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2017 MRA Finals

Hello Everyone!

The 2017 MRA Finals were held in Verndale MN at the R & J Event Center. This venue has been a great place for us to have our finals. The location is centrally located along with the facility being very nice and top notch. We hope to continue to work with them in the upcoming years. During the finals we always have a general membership meeting where we hope all of the directors, contestants and other members present can come and join in on a meeting where we often discuss rule changes if any, vote in new directors when their terms are up, and have a great time watching the top 15 compete.

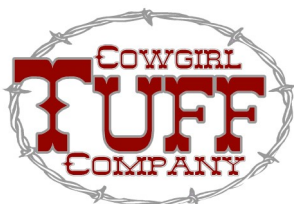
A big thank you to our sponsors who sponsor our finals year in and year out, we appreciate them so much, please visit the MRA website to check out who sponsored this year.

The 2017 Finals featured Scott and Jill Berends with Triple B Rodeo bringing rough stock, Wade Grinager announcing with Terri Grinager working sound. We had Ryan Mead as the funny man, and Top Bull Fighters Philip Kafka and Travis Fagen along with our best handy pick up men Brett Grinager and Mark Gunderson. Thank You to everyone who worked in and out of the rodeo arena to make the 2017 MRA Finals a

great one. We hope that it continues to be a great event that the cowboys and cowgirls of our association work to earn their spot at every year.

Thank you to all the MRA members, it has been great working for the MRA Organization for the past 5 years. I have decided not to renew my bid for MRA secretary for the year 2018 due to my spare time becoming more and more limited as the kids are getting older. Thanks again for all the great people who make the MRA such a nice organization.

Jill Scott,
MRA secretary
2012-2017



MEMBERSHIP's—Mail vs. Paypal

I would like to make sure everyone knows they can buy their membership online. Then mail in their application signed. Something to remember when paying online, it is instant, versus the mail may take a few days, and it must be postmarked the day of entries or points will not count. Another thing to consider is sending money in the mail is not the safest way to do things any longer, as checks may get lost or stolen. Of course you can continue to mail checks, but paypal is the safer way to go.

Remember to earn points with your membership, you **MUST** be a member in good standing, which means your application must be signed and turned into the MRA office, as well as all fines paid in full. In 2017 the MRA board has decided to do away with the \$10 late fee for returning members and the cost will be \$150 all year.

2017-2018 Directors

Director	Name
President	Jojo Wagner
Vice President	Dan Bergeson
Treasurer	Alicia Mengelkoch
Points Secretary	
Secretary	
Bareback (1)	Travis Fagen
Bareback (2)	Dylan Pratt
Saddle Bronc (1)	Eli VanBuren
Saddle Bronc (2)	Billy Hampton
Bull Riding (1)	Kenny Betts
Bull Riding (2)	Wayne Johnston
Calf Roping (1)	Cullen Hewitt
Calf Roping (2)	Mikey Loiseau
O40 CR (1)	Royce Larson

O40 CR (2)	Jon Engstrom
Barrel Racing (1)	Kathy Stoker
Barrel Racing (2)	Camille Jacobson
Breakaway (1)	Kaycee Wilking
Breakaway (2)	Katie Bell
Steer Wrestling (1)	Luke Schubert
Steer Wrestling (2)	Pickles Dillman
Team Roping (1)	Jimmy Jacobson
Team Roping (2)	Alan Oberfell
Team Roping (3)	Eric Nelson
Team Roping (4)	Matt McCormick
Queen Director	Courtney Otto
Contractor	Scott Berends
Judge	Dru Wilking
PR Director	Tana Dirks (Queen)
Finals Director	

2018 MRA Queen

*Congratulations
to Tana Dirks on
becoming the
2018 MRA
Queen.*



NEW MRA SECRETARY

New MRA Secretary will be hired before the end of 2017 and will start for the 2018 year. We will post all new contact information on the website so please keep an eye out for that. Call or Email the MRA office with questions.

Rodeo in Minnesota!

MRA MEETING

Usually 3rd Tuesday of the Month.....

See MRA Website Home page for more details. All meetings are open to the membership and we encourage members to attend and voice your ideas!! If you can not view the meeting minutes that are posted online you can email the secretary for a copy. It has been noticed some computers can not always open links on our website.



The MRA Board of Directors has decided to continue in 2018 with our raffle fundraiser. Raffle tickets are mandatory with the purchase of an MRA membership. You can sell your raffle tickets, or put your own name on them and mail them back to the office to win great prizes.

Don't forget you paid for them with your membership, so they are yours to sell to get your raffle money back! JUST DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR TICKETS BACK TO THE OFFICE!!

The MRA donates 10% of raffle profit to another non profit organization.

In 2016 and 2017 10 % of our raffle profits were given to Le-Marr Ranch in Granite Falls MN. They host many events as well as a therapeutic riding program.