



The Buckskin Brief
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How Much Does it Cost?

Have you ever wondered what it costs Mile Hi Buckskin to put on a Horse Show?

Everyone is feeling the pull at their wallet these days. Everything seems so expensive and we are all trying to find ways to cut our costs. We all love to show our horses and wish it wasn't so darned expensive. MHBHA has not increased entry fees and has held them at the same amount for several years, even though expenses have continued to increase. The Board of Directors for MHBHA is constantly looking for ways to ease the cost of showing for our exhibitors, while still balancing covering the costs of putting on quality show events for all of our participants.

At the beginning of the 2010 show season, the Board voted to have a flat rate fee that would allow IBHA Youth and IBHA Amateur exhibitors to show all day in both Youth and/or Amateur divisions, as well as the IBHA Open division with the one horse/one rider stipulation and it would only cost \$40.00 more to show in TWO IBHA divisions. This is one of the things the club has done to make showing all day easier on the wallet for exhibitors.

MHBHA is a non-profit organization, and it is not our goal to make "lots" of money, but rather to cover the costs involved in putting on a show, and have enough operating capital to keep our club solvent. Over the past few years with this rough economy, and the number of exhibitors down, it has been a challenge for the club to just cover expenses, and still even have anything left for year end awards.

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Upcoming MHBHA Meetings—Check the MHBHA website

July 18th, 12:00 pm, Doubletree Restaurant

All meetings start around 12:00 pm with lunch. All members are welcome to attend so please feel free to attend and give your input on the club! Directions are available from any Board Member or check the MHBHA website (www.mhbha.com)

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Below is a general breakdown in 2009/2010 of what it costs our club to put on a show for a day...

- ◆ High Point prizes: \$250-\$300
- ◆ Ribbons: \$125-\$150
- ◆ Prize Table: \$150-\$175
- ◆ Show Approval Fees: \$130
- ◆ Insurance: \$148
- ◆ Arena Rental: \$250-\$300
- ◆ Judge Fees: \$1,000-\$1,500 (Which includes airfare or driving expenses, lodging, rental car and miscellaneous expenses) In-state judges tend to be less expensive, however they are not always available, and there are only a handful to choose from. If we do use an in-state judge, we have to realize they may also be providing training to some MHBHA members, which then excludes those members from showing at that show.
- ◆ Ring Steward: \$75
- ◆ Office Fees: \$250
- ◆ Concessions for Judges, and hired staff: \$65

These are the hard costs for shows – what can't be measured accurately is the savings realized by volunteers who work the show to cover their work time requirements. And more than anything, there are the dedicated volunteers that put in hundreds of hours working at the show and behind the scenes with no monetary reimbursement or work time requirement needs.

Last year our May 2, 2009 show costs were \$3,098.00 and our May 3, 2009 show costs were \$2,193.17. The 2009 Firecracker shows costs were \$3,485.75 for Sat and \$2,831.31 for Sun.

As you can see, this is why we all need to promote our shows to our friends, people we meet, and through our local businesses. Finding advertisers and sponsorships additionally helps cover some of the costs. The more exhibitors and sponsors we have, the easier it will be for us to keep our costs down!

Thank you to everyone; Buckskin, Palomino, and Open exhibitors, for your support of our shows and our club! We truly appreciate you and we hope to stay strong through these tough times!



Don't forget that State Fair is coming up!— The Buckskin show will be held August 30th
Enter online by August 23rd at www.whitehorseshowmgt.com, Stall and pass payments are due August 6th—

Visit the State Fair website for entry forms and more details.

Odds and Ends—

Top 10 Spooky Things From A horse's point of view

10. Blowing Paper:

"At any moment it could whip up into our faces, covering our noses. We could suffocate. And don't try to tell us you'd do CPR."

9. Barking Dogs:

"What? You've never read Steven King's CUJO?"

8. Puddles of Water:

"Quicksand."

7. Trash Cans:

"They've been known to swallow horses and transport them into another dimension."

6. Babies and Li'l Kids:

"Long lost tribe of horse-eating pygmies."

5. Plaid Horse Blankets:

"Hey, when was the last time you wore plaid? It adds 100 lbs."

4. Ropes and Hoses on the Ground:

"Dreaded North American Trail Snakes."

3. Ponies:

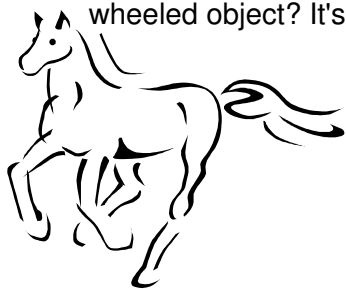
"Cute, clever, hardy. They want to take over the world."

2. Windy Days:

"Two Words: impending tornado."

1. Carts and Wagons:

"Look. You put a human on our backs, we can always buck them off. But hitching a horse to a wheeled object? It's just not right."



CORRECTION!

A member pointed out an error in Directory— Please note that Karla Bennet and Bye Bye Hollywood were the Reserve Amateur Mare champions in 2009

SAVE THE DATE!

Sept 11th—Patriot Day (tentative)
Lazy J Bar Ranch, Loveland, CO

Fun show—if you have ideas for fun classes please send them to any of the Board Members



Did you know MHBHA is now on Facebook? Log in and keep in touch with friends and other buckskin enthusiasts!

Year End Awards Requirements—Reminder



Don't forget that in order to be eligible for year end awards, members must do work time or contribute in another way. The end of the season is quickly approaching so sign up to help at the shows soon! Below is an excerpt from the rule book.

ARTICLE IX

Year End Awards

SECTION 1. In order to be eligible for year end awards, a member is required to choose one of the following options:

- A. Work two (2) full days at open or closed horse shows or other designated functions or find a suitable substitute to work in his/her place. Fifteen hours of committee work will count as one day.
- B. Pay \$150.00 to MHBHA
- C. Get \$300 in sponsorships for the show year awards are earned.

The Work Time committee chairperson will be responsible for keeping an accurate record of hours worked. Points Committee chairperson will be responsible for keeping an accurate record of points earned.

SECTION 2. Possible errors or discrepancies must be brought to the Points Committee Chairperson's attention in order to be investigated and/or corrected. Points will be audited before year end awards are given.

SECTION 3. YEAR END AWARDS - INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

- A. Horse/exhibitor must earn a minimum of 10 points per class to be eligible for year end awards in individual classes; **OR**
- B. Horse/exhibitor must show to 80% of the judges offered at MHBHA approved shows to be eligible for year end awards in individual classes

**Check out your current point standings on the MHBHA website—
<http://www.mhbha.com/points.shtml>**

Permanent Numbers Available for 2010!



Are you tired of tacky, torn paper numbers? Would you like to be able to fill out your entry forms ahead of time and know what your number was going to be? Do you have a "lucky" number you would like to use all show season? Well, here is your chance... MHBHA is again offering permanent numbers for the 2010 show season. Permanent numbers are only good for the current season and would need to be renewed for the next year and every year after. The cost for registering a permanent number is \$8.00. For this fee you get exclusive use of the number you bought for the year at all MHBHA shows, and two laminated numbers. Replacement for lost numbers would be provided for an additional cost. You may also use this registered number at Excel Associates Buckskin/Palomino shows if you pre-register and indicate your number on your pre-entry form.

Permanent numbers MUST be four digits. If you want to register a permanent number, please call Shannon Stadler @ 303-833-2115 or e-mail at stadler57@cs.com or fill out the Number registration form below. Remember that you need a different number for every horse you show. Checks should be made payable to MHBHA and if you have called or emailed Shannon and haven't used a number registration form, please clearly indicate on your check what numbers you are paying for. Once numbers are paid for, they will be made available at the next show, in the show office. Register your numbers early, and they will be ready at the first show!

MHBHA Permanent Number Registration Form - 2010 Show Season

Owner Name _____

Owner Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone# _____

Email _____

MHBHA Member? _____ Open All-Breed? _____ Palomino Member? _____

Choose numbers from the following sequences:

MHBHA: 4000-4999 PALOMINO: 1000 – 1999 All-Breed: 5000-5999

(Permanent numbers MUST be 4 digits in the ranges shown above.)

Registered Name of Horse: _____

1st number choice _____ If not avail, second choice _____

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1st number choice _____ If not avail, second choice _____

Registered Name of Horse: _____

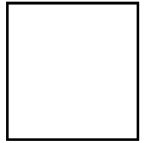
1st number choice _____ If not avail, second choice _____

Registered Name of Horse: _____

1st number choice _____ If not avail, second choice _____

Mile Hi Buckskin would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of our 2010 Sponsors & Advertisers. Your support helps to make our organization and show season a success!

<u>Sponsor (Stallions underlined in Bold)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Web Site or email</u>
Ackerman Performance Horses	LaSalle CO	970-371-1226	
Adrianna Mollendor & Mercedes SUV			
Bailey Cook & Don't Touch My Zipper	Ft Collins CO		
Barb & Jessica Vial			
Brighton Feed & Saddlery	Brighton CO	800-237-0721	www.brightonsaddlery.com
Centennial Ranch Quarter Horses	Platteville CO		
Chapman Performance Horses	Longmont CO	303-518-6152	Email: Tmmedic@yahoo.com
Sheri Jaster & Definitely A Dunit	Franktown CO		www.claycanyonranch.com
Colorado Palomino Exhibitors Association			www.cpea.org
Docheff Quarter Horses	Longmont CO	303-651-1659	
Doubletree Restaurant & Lounge	Platteville CO	970-785-2238	
End of the Road Ranch	Longmont CO	303-833-2115	www.endoftheroadranch.com
Equi-Line Veterinary Supply and Tack	Colorado Spgs CO	719-495-8906	
Excel Associates - Horse Show Mgmt	Erie CO	303-828-3822	www.excelshows.com
Family Environmental Compliance Services	Denver CO	303-296-6022	www.familyenvironmental.com
Jamie Cook & Ima Fluid TNT	Ft Collins CO		
Jane Winfield Hunter & <u>Beau O Banjo</u>	Ft Collins CO	970-232-5768	
Lara Deane Horse Show Apparel	Elizabeth CO	303-995-3358	www.laradeane.com
Lazy J Bar S Ranch & Stables	Loveland CO	970-669-1349	www.jbars.com
Linda Miller & Ima Good Version Too	Pine CO		
Madden Equine Insurance	Tipton Iowa	800-753-9192	www.maddenequine.com
Madison Harman & Dusky's Ditto	Boulder CO		
Marge Brubaker Horse Training	Franktown CO	303-688-8860	
Michelle Manseau & Lucky Dun Good	Elizabeth CO		
Rampart Feed	Castle Rock CO	303-688-7360	
Royal Vista Equine & <u>Cats Moonshine</u>	Ft Collins CO	970-226-4747	www.royalvistaequine.com
Sandy Hall & Ima Butterscotch Kid	Aurora CO		
Sealy/Nordick Quarter Horses &	Platteville CO	970-785-6257	
<u>Phenomenally Grand</u>			
Skip Wells State Farm Insurance	Denver CO	303-758-4736	
Stockyards Ranch Supply	Commerce City CO	800-443-5022	
Team Direct Sports & Front Range	Thornton CO	303-452-2884	www.coloradoawards.com
Ribbon & Trophy			
Vibrant Energy Healing Center	Littleton CO	303-979-5736	www.vibrantenergy.com
Wrangler 20X Jeans			



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• Year 2010 Membership Application •

Type of Membership: _____ Individual (\$20.00/year) _____ Family (\$35.00/year)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones (work & home) _____

Email _____ (please write legibly, all newsletters and official
correspondence go out via email.)

Signature _____