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Jackpot Barrel Racing Two: Electric Boogaloo

Stakes more than DOUBLE for second installment of monthly barrel racing event at Fairgrounds Thursday, February 21, 6-10 p.m.

ALBUQUERQUE—As of last month, EXPO New Mexico began hosting Jackpot Barrel Racing, where participants can literally compete for the day's jackpot, the third Thursday of each month through April in the Dairy Barn located on the Fairgrounds. The jackpot* available for each event is the money raised through fees for entry and exhibition runs on the day of the event, plus additional fees donated by sponsors, less minimal operational costs. Entry fees are \$25 per rider. Sandia Trailer, Chastain Equine Medicine and Paul's Vet Supply have graciously sponsored the February event, more than doubling the jackpot by adding an additional \$500 in sponsorship dollars. Exhibition runs cost just \$4 each, or three for \$10. There is no admission cost for spectators and parking is FREE at Gate 6 (San Pedro just south of Lomas).

"One of the main concerns we'd heard from the horse community has been about the footing in the Dairy Barn," said General Manager Dan Mourning. "So we rectified that with new dirt and organics to achieve a good, deep footing. The result is the first brand new footing in this facility in as long as anyone can remember—certainly the last two decades," Mourning said, "and the feedback we got directly from the riders last month was all 100 percent positive—just the way we like it."

"We've got some of the nicest horse facilities around on what is unquestionably some of the most gorgeous property in New Mexico," Mourning continued, "and now we've got the footing to go with it, and an event designed to let barrel racers come out and practice and get a little competition under their belts. Opening up the grounds to more events is one of our main goals, and we think this is a great start!"

EXPO New Mexico's Jackpot Barrel Racing takes place from 6-10 p.m. the third Thursday of every month through April. Stalls are available for a small fee. The Branding Iron Restaurant will be open. ATM available on-site. Call Wayne Epstein at (580) 320-9288 for more information.

*4D Jackpot, ½ second split. Payback is 80 percent. Additional \$100 for every 50 entries. Any funds collected through sponsorships will be added to the jackpot.