



## Great Lakes Newsletter May 2016

**With 2016 now here**, we will see many new and exciting things for the Circuit. We've already seen the Ram Finals have its second successful year in Florida – a lot of positive changes since last year.

**Continuing this year:** We have designed a business size card that has our web site logo and address on it. These will be available from all event reps, board members and most secretaries at our Circuit rodeos. Please use these as you talk to potential sponsors. You can look up the web site and go to Sponsor Information where you will find the list of available sponsorship benefits. If any additional information is needed, a phone number is listed on the web page.

**Circuit Fees Reminder:** Get your Great Lakes Circuit fees in to Wayne Knutson as soon as possible as they increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Fees and deadlines are as follows:

November 2015- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – \$25.00; July 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – \$100.00; Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – Circuit Finals – \$150.00.

Wayne requests you MAIL checks to him at the address at the bottom of this newsletter. He will no longer take Circuit fees at rodeos. Marilyn Knutson will take Circuit fees all 3 days at the Licking, Mo rodeo.

**Sponsorship Information:** Any sponsors that are obtained should be called in to Marilyn Knutson at (417) 458-1418 or emailed to her at [rodeoalaska@centurytel.net](mailto:rodeoalaska@centurytel.net). When she receives the sponsor's information we can get them on our web page as well as listed in the Finals Program, but she needs it between now and October 16<sup>th</sup>. The sooner you get them in, the more coverage they will get. Please include the sponsors Name, Town, State and web site if they have one.

### **We are also looking for the following sponsorships:**

Event Sponsors – \$1350 – will receive 2 Circuit Jackets; 1/2 event Sponsors – \$675 – will receive 1 Circuit Jacket.

Please call Wayne Knutson at (660) 261-4337 with your information for any of these Sponsorships.

**Circuit Finals:** The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Great Lakes Circuit Finals are set for November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Freedom Hall on the Kentucky State Fair Grounds in Louisville, Ky.

All new members should call Carol Knutson, (Wayne's wife), with your jacket size, so it can be kept on record. Current members that need to change the size of their jacket should also give her a call. Carol can be reached at (660) 261-4337. Jackets will be picked up at the mandatory meeting noted below.

Once again this year, all contestants will attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday at 4pm. Head and shoulder shots will be taken as you check-in to the meeting or immediately after you pick-up your jacket. This means you will need to bring your hat with you to the meeting.

The voting on Bullfighters and Pickup men will again be through the Riding Event Director. Please contact Bee Jay Scott for any information.

**Internet Ticket Pre-Sale:** Buy early and get the best seats! The Pre-Sale usually runs in the August-September timeframe. We have not received the dates and details yet. When that information is available, we will post it to our website.

**Hotel Information:** The Host Hotel is the Comfort Inn & Suites on Phillips Lane. This is just down the street from the Crown Plaza (formerly Executive West) Hotel.

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. Each one has a microwave and a refrigerator.

The contract for these rooms is under "Great Lakes Pro Rodeo". To make your reservations, call: 502-375-2233 or 1-888-527-4866.

We have a second hotel, the Super 8. We have a mix of King and Queen rooms at a rate of \$84.00 (plus tax). To obtain one of these rooms you must contact Marilyn Knutson for further information.

#### **Other News and Important Information**

- Any further announcements will be on our website [glcprorodeo.com](http://glcprorodeo.com).
- Any questions can be directed to Wayne Knutson at (660) 261-4337.
  - Wayne's Mailing address:

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