

## **THURMONT RIDING CLUB RANCH HORSE BUCKLE SERIES**

**DATES:** MAY 16, JUNE 20, AND JULY 11

**TIME:** 9:00am

**FEES:** MEMBER \$30      NON-MEMBER \$35      GROUNDS FEE: \$5 PER HORSE

BUCKLE NOMINATION: \$20 ONE TIME FEE

**DIVISIONS OFFERED:** YOUTH W/TR & OPEN

ADULT W/TR & OPEN

SHOWS ARE OPEN TO HORSES OF ANY BREED/TYPE, AND THE TACK AND ATTIRE SHOULD REPRESENT THE WORKING RANCH HORSE. THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE BEING OFFERED FOR EACH DIVISION. RIBBONS AWARDED TO 6<sup>th</sup> PLACE.

1. RANCH HORSE IN HAND – TO BE SHOWN IN A HALTER
2. RANCH HORSE RIDING – ARENA PATTERN INCLUDING REQUIRED MANEUVERS PER ECRR
3. RANCH HORSE TRAIL – SERIES OF OBSTACLES FOUND ON A FARM OR RANCH

Ranch Horse In Hand – Horses in this class will be scored on conformation, a good mind, a balanced body, athletic ability, smoothness, willingness, and efficiency.

Ranch Horse Riding - This class measures a horse's ability to be a pleasure to ride while being used as a conveyance from performing one ranch task to another. The horse and rider are asked to perform a pattern that includes changes of gait, extension of gait, crossing legs and lead changes. All maneuvers should be performed as if the horse were being used on a ranch. The horse should demonstrate a high level of training, relaxation and quality of movement in all gaits. Scored on movement, smoothness, consistency in performance, and how well they perform the maneuvers. They should be presented in a more forward-moving style than the typical western pleasure horse.

Ranch Horse Trail – Team will be asked to maneuver through six to nine obstacles that resemble the things that would be encountered during every day riding on a ranch. The horse is judged on a natural ranch horse appearance, and credit is given for a horse that performs the pattern smoothly, with willingness and efficiency.