

WATPA NEWS – FEBRUARY 2018

What a great start to the new year! WATPA had a great turn out for our January weekend, it was definitely quite hot and dusty, due to the heat there were some extra breaks during our events to rest and water cattle. A huge thank you to all who helped out for the weekend. Cathy Neale & Warren Bartlett-Torr for running our training day which had 9 new attendees to our club event. Also Jenni Ford for coming down and being our time keeper.

Congratulations on Lacey Ford for attending the Legacy of Legends clinic Buck Brannaman clinic in Tamworth early January. What an opportunity of a lifetime!

WATPA Meals will be available for our February events – make sure you get your food order in with your entries! We have updated our Ranch Sorting entry forms to hopefully make these easier to follow and included a food order section.

WHATS ON.....Note change of start time for events.

Saturday February 17th – Team Penning 5pm start - Ravenswood

Saturday February 18th – Ranch Sorting starts 8am - Ravenswood – Junior/Beginner Ranch hand will take place after the Open run

March dates 17th & 18th – 17th Team Penning 5pm start, 18th Ranch Sorting 8am start - Ravenswood

NOTE *Entries close **Wednesday** before the weekend events* (late fee to be introduced)

Training Day:

There was a lot of interest in our training day, but we closed off entries with a nice even dozen. It was a great opportunity for the juniors and green horses, even an RDA pony came for the fun!



Team Penning:

Definitely an interesting mix of cattle for Team Penning, with some Black Angus mixed in with the regular long horns, started out looking like the long horns would be the easiest to pen, but turned out that the Angus seemed to work into the pen better. Definitely a challenge!

The RDA pony did an awesome job, not a care in the world working in a mob of cows bigger than her.



Ranch Sorting:

Again a nice dusty warm day to kick off our Ranch Sorting. Again the Black Angus were challenging.



WATPA at Ravenswood Arena

Welcome to our WATPA events at Ravenswood Arena, please take a moment to read through our basic rules for the club and the venue. It would be appreciated if you could abide by the following guidelines so that you have a fun, safe and enjoyable weekend with WATPA:

- Camping fee is \$10 per camp – payable to WATPA committee to pass to landowner
- Please ensure you leave camp site clean and tidy
- There is a portable toilet in the camping paddock and there is a toilet in the shed. Food and beverages are available for a fee as noted on your entry form, we would love to share dinner and conversations with you in the evening by the shed.
- Any spectators willing to help out are welcomed – please see committee (tasks could include: gate person for competitors, taking photos on our camera, assistance in packing up)
- After your run has finished please allow the next competing team to enter BEFORE you exit as this helps to speed up the day and also alleviates congestion around the gate. Also it is the responsibility of the exiting team to close the gate.
- Children must be supervised at all times – or if only guardian is competing must remain in a visible spectator area
- Horses:
 - It is a rule of this venue that horses are not to be solid tied, please use the baling twine loops on the arena fence
 - No tying of horses to trees – please tie to float
 - Stallions must be green tagged and when not ridden either double tied and hobbled or tied in a separate yard. (ABCRA rules: All stallions must be double tied by neck strap and halter on all grounds. Stallions will be allowed to be unrestrained in panel yards through daylight hours ONLY. Stallions must be double tied at night. Panels must be a minimum of 1500mm in height with a minimum of four bars. Panels must be constructed using a minimum of 25mm box or pipe equivalent. Panels must be anchored securely to a solid object i.e truck, post, tree)
 - Red ribbon/tags to be used on aggressive horses and horses prone to kicking
 - Please keep horses out of spectator area, only use the laneway to access the arena
- Gear – Any saddle style is permitted (gear must be safe and in good condition, not worn)
 - No tie downs are to be used in competition
 - No riding in halters allowed in competition, bitless bridles are permitted but must have a mechanical stop and throat latch.
 - Gear will be randomly checked by the committee at any point
 - No crops/whips permitted in competition
 - Riders are required to wear helmets or western style hat, long sleeved shirt with collar and smooth soled riding boots
 - Helmets are mandatory for under 18 years and on any training/clinic events
- No alcohol to be consumed prior or during an event by competitors
- Swearing/foul language is not permitted in competition – judge may call disqualification (please see our rules on our webpage, www.watpa.org.au)
- Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated

Any concerns may be brought to the attention of the WATPA committee

Food available February weekend:

Saturday Dinner \$15 – Steak, potato bake & salad

Sunday Breakfast \$5 – B&E pie or quiche

Sunday Lunch \$10 – Steak burger or Meat/salad roll – incl drink

Sausage Sizzle \$3 - also available as an option

Saddle Raffle \$2 per ticket

Your chance to win a lovely Sydney Hill Half Breed Stock Saddle



CAMP FEES \$10

Please note that there is a \$10 per night camp fee payable to WATPA to be passed onto the property owner to cover ground fee - Please see Sally

This is per camp - not per person

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