NORTH AMERICAN CORRIENTE ASSHOCIATION

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Grand Champion Female 4B Cow 904, Barham Cattle Co. -TX



Grand Champion Bull GM Bull 90, GM Ranch-SD

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- RESULTS OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL SHOW
- RESULTS OF THE VIRTUAL SHOW
- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
- NACA HALL OF FAME ESTABLISHED

Another year has come and gone, this last year that left us was the 40th Year of our association. The world is certainly full of its ups and downs, but one thing's for sure, we have a solid base for the association to keep it moving forward. We may not have the membership numbers like back in the glory days, but what members we do have are still producing outstanding cattle that ropers and doggers are still wanting in their arenas......



National Show Judges-Marvin Knutson & Bill Mundorf

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From the President

Happy New Year!

It sounds like this is going to be a good spring to have a bunch of roping calves to sell. With the continuing trend of breeding Corriente cows to beef bulls, the supply of calves is down and the demand seems good again this year.

Members and non-members alike want to raise a good calf. If you want to raise good calves, you need good bloodlines and NACA members are the ones who have the time-tested, good bloodlines. We need to continue to register those heifer and bull calves that we sell so we can protect the gene pool for future breeders.

The demand for Corriente beef is also still good. We went to the effort to get our Certified Corriente Beef Trademark to help protect our market share and have a product we can promote. Now we need to use it and start getting the word out about how good it is. Join the beef producer group and let's see what we can do. If you are having trouble finding a consistent market for your beef, you might contact your local food banks or food hubs. Many of them have recently gotten grants to buy protein and they tell me beef is hard to find.

We will be awarding two \$500 scholarships this spring. We are very excited about the opportunity to help a couple of NACA member families meet their educational goals. Nikki will have more information on this.

You have probably noticed that our new web site is finally up and going. It is not all done the way we would like it yet, but it is functioning. If you have problems with it, let someone know.

We tried to outsource some of the office work last year. That didn't work very well. Not because people didn't try, but I think because we didn't realize how critical knowledge of Corriente cows and Corriente cow people was. Therefore, we are back to having Nikki take care of that again. She has a wealth of knowledge about people and things concerning Corriente.

Lastly, I would like to welcome our two new board members, Ron Luikens and Darrell Miller. They are both getting up to speed and ready to make a positive difference in the association.

That's all I have for now. Take care this winter and I'll see you down the trail. ~Rick Schlutz

NACA Scholarship



The Board of Directors and the membership of the NACA are excited to once again offer two \$500 scholarships to one young man and one young woman that has been involved or has family involved with our association. It is with great pleasure that we can help today's youth with their college expenses or future endeavors.

The deadline to submit the scholarship application is March 31, 2023. We will select the recipients by May 1, 2023 and also announce the winners at our general membership meeting in September. The scholarship application can either be mailed to the national office or scanned and emailed to the office by the deadline date.

Use this link to access the application:

https://www.corriente.us/general-6

2022 NACA National Show Results



Mature Bull Class-3 Entries

1st-Smith Canyon Bull 1905, Smith Canyon Ranch-Wyoming 2nd-4B 2 Socks, Smith Canyon Ranch-Wyoming 3rd-Lazy L Bar Bull 9, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska

2 Year Old Bull Class-2 Entries

1st-G/M Bull 90, G/M Ranch-South Dakota 2nd-Diamond A Bull 03, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota



Junior Yearling Bull Class-17 Entries



1st-Cain Bull 131, M&S Management-Montana 2nd-Diamond A Bull 180, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 3rd-Diamond A Bull 18, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 4th-Lazy L Bar Bull 11, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska 5th-Cain Bull 127, M&S Management-Montana 6th-G/M Bull 71, G/M Ranch-South Dakota

Senior Yearling Bull Class-2 Entries

1st-Tex, Brady Barham-Texas 2nd-Diamond A Bull 188, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota



Mature Cows-2 Entries

1st-4B Cow 904, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 2nd-Diamond A Cow 411, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota





2 Year Old Females-6 Entries

1st-Diamond A Cow 014, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

2nd-Lazy L Bar Cow 02, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska 3rd-Lazy L Bar Cow 01, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska 4th-4B Cow 08, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 5th-Lazy L Bar Cow 03, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska

6th-Diamond A Cow 17, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

Junior Yearling Heifers-12 Entries

1st-4B Cow 100, Barham Cattle Co-Texas

2nd-Smith Canyon Cow 2 Fast, Smith Canyon Ranch-Wyoming

3rd-Diamond A Cow 133, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

4th-Diamond A Cow 17, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

5th-4B Cow 114, Barham Cattle Co-Texas

6th-G/M Magnolia, G/M Ranch-South Dakota





Senior Yearling Heifers-1 Entry

1st-G/M Wrenna, G/M Ranch-South Dakota

Get of Sire Class-5 Entries

1st-Get of Mud Creek 407, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

2rd-Get of Red Rocket, Barham Cattle Co-Texas

3rd-Get of Mud Creek 407, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

4th-Get of Diamond A Bull 74, G/M Ranch-South Dakota

5th-Get of Red Rocket, Barham Cattle Co-Texas

Roping Bull Class-8 Entries

1st-Smith Canyon Bull 1 Socks, Smith Canyon Ranch-Wyoming

2nd-Panhandle Bull 11, Panhandle Corrientes-Nebraska

3rd-Lazy L Bar Bull 11, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska

4th-Smith Canyon Bull Roy, Smith Canyon Ranch-Wyoming

5th-Easy, Barham Cattle Co-Texas

6th-Lazy L Bar Bull 12, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska



Make Plans to Attend the PACA Annual Show in Gillette Wyoming September 14-16, 2023

Roping Heifer Class-12 Entries



1st-4B Cow 08, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 2nd-Lazy L Bar Cow 02, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska 3rd-4B Cow 114, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 4th-4B Cow 112, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 5th-Smith Canyon Cow Lefty, Smith Canyon Ranch-Wyoming 6th-BMB Cow 129, Brady Barham-Texas

Roping Steer Class-5 Entries

1st-Pukwana Lunatic, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 2nd-Amos Moses, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 3rd-Panhandle Steer, Panhandle Corrientes-Nebraska 4th-Harold Waffleburger, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 5th-LeRoy Gizzard Juice, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota



Same Sire Roping Class-3 Entries

1st-Get of Mud Creek 407, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 2nd-Get of Red Rocket, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 3rd-Get of Panhandle Bull 71, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska

Steer Confirmation Class-5 Entries

1st-Amos Moses, Barham Cattle Co-Texas 2nd-LeRoy Gizzard Juice, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 3rd-Harold Waffleburger, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 4th-Pukwana Lunatic, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 5th-Panhandle Steer 007, Panhandle Corrientes-Nebraska

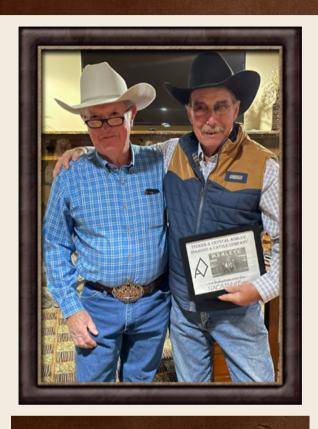


Grand Champion Female-4B Cow 904, Barham Cattle Co-Nebraska
Reserve Champion Female-Diamond A Cow 014, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota
Grand Champion Bull-G/M Bull 90, G/M Ranch-South Dakota
Reserve Champion Bull-Diamond A Bull 03, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

Grand Champion Roping Animal-4B Cow 08, Barham Cattle Co-Texas Reserve Champion Roping Animal-Lazy L Bar Cow 02, Lazy L Bar Corrientes-Nebraska

Don't forget to keep taking pictures throughout the year to take part in our NACA Calendar!

NACA Hall of Fame



The current Board of
Directors and past Hall of
Fame recipients will vote
on a new Hall of Fame
member every year.
Things taken into
consideration for the next
recipient:

While the first 40 years of the North American Corriente Association have been quite an adventure, it's time to start acknowleding the people that have held steadfast in the association. This year, the NACA Board of Directors recognized the first recipient of the NACA Hall of Fame. Tucker and Crystal Ashley of Diamond A Cattle Company were honored at the National Show in Gillette, Wyoming this past September. Tucker, aka George Washington was one of the founding fathers and also the first President of the NACA. Over the years, they have produced many a champion, hauled their own roping and dogging cattle, and bulls to area rodeos, and also helped newbies get a start on their own herd. Tucker has judged at every regional show. They have also won the Premier Showman award at the PACA show for so many years in a row, they have recently changed it to the "Tucker Ashley Award"

Congrats Tucker & Crystal!

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2023 Virtual Show

NACA Virtual Corriente Show

Opens June 1st-July 31st, 2023

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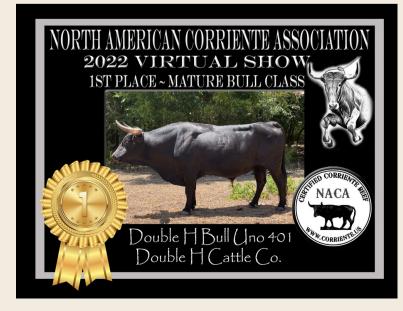
- *Mature Bull & Female
- *Yearling Classes, Jr & Sr
- *Corriente Beef Market Animal Requirements:
 - *Must be a Current NACA Member
 - *All Entries must be NACA registered

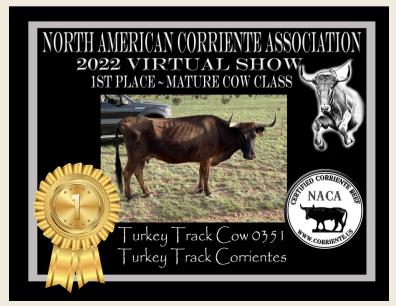
Winners Announced at the Annual PACA Show in Gillette in September

This will be a NACA sanctioned event, following NACA show rules.

3 Photos & Short Video for each Entry All Photos will be in a Public Gallery \$30 Entry Fee, Added Money, Cash Awards Paid Back Show Packet at www.corriente.us nikki@corriente.us - 712-775-7031







2022 Virtual Show Results

Mature Bulls-9 Entries

1st-Double H Bull Uno 401, Johnathon Holder-Texas

2nd-Rose Bull Ace 702, Excalibur Ranch-Texas

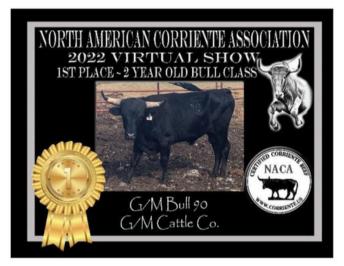
3rd-Pierre Bull 923, Californio Cattle Co-California

4th-Rose Bull Amigo 716, Excalibur Ranch-Texas

5th-Turkey Track Bull 718, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas

6th-Seven Bros Bull 1805, Seven Bros Ranch-Oregon



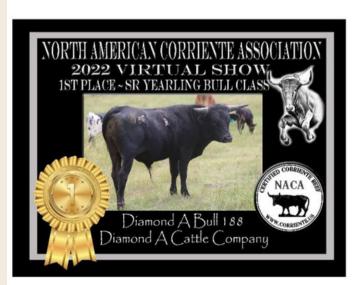


2 Year Old Bulls-6 Entries

1st-G/M Bull 90, G/M Ranch-South Dakota 2nd-Hoffman Bull 010, Broken Circle Ranch-Idaho 3rd-Seven Bros Bull 2033, Seven Bros Ranch-Oregon 4th-Diamond A Bull 03, Diamond A Ranch-South Dakota 5th-Seven Bros Bull 2008, Seven Bros Ranch-Oregon 6th-TT Bull 09, Double T Ranch-Texas

Junior Yearling Bulls-4 Entries

1st-Diamond A Bull 17, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 2nd-Diamond A Bull 18, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 3rd-Seven Bros Bull 2107, Seven Bros Ranch-Oregon 4th-Seven Bros Bull 4, Seven Bros Ranch





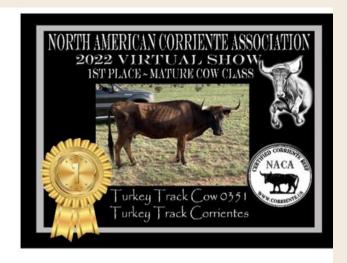
Senior Yearling Bulls-2 Entries

1st-Diamond A Bull 188, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota

2nd-Turkey Track Bull 116, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas

Mature Cows-16 Entries

1st-Turkey Track Cow 0351, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 2nd-Turkey Track Cow 311, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 3rd-Pierre Cow 912, Californio Cattle Co-California 4th-Seven Bros Cow 1701, Seven Bros Ranch-Oregon 5th-Taylors DRC508, Cedar Creek Ranch-Texas 6th-Arrington Cow 800, Cedar Creek Ranch-Texas



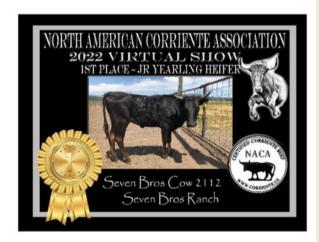


2 Year Old Females-5 Entries

1st-Excalibur Cow Hula 062, Excalibur Ranch-Texas 2nd-Seven Bros Cow 9, Seven Bros Ranch-Oregon 3rd-Excalibur Cow Prickly Pear, Excalibur Ranch-Texas 4th-Pierre Cow 037, Californio Cattle Co-California 5th-Turkey Track Cow 091, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas

Junior Yearling Heifers-10 Entries

1st-Seven Bros Cow 2112, Seven Bros Ranch 2nd-Seven Bros Cow 2132, Seven Bros Ranch 3rd-Diamond A Cow 13, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 4th-Cedar Creek Cow 101 Audra, Cedar Creek Ranch-Texas 5th-Cedar Creek Cow 103 Tobie, Cedar Creek Ranch-Texas 6th-Diamond A Cow 133, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota



Senior Yearling Heifers-7 Entries

1st-Turkey Track Cow 176, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 2nd-Cedar Creek Cow 109 Judy, Cedar Creek Ranch-Texas 3rd-Pierre Cow 104, Californio Cattle Co-California 4th-Diamond A Cow 123, Diamond A Cattle Co-South Dakota 5th-Pierre Cow 101, Californio Cattle Co-California 6th-Pierre Cow 103, Californio Cattle Co-California



Beef Class-4 Entries

1st-Turkey Track Steer, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 2nd-Schlutz Steer, Yoke-Iowa 3rd-G/M Steer, G/M Ranch-South Dakota 4th-G/M Steer, G/M Ranch -South Dakota



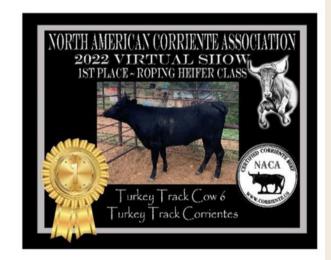


Roping Bulls-1 Entry

1st-Turkey Track Bull 116, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas

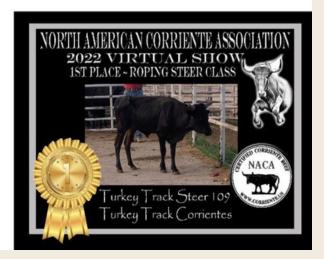
Roping Females-4 Entries

1st-Turkey Track Cow 105, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 2nd-Turkey Track Cow 156, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 3rd-Turkey Track Cow 16, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 4th-Turkey Track Cow 6, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas



Roping Steers-3 Entries

1st-Turkey Track Steer 100, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 2nd-Turkey Track Steer 109, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas 3rd-Turkey Track Steer 111, Turkey Track Corrientes-Texas





Where the Heck are We?

by Nikki Ashley

Oh, you know, back in 1982. When we say that, it doesn't sound like it's that long ago. But in all reality, when you do the math, it's 40 years ago. It's been that long since this association has been in existence, and it's been that long that members have held true to providing the best Corriente cattle out there. But 1982 is nothing like "Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492", which was when the base of our breed may have come to our land. When reading all the history notes of the association, it tells of the trek these cattle made to Hispanola, made their way over into Mexico and then eventually came across the border.

Without going into the full blown out history of the NACA, which is a topic for another time, I would like to recap where we've been, what the heck we are in the middle of right now, and where in the wild west this could take us in the future.

The NACA was based on the thought of "we can't find good roping cattle, so let's go find them and raise them ourselves" And that crazy is what happens when you bring cattle from Mexico, get a bunch of cowboys together to compare notes, rope a little, and drink a lot of whiskey...from what I've been told, that was way before my time. But back in those wild days, the cowboys did have a moment of seriousness and put together some pretty decent cattle to start our registry. The registry started off as percentage and now we are strictly a purebred registry.

That "heyday" stuck around for quite a few years. Between 1985ish and 2007ish, were the glory days and we saw thousands of cattle registered by the members. The big boom was great. There were so many years of Corriente cattle bringing the same price as beef cattle. Which was great profit for the Corriente breeder since their cattle would cost a whole lot less to feed than the beefers.

So how do we go from the glory days from where we are now? Well, great question. A couple things. It got a whole lot easier to move cattle across the border and secondly, everyone was raising Corrientes. Back in the day, it took an Act of Congress to move anything across the border (which is a whole lot different than today, they let anything cross now. Literally. Which is another discussion, different day.) That's when we really strengthened our relationships with our Mexico neighbors and brought them into the association. I would have to say, that back in the day there were a lot more cattle that were "pure" coming across than today. Today we are finding that a lot of the roping cattle may prove to be heavier than purebred cattle found in the United States.

So now we have this influx of cattle and anyone can get their hands on them. That price dropped faster than a hot potato. When the bottom went out of the market, we lost a lot of our members. We had cattle being sold and members putting beef bulls on our Corriente gals, hoping to wait out this little game the market was playing. But it's still playing its game on us. It's been a long while since Corrientes have been worth a pretty penny. Which has also built the mentality in a lot of cowboys and stock contractors that they only want to give half of what beef cattle are being sold for. Put into account that the ropers get used for 2-3 years, then they need to be dropped like that hot potato, and where are they supposed to be dropped....they aren't bringing much at that point.

Cue the beef side of the operation. We have a handful of members that have figured this portion out and are very successful. They are taking the roped out steers and providing an end value to the consumer. And that end value is a very healthy one, I might add. Corriente beef is one of the leanest meats, low in cholesterol and so good for the heart. Several have figured out the marketing ploy in this and have built a strong customer base in their local areas. While it has been successful to many on the

smaller scale, it's still difficult to get packers to take in these "horned cattle" for processing. Some don't believe they feed out as well as regular cattle and they don't want to deal with the horns. So in turn again, no one is wanting to pay much for them.

So now what we have is a total debacle, unless you have the game figured out. Here's that game that some of our members have figured out:raise the cattle, lease or sell the roping cattle, get back or buy back the roping cattle, and either feed them out or breed them, butcher and sell the meat locally to the consumer. In some areas of the US this is working like a charm, but what it really comes down to is if you have the patience to follow through with the rat race. And that is why so many producers are letting their cattle go at cheaper prices.

Now about that whole mentality thing. Let's look over on the consumer side. First, the ropers have had it in their head they don't have to pay much for cattle anymore. So they want a cheap critter, but want it to be nice and shiny and run perfectly every time. Wait, what? These guys will go give away their first born to have the nicest horses to rope off, but don't want to spend a little extra for good practice and rodeo cattle? Where's my BS flag. Cue the M cattle. (Mexican steers, not purebred, brought across the border, branded with an "M" on their right hip.)

While it drives the regular Corriente producer totally to the other side of the wall to see M branded cattle, the ropers are roping them as a cheaper route. So our NACA members have been providing THE best American made cattle over the years, and now they aren't fitting into the roper's program anymore. In some parts of the pro rodeo circuit, only M branded cattle can be used in the steer wrestling, there are just a couple of states where this rule is null and void and natives can be used.

It's a struggle for sure. Well, where do we go from here, what are we doing, what day is it, what's my name again....kidding, I know how to answer some of those.....

Well, I do believe the times are changing. I know we've been saying that for the last 10-12 years, but it just makes sense now for a couple reasons. In the last few years, members and commercial cattlemen have been breeding Corriente cows to beef bulls, and I do mean that in a majority sense. What we have left in the association now, are the ride or diers, the guys that are not quitting, they are not giving up on those purebred genetics. There aren't a lot of those "good guys" left. These good guys are taking plenty of orders right now for cattle. People are wanting to buy cows, which aren't around anymore as many of them were slaughtered in this last stint when there was no feed in the country. Good ropers are hard to find as the Corriente cows were producing beef calves for the last few years. It's slim pickings. And when these members are taking the phone calls, it's not just for a handful; that customer is looking for a small herd. So what's that telling me? Either people are ready for the upswing and getting ready to make money on this deal or they are just tired of not being able to find their own cattle and want to raise their own. Which sounds familiar to me, flash back to 40 years ago. And let's look back at that border. Even though cattle can come across, it may take months of them sitting in quarantine, then you have to pay the feed bill while they sit and wait, which is a pretty pricey feed bill.

So there you have it folks, the story in a few paragraphs. And after that, we still don't have "the rest of the story" figured out. But here's hoping that it ends on a positive note. Here's to hoping this Corriente market will change for the good, and let the good guys win.

Until then, we will keep marching on and making it work, like we do every single day.



Who's ready for a show in TEXAS?
The TCCA members are wanting
your input!

They have been busy looking at venues and possible dates, but would like your input. Possible dates would be April 27-29 or May 4-

6. Please email:

texascorriente@gmail.com to let them know when you can attend!

Congrats to Board Member Ron Luikens on completing all of the requirements as a certified NACA show judge. He is now eligible to judge at regional shows.



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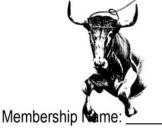
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