



NBHA Multiple World Qualifier POLLY HAGEY hosts Barrel Racing Clinic

"My goal in working and competing is to help horses understand their riders, and riders understand their horses," says Polly Hagey, a multiple world qualifier in the National Barrel Horse Association who has been competing professionally since 1994. She is a member of the WPRA and in 2006 won the 1st Division and 2nd Division barrel race at the NBHA Illinois State Show. In 2009 she qualified for the Central States Rodeo Association Finals.

Hagey and her family have specialized in raising and training top quality barrel racing and roping horses for the last 20 years. Throughout the years they have had four stallions – Sharp's Bay, Im Razor Sharp, Sharp Turn Dash and Peggy's Gay Cash – who have produced top quality offspring that continue to be competitive in the barrel racing and roping industries.

Working together as a team in whichever discipline they choose proves to be the winning combination. The rider needs the horse; the horse needs the rider.

"You don't have to be a 1st Division rider in the sport of barrel racing to love what you're doing. You can love what you're doing and be a successful barrel racer no matter what the outcome is at the end of the race. It's about you and your horse competing against yourselves. The amount of hard work and effort that you put into something determines what you get out of it."

Polly Hagey's appearance is courtesy of Miss Rodeo Illinois Association. Assisting with the Clinic will be Miss Rodeo Illinois 2010 Katie Chaffin, Miss Rodeo Illinois 2009 Rebecca Kloker and Miss Rodeo Illinois 2008 Carly Hagey.

To Ride in the Polly Hagey Barrel Racing Clinic:

The Barrel Racing Clinic will be two hours each day, Saturday and Sunday. Fee is \$150. For clinic information, call Chrissy Dotson at (309) 222-6502 or email dotson3cans@comcast.net.