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Horseman,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale, I would like to formally invite you to the 72nd World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale. If you haven't heard, we will be Racing 5 days this year and will start our race meet on May 6th to coincide with the Kentucky Derby. We also have approval from the Board of Horse racing for two additional days of racing depending on horse numbers this year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

We will keep the purse money awarded on our trial races at \$2500 in 2023. On all other races our bottom purses will be \$5000. We will continue our \$5000 Jockey incentive program this year based on the number of mounts and \$1000 going to the "Ironman" jockey of the meet. Congratulations to Dakota Wood for winning the award last year. We will also be presenting awards to the top trainer and top jockey at the end of the meet. Congratulations to last year's top trainer Jesse Villegas and top jockey Dakota Wood.

I would like to ask you as owners and trainers to make a concerted effort to make sure our meet is a success by filling our race card. We are committing to raising our purses knowing full well the cost of owning and training horses. With that being said we ask that you help to ensure we have full races and a full Jockey room. It is the responsibility of you as owners and trainers to make sure you have a jockey available to ride.

Stalls will be available March 1st. The track will be available for training weather permitting March 1st. I have attached a stall application as well as our conditions with this letter and would appreciate you getting the stall applications back to me as soon as possible. We did have some issues with stalls being cleaned last year and may have to start charging a deposit on stalls in the future. I have already had quite a bit of interest so I want to make sure we have everyone covered as far as stalls are concerned so please get your stall applications back to us as soon as possible..

We will continue to work on track improvements and safety and hopefully the weather will cooperate again like it did last year. I can assure all of you that the Board of Directors of the Bucking Horse Sale have made the decision to fully commit to Horse Racing in Miles City. We are very proud of our meet and what we can make it become in the future with all of your help. I would also like to personally thank all of you for your continued support of our race meet and look forward to working with all of you this spring. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call or text me on my cell phone at 406-951-1366 or email robert.tooke@gmail.com.

Robert Tooke
Bucking Horse Sale Board of Directors

2023 Bucking Horse Sale Race Meet, Miles City, MT -Condition Book

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Bucking Horse Sale Race Meet, Miles City, MT

May 6, 14, 19, 20, 21

Breeds Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred.

Trial Race purses will be \$2500

Bottoms on all other races will be \$5000.

Up to eight places paid except trials.(please see attached table)

Jockey mount fee: \$100

Insurance fee: \$50

FEATURE RACES INCLUDE:

Don Richard Classic, May 6th

Thoroughbred 3YO and up, purse \$6500

Fillies and Mares Mothers Day Special, May 14th

Thoroughbred 5 1/4 Furlong purse \$6500

Bucking Horse Sale Quarter Horse Futurity, May 21st

\$7,500 added, estimated purse \$30,000.

Consolation Race if more than 30 horses entered and paid up

First payment is due February 15th

Dan Lockie Quarter Horse Derby, May 20th

\$5,500 added, estimated purse \$20,000

First payment: February 15th

Don Stewart "Hockey Puck" Classic, May 20th

Thoroughbred purse \$6500

Bucking Horse Sale Thoroughbred Derby, May 21st

\$5500 added, estimated purse \$10000

First payment is due March 15th

Track Rules

1. The track will be open for training and condition March 1st, 2023 weather permitting. 2. Stalls must be applied for and approved before any horse may be stalled on the grounds. Stalls must be applied for by **April 1st, 2023**.
3. Stakes Horses will be given preference in stalls. Trainers in good standing who have previously raced in Miles City will be given first choice of stalls.
4. Phone entries will be accepted; papers must be in the race office prior to post time. 5. All rules and/or new rules adopted by the Montana Board of Horse Racing will supersede any condition of the track.
6. All Stakes races must have a minimum of 5 separate paid up trial entries to constitute a race.

Rules covering quarter horse stakes races

Each trial shall not consist of more than eight (8) horses. The trials will be raced under the same conditions as the stakes. All trial races shall be run consecutively to avoid movement of the starting gate. No more than eight (8) horses shall be selected from the trials to participate in the stakes race, if a horse qualifies and does not run in the final it will receive last place money. All Quarter horses shall be selected on a time basis within the limits of the electronic timer. No adjustments will be made on the recorded time due to a head wind, mud, etc. Should a mechanical failure occur with the electronic timer. Hand times will be used. If for any reason a tie exists, the horses involved shall draw lots to determine which shall participate in the stakes race. The stewards shall have sole discretion over whether or not a tie exists. Should a Quarter horse be disqualified he will be given the time of the horse that it is immediately placed behind, plus 1/100th of a second. In the trials, if a starting gate fails to open and the money wagered on the horse is refunded to the public, such a horse will be declared a non-starter and no liability will be incurred beyond the refund of the entry fees paid, less 10% handling fee. In the running of the stakes race, if the starting gate fails to open the money wagered on such a horse is refunded to the public, such a horse will be declared a nonstarter and classified as a scratched horse and he will receive eighth place money. In the event the finals of any stakes race cannot be run and are canceled for any reason, and then the purse money shall be distributed in equal portion to horses qualifying for the finals. If less than 5 horses remain eligible for any stakes after the last sustaining payment, the race will be canceled and nomination and sustaining payments refunded. **THE DECISIONS OF THE STEWARDS SHALL BE FINAL.**

All fees must be paid 4 hours prior to post time. No exceptions. All nomination fees and sustaining fees, less ten percent (10%) handling and advertising costs, plus added money will be divided as stated in stakes program schedule. The management reserves the right to run any or all trial races off the card if it feels it necessary to improve the mutual handle. Estimated purse for the trials is \$2500. In case of inclement weather the management may change the distance if moving the starting gate would be a hazard to the horses or personnel with the approval of the Montana Board of Horse Racing. If a horse qualifies for the final as a result of trial, but is unable to race after entering the finals, it will be awarded last place money.

TRAINERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO KNOW THE CONDITIONS OF THE HORSE THEY ENTER. IF A HORSE IS ENTERED THAT DOES NOT FIT THE CONDITIONS, YOUR NOMINATION AND SUSTAINING FEES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THE HORSE WILL BE SCRATCHED.

Trainer's Responsibility

Each trainer is obligated to protect the horses in his/her care. Trainers are absolutely responsible for the condition of his/her horse(s). Trainers failing to do so will be asked to appear before the stewards.

Horses & Mules coming into Montana*(Required by the Montana Department of Livestock)*

Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) - All animals must have a negative EIA test (Coggins test) within the 12 months prior to importation. **Exception:** A nursing foal under 6 months of age accompanied by the EIA negative dam is exempt from test requirements.

Dan Lockie Quarter Horse Derby

\$5500 added

Estimated purse \$20,000

Trials: Saturday May 6th, 2023. Finals: Saturday, May 20th, 2023.

Distance: 300 yards

Eligibility: Open to all 2019 Quarter horse foals.

Purse Split Trial

Purse Split Final

No Sex Allowance, No also eligible wt.124 lbs

Entries for trials will be by 10:00 a.m. MST Thursday May 4th, 2023

Entries for finals will be by 10:00 a.m. MST Thursday May 18th, 2023

Payment Schedule Late Payments

February 15th 2023	\$50
March 15th 2023 sustain	\$200 \$300 + remaining payments
April 15th 2023 sustain	\$200 \$600 + remaining payments
May 4th Trial Entry	\$250 \$1500 to enter late
Total	\$700

Mail nominations to BHS Inc PO Box 1027, Miles City, MT 59301

Bucking Horse Sale Quarter Horse Futurity

\$7500 added

Estimated purse \$30,000

Trials: Saturday May 6th, 2023. Finals: Sunday, May 21st, 2023.

Distance: 250 yards

Eligibility: Open to all 2020 Quarter horse foals.

Purse Split Trial

Purse Split Final

No Sex Allowance, No also eligible wt.124 lbs

Entries for the trials will be by 10:00 a.m. MST Friday May 5th, 2023

Entries for finals will be by 10:00 a.m. MST Friday May 19th, 2023

Payment Schedule Late Payments

February 15th 2023	\$50
March 15th 2023 sustain	\$200 \$300 + remaining payments
April 15th 2023 sustain	\$200 \$600 + remaining payments
May 5th Trial Entry	\$250 \$1500 to enter late
Total	\$700

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Bucking Horse Sale Thoroughbred Derby

\$7500 added

Estimated purse \$10,000

Finals: Sunday, May 21st, 2023

Distance: TBD

Eligibility: Open to all 2019 Thoroughbred foals

Purse Split Trial

Purse Split Final

No Sex Allowance, No also eligible wt.124 lbs

Entries for finals will be by 10:00 a.m. MST Friday May 19th, 2023

Payment Schedule Late Payments

February 15th 2023	
March 15th 2023	\$50
April 15th 2023	\$50 \$200 + remaining

May 19th Entry	\$250 \$1500 to enter late
Total	\$350

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