

Hello and welcome NBHA03 Members!

My name is Christina Waters. I am the Maine NBHA 03 Director. I look forward to working together with each and everyone of our members to make the most successful barrel racing club around!!!! I want everyone to have fun, learn, and thrive in our district. I would like to go over some of the things that were discussed at our district meeting, to inform those of you who were not there and to re-iterate for those of you who were there.

As you all know every club needs money to operate, we are no different. We get this money through our membership. Our members do this by taking sponsor sheets that we provide and asking people for sponsors. This is not always a fun or exciting task, so I've added a little incentive....the person with the most sponsor money for 2011 with a minimum of \$250 will get a free membership for the 2012 show season! This money needs to be turned into Tanya by June 4 in order to count! Also in order to qualify for year end awards you must get a minimum of \$35 to Tanya by June 4th. The more members we have the more sponsor money we should make, right? Well that leads me to my next incentive! If you recruit a new member make sure I know about it, have them put your name somewhere on the application, because who ever is our best recruiter for 2011, will get a free membership for 2012!

Everyone likes to show up at show and know what is expected of them by other members and the show management. We all like to do our part in helping the show run as smooth as possible. So here are some guidelines for things that you can do to help! Arrive at the shows early enough to give yourself time to get you and your horse ready. The sign up booth will close 15 minutes prior to the start of the show, so we can draw classes and finalize prep work. The arena will close 10 minutes prior to the start of the show to allow the arena to be dragged and the course set up as needed. So keep this in mind when you are contemplating your arrival time. Clean up after yourself and your animals, this includes trash, cigarettes, hay, and manure. Be courteous of the grounds and your fellow competitors. For those of you who take on the daunting task of riding more than one horse, please don't ask for special placement of your horses. All division classes will be drawn on the day of the show. Should you want a horse moved, the last horse drawn will be moved to the end of the class. We are looking for fairness for every rider.

I look forward to competing with each of you, and meeting everyone of you personally. I hope we have an amazing season, that horse and riders teams are able to accomplish goals that they have set for this season. In closing I have made a mission statement that I would like to be the foundation for which we base our club on. I would love for us to all learn it, remember it, and when we come to a show let it be our mission to accomplish it:

We are Maine NBHA 03. Our mission is to be a fun and inviting district, welcoming new members and new ideas. We strive to have fun with each other and our horses. We support each other whether we are winning or losing. We exhibit good sportsmanship towards each other, and use our best judgment concerning our horses. We will work together to have good payouts, safe arenas and smooth flowing shows.

Thank you for your time,
Christina Waters
NBHA Maine 03 Director

