com Look under photos, then Buckskin show. She is still working on this, so if the photos don't show up, keep checking back.

You should have received along with this newsletter, your the proposed bylaws and rule changes for 2009. Please review these changes and let someone on the board know if you see any errors, or areas that you feel need to be looked into.

Lastly, I want to let you know that the year-end show planning meeting was VERY lightly attended. Remember that by attending this meeting, you can have your thoughts and ideas heard, and can make a difference in how the club operates Being involved makes this a better club. Many thanks to those of you who did take the time to attend!

Thanks for a great show season in 2008! Your year-end award letters will be coming out the first part of November. Keep the dates for next year in mind when you plan for the new year. Until January, Happy Riding!

Barb Sandberg
President NWBC