



2007 Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race. Photo property of Extreme Cowboy Race.

Emphasizing on a realistic approach, each event uses obstacles and tasks appropriate for that specific event. For example, while performing in the Ranch Trail class a rider should expect to face tasks similar to daily ranch work... opening gates, crossing water, dragging a log and roping. The Mountain Trail and Versatility Ranch Horse Challenges are held outdoors and offer spectacular natural obstacles constructed to closely resemble mountain and desert terrain. Riders should expect tasks normally encountered on a pleasure or working trail ride such as crossing logs

and water, navigating steep hills, mud and ditches; leading a horse; ground tying or hobbling and occasionally moving a small herd of cattle a short distance and more.

In the Extreme Cowboy Race, there are three rounds of eliminations starting with 35 horse/rider teams. The top four competitors then advance to round three for an all-out race to the finish. Some of the favorite obstacles as the Texas Three-Step, a log drag and varieties of jumps were included, but Craig Cameron decided to bring in some new challenges like never before in this course for the riders. At one



2007 Lost Horse Ranch Cowboy Challenge, Elgin, OR. Mitch won the All-Around Cowboy title in 2006 and was 2007 Reserve All-Around champion behind JoLinn who was All-Around Open and Adult champion. Shania Hickory Chex, owned by MJ Rising H Ranch, shown by Mitch Hoover. Photo by Tammy Harty.



2007 Lost Horse Ranch Cowboy Challenge, Elgin, OR. This was such a steep hill most riders by-passed it, choosing to lose points rather than attempt it. This was her last run and earned her the Open All-Around Cowboy (girl) Championship, the first woman to win. Mitch won last year. Another Legacy, owned by MJ Rising H Ranch, shown by JoLinn Hoover. Photo by Chris Worden.

point, each rider had to strip his or her saddle of the horse and pick up a rider and double-ride bareback. Competitors also had to use some of their roping skills, being asked to rope a green horse.

Either way, the extreme challenges are exciting and test your communication and horsemanship skills and an opportunity to have family fun. 🐾

FYI...

For more information on The Extreme Cowboy Race, you can contact Coagi Long at (740) 845-0085 ext. 114.

In the Northwest, you can contact the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene, OR, contact number is (541) 689-9700 for the Northwest Mountain Trail Championships, Oct. 19-21, 2008.

On June 26-29, 2008, The Lost Horse Ranch has their 5th Annual Cowboy Gathering. This is a fun filled cowboy style weekend with family and friends, horses, music and more. Contact Steve Russell at Lost Horse Ranch, Valley View Road, Elgin, OR 97827, (541) 786-1498 or e-mail steve@losthorseranch.net.

In addition, you can contact Mitch or Jolinn Hoover at MJ Rising H Ranch, (541) 541-893-6462, www.risinghranch.com or e-mail risingh@pinetel.com.



2007 Lost Horse Ranch Cowboy Challenge, Elgin, OR. Mitch is in the Pony Express class. This is made of three riders, each rider responsible for a pre-determined portion of the course that begins and ends in the arena, the mailbag is passed off between riders each time in the arena. The course is quite long and the horses need to be fit. Mitch excels in the speed events (all those years chasing cattle off the mountain!). Shania Hickory Chex, owned by MJ Rising H Ranch, shown by Mitch Hoover. Photo by JoLinn Hoover.