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## **NRCHA E-Cow Work**

**Updates from the 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic**

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Doug Williamson Wins 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic Open on Smart Miss Merada

For the second year in a row, Doug Williamson and Smart Miss Merada won the Open Championship at the National Reined Cow Horse Association Hackamore Classic. The Hackamore Classic is unique among the family of NRCHA Premier Limited Age Events in that it requires an entry to only be shown in the hackamore, while other events also allow for a snaffle. The challenging event celebrates the second stage of the traditional vaquero style of training cow horses.

"It's really awesome to win this event back-to-back on the same horse," said Williamson. "Her heart is as big as can be - she will dig in and get you a win."

On the first day of competition, Williamson and the Leo Merada mare, out of Uno Smart Lady, tied for the lead of the herd work with a 147. That was followed with a 144 in the rein work, and another 147 in the cow work. "She was solid the whole way through. She's such a great little mare." When comparing the 5-year-old mare's performance to last year, Williamson noted, "She's the same little winner as she was last year. She really likes to have her picture taken!"

The future looks busy for Smart Miss Merada - both Doug and his wife Carol will be showing her at the NRCHA Derby in June. "I'll show her in the Open, and Carol will show her in the Non Pro. We'll make sure she's fit as a fiddle before the show," he said.

Along with the Championship check for \$14,840, Williamson collected a Bob's Custom Saddle sponsored by Lacey Livestock, a monogrammed breast collar sponsored by Classic Equine, a full tooled hackamore from Krause Mecates, and a CR Morrison trophy.

Ken Wold won the Open Hackamore Classic Reserve title on Moody Blues Brother with a 434.5 composite. Moody Blues Brother, by Peptoboonsmal out of Lenas Lisette, is owned by Mark Nelson.

Competing in only his third big NRCHA event, Nick Dowers won not only the Intermediate and Limited Open Championship - and also the Limited Open Hackamore Horse Show class. The Dyer, Nevada, trainer piloted JP Royal Boon to a 424.5 composite.

"In the herd work we had a little trouble with the cattle we liked. The first one was one we liked and he ran so I got off of him. The second was a re-run that worked nice, and the third was another one we liked that was another runner," he said. The herd work resulted in a 138.

Things looked up in the rein work with a 141.5, and the pair finished with a 145 in the cow work. "He was just average in the rein work. He was good but it wasn't what he was capable of," Dowers admitted. "But he was great in the fence work. As soon as the cow came out he hooked up and had a great run."

Dowers, who has been starting colts for different clients and ranches for the past seven years, started showing cow horses in the last couple years, and just missed making the Limited Open finals last year at the Snaffle Bit Futurity.

"I thank Anne Reynolds and Corey Cushing for all their help. I also thank my family for being there for me," he said.

NRCHA Million Dollar Rider and 2009 Hall of Fame inductee Ted Robinson claimed the Intermediate Non Pro Reserve Championship with Whole Lota Cash. By Shining Spark out of Shesa Lota Cash, Whole Lota Cash won \$3,048 for the 422 composite.

Travis Dickinson and One Fine Spark, by Light N Fine out of Spark My Fancy, won \$940 for the Limited Open Reserve Championship. One Fine Spark is owned by Bill and Amelia Dickinson.

Ron Ralls won the Open Hackamore Horse Show class on Ima Smokin Mister for owners Shannon and Hershel Reid. The 292.5 total resulted in a \$4,260 payday.

"I didn't get him shown in the herd work of the Hackamore Classic, so we had a bad start there. But he came back really good in the rein work, and in the fence work he was just incredible and was everywhere he needed to be," Ralls noted.

Regardless of the low herd work score, Ralls and Ima Smokin Mister, by Mister Dual Pep out of Miss Smoking Remedy, managed to also split sixth place in the Hackamore Classic, collecting an additional \$4,452.

The Open Hackamore class Reserve Champion was Ron Emmons and his horse, Another Mister 505, by Mister Dual Pep out of Another Olena. Emmons and Another Mister 505 marked a 292, collecting \$3,408.

John Showalter Wins 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic Non Pro on Tangys Classy Chick

Winning one title at the Hackamore Classic is impressive. Winning two - like John Showalter - is even more exciting. Showalter, of Fresno, California, topped the Non Pro and Intermediate Non Pro divisions of the 2010 Hackamore Classic on Tangys Classy Chick.

"It's been a great three days. It's been perfect!" he noted following the awards ceremony, at which he collected two monogrammed breast collar sponsored by Classic Equine, two full handcrafted hackamores from Krause Mecates, and two CR Morrison trophies. Showalter also left Paso Robles with \$7,988 in earnings.

"We cut three good cows in the herd work. I had great herd help and my

horse was perfect. Aside from one little bobble on a run-down in the rein work it was really good. I was very happy with her." He laughed, adding, "The cow work was awesome. It happened so fast!"

Showalter was especially proud of Tangys Classy Chic, by Tangys Classy Peppy out of Crimson Sassychick, because it was his first time to show the 5-year-old mare! "Rob Leach showed her at the Snaffle Bit Futurity and made the Intermediate Open Finals. I had a couple other horses and didn't get her ready to show last year, so I decided I really needed to this year," he said.

Showalter said he had a lot of people to thank, but gave a special nod to his herd help - Jake Gorrell, Jon Roeser, Russell Dilday, and Ted Robinson.

"This mare's a keeper. I would love to keep her and let her have babies," he said.

Reigning Snaffle Bit Futurity Non Pro Champions Anne Reynolds and Shiney And Verysmart won the Non Pro Reserve Championship with a score of 416.5. Reynolds and the 4-year-old marked 142 in the herd work, a 142.5 in the rein work, and a 132 in the cow work to collect \$4,296.

Karen Stallings earned the Reserve Championship of the Intermediate Non Pro Hackamore Classic on Star Time Truckin, by NMSU Truckin Chex. Stallings and Star Time Truckin, who had a 415.5 total, also won the Non Pro Hackamore Horse Show Championship. Their take for the event totaled \$2,820.

In only her second reined cow horse event, ever, Toni Hagen won the Amateur Hackamore Classic Championship on Just Ask Me Nice. The win garnered a check for \$1,920, a Classic Equine monogrammed breast collar, a full tooled handmade hackamore from Krause Mecates, and a CR Morrison trophy.

Hagen and "Justi" marked a 140 in the herd work, a 138 in the rein work, and a 142 in the cow work. "I had good cattle and my horse was wonderful in the herd work. Except for a little glitch, the rein work was beautiful. We also had a pretty good cow work," she said.

Hagen is a former National Finals Rodeo qualifier in barrel racing, and only took up reined cow horse competition last November. "Dan Heath got me started. He has some great cow horses and encouraged me to start," she explained. So Hagen went on a search for a cow horse, and found and purchased Just Ask Me Nice, by Captain Nice out of Missy Dual Master, "I bought this mare in November, went for lessons with Jim Paul Sr. in January. I showed in my first show in March. I'm now riding with Dan Roeser - both Dan and Jim have done so much and I'm

really grateful to them."

Tanna Dilday earned the Amateur Reserve Championship on Lil Smarty Pep, by Mister Dual Pep out of Smart Lil Sallinic. The Reserve title came with a check for \$1,600.

Jake Telford and Kiss My Shiny Lips Win Hackamore Classic Open Two Rein/ Heather Livingston Wins Non Pro Two Rein

Jake Telford rode Kiss My Shiny Lips to top the field of 12 Open Two Rein entries at the Hackamore Classic. Telford scored a 147.5 in the rein work, and 144 in the cow work, earning Holy Cow Performance Horses a check for \$1,680.

"This little mare is getting so much better in the rein work. At times she has been tough to show because she would get kind of hot," said Telford. "The cow work was a little scary. I lost a stirrup on the first turn and I kept thinking about not falling off. I had to make two more turns without the stirrup before circling up. That would have been embarrassing!"

The Caldwell, Idaho trainer and the mare, by Shining Spark and out of Lipschic, were recently the Open Two Rein Reserve Champions at another NRCHA premier event - the NRCHA Stakes. Telford and the 6-year-old mare were finalists at the 2007 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, and were the Co-Reserve Champions in the Open Hackamore at the 2008 Snaffle Bit Futurity.

"I'm very fortunate to have Nancy Crawford-Hall of Holy Cow Performance Horses as a client and as a friend," Jake noted. "She's such a huge sponsor and supporter of the reined cow horse industry, and she's like part of my family."

Holy Cow Performance Horses has had a great Hackamore Classic. Telford won the Open Bridle on their stallion, Shady Lil Starlight.

Lyn Anderson and Lil Time To Smoke, who were the Open Two Rein Champions at the NRCHA Stakes, took the Reserve title after marking a 144.5 in the rein work and a 145 in the fence work. The Reserve title added \$1,400 to Lil Time To Smoke's lifetime earnings. Lil Time To Smoke, owned by Anderson, is by Senors Lil Brudder out of Smoke Time Tuck.

Former NRCHA Hackamore Classic and NRCHA Stakes Amateur Champions Heather Livingston and Allthatglittersisme topped the jackpot Non Pro Two Rein class, collecting \$225. Home-grown Allthatglittersisme, by Yellow Roan Of Texas out of Mictus Remedy Livingston, who owns a successful hair salon, said after the NRCHA

mistys kennedy. Livingston, who owns a successful hair salon, said after the NRCHA Stakes win, "I love this mare - she's my best friend. She's so human-like and is very emotional. She calls for me every morning."

Linda Wood Wins Hackamore Classic \$5K Non Pro Limited/ Non Pro Limited on Smartcashinvestment

Linda Wood captured her first Championship on her veteran cow horse Smartcashinvestment. In fact, Wood was competing in the \$5K Non Pro Limited and the Non Pro Limited - and won both classes!

"He worked really nicely today. He is just an awesome horse. He's been doing this a while and has won a lot, but this is the first time I've won on him," Wood noted of the 14-year-old gelding who she's owned for about five years. The judges awarded a 142 in the rein work and a 147 in the boxing for a 289 total - good for \$750 in the \$5K Non Pro Limited and an additional \$332 in the Non Pro Limited.

Smartcashinvestment was started with NRCHA Million Dollar Rider Ted Robinson, where he earned the moniker "Striker." Robinson and the Nu Cash gelding, out of Lil Miss Smarty Chex, had a lot of success, before Striker went on to take other riders to the winner's circle - including a Non Pro Limited World Championship with former owner Frank Lee.

"He's won over \$70,000 in NRCHA competition now," Wood noted. "I owe thanks to all the trainers who have had him in the past who have made him such a great horse."

Along with Robinson, those trainers include Jake Gorrell and Mark Luis. Gorrell took the gelding to the NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman finals in 2004, and Luis and Striker made it back in 2007 and 2008. "Mark's my trainer and he does a great job. I owe everything to Mark - he matched Striker and I together," Wood said. "I plan to have Striker forever. I'll just keep showing in the Non Pro Limited. I plan to retire him one of these days - probably when he's done teaching me."

With a 287 total, Teresa Fisher and Nu Cash Cutter won the Reserve Championship in both divisions. The Reserve titles netted Fisher \$865. Nu Cash Cutter, who's owned by Teresa and Jayson Fisher, is by Smart Cash Cutter out of Nu Cashlynn Rose. Jayson and Nu Cash Cutter won the Intermediate Non Pro Bridle Reserve Championship and fourth in the Non Pro Bridle on Friday.