



Great Lakes Circuit Fall 2016 Newsletter

Who: All Great Lakes Circuit Members

What: 38th Annual Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo

When: November 10, 11 & 12, 2016

Where: Freedom Hall on the Kentucky State Fair Grounds, Louisville, Ky.

We will (again) have an autograph table in Freedom Hall before each performance. Each night we will need 2 contestants from each end of the arena (Rough Stock & Timed Eventers) as well as Barrel Racers. We did this last year, and it was well received by the fans and it is great exposure for the contestants and their sponsors. We also need contestants to help with a Meet & Greet, so please keep this in mind when we ask for volunteers.

Futurity Fees: Remember, August 31st is the last day futurity fees are \$100.00. They increase to \$150.00 on Sept 1st.

Circuit Finals Jackets: Sample jackets will be available to try on for size at the Ashland, MO rodeo. Look for Marilyn Knutson or contact her at Ph N^o (417) 458-1418.

If you are a first time qualifier and will not be at Ashland to try on a jacket, please call Carol Knutson with your jacket size. She can be reached at 660-261-4337. Please leave a message.

Ticket Information: If you need more tickets than the 2 for each performance that are provided, tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster.com. TicketMaster has announced an upcoming Special Ticket Sale:

Buy Early & Get the Best Seats!

August 29 at 10 a.m. until September 8 at 10 p.m.

Internet Pre-Sale:

Simply log on to www.ticketmaster.com. Search by event - North American Championship Rodeo - and select the date of your choice. Then choose KEC Presale and type in the password. Use password: BRONCO

Use TicketFast to receive tickets via e-mail

Phone Pre-Sale:

TicketMaster at 800-745-3000

Ticket Prices:

Nov. 10- \$25 adult, \$5 children (under 12)

Nov. 11 - \$30 adult, \$10 children (under 12)

Nov. 12 - \$32 adult, \$10 children (under 12)

Call (502) 367-3144 or (800) 231-8085 for group discount information.

Sponsorship Information: Please communicate with your event rep throughout the season so they are aware of any sponsors you are working on. Sponsor amounts are: Event -- \$1350.00; ½ Event -- \$675.00

All Event Reps: Please call Wayne with your event sponsors **ASAP!**

All sponsor information to be placed on the program **MUST** be to Marilyn Knutson by Oct. 15th. This information can be called, mailed or e-mailed. The information should include: Event, name, town, state of sponsor and web site if they have one. If you have any sponsor information at this time please start getting it to her. Marilyn's contact info:

Marilyn Knutson: Mailing: 10871 Mill Road, Bucyrus, MO 65444; Ph: 417-458-1418; Email: rodeoalaska@centurytel.net.

After the Rodeo: We will be having some food catered at the hotel after the Thursday performance. **Rodeo Wives, Moms and Girlfriends:** In past years people have asked if they could bring baked goods. Well, **YES!** We would love to have bars, cookies, etc. for desert after the rodeo. Something that is easy. Grab and go type items. We are expecting about 300 people, so any help is appreciated. Email Annette Ziebell (aziebell62@yahoo.com).

Host Hotel Information: The Host Hotel is once again the Comfort Inn & Suites on Phillips Lane. The second hotel is the Super 8 on Crittenden Drive.

The 2016 rate is \$95.00 (plus tax). We reserved a block of 92 rooms. When all the rooms in the block have been reserved, the rate will go up to the regular rate (plus tax) if there are any other rooms available. The deadline for reserving rooms in our block is October 20, 2016, but don't wait until then to reserve a room as we expect them to go quickly.

All the rooms are Suites with either one King or two Queens. Each room has a microwave and a refrigerator.

The contract for these rooms is under "**Great Lakes Pro Rodeo**". To make your reservations at the Comfort Inn & Suites, call: 502-375-2233 or 1-888-527-4866. To make a reservation at the Super 8, you must call Marilyn Knutson first to get a confirmation number.

Mandatory Meeting: For all Finals contestants, there will be a brief **MANDATORY** meeting Thursday November 12th at 4 p.m. It will take place in the University of Louisville ballroom, located on the 2nd level of Freedom Hall, the same room where the membership meeting is held. This meeting will cover information about the weekend to help the performances run smoother. Jackets will be handed out at the meeting. There will be a \$50.00 fine for those not attending.

❖ All contestants will need to be ready for the Head & Shoulders pictures at the mandatory meeting, Thursday at 4 p.m. – Jacket and Hat.

Arriving Early?: If you are in Louisville early for the timed events at the North American, bring your completed Bio to Marilyn Knutson (you can contact her at Ph N^o (417) 458-1418) and get your Gate Pass early. Please make arrangements with her ahead of time.

As in past years, we will be running cattle on Wednesday evening. Following the running, we will be hanging banners in the arena. We would like all that are in town to participate in this "Artistic Activity".

Check-In, Gate Passes, and Other Information: Check-In at the Host Hotel – Comfort Inn & Suites – in the conference room between 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. This is where contestants need to go to pick-up their packets containing gate passes, tickets, etc. and can pay entry fees.

The last page is information for the announcer. These **must** be completed before picking up your gate passes, so **fill it out and bring it with you to check-in.**

There will most likely be a **Pink Night**, however, at this time we are not sure which night it may be. Bring your **Pink**.

General Membership Meeting Day/Time Change: The general membership meeting will be held on **Friday at 11 a.m.** It will be held on the 2nd level of Freedom Hall in the same room where the mandatory meeting will be held. If you would like to have something to put on the agenda, please contact Wayne. The 2017 futurity fees can be paid at this time.

All stock brought on to the Fair Grounds must have current health papers.

The next page of this newsletter is a ballot for Rodeo of The Year. There are four categories. See the page following the ballot for a listing of all the Great Lakes rodeos by category. Please fill out the ballot and mail it to Wayne. They need to be to him by Monday, October 3th. Address is on the form.

The Official Great Lakes Circuit Website: GLCProRodeo.com.

Any questions can be directed to Wayne Knutson at (660) 261-4337.

Rodeos of the Year

This must be received by Oct 3th. Mail to:

Wayne Knutson

4050 Hwy U

Clifton Hill, MO 65244

1. Best Rodeo with \$10,000 or less added committee purse:

2. Best Rodeo with \$10,001 to \$34,999 added committee purse:

3. Best Rodeo with \$35,000.00 or more added committee purse:

Signature

Rodeo listing for the 2016 Rodeos of the Year for the Great Lakes Circuit

\$10,000.00 and less	\$10,001 - \$34,999	\$35,000 or More
De Pere, WI	Ashland, MO	Fort Madison, IA
Galena, IL	Bellevue, IA	Hamel, MN
Glenwood City, WI	Buffalo, MN	Kansas City, MO
Hampton, IA	Carson, IA	Sidney, IA
Hawley, MN	Cherokee, IA	Sikeston, MO
Mauston, WI	Dayton, IA	Spooner, WI
Northfield, MN	Edgewood, IA	
Park Rapids, MN	Granite Falls, MN	
Park Hills, MO	Iron River, MI	
	Isanti, MN	
	Lexington, KY	
	Licking, MO	
	Madison, WI	
	Manawa, WI	
	Marshall, MN	
	Medford, WI	
	Merrill, WI	
	Palestine, IL	
	Pine City, MN	
	Springfield, MO	
	St. Paul, MN	
	Stanley, WI	
	Waconia, MN	
	Wapello, IA	
	Waterloo, IA	

Bring this completed form to check-in at the finals

Announcers Information

Name:

Age:

Hometown:

Number of years in the PRCA/WPRA:

Number of years qualified for the Circuit Finals:

My best 3 Rodeos of 2016

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Other accomplishments