

January 2012



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Nate Welch	2014
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Kylee O’Heran	2013
Dave Firman	2013
Kacie Kapp	2014
Nate Vanderkolk	2013
Truman Mast	2014
Dennis Orr	2013
Dan Swiler	2013

2011-12 Team Roping Schedule

Membership Dues:

New **\$62.00**, Renewal **\$60.00**, Youth (age 16) **\$15.00**, Family **\$105.00** (Parents + High School & under18),
Day Permit **\$20.00** and Associate (bulletin only) **\$30.00**

- Jackpots can be cancelled without notice due to inclement weather, i.e. extreme heat or cold – please call ahead if doubt.
- Negative Coggins required at all roping functions
- Western attire is appreciated at all roping events
- Dogs must be on leash

Happy New Year!

As of January 1st all bulletins will be available on the MRA website. If you do not have access to internet, please fill out the form below and mail it to the secretary to have your bulletin mailed to you.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail completed form to:

Katie VanderKolk
5784 Bliss Rd.
Saranac, MI 48881

Please note that this will be your last hard copy bulletin unless you complete the above form and return it.

December 31

JDJ, Everat, MI

A.J. O'Heran 269-838-6636,
Jason O'Heran 269-758-3341

10 AM

Open – 5 Hd Progressive \$60/team \$15cc. 1st go- 1 pl/50 teams, Avg.- 1/10 teams up to 4, 6 if over 100
9 PT - 4 Hd Progressive \$40/team \$15cc. Payoff: 1st Go-1/50 tms, Avg - 1/15 teams up to 4, 6 if over 100
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Novice –2 Hd \$20/person \$8.50cc. Payoff: 1/10 entries, each side (header & heeler)

IF TIME ALLOWS

10 pt. Slide— 4 Hd Progressive \$60 per person\$22.50cc/person, enter 1 draw 2. Payoff: 1st Go-1/50 tms, Avg - 1/15 teams up to 4, 6 if over 100
6 pt. Slide—3 Hd Progressive \$60 per man \$22.50cc/person enter 1, draw 2. Payoff: 1st Go-1/50 tms, Avg - 1/15 teams up to 4, 6 if over 100

January 14

G-3 Arena

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January 21

Sundance Riding Stable, Grand Ledge, MI

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January 28

3-P Ranch

Stuart Pletcher 989-233-9655
Elewyn Pletcher at 989 882-7301

11:00 AM

Team Roping

Novice –2 Hd \$20/person \$8.50cc. Payoff: 1/10 entries up to 4, 6 if over 100, each side (header & heeler)
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6 PT Slide Draw Pot Capped at a 4 – 3 Hd Progressive \$60/person enter with 1, draw 2, \$22.50cc/person. Payoff: 1st Go-1/50 tms, Avg - 1/15 teams up to 4, 6 if over 100

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Sundance Series

Series Header/Heelers Winners will receive:

1st—Buckles to 4 and above—Bob Berg
Reserve Champions—will be embroidered blankets
Runners Up—Bronc Halters

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Reserve Champions—will be embroidered blankets
Runners Up—Bronc Halters

Series will be held at all ropings held at the Sundance Riding Stable—**9250 Nixon Rd.
Grand Ledge, MI**

December 17

January 21

February 18

March 17

April 14

Winter Roping Schedule

February 11 —3-P Ranch
February 18—Sundance Riding Stable
February 25—G-3 Arena
March 3 —3-P Ranch
March 17—Sundance Riding Stable

March 24—G-3 Arena
April 14—Sundance Riding Stable
April 21—G-3 Arena
April 28 —3-P Ranch

**Please note all Sunday ropings at 3-P
have been cancelled.

Thank You to our 2011 Season Year End Award Sponsors!

**Burnips Equipment
Dennis Orr/ H&R Block
Garett Madry
Equine Specialties
Farm Bureau Insurance—Tim Heffner Agency
Horsin' Around Tack Shop
Hughston's Cow Camp Rodeo
Kern Road Veterinary Clinic, P.L.L.C
Maxi Muffler Plus
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Sundance Chevrolet
Sundance Riding Stables
T & T Tools**

www.STHartDesigns.com Equine Web Designs by Stephanie Gilliland

Award sponsorships are still being accepted! If you chose to ask for donations to help support the MRA Year End Awards, please have checks made out to MRA and send them to Katie VanderKolk. All sponsors will be recognized in the bulletin and those who sponsor over \$125 will also be recognized on the MRA website. All help is greatly appreciated!

Team Roping Results

3-P Runch November 19
 Secretaries: Bridgett & Morgan Fletcher, Casey & Carion Robertson

Open	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
9 Teams					
Fast Time	Trevi Robertson	18	Todd Forensberg	18	8.20
1	Mike Shegan	162	Todd Forensberg	162	31.54/2
9 pt	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
10 Teams					
Fast Time	Todd Forensberg	21	Kacie Kepp	21	8.66
1	Todd Forensberg	113	Kacie Kepp	113	20.16/2
2	Gene Robinson	75	Mike Shegan	75	38.63/2
6 pt	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
12 Teams					
Fast Time	Gene Robinson	13	Cash Shegan	13	12.53
1	Gene Robinson	119	Cash Shegan	119	12.53/1
Novice Heading	Header	Points	Novice Heading	Points	Time
4 Teams			1 Teams		
1	Tyler Keller	40	Charles Stuller	10	18.58/1

G3 Arena November 26
 Secretaries: Kelly O'Hara, Tim Wilson, John Trompeter


Open	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
13 Teams					
Fast Time	Jason O'Hara	26	Garrett Meedy	26	7.41
1	Jason Terpening	140	Luke VanderKooy	140	58.67/5
2	Kelly O'Hara	93.50	Garrett Meedy	93.50	59.68/5
9 pt	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
24 Teams					
Fast Time	Brett VanderKoske	26	Jason O'Hara	26	7.59
1	Paula Robinson	142.50	Luke VanderKooy	142.50	41.18/4
2	Jason Terpening	95	Dale Miller	95	53.47/4
6 pt	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
12 Teams					
Fast Time	Brent Johnson	13	Chris Miller	13	10.39
1	Brent Johnson	118.50	Chris Miller	118.50	36.52/2
Novice Heading	Header	Points	Novice Heading	Points	Time
10 Teams			10 Teams		
1	Jessilyn Gingrich	100	Mandy Bolt	100	29.86/2

3-P Runch November 19
 Secretaries: Bridgett, Chadeca & Morgan Fletcher

Open	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
0 Teams					
9 pt	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
0 Teams					
6 pt	Header	Points	Header	Points	Time
3 Teams					
Fast Time	Steve Morney	3.50	Tom Mayers	3.50	17.00
1	Steve Morney	29.50	Tom Mayers	29.50	17.00/1
Novice Heading	Header	Points <td>Header</td> <td>Points</td> <td>Time</td>	Header	Points	Time
3 Teams					
1	Dawn Pavolka	50			48.04
Novice Heading	Header	Points <td>Header</td> <td>Points</td> <td>Time</td>	Header	Points	Time
0 Teams					
Sundance Riding Stables	December 17				
Secretaries: Kelly O'Hara, Kyle O'Hara, Tom O'Hara					
Open					
28 Teams					
Fast Time	Tim Gilliland	52	Tavis Walters	52	8.25
1	Tavis Walters	234	Garrett Meedy	234	40.55/5
2	Steve Shattuck	140	Garrett Meedy	140	48.38/5
3	Jason Terpening	93.50	Shawn Madhery	93.50	40.05/5
9 pt	Header	Points <td>Header</td> <td>Points</td> <td>Time</td>	Header	Points	Time
46 Teams					
Fast Time	Sam Beasley	49.50	Tim Wilson	49.50	8.19
1	Kacie Kepp	222.50	Rob McPhail	222.50	48.18/4
2	Jason Terpening	133.50	Dale Miller	133.50	52.58/4
3	Paula Robinson	89	Bill Tucker	89	58.04/4
6 pt	Header	Points <td>Header</td> <td>Points</td> <td>Time</td>	Header	Points	Time
27 Teams					
Fast Time	Kyle O'Hara	29.50	Billy VanPordtlet	29.50	10.62
1	Matt Reed	160	Dale Miller	160	59.37/3
2	Nate VanderKolk	108.50	Dale Miller	108.50	38.85/2
Novice Heading	Header	Points <td>Header</td> <td>Points</td> <td>Time</td>	Header	Points	Time
8 Teams			8 Teams		
1	Caleb Griffin	50	Justin Collins	50	8.56/1

For Sale

Place your ad **HERE** and on the **NEW MRA website – FREE for members!** Advertise horses, saddles, shoeing, and other small businesses! Ad can include a 35 word brief summary, 1 photo, and contact info. The website can link to yours if available! 1/2 page or smaller fliers are OK if they are saved as PDF, DOCX, or JPEG. Please send all ads by email to Katie vanderkk@hotmail.com by the 1st of the month.



4-horse walker, like new, excellent condition, multiple speeds and reverse, brand name is Supreme Horse Walker. Asking \$2,300.00 Call 231-972-2255 or email coltmarek09@yahoo.com for more information.

15” Cactus Team Roping Saddle, bought new in 2008 and in great condition. Asking \$1200. Call Nate VanderKolk or email 616-291-4943 / vanderkk@hotmail.com.

16 year old head and heel gelding, very solid, 15 hands, muscular build, easy going, knows his job well. Any one can ride or rope off him. \$6000 call Jason Terpening. 269-838-3843

16 yr old black and white quarter horse paint gelding for sale. Heading horse, also heeling horse, has run poles and barrels. Very quiet. Beautiful horse. \$3,500.00 firm. interested buyers call Danny Gibson at 989-615-8067

High Quality farm gates, feeders and corral panels. Reasonably priced and delivery available. Call for prices and further information Located in Michigan. Kenny Clement 606-706-9462

Roping pictures- www.wegotchaphoto.com Jerry Cline (269)-623-2040 email: wegotchaphoto@yahoo.com A lot of the pic's should be cropped, Shutterfly doesn't do this, so if you call or email me I'll repost a cropped version or print them for you. Thanks, Jerry Cline

S-T Hart Designs— Original web design & marketing that will set your business apart from the rest! Specializing in Equestrian Sites! Stephanie Gilliland, www.SSTHartDesigns.com, (810) 614-3778

Total Equine Horse Feed—As seen on “All Around Performance Horse” on RFD TV. Please contact Total Equine Distribute, Tom and Charlotte Kennedy 810-793-2659.

Rule Proposal

This proposal is supported and submitted to the MRA membership by the board of directors present at the 10/9/11 directors meeting.

MRA Stock Contractors will offer all divisions. They will also be allowed to offer alternate ropings to count toward MRA points. Points will go to the division that the team number belongs to.

Team Totals

2pt--Novice

3-6—6pt

7-9—9 pt.

10 and above—Open

There will be a “trial” run of this system between November and January and system will be voted upon at the February General Membership meeting. If this proposal passes the points will counted retroactively the beginning of the year.

MRA AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

February 4, 2012

Big Rapids Holiday Inn & Conference Center—1005 Perry Street, Big Rapids, MI. Rooms are available for \$79.00 each until January 15th.—make your reservations early—phone (800)999-9069 or website <http://www.hibigrapids.com/> .

DIRECTORS MEETING AT 4:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 4:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR AT 5:30
DINNER AT 6:30
AWARDS AT 7:30
DJ AT 8:30

Reservations and money for the banquet must be sent in by January 13, 2011. If you will not be arriving in time for dinner, but would like to be present during the awards presentations, please let us know so we can have enough room for everyone.

This year's dinner will be buffet style **\$24.50/person**. The MRA will be paying \$10.00 per member's meal.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ Members x \$14.50 = \$ _____ Non Member # _____ x \$24.50 = \$ _____

_____ Children (under 12) x \$2.25 = \$ _____ Non Member # _____ x \$12.25 = \$ _____

_____ Children (0-3) FREE _____

MEAL TOTAL: _____

If you do not send your reservations in by January 14th your meal with cost \$5.00 more

(Make check payable to M.R.A.)

Mail to: MRA Office
5748 Bliss Rd.
Saranac, MI 48881

Number arriving after dinner for awards presentation only _____

Please vote for:

Sportsperson of the year _____

Most Improved Calf Roper _____

Most Improved Team Roper _____

You can email your nominees to vanderkk@hotmail.com or return with Banquet information

MICHIGAN ROPERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

IMPORTANT: All participants in Roping and other events (regardless of age) must sign this Waiver and Release. Participants under 18 years of age must have their parent or legal guardian also sign.

I understand that I am voluntarily participating in an event (such as Calf, Team & Breakaway Roping, Steer Stopping, or others) sponsored, promoted and/or organized by the Michigan Ropers' Assoc. I understand that horse-related activities including roping, horseback riding, and riding or working near cattle are rugged and dangerous activities which carry a risk of bodily and other injuries. Injuries could include loss of life and serious bodily harm. Risks could include, for example, equipment failure, collisions, kicks and getting trampled, unpredictable reactions by horses and cattle, and several others. I represent that I am physically able to perform activities at this event. **I UNDERSTAND THESE AND OTHER RISKS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH ROPING AND EQUINE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, AND I VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO ASSUME THEM.**

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this event, I, for my heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, release and discharge the Michigan Ropers' Association, Inc., owners of show grounds, event sponsors, cattle owners, show management, and their respective employees, agents, representatives, assigns, officers, directors, members, volunteers, affiliates, participating groups, and persons connected with this event, of and from all claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions (present and future), liabilities, or obligations, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my bodily injury or damage that may be sustained, or property damage which may occur as a result of attending or participating in the Roping event (except if caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct).

IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THIS WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF LIABILITY BEYOND THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, 1994 P.A. 351.

I understand that I am responsible for my own financial loss in relation to any theft or damage to my/our tack, equipment, vehicles, trailers, and horses while on the premises where the Roping event is held.

I understand and agree that this Waiver and Liability Release will be binding each time I participate in any roping or other events or activities with the persons or entities listed above. If suit is brought arising out of any aspect of a Roping event through the Michigan Ropers' Assoc. or this document, the losing party shall pay the other party's attorney fees and expenses.

I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND LIABILITY RELEASE AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Print Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

ATTENTION: Beginning January 1, 2012 all MRA Bulletins will only be available online.

If you must receive a hard copy via mail, please contact Katie VanderKolk.

Signature _____ Date _____

In case of emergency notify: _____ Phone # _____

For applicant(s) under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian signature is required.

AGE _____ SIGNATURE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

MICHIGAN ROPERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
YEAR 2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please Circle One:

New Membership \$62 Renewal \$60 Family \$105 (Parents + High School & under)
Associate (Bulletins only) \$30 Youth (age 16 & under) \$15 Day Permit \$20

Make checks payable to M.R.A.

Mail to: M.R.A Katie Vanderkolk
5784 Bliss Rd

Please return completed FULL page

Saranac, MI 48881

Questions please call: 616-291-5185

WARNING: Under the Michigan Equine Activity Liability Act (1994 P.Z. 351), an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from an inherent risk of the equine activity.