

February 3-5 at Ransomed Heart Ranch ...

The Priority Clinic Partners team up with 'The Challenge'

by Terri DeLouche

How can it get any better? An exciting Colt Starting Challenge and a Priority Clinic to start our year off right! We invite you to join us Feb. 3-5, 2012 when Purina Mills and Better Horses Network brings this fantastic event to Ransomed Heart Ranch.

We have a great line-up of Colt Starters this year. We have Mark Lyon from

Nebraska. Mark has been training horses for 20 years. He has studied with Buck Brananman, Ray Hunt, Martin Black and many others. He believes in the traditional vaquero style of training. He won the 2008 Mustang makeover. He enjoys giving clinics and coaching others. He is multi-disciplined and has started reining horses, cow horses, western pleasure horses, jumping horses and race horses.

Our second colt starter is Sam Gallaher. He is from Welda, Kansas. He not only starts and trains horses, he also trains cowdogs and raises bucking bulls. He enjoys competing in ranch rodeos, roping and cow horse events. Sam works for McGhee Cattle Company.

The third colt starter this year is Cody Keller. He has been training and starting colts for 16 years. He puts on several clinics a year focusing on building confidence between the horse and rider. Among his accomplishments are 1999 Central Wyoming Cutting Champion, competing and placing in the top 10 in the Extreme Mustang Challenge five times, Oasis Colt Starting Champion and 2010 SK Colt Starting Champion. Cody resides and trains in Iowa.

All of these trainers are very good and it should be exciting to see who steps up and rises to the Challenge this year. Don't miss a single go around of this exciting event. The first go around starts on Friday, continues Saturday morning and finishes up on Sunday morning.

Now that we have talked about the Colt Challenge, let's talk about the Priority. For many years now Ernie Rodina has started our year off right by bringing us the Priority Clinic. It is his way of helping all of us and himself focus on the priority of our life. That is why every year he invites Christian Clinicians to come and share their love of God, their horse expertise and training techniques with all of us. For the past three years Ernie has partnered up with the team at Open Range Fellowship and brought the Priority Clinic to Ransomed Heart Ranch in Lone Jack, Missouri. We really hope you will make it a "priority" and attend this event!

Dress warm, bring your lawn chairs, and come and share this great weekend with us!

Concessions will be available Friday night, all day Saturday, Sunday for breakfast and lunch. Saturday evening will feature a special plate dinner. The Open Range kitchen does an excellent job and serves great tasting food!

The gate fee for the Priority Clinic/Challenge on Saturday is \$5.00 per person. Children 12 and under are free. See schedule (at right) for list of Clinicians and presenters in the Priority Clinic.

Questions or for more information call or e-mail Terri DeLouche at 660-441-1697 or email: delouche@embarqmail.com. ■



Mark Lyon



Sam Gallaher



Purina Mills, Better Horses Network & Open Range Fellowship present:

3rd Annual Better Horses Colt Starting Challenge & The Priority Clinic! February 3-5, 2012

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Friday Evening Feb. 3

Colt Starting Challenge Day 1

4:00 - 4:15 - Presentation of the rules, introduction

4:15 - 4:45 - Preview and Introduction of the 2 yr. olds

Colt starting contestants/trainers and judges

5:00 - 6:00 - Contestant/trainer A

6:00 - 6:15- Judge's scores and critique of Trainer A

6:15 - 7:15 - Contestant/trainer B

7:15 - 7:30 - Judge's scores and critique of Trainer B

7:30 - 8:30 - Contestant/trainer C

8:30 - 8:45 - Judge's scores and critique of Trainer C

8:45 - Music by Rusty Rierson

Sat. Morning Feb. 4

Colt Starting Challenge Day 2

8:00 - 9:30 - Contestant/trainer B

9:30 - 9:45 - Judge's scores and critique of Trainer B

9:45 - 11:15 - Contestant/trainer C

11:15 - 11:30 - Judge's scores and critique of Trainer C

11:30 - 12:45 - Contestant/ trainer A

12:45 - 1:00 Judge's scores and critique of Trainer A

The Priority Clinic - 1:00 - 5:00

Featuring: Cal Noyons- clinician and trainer

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Dressage demonstration by amateur Terri Neese on her beautiful horse William Telle

Michael McNeel - founder of The Inner City Slickers (He was the drummer for the band "Three Dog Night")

The Open Range Cowgirl Drill Team

Music by Rusty Rierson and much more!

5:00 - 6:00 - Delicious plate dinner - available for purchase and prepared by the Open Range Kitchen

6:00 - OPEN RANGE FELLOWSHIP COWBOY CHURCH -Message by Pastor Frank Slaughter

Sunday morning Feb. 5

Colt Starting Challenge Day 3

7:30 - 7:45- Around the Campfire devotions

8:00 - 9:00 - Contestant/trainer C

9:10 - 10:10 - Contestant/trainer A

10:20 - 11:20 - Contestant/trainer B

11:20 - 12: 20 - Music by Rusty Rierson

12:30 - 1:00 - The Colt Challenge Grand Finale - The Rail and Trail (Obstacle Course and rail work)

1:15 - The Winner of the Third Annual Better Horses Colt Starting Challenge will be announced!

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