

## Newsletter – July 2016



In our second year of awarding a High Point Regular Season trailer, more ropers are figuring out how to make the system work to their advantage. We had a very close race this time around and the majority of the top contenders roped in the last ropings of the season working hard to earn additional points. Points could be earned through both perfect attendance in any categories and by placing at district ropings. However, for any points to count, the roper must have competed on at least two dates in his home district AND at least two dates outside his home district. A few ropers have been asking some questions and are already working to figure out how they can earn the most points for next year!

Honorable mention to the following top point earners: Hayden Dunsworth (23 points), Lain LaFountain (22 points), Gary Jacobs (21 points), Casey Glenn (15 points) and Abe Neufeld (14 points). Keep up the good work!

And, Congratulations go to Brad Thrash who earned a total of 29 points! His hard work is a great example of how to earn those points! He focused early in the season on how the points were earned, so, knowing he would be unable to get perfect attendance because of his work schedule, he set out on attending as many dates as he could possibly make it to. Brad attended five different districts and competed on 13 different dates. This made him qualified for prizes in three districts where he capitalized on prize days to earn awards along with those points! Living in Cheyenne, OK, he doesn't have the benefit of just driving a short distance down the road to the nearest district either....his *closest* destination of Amarillo is about 2.5 hours from his home and the other districts he attended were 3 and 4 hours away. A long time member of OTRA, he is very familiar with a lot of ropers and with bringing along any one or all of his 4 sons who are also members this year, he entered up and made it all worth his efforts! If you need a strategy lesson on earning points....his is a good one to follow!!

Thanks to everyone who competed in our regular season ropings this year. We appreciate your participation!

All Our Best to All of You!  
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