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2017 IYAK Member's Meeting and Show

We are excited to announce IYAK's annual events at the National Western Stock Show. Though there are a few details to work out, the major activities and events have been scheduled.

Overview of Events:

Wednesday, Jan. 18

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibitor Set Up – Stock Yards
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Meet & Greet – Embassy Suites Hotel Atrium

Thursday, Jan. 19

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Yak Exhibits – Stock Yards
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Yak Burger Samples – Stock Yards 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Fiber Judging – Stock Yards
11:30 am - 4:00 pm Pen Show Judging – Stock Yards
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Yak Burger Samples – IYAK Tent 5:30 pm -7:30 Meet and Greet – Embassy Suites Hotel

Friday, Jan. 20

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Yak Exhibits - Stock Yards
9:00 am – 9:45 am Seminar – "Taking care of Herd Health: parasites and viruses" Presented by Dr. Robert Callan, head of the Livestock Medicine and Surgery Service and Chief of Staff for the Large Animal Hospital at Colorado State University
10:00 am - 10:45 am Seminar – "Selling your Yaks, Promoting your Business" Presented by Joe Preston, Yakzz
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Yak Burger Samples – Stock Yards
11:30 am - 4:00 pm Fiber Judging – Stock Yards
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Yak Fiber Arts Judging – IYAK Tent – Stock Yards
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Membership Banquet and Annual Meeting – Embassy Suites Hotel

Saturday, Jan. 21

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Yak Exhibits – Stock Yards
11:00 am – 1:30 pm Yak Burger Samples – Stock Yards
12:00 pm – 2:45 pm Outfitting/Halter Show – Stock Yards Arena

Sunday, Jan. 22

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Exhibitor Pack Up – Stock Yards
Yaks Removed – Stock Yards (Animals must be loaded before dark)

*Event times and locations subject to change to accommodate other events. Updates will be posted to the www.iyak.org and IYAK's Facebook page as they become available.
Fiber Judging and Fiber Arts details to follow.

President: Jandy Sprouse
Vice President: Grant Pound
Secretary: Stephanie David

Gregor Dike
Daniele Garner
Ruth Higdon

Dianne Latona
Lawrence G Richards
Brent Walker

Meetings and Accommodations:

Accommodations

IYAK has reserved a block of rooms starting Jan. 18th
Embassy Suites, 4444 N. Havana St.
Contact Embassy Suites 303-375-0400, ref International Yak Association

Membership Banquet And Annual Meeting

Friday 1/20/2016, 6:30 – 10:00 PM.
Room: TBA
Banquet fee: \$45/adult \$10/child
Reservation form is on the IYAK website Contact Stephanie David at secretary@iyak.org

Exhibitor Instructions:

Yak Pen Show

All yaks brought to the NWSS are eligible for entry into the pen show. Animals will be evaluated for quality and confirmation.

Yak Fiber Judging

All yaks brought to the NWSS are eligible for entry into the fiber judging. The animal must be able to be handled comfortably by the judge. The judge will evaluate the fiber along the yak's entire body. Animals will be evaluated for quality and production characteristics of their fiber. Wini Labrecque will be judging the event. Her experience and credentials can be reviewed here, www.starweaverfarm.com.

Yak Fiber Arts Judging

Entries in the fiber arts completion are open to both IYAK members and non-members. IYAK Members with paid, live yaks, entered in the shows can enter up to three items free. Members not showing yaks can enter up to three items for a single entry fee of \$10.00. For non-members, and entries by members in excess of three items, entries are \$10.00 each. This year it is an open competition, any item made from yak fiber is eligible including yarn, felted items, knitted items, etc. Wini Labrecque will be judging the entries. Entries will be displayed in the IYAK tent from Thursday through Saturday.

Outfitting and Yak Halter Show

Yaks registered in the halter show will be judged by a panel of judges including IYAK members. Temperament, mannerisms, and the owners control over the animal in addition to overall quality of the animal will be judged.

Outfitting class

All halter-trained yaks may be entered and will be judged on the creativity and colorfulness of the animal and handler. Costumes should relate to packing or riding in some loose manner and may be traditional Tibetan, Mongolian, North American, or European in style. The yak will not be judged on conformation or other features considered in the main halter show except will be required to be handled in a reasonable manner. We are looking for the most colorful, attractive outfitting that will draw pleasant attention to the animal yet maintain a semblance of practical packing or riding.

Jerry McRoberts People's Choice Award

Formerly "the People's Choice Award", the members of IYAK choose to honor the contributions of founding member Jerry McRoberts by renaming this award. A ballot box will be mounted at the IYAK tent to collect ballots from the public and from members. Ballots will be counted and the ribbon will be awarded during the halter competition.

Ribbons will be presented to the winners. 1st place blue ribbons and 2nd place red ribbons will be handed out following each event to the top two animals in each of the categories. There will be Male and Female Reserve and Grand Champion ribbons awarded to the best overall animals in the pen and halter shows.

- ☆ All yaks participating in the pen and halter shows must be registered except steers. Additional yaks not in the shows do not have to be registered but will be charged the \$45 fee.
- ☆ Registration deadline is **January 6th 2016**.
- ☆ Pen assignments will be based on registration order.
- ☆ **ALL YAKS MUST HAVE COMPLETED HEALTH CERTIFICATES.** You and/or your vet can call the State Vet for Colorado (303) 239-4161, to determine requirements.
- ☆ Yak Check In: Present your health certificates at NWSS trailer prior to unloading. (Trailer marked on the attached map) **ALL PEN FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO UNLOADING ANIMALS**
- ☆ You can then find the IYAK Pens that are usually directly south of the unloading docks. There you can find your assigned pens and determine the alleyways to get to those pens.
- ☆ IYAK members will be available to assist. Please allow plenty of time to unload, organize your pen set up, get your bedding, hay and water placed. Bring your own pitchforks, water buckets and hoses.
- ☆ Pen Divider Panels: At this time, no guarantee of the availability of panels is made. The NWSS does not officially provide these. To be sure of the having the panels you need, please plan to bring your own. We will provide updates as to additional availability as the show gets closer.
- ☆ After unloading trucks and trailers must leave area and be parked at owner's expense or at the Embassy Suites designated areas.
- ☆ Pen reservations and yak entries: \$45.00/yak