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BUYING A PENNING HORSE

With the addition of the Top Ten in the Ten Class and the majority of our shows being held at the big and beautiful Silverslate Arena, many of us have found ourselves needing another horse. It can be mind

boggling trying to decide what horse will work for you and how much you should be paying for it. Here are some tips to help you along with the horse buying process:

1) The Pick Two Rule:

Cheap, Broke, Sound – everyone has

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probably seen a Facebook meme centered on this idea but it couldn't be truer. If a horse is broke and cheap, it's not sound. If a horse is cheap and sound, it's not broke. If a horse is broke and sound, it's not cheap. Keep this in mind especially when you find a deal too good to be true. It probably is too good to be true.

2) If You're a Green Penner Don't Buy a Green Horse

– if you're starting out penning, the best thing you can do is purchase a horse that knows the penning game. This does not mean buy a horse that has been a cutter or a working cowhorse. It means buy one that has actually been penned on by an experienced penner for one year or more. If you ignore this advice, and as a new penner buy and pen on a horse that has never penned, it will take a long time for you to win. If you're okay with that and just want to do something with the horse that you love then that's a different story. But to succeed quickly as a new penner, buy a horse with a penning resume.

3) Consider User Friendly-ness

– it seems that some of the most electric open caliber penning horses all have their own quirks. This doesn't mean that they're bad at their job – on the contrary, they're usually exceptional at their job! But it does mean that it often takes a strong open rider to help them pen to their full potential. If an open caliber horse is very user friendly (aka anyone can pen on them and do well) they will come with a very large price tag.

4) Older Horses

– I see a lot of beginner penners shy away from purchasing amazing horses because of their age (13yo+). They don't want to invest in a horse that they may have to retire in a few years. Here's the thing with older horses – they will teach you more in a year than you will learn in 5 years riding an inexperienced

horse and are definitely worth it! And you can often buy them at reasonable prices. Kids should especially be mounted on those old timers – nothing will make them fall in love with riding and penning more than having an experienced penning horse take care of them out there.

5) Ask for Help

– if you are going to take the plunge and make the big purchase of a shiny new penning horse, get your trainers opinion. You may fall head over heels with their flaxy mane and flashy moves on a cow but your trainer will be able to tell you if you're getting what you're paying for and if the horse will work for you. Sometimes you might find an awesome potential horse but you and it just won't click. Your trainer can help you pick up on that – it's worth the cost of commission or a finder's fee.

At the end of the day, as long as the horse you've purchased makes you happy, keeps you safe and helps you reach your goals, you've made a good buy. Everyday spent penning on a horse you love is a good day!

~ Jesse Dupont



2018 Claresholm Show Winners



Saturday Ten Class Winners
Bob Bolin, Bruce Stewart
& Clayton Mason



Saturday Seven Class Winners
Kyle Dingreville, Donna Sokolik
& Bruce Stewart



Sunday Open Class Winners
Larry Cressman, Laura Antony
& Philip Van Der Poel



Sunday Ltd. Open Class Winners
Gord Robinson, Holly Farkes
& Cathy Daniels



Sunday Ten Class Winners
Dusti Henwood, Gord Robinson
& Hope Elkins



Sunday Seven Class Winners
Dusti Henwood, Gord Robinson
& Courtney Dingreville

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Saturday Open Class
Scott Cressman, Jaycee Spangler &
Philip Van Der Poel

Saturday Ltd. Open Class
Hope Elkins, Danielle Milne
& Cam Clark

Saturday Five Class
Sandra Frampton, Bruce Patterson &
Romy Zuidam

Junior Youth
Chase Hunter, Serenity Enders
& unknown adult

Saturday Five Class
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Junior Youth
Paisley Daniels, Helen Tyrrell
& unknown adult



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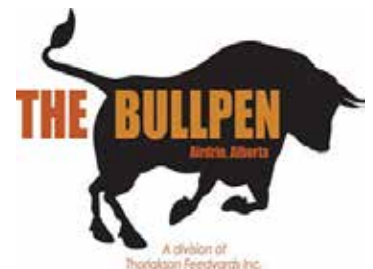
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- 0 - Hometown Dental
- 1 - Black Magic Quarter Horses Big Rock Arena/ Gord Robinson
- 2 - Bar T5 Trailers and Tack / Shaylene Hunter
- 3 - Invictus Entertainment/ Jim Cressman)
- 4 - Pat and Lori Bolin with Jennifer and Calvin Baldwin
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- 2 - Marsh Ranches / Gord Marsh
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