



# Cutter's Connection

**MISSION STATEMENT**

HONORING THE TRADITION OF THE CUTTING HORSE IN ALBERTA WE WILL PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN THE SPORT OF CUTTING; IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF EDUCATION, CAMARADERIE, AND FAIR PLAY!

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**President's Neigh**

The 2010 season is now on the horizon.

The final 2010 show schedule has been finalized; highlights are:

18 shows ( up from 16 last year),

16 shows (including the Fundraiser show) will be CCHA approved, (the Claresholm June 25-27 CCHA approval is tentative at this time)

8 feedlot shows, and 6 shows with limited age events.

In order to get ready for the season, consider attending our fundraiser clinic March 20 and 21 @ Thorlakson's with Dustin Gonnet and Cody Smith.

Once again, the season begins @ Thorlakson on the Easter long weekend...the show will be Friday and Saturday ( April 2 and 3), so that we can enjoy Easter Sunday @ home. **Please note that the fundraiser show will be Saturday April 3.** Fitted Polar Fleece coolers will be presented to the NCHA approved class winners. For the first time in many years, the fundraiser show will be CCHA approved.

The fundraiser show is the primary funding source for our year end prizes; so please donate your winnings to your Association.

At the AGM a new financial model was approved...if you were not in attendance, the AGM minutes are on the website for your review. Highlights of the new model are:

Increased revenue from increased membership fees and the per cut office charge should approximate our annual fixed (non prize) operating costs, and

Our budget for prizes and socials will be dependent on the success of our fundraising and sponsorship efforts.

Other than the fundraiser show and those shows associated with limited age events, the 2010 show format will be 2 day shows over three days. This should result in a more relaxed show environment...please see the new class order for this new show format on the website.

Challenges with the economy will require careful monitoring of our operations and quick reaction if necessary. The new financial model is **not** designed to build surplus funds...our goal is to live within our cash flow in 2010.

I would encourage all members to support and be involved with our fundraising and sponsorship efforts; and to provide comments to help improve the association in general, and the annual AGM and Banquet in particular.

Increased personal and professional commitments have recently prompted Rob Leman to resign from the Board and chairmanship of the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee. Rob has worked hard for ACHA for several years, and will be missed. The Board has decided to split the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee into its component parts, with Don Smith and Tony Piatelli taking on Sponsorship, and Sandy Reid taking on Fundraising. If you have the chance, please say thanks to Rob and help Don, Tony and Sandy with their initiatives.

Always open to your comments,

Gord Roper

ACHA President

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# 2010 Show Schedule

<b>CCHA</b>	<b>April 2,3</b>	Thorlakson Kick Off (Friday) and Fundraiser (Saturday)
<b>CCHA/NWB</b>	<b>April 21-25</b>	Silver Slate Aged and Weekend
<b>CCHA</b>	<b>May 14-16</b>	Claresholm
<b>CCHA/NWB</b>	<b>June 11-13</b>	Thorlakson
<b>NWB</b>	<b>June 25-27</b>	Claresholm
<b>CCHA</b>	<b>July 31-2</b>	Kim Moore Feedlot- Olds
<b>NWB/CCHA</b>	<b>August 19-23</b>	Olds -Cutter's Classic and Futurity
<b>CCHA</b>	<b>Sept 3-5</b>	Thorlakson
<b>CCHA</b>	<b>September 15-19</b>	Silver Slate Aged and Weekend

**Total 18 shows.**

All weekend shows are 2 days over 3 days except the Fundraiser show and shows associated with Aged Events.

Entry fees are to be paid by Noon on Saturday. Payouts will not be made at show if fees are not submitted by Saturday. Payouts can then be picked up at the next show.



## 2010 ACHA DIRECTORS

**President-Gord Roper** 403-975-1629  
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### **Directors:**

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Christopher Eggertson	403-284-4888	Sandy Reid	780-416-5056
James Couillard	403-247-3563	Scott Wardley	403-938-0146
Jim Paradis	403-938-0146	Tony Piatelli	403-256-8698

## Welcome to the ACHA Board

Sandy Reid - Tony Piatelli -Scott Wardley

Thanks to **Doug Reinhardt, Connie Cicciori and Bill Speight** for their time and dedication to cutting.

## Kick Off and Fundraiser

### Thorlakson

April 2&3, 2010

Good Friday and Saturday (Fundraiser)

Class	Purse	Entry	Cattle	ACHA	Misc	Total
<b>This is not the order</b>	<b>Fri/Sat</b>					
Open	300/500	85	55	12	36	188
3,000 NH	200/300	75	55	12	36	178
Non-Pro	300/500	85	55	12	36	188
Youth-Jr/Sr	JP	50	25	0	13	88
2,000 LR	JP	75	55	12	36	178
10,000 NH	200/300	75	55	12	36	178
50,000 AM	200/300	75	55	12	36	178
5,000 NH/NP	200/300	75	55	12	36	178
35,000 NP	JP	75	55	12	36	178
15,000 NH/NP	200/300	75	55	12	36	178
15,000 Am	JP	75	55	12	36	178

**Location:** Thorlakson Feedlot- Airdrie

**Directions:** Airdrie East 8kms-north 1 km

**Horses on Grounds:** 7 am /Show starts 8 am

**ACHA Official Rep:** Tony Piatelli

**Judge:** Scott Hanson

**Entries to:** Shauna Reinhardt

Ph 403-935-2353 Fx 403-935-4119

Email: reinhardt@efirehose.net

**Entries close:** Monday 31- 9 pm Sharp!!

**Cheques payable:** ACHA

**Approvals:** ACHA, CCHA, NCHA

**Additional Info:** Good Fri- Regular show

Saturday is the Fundraiser show with appreciation for donating your winnings back to the ACHA

Prize awarded to aggregate class winners

**Stabling** -Becker Ranch on Hwy 567 Ph- 9487644/Welland 850-5996

**Miscellaneous charges:** Judge \$10, Arena \$6, Video \$5, World Fee \$2, CCHA \$13

**Hotels:** Airdrie/Crossfield

GST on cattle, arena, judge, video, ACHA.

### 2010 Show Class Order of Go

#### Fundraiser Show

Open, NP, 3 NH, 50 AM, 10 NH, Youth, 5 NH/NP, 2 LR, 15 NH/NP, 15 AM, 35 NP

#### 2 day show over 3 days:

Friday: Open, 3 NH, NP, 10 NH, 50 AM

Saturday: 10 NH, Open, NP, Youth, 50 Am, 5NH/NP, 15 NH/NP, 2LR, 15 AM, 35 NP

Sunday: 3 NH, Youth, 5 NH/NP, 2 LR, 15 NH/ NP, 35 NP, 15 AM



The Cowboy who exaggerates too much soon finds everyone else has left the campfire.

**2009**

**Most Improved Riders**

**Adult**

Nancy Calvin

**Junior**

Charlie Copithorne

**They received beautiful Becker Buckles.**

**Class sponsored by Rob Leman.**

*Congratulations and thank you Rob.*

**Start your cutting season  
tuned up with  
a Clinic**

March 20 and 21st

Thorlakson Feedyards

Dustin Gonnet & Cody Smith

Cost \$420.00

Maximum 15 Registrants

New cutters receive a free ACHA membership with  
the clinic.

**Register at 403-935-2353**

**2009**

**NWB Supreme Champion**

Finalists riding off for the  
Championship in Red Deer  
were:

- **Nancy Calvin** on  
I CD Sparkle
- **Christine Hanson**  
riding Hickory Freckles  
owned by Connie Ciccoria
- **Shane Haugen**  
Jessies Lil Hickory
- **Kate Gerla** on  
My Royal League  
owned by Al Gerla

It was tough going but  
Shane rode to the title.

Shane was presented with a  
NCHA Bronze.

This class was sponsored  
by Lornel Consultants.

Thank you Connie and  
Andy Ciccoria

**2010**

***Never Won A Buckle Class (NWB)***

*April 21-25 Silver Slate*

*June 11-13 Thorlakson*

*June 25-27 Claresholm*

*Aug 19-23 Olds*

The aggregate winner for each weekend earns a spot to  
compete in the NWB Finals at the Supreme held in Red  
Deer.

A buckle is awarded at each of these shows  
and a bronze for Red Deer finals.

**Rules:** Cannot have **won** any buckle in any cutting horse  
event.

You must ride the same horse for the duration of the  
event.

NCHA rules for amateur and non pro horse ownership ap-  
ply.

## Silver Slate Spring Maturity and Weekend

April 21-25, 2010

Class	Purse	Entry	Cattle	ACHA	Misc	Total
Open	300	85	75	12	73	245
3,000 NH	200	75	75	12	73	235
10,000 NH	200	75	75	12	73	235
Youth-Jr/Sr	JP	50	50	0	35	135
2,000 LR	JP	75	75	12	73	235
Non-Pro	300	85	75	12	73	245
50,000 AM	200	75	75	12	73	235
5,000 NH/NP	200	75	75	12	73	235
35,000 N P	JP	75	75	12	73	235
15,000 NH/NP	200	75	75	12	73	235
15,000 Am	JP	75	75	12	73	235
Never won A Buckle	JP	50	50	0	35	135
4 YR Open	1500	500	240	24	64	828
4 Yr NP	1000	400	240	24	64	728
5/6 Open	1500	500	240	24	64	828
5/6 NP	1500	400	240	24	64	728
50,000 Am						100
Pro Am details	TBA					

**Location:** Silver Slate Arena

**Directions:** Calgary south Hwy 2 for 90 min.

**Horses on Grounds:** 7 am /Show starts 8 am

**ACHA Official Rep:** Scott Wardley

**Judge:** TBA

**Entries to:** Shauna Reinhardt

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**Entries close:** Wednesday April 14—9 PM

**Cheques payable:** Silver Slate

**Approvals:** ACHA, NCHA, CCHA

**Additional Info:** Wednesday Fresh Practice Works  
book by April 17 -\$105 for 2 fresh

Contact Jen 403-804-8193/403-646-5933

Used cattle practice available inside all week \$40 /5 min.

**Stabling** –100 stalls available, First come, \$85 with 2  
bags shavings - \$10 additional bags

Contact Jen 403-804-8193/403-646-5933

**Miscellaneous charges:** Judge \$20, Arena \$8, Video \$5,  
World Fee \$2, Cattle \$25, CCHA \$13

**Hotels:** Bluebird 625-3395 /Motel 6 403-625-4646

**GST on arena, judge, cattle, ACHA, video.**

### MATURITY

2 go's @ 50% pay out each go

Miscellaneous– Video \$5, Judge \$40, Arena \$8, Turnback  
\$10,

Prizes to be awarded for 2 go Aggregate Winners

50,000 AM is a class within a class.

[www.cuttingnews.com](http://www.cuttingnews.com)

This site will have current ACHA show info and standings data.

### Office Notes

- Proof of 2010 NCHA membership with NP and amateur status current
- A copy of Horse registration papers are required
- Entry fees are payable before showing
- Please report spelling, ownership, etc errors to the office so NCHA filing is correct.



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**Your cutting connection.**

**Wanted**  
**Sponsors for 2010**  
Calling all .....

## Thanks again 2009 ACHA Sponsors

Lornel Consultants

Butlin Ranches

Lynnwood Drugs

Sandy and Lyle Reid

Bill Jani

Don Smith

K & K Livestock

Calgary Stampede Western Performance  
Horse Committee

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Al Gerla

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Big Country Energy Services LP

Calvenza

CCHA

CerPro Energy Services Inc.

G. Stegen Oilfield Services

Huckleberry Cafe

Pioneer Professional Services Group

Sunstone Projects Engineering Group

Town and Country Rental Supplies

Twisted X Boots

Wrapex Industries Ltd.

Audrey Luft

Joe Kramer

D & D Well Services

Petro West

Judges: Scott Hanson/Terry Paradis

Rob Leman

Motel 6

Clinicians: Gerry Hansma, Doug  
Reinhardt, Brad Pedersen, Lorne  
Christensen

Show Operators: Willow Creek AG  
Society, Thorlakson Feedyards, Al-  
mond 3V, Moore's Feedlot, Olds Ag  
Society

Western National Championship Com-  
petitors



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of the conversation  
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