

Newsletter – March 2015



Get out there and get those points added up for our Regular Season High Point Trailer! All OTRA members are eligible. Winner will be determined after the last district roping. There are two ways to earn points....perfect attendance in a district in a category (which means attending all dates in that district in that category) gets you one point per category AND rope in your home district on at least two different event dates and also on two different event dates in any other district or districts and each time you place in any district you get a point. We want to encourage you to do two things....attend your home district ropings AND travel to other district ropings as well!! A few people have really paid attention to this are working really hard to get those points added up!!! Remember...everyone is eligible and those that go the most give themselves the best chance at winning! Good luck to all!!

We have already awarded several Beginner Graduate Buckles this year! Congratulations on a job well done to: Holden Born, Wesley Cooper, Corey Cowling, Bryce Derrer, Jaydon Lauban, Matt Lee and Dylan Smith. Our Beginner classification has really been a great thing for ropers who are just starting. Please note that this classification applies only to those ropers who have been roping for a period of less than two years in their lifetime and have never won over a lifetime total of \$500 in any roping competitions. Please be aware of our Rule Book description of our Beginner Classification: This is a temporary classification. Once a Beginner roper has won at least \$800, or after observation during competition, his/her classification number will be reviewed & adjusted according to the roper's ability. At the end of the second calendar year of being a .25, a .25 roper will be assigned the next appropriate classification regardless of money won. Once a .25 roper has won \$800 or more in the OTRA, the OTRA will award the roper a trophy buckle. If a Beginner Roper is awarded a buckle at any sanctioned OTRA event, that roper is immediately moved from a .25 to a .5 and the Beginner Graduate buckle is not awarded. A Beginner roper is considered a .25 for both heading and heeling. A .25 classification cannot be allowed as a double number with a higher classification on one end or the other. Many people seem to overlook or forget that we have a time limit for being a Beginner. Please remember that the description is true to the definition....A Beginner is someone who is just beginning to rope, not someone who is re-starting to rope and not someone who has passed the two year time limit. Once you start competing as a Beginner roper, we encourage you to make the most of your time at that classification...practice, practice, practice and compete every chance you get at as many of our events as possible!!

All our best to all of you,

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