

Gulf Coast Donkey and Mule ASSociation

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Newsletter



Special points of interest:

- Texas State Championship Show September 25 & 26, 2010 Conroe, Texas
- Extreme Trail Challenge November 6, 2010 Southwind Farms Brenham, Texas
- ASSpiring to Greatness Awards Banquet January 8th, 2011 Wings and More Party Room College Station, Texas

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Can you believe it?

We have made it through the winter, the stock show season, and now it's Spring and Summers on the way! Time flies when you're having fun.

For those of us that attended the Fort Worth Stock show, hosted by our friends to the north, we really want to thank old man winter for sparing us. The weather was great for January in Fort Worth. The snow and ice waited until every one was safely home. Congratulations to all the winners.

Next it was on the San Antonio in February. The new facility is beautiful. Great stalls, wash racks, new show barn, all climate controlled. The loading and unloading area is greatly improved. The folks in the welcome room did a great job feeding us

breakfast and lunch, such a nice treat on a busy show day. The star of the show for 2010 was Kade Bigbee, our youth scholarship winner. Congratulations to him and his family for a



Kade Bigbee
SALE 2010
\$10,000.00 Scholarship Winner

job well done. Reserve Champion Overall Youth honors go to Maddie Nieland. Way to go! We can't wait to see what 2011 holds in store for this great show. Rose Jones meet

with the directors for a follow up meeting after the show to discuss 2010 and 2011. Everyone at SALE is working hard to continue to improve the show. Talk is in the works to try move things around and work towards getting at least one day of the show on the weekend. We will keep our fingers crossed and maybe they can move us to a weekend in the future. Many exhibitors also gave suggestions to help improve participation in the scholarship program and all of those suggestion were discussed and will be reviewed by SALE as well. GCDMA could not ask for a better group of individuals to work with and their dedication to improving the show for exhibitors is unbelievable.

Next it was on the HLSR. We are so glad to be back as the sanctioning organization and to have the Texas Rule book govern the show. The schedule was greatly improved and everyone really enjoyed being able to finish the day early enough to work with the animals if needed and to visit with friends. The food and entertainment at

the exhibitor's party was first class as always. A great show with fantastic awards and pay back money. For results and photos from SALE and HLSR shows visit www.gcdma.org.





**If I give you a
kiss, will you give
me a cookie?**

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**HLSR 2010
Championship Mule Pull
A favorite spectator event**

ASSpiring to Greatness—GCDMA Members please remember that all sanctioned shows count! SALE, HLSR, Texas State Championship, State Fair of Texas

The GCDMA ASSpiring to Greatness Program recognizes members for their accomplishments in the show ring. Participates must be a member of GCDMA prior to the start of the show for points to be eligible.

2010 Awards Categories

Champion and Reserve:

Mule, Donkey, Youth Mule, Youth Donkey, Sub Youth Donkey or Mule, Green Mule, Green Walk

Trot Donkey, Novice Donkey or Mule, Model Mule, Model Donkey, Miniature Jack, Miniature Jennet, Miniature Gelding, Miniature Junior, Adult Miniature Donkey, Green Miniature Donkey, Pre-Green Miniature Donkey, Youth Miniature Donkey, Sub Youth Miniature Donkey.

GCDMA will also award class championships for

classes which are offered at 50% of our shows.

Individuals will be honored for their accomplishments in each class at the shows.

Over 75 awards will be presented to GCDMA members. All sanctioned shows will count and no minimum number of shows attended is required to qualify.

Good Luck and we hope to see you at the banquet

Year End Points

GCDMA wishes to extend a special thank you to Monica Bishop for volunteering to serve as points keeper for the 2010 ASSpiring to Greatness Program. Points will be posted on the

GCDMA web site as they are made available

It was great to see GCDMA member Scott Meuth back in the saddle after his accident & doing so well at the show. Way to go Scott!



ASSpiring to Greatness Banquet

The 2010 Banquet will be held January 8th, 2011. This year we will host our banquet in College Station at the Wing's and More Party Room on Deacon Drive. GCDMA members

will be honored for their accomplishments for 2010. Don't forget we will also have our special year in review presentation. A special tribute to everyone and always fun to watch

and remember the great time we had at each event. Registration forms and all information will be posted on the website.

[Www.gcdma.org](http://www.gcdma.org)

2010 Donkey / Mule

Short Course

July 24 - 25, 2010

The first donkey CE short course will be held July 24-25, 2010. Donkey/mule owners and veterinarians are invited to attend! Lectures will include Dr. Tex Taylor's famed "assology for practitioners" talk as well as lectures on pain control and evaluation, anatomical differences between horses and donkeys, donkey reproduction and hoof problems common to donkeys. A roundtable question and answer session, with all speakers, will be held Saturday afternoon. Sunday morning will feature demonstrations on restraint, training and farrier techniques for donkeys/mules.

Participants should take home current information about these topics, which is specific to donkeys as well as have the opportunity to "network" with many other donkey/mule owners and DVM's.

For additional information go to <http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/ce/events/> and click on Donkey / Mule Short Course.

The Office of Veterinary Continuing Education





September 25th & 26th, 2010

Conroe, Texas

[Www.gcdma.org](http://www.gcdma.org) for class list, registration forms, and full details

Tack Sale, Ice Cream Social, Fool 'Em and School 'Em Trail Practice, "For Sale" Aisle for Your Animals, Tack Awards 1st place, High Point Awards, Join us for a fun filled show.



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Extreme Trail-2010



Krystal Rohan and Barney

Everyone had so much fun at the Extreme Trail event in 2009, so we just had to do it again.

This year the event will be held on Saturday November 6th at Southwind Farms in Brenham, Texas.

Southwind proved to be the perfect location. Large stalls in covered barns for those wishing to stable overnight, grassy pastures for parking rigs and tying out if preferred,

RV sites, bunk house lodging, and beautiful terrain.

The trails were excellent. Flat grass lands, slightly wooded areas, water crossings (shoes not required).

The obstacles were things that would be seen or task that might need to be performed while out on a ride. Well, maybe not the handshake with Pumpkin Bob.

This event is excellent for young and old, trained or green, experienced or Novice. Something for everyone.

Courses will be available for riders and drivers with awards presented in all divisions.

Please mark you calendars and invite your friends. See you on the trail.

