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MANDAN SADDLE CLUB HONORS 2020 SEASON CHAMPS, ELECTS 2021 LEADERS

The Mandan Horse and Saddle Club honored member contestants for 2020 season achievements at a celebration held Jan. 23 at the Eagles Club, Mandan. Awards are based on points earned at three rodeos held between June and September. Champions are as follows:

Senior Division (age 15 and older)

- All-Around – Josi Schwab, Linton
- Reserve All-Around – Kazanne Gjermundson, Richardton
- Breakaway Roping –Morgan McDowall, Bismarck
- Tie-Down Roping – Scott Hoovestol, Almont
- Team Roping – Brent Earsley, Baldwin, and Kasey Erickson, Almont
- Barrel Racing – Kazanne Gjermundson, Richardon
- Goat Tying – Josi Schwab, Linton
- Pole Bending – (tie) Josi Schwab, Linton, and Brenna Schock, Mandan

Junior Division (ages 10 to 14)

- All-Around – Hayes Burress, Isabel, S.D.
- Reserve All-Around – Chesney Gjermundson, Richardton
- Steer Riding – Donny Benson-Forster, McIntosh, S.D.
- Breakaway Roping – Hayes Burress, Isabel, S.D.
- Tie-Down Roping – Hayes Burress, Isabel, S.D.
- Barrel Racing – Myah Mosset, Hazen
- Boys Goat Tying – Hayes Burress, Isabel, S.D.
- Girls Goat Tying – Chesney Gjermundson, Richardton
- Pole Bending – Autumn Sackman, Dickinson

Peewee Division (ages 7-9)

- All-Around – Pete Maher, McLaughlin, S.D.
- Reserve All-Around – Cruz Kurley, Mercer
- Calf Riding – Retro Benson, Morristown, S.D.
- Barrel Racing –Pete Maher, McLaughlin, S.D.
- Dummy Roping – Cooper Glines, McIntosh
- Goat Tail Tying – Pete Maher, McLaughlin, S.D.
- Keyhole Race – Cruz Kurle, Mercer
- Pole Bending – Kenzley Hausauer, Halliday

Beginner Division (ages 6 & under)

- All-Around – Ava Weldon, Raub
- Reserve All-Around – Briar Ross, Bismarck
- Barrel Racing – Colton Hausauer, Halliday
- Dummy Roping – Ava Weldon, Raub
- Pole Bending – Ava Weldon, Raub
- Keyhole Race – Ava Weldon, Raub

Open Division

- Chute Dogging – Kenneth Hagen, Mandan
- Pro-Am Team Roping – (tie) Hayes Burrese, Isabel, S.D.; Hadly Erickson, Almont; and Teigen Earsley, Baldwin

All-around winners received their choice of a custom rope can or leather jacket sponsored by Armor Animal Health, Mandan, and Farmers Union Insurance/Kary, Ressler, Wolfgram Agency. Reserve all-around champions received trophy buckles and event champions received vests, leather money clip wallets and leather patch caps. Event prizes were sponsored in part by Casey and Koko Gjermundson, Richardton; Farrier Dillion Alvarez, Bismarck; and Creekside Construction, Bismarck.

Jackets presented to members competing in high school rodeo were donated by the North Dakota Army National Guard.

Briar Ross, Bismarck, was honored with the Buddy Kahl Memorial Traveling "Beginner Persistent Rider" Trophy. The trophy is presented to the beginner contestant who earns the most points during the season, yet who did not win an all-around award at a rodeo.

Ava Weldon received the Becky Fisher Memorial Traveling Trophy as the contestant who earned the most points in timed and game events.

Members chose John Schaffner, Bismarck, to receive the club's traveling Dedication Award for his volunteerism serving as arena director.

Club members also elected directors for the 2021 season as follows: President, Ida Erickson, Bismarck; Past President, Ellen Huber, Mandan; Vice President, Don Morgan, Baldwin; Arena Co-Directors, Ron Mosset, Bismarck, and Shawn Mosset, Hazen; Secretary, Betty Schwartz, Bismarck; Treasurer, Ashley Ross, Bismarck; Directors-At-Large, Kerry Mosset, Bismarck, Patty Mosset, Hazen, and Katie Oakland, Bismarck; and Youth Directors, Sheridan Bubel, Center; Kenneth Hagen, Mandan; and Kyler Morgan, Baldwin.

Rodeos for 2021 are tentatively scheduled for June 6, July 25 and Aug. 8. Learn more at www.mandanhorseandsaddle.com.

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Suggested photo cutlines:

All-Around Champions (l to r): Senior All-Around Josi Schwab, Senior Reserve All-Around Kazanne Gjermundson, Junior Reserve Chesney Gjermundson, Junior All-Around Hayes Burrese, Peewee All-Around Pete Maher, Beginner Reserve All-Around Briar Ross, and Beginner All-Around Ava Weldon. Not pictured: Peewee Reserve All-Around Cruz Kurle

Beginner Winners (l to r): Beginner Reserve All-Around Winner Briar Ross with All-Around Champion Ava Weldon who won the Dummy Roping, Keyhole Race and Pole Bending. Not pictured: Barrel Racing, Colton Hausauer.

Peewee Division Event Champions (l to r): Barrel Racing and Goat Tail Tying, Pete Maher; Dummy Roping, Cooper Glines; and Calf Riding Retro Benson. Not pictured: Keyhole Race, Cruz Kurle and Pole Bending, Kenzley Hausauer.

Junior Division Event Champions (l to r): Pole Bending, Autumn Sackman; Girls Goat Tying, Chesney Gjermundson, Steer Riding, Donny Benson-Forster, and Breakaway Roping, Tie-Down Roping and Boys Goat Tying, Hayes Burrese. Not pictured: Barrel Racing, Myah Mosset.

Senior Division Event Champions (l to r): Goat Tying and Pole Bending, Josi Schwab; Barrel Racing, Kazanne Gjermundson; Tie-Down Roping, Scott Hoovestol; and Breakaway Roping, Morgan McDowall. Not pictured: Team Roping, Brent Earsley and Kasey Erickson, and Pole Bending (tie), Brenna Schock.

*Open Event Champions (l to r): Chute Dogging, Kenneth Hagen; and Pro-Am Team Roping, Hayes Burress.
Not pictured: Pro-Am Team Roping (ties) Hadly Erickson and Teigen Earsley.*

*Buddy Kahl Memorial Beginner Perseverance Award: 2019 winner Lane Erickson receives a keepsake trophy
and 2020 winner Briar Ross receives the traveling trophy from Larry Kahl, son of Buddy Kahl.*

*Becky Fisher Memorial Award: 2019 winner Pete Maher receives a keepsake trophy and 2020 winner Ava
Weldon receives the traveling trophy.*

Dedication Traveling Award Winner: John Schaffner, Bismarck