



Happy New Year !

As you all know by now, Sandy has stepped down as State Director. Believe me, she went through some soul searching before she made this decision, and I am sorry to see her leave her position ! As you can guess, I have some pretty big shoes to fill, but hopefully we will continue on as before, holding 12 barrel races a year, a great State Championships and lots of support for our members !

I have been busy behind the scenes. First on my agenda was to divide the district by county. By doing so, I plan on appointing District Reps to assist me during the year. I am also working on revamping the way we do our sponsorships, awards/states fundraising and workers during the show season. There has been a lot of research involved, and I hope to find a fair and happy medium to accomplish this.

I believe that holding Jackpot poles will give us a little more income towards the State Championships and the year end awards. In doing so, hopefully riders will stick around to participate instead of rushing home after their run . Holding our runs on Sundays during the day, will help. There seems to be quite a few good barrel horses in this district, and hopefully we can draw some outside riders from other areas to compete.

From what I am hearing from up-line there will be some changes to the State Championships. I have no idea what is in the works, but as soon as I receive word, you all will be apprised as well.

Melinda Abreau will be in the office working the computer, and she is looking forward to the new season. Lisa will be taking entries and answering questions. We will also make it mandatory for members to show their membership cards at **each** and **every** sign up. Sorry, but that is what we are going to do in 2012. The rules are on the website for everyone to see. If you know of someone who does not go online, please have them request a rules pamphlet from us. If you renew on line, please bring your hard copy of your sign up and of course, you may renew anytime at a run. NBHA strives to notify members of their renewals by sending a letter, and also a post card.

If you have any questions regarding our district etc., please do not hesitate to call or email me. If I am not available, Chlake Raineau is next in line for questions.

Thank you for your continuous support and see you at the banquet !!

*Karen*

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