



## About the Show

For those of you who have never been to the NBHA California State Championship Show, it is a barrel race like no other. The team spirit from the Districts and friendly open atmosphere makes this event a fun-filled weekend. As one professional rodeo cowgirl once said, "This is the race we come to and have fun!"

With big prize money (last year's payout was over \$80,000) and an ample quantity of top quality awards, this show will prove to be a memorable experience for all of you who attend. We promise!

Buckles will be awarded on Saturday, in addition to our average awards program, so that if you hit a barrel you can still win an award with a qualified time on Saturday!

Lastly, our State Show Theme this year is "Fast Times in 09!" The theme includes a checkered flag and a NASCAR feel – so come on out and show your colors this year at State!

## Schedule

### **Thursday, October 8th**

Noon – 4pm – Check-in

10am - 3:00pm Time Only's

3:30pm - Jackpot Poles - Open Arena After Poles until 5:15pm

6:00pm – Director's Race

7:00pm - Tough Enough to Wear Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Race (Minimum \$500 Added)

### **Friday, October 9th**

6:00am Time Only's

8:00am Pee Wee's

9:00am Open, Youth, Senior, Novice, Futurity,

10:00am - Late Entries close for the weekend.

### **Saturday, October 10th**

6:00am Time Only's

8:00am Pee Wees

9:00am Open, Youth, Senior, Novice, Futurity

Dog Race Entry Cutoff

AT RIDER 200 THE SHOW WILL STOP FOR ONE HOUR FOR THE DOG RACES.

### **Sunday, October 11th**

7:00am Pee Wees

Note: Pee Wee Awards will be awarded at 9:00am outside of the show office.

8:00am Open, Youth, Senior, Novice, Futurity

**WE WILL HOST THE DOG RACES ON SATURDAY AFTER RIDER 200. WE WILL TAKE A ONE HOUR BREAK FOR THE DOG RACES AND BIG DRAG AT THIS TIME. IF YOU ARE AFTER RIDER 200, YOU WILL HAVE ONE HOUR UNTIL THE BARREL RACE RESUMES WITH RIDER #201.**

## **2009 NBHA State Championships Crew:**

Susan Eskander, State Director  
Debra Zavatto, Administration & Finance  
"Tractor" Dean Hendrickson, Ground and Equipment  
Jan Evanson, Awards Director  
Julie Lane, Special Events, Awards Committee  
Paula Coffman-Johs, Volunteer Coordinator  
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LJ Pope, Security Coordinator  
Mary Kaufman, 50/50 4D Coordinator  
Gene and Charlie Moore, Information Technology and Office Crew  
Mary Kaufman & LJ Pope, All Around Hands  
Deanise Heer, All Around Hand  
James Bell, Announcer  
Brian Bauhuis, Announcer

...and of course, all of our 2009 California District Directors! They are:

**District 07 - Stacie Martinelli**  
**District 08 - Kristen Elbeck**  
**District 11 - Tina Bird**  
**District 12 - Trudi Bordi**  
**District 13 - Marcie Wooster**  
**District 15 - Jacque Hannon**  
**District 16 - Valerie Harris**  
**District 17 - Crystal Hale**  
**District 18 - Wanda Walterscheid**  
**District 19 - Barbara Patton**  
**District 20 - Darla Frye**

## ***The Draw and Late Entries***

We will post the draw no sooner than one week prior to the show at [www.fastenter.com](http://www.fastenter.com). **We will not honor requests for running a particular horse first - it is against NBHA rules.** We will run a computerized draw. We will make sure that if you are riding multiple horses that you have enough time in between runs for an appropriate warm up. We will not generate the late draw until the late entries close on Friday, October 9 at 10am. This insures fairness as we will draw all the late entries at once. We are anticipating having the draw completed by noon, 10/9 for all go's.

**We will run the late entries at the end of each go, each day.** To keep the show running smoothly, we will cut off late entries on Friday at 10am. We will allow changes to carry over declarations at any time before you run; however, these requests must be made in writing at the show office using the appropriate form. **Verbal carry over requests will not be honored.**

## **Special Events**

### ***Director's Race***

Please come out on Thursday night and cheer on your Directors! We are hosting a special 3D barrel race for all NBHA Directors with no entry fee and \$1000.00 added cash!

### ***Top Hand Awards***

Don't forget to nominate the best volunteer who helps your District the most. This is that special person who goes above and beyond the call of duty to keep things running smoothly at your District's races – whether out in front or behind the scenes. The Top Hand Award winners will each receive an award at the State Show! NBHA California is SERIOUS about acknowledging those individuals who help keep our Association going strong!

### ***4D Poles***

We will run a Poles class on Thursday, October 8th. You do not need to be a member or be qualified to run at State to enter this class.

### ***Tough Enough to Wear Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Race***

We will be hosting a \$500+ Added Tough Enough to Wear Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Race on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00pm. Proceeds from this race will be donated directly to the Susan G. Komen fund. Every rider must wear a pink shirt, no exceptions. NBHA dress code applies and **you do not need to be a member or**

**qualified for the State Championships to run.** This race is intended to raise money to fight cancer! Each year that we have run this race, we have received many donations during the event which ups the added money. So please come out and support this fundraising effort for a great cause. **THERE IS NO LATE FEE FOR THE TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK.**

### **50/50 4D**

The 50/50 4D is a 4D jackpot where times are randomly drawn out of a hat and then put into a 4D with a 50% payback. It is a fundraiser for State and does involve having to run your horse. Anyone can participate and it only costs \$10.00 per time. You can enter as many times as you like. Results will be posted each day, and the payout will be in cash!

### **NEW AGE DIVISION SIDEPOTS**

We are pleased to introduce a NEW program. There will be TWO YOUTH SIDEPOTS and TWO ADULT SIDEPOTS added to the show. Sidepots are \$10 each and are based upon the riders age as of January 1, 2009. both of the Open sidepots carry from the Open race and the Youth sidepots carry over from the Youth race. If you have turned 19 and are still qualified to run in the Youth, you may still carry your time to the 13-18 Sidepot.

### **Pee Wee State Championship**

The Pee Wees will run all three days at State to compete for the title of Pee Wee State Champion! Saddles will be awarded to the first in each of three divisions, plus a fourth saddle will be awarded to the fastest leadline contestant. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of Jeff and Katie Ward, D2 Trailer Sales, Tractor Dean and others, awards will be presented to all the Pee Wees and this year, there is **NO ENTRY FEE. PLEASE NOTE - IMPORTANT:** Due to the nature of the pee wee program (and the fact that we want all the kids to go home with a prize), **ALL PEE WEES MUST BE PRE-ENTERED. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PEE WEE CONTESTANTS.**

You must be 7 years or younger as of January 1, 2009 to compete in the PeeWee class and your lifetime cash winnings cannot be more than \$100.00. This class is intended to give the kids who have no chance at winning in the Youth a place to compete – this is the guideline given to us by our sponsors and we must respect it. Remember, **HELMETS ARE MANDATORY** in the Pee Wee class. You will not be allowed to run without a helmet in this class –you will be stopped at the gate and you will not be given a refund. If you need a helmet, there will be one at the gate that you may borrow free of charge.

#### **Pee Wee Rules:**

1. Age – 7 years or younger as of January 1, 2009 and an NBHA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.
2. Lifetime cash winnings in barrel racing must be less than \$100.00
3. You must wear a helmet.
4. You must complete the pattern, if you break the pattern, you must go back and fix it to get a qualified time.
5. Knocking over a barrel results in a no time for the average, but contestant is eligible for a participation prize.
6. To be eligible for average awards, you must have 3 clean runs (no knocked barrels).
7. You must be in NBHA dress code. All leadline handlers must be in long sleeved collared shirts, tucked into jeans. Leadline handlers do not have to wear hats and may wear shoes or boots of their choosing.
8. Awards will be presented at the end of three runs. These three runs will be put into an average with 3D time splits. The splits in the average will be 6 seconds (2 seconds per run x 3 runs). In other words, if the winning time is 16.00, the 2D will start at 18.00 and the 3D will start at 20.00. The leadline participants will be put in a separate average. The fastest leadline participant in the leadline average will receive a saddle in the awards.

### **Dog Races**

Yes, we'll be having the dog races again this year at the State Show. Thanks to the hard work of Katie Ward and Krystie Hinkle, we are able to continue this program. We will take signups for the Dog Races until 10:00am on Saturday morning. We have scheduled a one hour break at rider 200 on Saturday to accommodate the race and to provide the riders after 200 with an idea of when the barrel race will resume so their warm up strategy can be adequately planned.

Dogs are classified by size prior to competition, so you must pre-enter this event on-site and have your dog measured. The sign up table will be in front of the show office.

### **2D Futurity Program**

Thanks to the **Mello Ranch and Hi on the Wine**, buckles will be awarded to the first place winners in each D of this class. This class is a 2D, the time split between the Divisions will be one second for the go's and three seconds for the average. Horses foaled 2004 and younger and have not competed for prize money prior to December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 are eligible to compete. This class is open to ANYONE with an eligible horse who is an NBHA member. No qualification aside from the futurity age rules outlined above is required for this class. NBHA rules will be used for this class. All race results are submitted to Equistat at the conclusion of this show.

### **Stallion Auction and Stallion Showcase**

We will have a stallion auction at the State Championships with the proceeds being invested back into our Futurity

program.

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Once again, Paula Coffman-Johs has generously offered to coordinate our volunteer program. She has some great awards lined up for the volunteers again this year - all you need to do is work one small shift to collect your raffle tickets. Last year, in addition to the raffle prizes, each volunteer went home with a beautiful limited edition NBHA Live to Ride Hoodie, which retail for \$39.95 each.

## **Awards & Payout**

### **Payout**

We will use a 70% payback scale and the NBHA rules for payout. We do reserve the right to pay more places than the rule book provides. **Last year, we paid 10 places and over \$84,000 over the course of the weekend!**

### **Awards**

Our Awards Committee is headed by Jan Evanson, our Awards Director. This year promises to be another great year of fabulous awards and prizes.

Due to the ever increasing cost of freight, **WE WILL NOT SHIP AWARDS AFTER THE SHOW. We are recommending that each District have a representative to collect their District's unclaimed awards.**

## **Dress Code and Hat Fines**

### **Dress Code**

NBHA Dress Code will be strictly enforced. You must wear appropriate boots for RIDING (for safety / insurance purposes). Faded/ripped jeans not allowed. Shirts must have a collar and long sleeves. Button down western style shirts preferred. Hat or helmet mandatory. We are professionals and would like all the contestants to look professional for all photo ops. You will be asked to attend the awards ceremony in full dress code for the purpose of taking photos for the Barrel Horse News, Barrel Racer News, and NBHA State Website.

### **Hat Fines**

In an effort to save our barrel setters, please wear a stampede string on your hat. We will enforce the \$10.00 hat fine in an effort to keep the race moving quickly and not over burden those who are working in the arena. If you lose your hat during your run, your hat will be held at the GATE until you retrieve it. If you do not pay your hat fine at the show, you will receive an invoice after the show concludes. Until your hat fine is paid, you may not run at any NBHA sanctioned events.

## **Stalls and Feed/Shavings**

**THIS YEAR, STALLS/PENS ARE LIMITED. YOU MUST BOOK YOUR STALL OR PEN IN ADVANCE OR WE WILL NOT HAVE ONE FOR YOU AT THE SHOW. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY OF STALLS/PENS AT THE SHOW IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED IT IN ADVANCE.**

We will not be able to accommodate you if you show up at the race expecting to rent stalls for the show and have not made prior arrangements.

### **YOU MAY BRING PORTABLE PANELS.**

If you want to be stalled with a friend, **PLEASE PUT ALL OF YOUR STALLS ON ONE ENTRY FORM.** This is the best way to guarantee that you will have your stalls together.

### **OUTSIDE PENS**

We will also have OUTSIDE pens available, but they are the same price as the stalls and must be booked in advance. **We will put the outside pens in the same place as last year – they will be under covered livestock area (on dirt) next to the grass field.**

All stalls will be pre-assigned. Please check in with our stall committee located at the front gate and you will be directed to your stall.

Portable stalls that have been securely attached to your rig are allowed at the Tulare County Fairgrounds.

However, you will be charged a dry camping fee or RV Hookup Fee as necessary. RV Hookups are \$25.00 per night and dry camping is \$10.00 per night. **ANY ELECTRICAL HOOKUP IS CONSIDERED AN RV HOOKUP PER THE TULARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.** We are billed each year for every rig that has plugged in to the electrical outlets around the facility. This means that when you park next to the restrooms and run a cord into them and plug in, there is a \$25.00 per night charge to the club. **ELECTRIC HOOKUPS ARE NOT FREE!**

Hookups can be purchased at the show office or ordered ahead of time with your entry. There are only 12 hookups that are located in the horse camping area – the rest are in the RV park and horses are not allowed in that area.

Contact [www.cartacorral.com](http://www.cartacorral.com) if you need to purchase a set of portable panels.

Shavings are available on Avenue K at Morris-Levin.

### **If this is your Horse's First Slumber Party...**

Remember to bring a hose, water bucket, manure rake/muck bucket, hay bag or hay net, feed bucket for

supplements and the forage your horse eats at home on a daily basis. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR HORSE HAS WATER – at last year’s show, I was pulled away from managing our show several times to intervene and provide water to horses who’s owners had left their animals without making sure they were cared for! If this happens again, the horse owner’s will be disqualified – horse abuse is not tolerated by the NBHA!

If you have a full sized bale bag, this is a great way to keep your hay dry and fresh at the show. A couple of chairs are always nice to have on hand for the barn area.

Be sure to bring a claw hammer and duct tape to address any issues with nails protruding from the walls in the box stalls. Remember to check for them before putting your horse in the stall.

Do not change your horse’s feed when you travel – but do bring plenty of the hay they normally eat at home.

## Hotel Information

**Best Western, Town & Country Lodge**, 1051 N. Blackstone Street, Tulare

Phone: 559-688-7537, Fax 559-688-2163 Toll Free Reservations: 888-488-5273. Mention Group Code: NBHA for a discount.

The Best Western Town & Country Lodge is ideally located for vacation and business travelers. The facility is situated in a quiet area equipped with large rooms. Apple Annie’s is located right next door for great food – don’t miss out on their delicious homemade Apple Dumplings or fresh smoked meats!

### **Motel 6 #264**

Phone: (559) 686-1611

SR 99 at North Blackstone Drive/East Prosperity Avenue

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Tulare, CA 93274

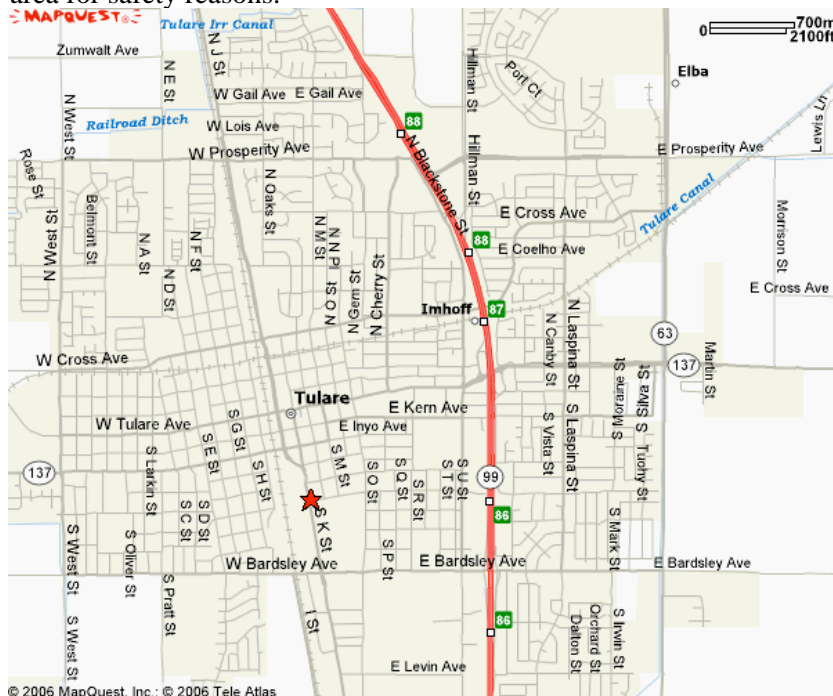
Located next door to the Best Western.

### **Dining**

There are many great places to eat in Visalia – just a few miles North of Tulare. In N Out, Mimi’s, Macaroni Grill, Cask & Cleaver, just to name a few. Head on out to Mooney Blvd. to check out restaurant row in Visalia. You won’t be disappointed.

## Directions to the Tulare County Fairgrounds

From the 99, exit at Bardsley and go West (if you are coming from the North, this is a right turn, if you are coming from the South, this is a left turn). Take Bardsley to Avenue O and turn right. The entrance gate will be half way down the block and there will be a LARGE sign to guide you. We will NOT have the Bardsley Gate Open to the Barn area for safety reasons.



## NBHA California State Qualifier Buckle Program

NBHA California is offering a State Qualifier Buckle program. For \$195.00, you may purchase an NBHA California

State Championship Qualifier buckle. This year, the buckles will be made by Champions Choice. Purchase deadline will be November 1st, 2007. You may order using the form below, or contact Susan at [susan@nbhaca.com](mailto:susan@nbhaca.com) for more information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NBHA # \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # where we can reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check for \$195 plus \$5.00 shipping to: NBHA California, 21704 Devonshire Street, #280, Chatsworth, CA 91311

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and the list keeps growing!

