

We are off to a Great 2011 Rodeo Season we have ¼ of our rodeos under our belt. The season is going fast!! AFRA would like to thank all of our Queen contestants that submitted entries. We are pleased to announce Meghan Stayton is the AFRA Queen and Carissa Pike is the AFRA Jr Queen. They will be selling raffle tickets and t-shirts at the rodeos and representing the AFRA at local events. Be sure to let them know if you have ideas or promotions you would like to see them attend. We are always looking for new members and helping the kids learn and enjoy the number one sport "RODEO". We have 227 members so far this year. This is down a little bit from last year so be sure and invite your friends to rodeo with us.

WANTED someone that can help us get information and see if the AFRA can become a 501-c3. By becoming a 501 C3 we can get larger corporate donations. As you know 2010 was a great season and you can help make 2011 even better!! One of the most important things about our association is our sponsors. Without our sponsors we would not have as many or the quality of awards that we do. It takes all the members to get out and ask the businesses in your area. There are printable sponsor forms on the web page.

Congratulations to Lonnie Campbell & BJ Yeager for winning the Team Roping jack pot in Potosi!! They each won right around 270.00. Next one will be at Safe so don't miss out. You must be a member of the AFRA and it is 10.00 per loop. If it is not won it will carry over to the next one. We have set to have this at 4 more rodeos (Safe, Salem, Cabool & 2<sup>nd</sup> Fredricktown). If you have questions please see Roger Rodden event director. If you would like to have a jackpot in your event please contact your event director but remember we will need help to do this. Also you can get sponsors for added money at finals.

Barrels – Brian Reed

Poles – Brian Yeager

Chute Doggin – Jessie Shoemaker

Team Roping – Roger Rodden

Bulls – Ross Dowd

Calf Roping / Breakaway / Goats – BJ Cochran

Mutton / Calf Riding – Bob Kasper

Finals will be here before you know it so please remember you have to compete in 5 AFRA rodeos. You also have to compete 5 times in each event you want to do at finals. Team ropers please remember if you want to head and heel you have to do both ends 5 times. We will be working on finals info, help, and fund raisers so PLEASE if you have an idea or event we can do to raise \$\$ please let me know.

**Just want to remind everyone this is a FAIMLY rodeo association and we are a guest at these arenas and saddle clubs. We need to respect their rules and property so we will be invited back. This includes drinking!! There is no ALCOHOL allowed at AFRA shows. The board will enforce the rules we have in place for this type of conduct.**

**FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN FUN**

I would personally like to add some extra FUN and awards to the 2011 banquet. I will personally donate some awards to be given away at the banquet. Any money raised will 100% go back into the awards fund. I might even give stuff away for getting paperwork turned in early and stuff like that. So here is the first one!! First 3 to turn in extra sponsorship \$\$ as per listed below from now till the end of July will earn prizes as follows. This is just for FUN so it will not count towards your final sponsors. If you don't make it to finals I will get your prize to you!!

3 - \$30.00 – AFRA Halter with lead rope

3 - \$50.00 – AFRA Grooming Bag

3 - \$75.00 – AFRA Feeding Hay Bag

3 - \$100.00 – Nice Western Headstall

Watch future newsletters for more FUN!!

Please check the web site for your points and standings. I work hard to get it right but we all make mistakes. So if you see something please e-mail or call me and I will check into it and make the corrections. Remember you will not be in the all around until you compete in 5 rodeos!! I would like to thank the Hib & Boll Weevil Livestock Co. for getting the results back to me so fast!! I have been able to get them posted by Tuesday nights. So if you see them please thank them for a GREAT JOB!! In July I will be out of town for a week to attend High School National with my daughter so I will post the points when I return. Unless we have internet but last year we didn't have it so please bare with me that week.

**Want to start a new rodeo event? Or get your fundamentals down?**

Give Kelly Eaves a Call at 314-971-7040

\*Barrels \*Poles \*Goats \*Team Roping

\*Breakaway

\$25.00 – A Lesson

\$20.00 – A Ride

\$35.00 – Live Cattle

Kelly has a proven winning record with AFRA, MHSR, MRCA and many more. Give her a call!! She can help you become one of the best!!

**2011 Scholarship Program**

You will find enclosed an application for the scholarship program. In the past it has went to the high point winner in the 15 – 19 age division. This year you will have to apply for it. We will give one to a 15 – 19 year old girl and boy that is a current member in good standings and have attended 5 or more rodeos. Your application has to be turned into Tiffany Pritchett AFRA Sec. by the end of Finals 2011. The winners will be announced at the 2011 awards banquet.