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## **NRCHA E-Cow Work**

**Updates From the 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic  
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### **Competition Heats Up at 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic**

With just one go-round to decide the 2010 National Reined Cow Horse Association Hackamore Classic Championships, every point counts. The event began with the herd work on Friday, April 23, and after the completion of the rein work today, exhibitors have a good idea of what they need to mark in tomorrow's cow work competition.

#### ***Open***

Reigning Hackamore Classic Champions Doug Williamson and Smart Miss Merada currently hold a 2-point lead over the competition with a 291. The 5-year-old mare, by Leo Merada out of Uno Smart Lady, is owned by Williamson's wife, Carol.

Doug, who recently was the Reserve Champion at the NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman in San Angelo, Texas, ranks among the NRCHA's most successful trainers. He was inducted into the NRCHA Hall of Fame in 2006, and has made the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity finals almost every year since 1990.

#### ***Intermediate Open***

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Another NRCHA legend and recent Hall of Fame inductee Ted Robinson leads the Intermediate Open on Whole Lota Cash, by Shinning Spark and out of Shesa Lota Cash. Riding for the San Juan Ranch, the NRCHA Million Dollar Rider had a 139 in the herd work, but came back strong with a 144 in the rein work.

### ***Limited Open***

Travis Dickenson and One Fine Spark jumped to an early lead in the Limited Open after marking a 142 in the herd work. Dickenson and One Fine Spark, by Light N Fine out of Spark My Fancy, followed that with an impressive 141.5 in the rein work. One Fine Spark is owned by Bill and Amelia Dickenson.

### ***Non Pro***

2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Non Pro Champions Anne Reynolds, King Hill, Idaho, and Shiney And Verysmart are leading the Non Pro division with a 284.5 total. They began the competition with a 142 in the herd work, and followed that with a 142.5 in the rein work today. Shiney And Verysmart is the product of Reynold's breeding program - one that has been successful time after time. He is by her stallion Very Smart Remedy - a former NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman Champion. His dam, Shirley Shine, is of a maternal line that has been in Reynold's family since before Anne was even born. With Reynolds at the reins, Shirley Shine accumulated lifetime earnings that exceed \$80,000.

### ***Intermediate Non Pro***

John Showalter and Tangys Classy Chick continue to hold the lead of the Intermediate Non Pro, and are currently second in the Non Pro with a 282. Showalter and the Tangys Classy Peppy mare, out of Crimson Sassychick, marked a 143 in the herd work and a 143 in the rein work.

### ***Amateur***

After a strong rein work, Tanna Dilday and Lil Smarty Pep took a half-point lead in the Amateur division with a 280. Dilday and Lil Smarty Pep scored a 139 in the herd work, and a 141 in the rein work. Lil Smarty Pep is by Mister Dual Pep out of Smart Lil Sallinic.

The Hackamore Classic, held annually at the Paso Robles Event Center in Paso Robles, California, 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 allow for a snaffle. The challenging event celebrates the second stage of

the traditional vaquero style of training cow horses.

## **Jake Telford and Shady Lil Starlight Win 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic Open Bridle Sweepstakes/Darrel Norcutt Tops Limited Open Bridle with Fairlea Steady Betty**

The Open and Limited Open Bridle Championships of the Hackamore Classic came down to the last two entries. Jake Telford, of Caldwell, Idaho, won the Hackamore Classic Open Bridle Sweepstakes Championship on Shady Lil Starlight for the second year in a row!

"We were the last Open Bridle entries and I'd already shown two horses and didn't have a lot of luck. I was a little nervous because I really wanted to win something, so I felt a lot of pressure," Telford explained of his run, which the judges awarded a 296.5 total. "But my horse is really good. He had a really tough cow and he just made everything work."

To win the class, everything had to work - the draw sheet was littered with other big-name horses and trainers. "There was some really tough competition. There were definitely a lot of great bridle horses showing today," Telford said.

Last year's Hackamore Classic was the first time that Shady Lil Starlight, by Grays Starlight out of Shady Little Cat, won money in the Open Bridle. Prior to that, he and Telford had won major titles in both Open Hackamore and Open Two Rein competition. "He's such a consistent horse. He's really turning into a great bridle horse."

Shady Lil Starlight, who won \$5,460 for the win, is owned by Holy Cow Performance Horses LLC. "I give a million thanks to Nancy Crawford-Hall. She's such a great reined cow horse supporter, and I'm very lucky that I get to ride her great horses,"

Lyn Anderson and Lil Time To Smoke took Reserve honors and a check for \$4,368 for a 292. Lil Time To Smoke is owned by Anderson, and is by Senors Lil Brudder out of Smoke Time Tuck. Anderson and Lil Time To Smoke won the Open Two Rein at the NRCHA Stakes in March.

In 2009, Darrel Norcutt and Fairlea Steady Betty topped the Limited Open Hackamore at the Stakes, and this year claimed the Limited Open Bridle Championship! The win netted \$1,440.

Coming in as the last in the draw, the Fallon, Nevada trainer piloted the 6-year-old mare to a 141.5 in the rein work and a 139 in the cow work for a 280.5 total. "The reining went pretty well. We had a tough cow and we just got through that," he said.

Norcutt had originally planned to show Fairlea Steady Betty, by Smart Steady Date out of Fairleas Qwik Pic, in the Open Two Rein. "I hadn't had her in the Two Rein very long, and I switched the bridle at the show," he said. "I'm proud of her for doing so well."

Fairlea Steady Betty is owned by Therese and Basil Kehoe, whose horses Norcutt has trained for three years. "I thank Therese and Basil for keeping their horses with me. They're really great clients," he said.

Casey Branquinho piloted Me And Mister to a 276, collecting \$1,080 for the Reserve title. Me And Mister, by Mister Dual Pep out of Me O Lena, is owned by Ronnie and Karin Richards.

### **Joie Coxon Wins 2010 NRCHA Hackamore Classic Youth Bridle on Captains Pony/Kaitlin Beaton Tops Youth Limited With Colonels Cash Cow**

Joie Coxon has had a great week at the Hackamore Classic. On the first day of competition she won the Novice Non Pro Bridle on her horse, Gallo De Diablo.

She returned to the arena on Saturday, April 24, with Captains Pony to win an extra \$880 and another title - the Youth Bridle.

"It's definitely a good week," she said. Captains Pony, by Captain Nice out of Primos Bar Gal, has been the 17-year-old competitor's "project" horse for about three years. "John and Shannon McCarty gave him to me because he'd been shown so much and got worked up. I thank them for letting me have him."

Coxon noted she was very pleased with how her horse performed - a 142.5 in the rein work and a 136 in the fence work. "He was a little nervous in the reining, but he was still good. He wasn't great in the cow work - but he definitely wasn't bad. I'm really pleased with him," she said.

For the second year in a row, the Hackamore Classic Youth Limited Championship went to Kaitlin Beaton and Colonels Cash Cow, who marked a 142.5 in the rein work and a 143 in the boxing for a 285.5 total. The 14-year-old collected

\$26 / for the title.

"It was really fun. The reining went really well. In the cow work I had to push the cow really hard or else it would have just stood there," she said.

Beaton has owned Colonels Cash Cow, by The Nu Colonel out of Peppy Leanna, for almost two years. In that time they've also won the Youth Limited at the NRCHA Derby. "Thanks to my parents, Kelly and Fred, and my trainer Mary Dosek," she said.

Dosek sold Colonels Cash Cow to the Beatons after riding him to win numerous NRCHA titles.