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## **NRCHA E-Cow Work**

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Ron Emmons and Olena Oak Win NRCHA Derby Holy Cow Performance Horses Open Bridle Spectacular

Bridle Spectaculars at National Reined Cow Horse Association Premier Events always fulfill the promise of great cow horse action. That's because they feature the venerable veterans of the industry - the ones who have reached the highest level of their training.

These great equine athletes were showcased at the NRCHA Derby during the Holy Cow Performance Horses Open Bridle Spectacular, featuring the CD Survival Memorial Perpetual trophy.

The late CD Survivor epitomized cow horse greatness, as does the 2011 Open Bridle Spectacular Champion - Olena Oak. Olena Oak was ridden by his long-time trainer Ron Emmons.

The Championship netted a check for \$28,500 and a CR Morrison trophy. Emmons and Olena Oak will also have their names added to the CD Survivor Memorial perpetual trophy, which resides at Holy Cow Performance Horses.

Emmons piloted "Ernie" to a 216.5 in the herd work. "He was really good, and put me in a spot that I knew we could go on with," he said. "He was a little fresh in the rein work tonight, but my wife Ladona told me to ride in and be quiet like a practice run, and he was really good. We drew a difficult cow. We got him boxed well, but he didn't want to run out of the corner, and then he got to running hard. We got a good first turn, had an open-field turn for the second turn, and circled up. Ernie was right on that cow's ears the whole way."

Olena Oak has lifetime earnings exceeding \$280,000, and is a back-to-back American Quarter Horse Association Working Cow Horse World Champion. His other laurels include an NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman Co-Reserve Championship, and two Magnificent 7 titles. "He's a great horse. I thank his owners, Mel Smith and Nichole Scott, for letting me ride him, and my wife for her support. I also thank my sponsors. Thank you to Pro for supplying all my boots, and to Nutrena."

Coming in as the last draw, Doug Williamson and Shining Lil Nic made an eleventh hour bid for the title, but came up just short with a 662.5. Still, Williamson and the Smart Shiner stallion, out of Dig A Lil Nic, won \$22,800. Shining Lil Nic is owned by Bill and Janiejill Tointon.

Anne Reynolds and More Magic Please Win NRCHA Derby Non Pro Bridle Spectacular

The NRCHA Derby Non Pro Bridle Spectacular was dominated by King Hill, Idaho, competitor Anne Reynolds and More Magic Please. Reynolds marked a 218.5 in the first leg of the competition on Thursday. She returned to the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, Arizona, Saturday evening to finish the job, marking 219 in the rein work and 220 in the cow work for a 657.5 total.

"He was really great," she said of her horse. "We had a challenging cow and made a huge first turn. I was really happy with him."

Reynolds and More Magic Please, by Chic Please and out of Magical Lena, were the 2005 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Non Pro Champions. The 9-year-old stallion has lifetime earnings exceeding \$80,000. "He's extremely well-balanced and strong, and everything is easy for him." Reynolds, an NRCHA Million Dollar Rider, added, "He is a little quirky about cows - he's a little scared of them in the herd. However, he never takes his eyes off them!"

More Magic Please has also been shown by Reynold's son Wilder Jones. "This horse is part of the family. Wilder has been showing him and was third in the Youth Bridle today," she said.

Doug Granade Wins Novice Non Pro and Intermediate Non Pro Bridle with Wright On Ned

For the past several years, Doug Granade has watched other people take home the CR Morrison trophies at NRCHA Premier Events. At the NRCHA Derby on Saturday, October 29, Granade won one of his own!

"I'm honestly the most excited about the trophies," he said following the awards presentation for the Intermediate Non Pro Bridle and the Novice Non Pro Bridle classes. That's right - he won two classes with his horse Wright On Ned. "This was a breakout show for me. It was really exciting."

Granade and "Ned" had a 218 in the rein work and 215 in the cow work for a 433 total, winning \$2,250 for the two classes. They also won the Non Pro Bridle Spectacular Reserve Championship, worth an additional \$3,070.

In the Non Pro Bridle Spectacular, contestants compete in the herd work, and Granade and Ned marked a 216. "It went really well. My trainer Ron Emmons has been working with me a lot in the herd work. We were late in the set so I was taking what I could get, but we cut three good cows. It was a lot of fun," he said.

Granade's goal for the rein work was to be smooth. "I wanted to stay out of the penalties, and that's what we did," he said. "We didn't draw a great cow. He wasn't moving very well in the boxing. We made four turns and ran out of gas at the very end. My horse stayed right there with the cow though."

Granade purchased Ned, by Lenas Wright On out of Smart Sally, from Emmons after his 4-year-old year. He plans to keep showing the 7-year-old gelding in the bridle classes.

"I thank Ron and Ladona Emmons. Ron has an incredible group of Non Pros in the barn. We all get along great and everyone pulls for each other, and I thank everyone in the barn." He stopped, adding, "I thank my late wife Cindy who passed away last year. I wish she was here to see this."

Taking the Reserve title in both classes with a 431 was Virgil Valdez and He Be Fierce, by Peptoboonsmal out of Smart Starlight. Valdez won \$1,875.

Brandon Buttars Pilots Halo Cat to NRCHA Derby Open Hackamore Championship

Brandon Buttars and Halo Cat had a little bad luck in the herd work of the preliminary round of the NRCHA Derby. When the Snowville, Utah, trainer realized that he wouldn't make the finals, he rushed to the show office to see if he could still enter the Open Hackamore class.

"I entered the class at the last minute. I guess we got lucky and won," Buttars said modestly. He and Halo Cat, owned by Deirdre Hill, marked a 219 in the rein work and a 219.5 in the cow work for a 438.5 total, worth \$2,864. "He was really good today in the hackamore. He was actually better in the Hackamore today than he was in the snaffle bit in the Derby."

Buttars has ridden "Ernie," by WR This Cats Smart and out of Stylin Jewel, since the colt was a 2-year-old. In that time the pair qualified for the Open Finals of the Snaffle Bit Futurity, and finished as Co-Reserve Champions of the Cinch Intermediate Open Snaffle Bit Futurity. "DeeDee (Deirdre Hill) has also shown him in the boxing a few times this spring - and they've won a check every time."

"I thank DeeDee for letting me ride him. He's a very special horse," Buttars said.

Brad Barkemeyer won the Reserve title and \$2,148 on Smartee, by Smart Little Lena out of Starlight Playgirl, with a 436 total. Smartee is owned by Lucava Farms Inc.

Monica DeBie and Smokin Mister Sister Win Limited Open Hackamore

The Limited Open Hackamore class of the NRCHA Derby was held Saturday, October 29. Monica DeBie guided Smokin Mister Sister to the title and a check for \$2,100.

By Mister Dual Pep and out of Miss Smoking Remedy, "Sister" is owned by John Pascoe of Irvine,

California. DeBie, who has worked for the Ward Ranch for about four years, showed her to the 2010 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Limited Open Hackamore Championship.

Heather Livingston and Soula Jule Girl Win NRCHA Derby Non Pro Hackamore

Heather Livingston and Soula Jule Girl won the NRCHA Derby Amateur Championship on Friday night. The successful duo returned to the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, Arizona, on Saturday to win another title - the Non Pro Hackamore.

"It's awesome. She's a great girl and I'm blessed to have her," Livingston said of her mare, by Soule Jule Star out of Okies Hickory Girl.

Livingston and "Soula" marked a 212 in the rein work, and followed that with a 215 down the fence. "We had a small underspin in the rein work that was my fault. As soon as I told her to stop, she did!" She added, "The cow we drew didn't want to look at us, so we had to box it hard. Then we had two big turns and circled up well."

Although she has set her sights on the Non Pro Two Rein for 2012, the Atascadero, California, Non Pro explained that the Derby was the last show of the year. "I appreciate my husband Rory so much. Without him it wouldn't have been possible," she said. And while Heather is very proud of Soula, she noted that she is even more proud of her daughter Brittany, who attends pharmacy school in Kentucky.

Karen Stallings and Chexy Little Sister won the Non Pro Hackamore Reserve title with a 413.5, collecting \$700. Chexy Little Sister, by NMSU Truckin Chex out of Shiners Spumanti, is owned by Karen's husband Kevin Stallings.

Jamie Foster and Fletch Me If You Can Win NRCHA Derby Non Pro Limited and \$5K Non Pro Limited Championships

The Non Pro Limited and \$5K Non Pro Limited classes at the NRCHA Derby in Queen Creek, Arizona, were run concurrently, and Jamie Foster and Fletch Me If You Can won both!

Foster and "Fletch" marked 217.5 in the rein work and 219 in the boxing for a 436.5. They won \$1,225 total.

"Fletch was good today. He was pretty solid in the reining. He turned around and stopped well," she said. "My cow was a little tricky because he was a little hot coming out of the gate. I played it a little more cautious and it worked out well for us."

Foster and Fletch qualified for the NRCHA World Championship Show in 2009, but never got the chance to attend. "I got pregnant with my daughter Kinley and missed it, and then I didn't show in 2010," she said. "We've had a great year this year. This is our last hoorah because I really want to go to the World Show and compete, and I have to do it this year because I've won out of the Limited classes."

Foster, of Roseville, California, noted that it was difficult to balance motherhood, working, and riding, but having a great support team makes it easier. "I thank my husband Nick, my trainer Ron Emmons and his wife Ladona, and our barn help. I have a great trainer and support team. It's nice to know you have people behind you to support you," she said.

Earning the Reserve in both divisions with a 428.5 were Mary Robertson and Tangy Chex. Robertson won \$825 between the two divisions. Tangy Chex, by Tangys Classy Peppy out of Docs Chex Remedy, is owned by Robertson Ranches.

Chantz Stewart and Shining Cielo Win NRCHA Derby Youth Bridle

The Youth Bridle Championship at the NRCHA Derby was won by the team of Chantz Stewart and Shining Cielo. The pair had a 434 total, and won \$538.

"She was really honest in the reining. I just asked her to go and she gave me everything I asked for and stayed true," Stewart said of the pair's rein work, which resulted in a score of 216.5. They bested that

score with a 217.5 in the cow work. "Our cow didn't have much feel on the end. The first turn was really nice and the second turn was good too. We went to the center nice and strong and she didn't pull on me, so I was really happy."

Stewart's family purchased "Cielo," by Shining Spark out of Miss Cielo, as a 5-year-old in 2008. "She's gotten better as the years have gone on. I've had a lot of success with her." She added, "I thank my trainers Al Dunning and Sam Rose for all their help and support, and my parents for getting me such nice horses to ride."

The 17-year-old high school senior also took home the Youth Bridle Reserve Championship on Lone Star Chicolena, collecting an additional \$322. Stewart and Lone Star Chicolena, by Smart Chic Olena out of Gay Freckles Rio, had a 422.5 total.

Kimberly Hernandez and Blondandboonsmal Win NRCHA Derby Youth Limited Title

Kimberly Hernandez and Blondandboonsmal claimed the Youth Limited Championship at the NRCHA Derby at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, Arizona. The win was accompanied by a check for \$288.

"She was a little bit iffy in the reining, but it was ok. She was good in the cow work. We had a tough cow that had a lot of go, but we handled it," Hernandez said.

The college freshman has owned Blondandboonsmal, by Yellow Roan Of Texas out of Hollys Royal Blue, for a year. She was trained by Smoky Pritchett for the Snaffle Bit Futurity, and Hernandez purchased her from Oasis Ranch. "She's so cowy. I just put my hand down and she'll do so well - plus, she stops like a reiner," she explained. "I give a lot of thanks to my trainer Glen Aspinal, as well as my mom Ann Hernandez."

Although she's busy studying genetic engineering, Hernandez noted that she'll still be showing. In fact, she has a new horse that she will be competing on at Limited Age Events in 2012.

Maya Guzman and Time Dated Material won the Youth Limited Reserve Championship with a 426.5, collecting \$173. Time Dated Material, by A Chic In Time out of Lenas Paula Pep, is owned by Donna Russo.

Tom Neel Wins NRCHA Derby Novice Horse Open on Zackly Right Time

The Novice Horse Open Championship was decided during the preliminary round of the NRCHA Open Derby at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, Arizona.

Tom Neel piloted Zackly Right Time, owned by Margo McKinney, to a 651 composite, winning \$3,177, and a CR Morrison trophy and commemorative medallion. In the herd work, Neel and Zackly Right Time marked a 214.5, and followed that with a 218 in the rein work.

"My horse wanted to be good all week. We had a little trouble making one cut, but other than that he was good in the herd work," he explained. "The rein work used to be his weak link - he's always been good on a cow - but he's really coming on in the reining and did really well here."

The Millsap, Texas, trainer noted that the 218.5 in the cow work was hard-earned. "He's a real tough and gritty horse, and he really had to make that cow work today. He had to really force the cow in the second turn and in the circles."

Neel has ridden Zackly Right Time, by Peptotime out of Zacks Nu Star, for two years. He was raised by Dave and Claire Capps. "They have cutting horses, but he didn't really want to be a cutting horse. Their ranch manager JoAnne Bimat suggested they do cow horse with him and send him to me," he said. "I was fortunate Margo decided to buy him and leave him with me."

With Neel at the reins, Zackly Right Time has had success in the show pen. At the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, the 5-year-old gelding won the Open Hackamore preliminary round. Then at the Southwest Reined Cow Horse Association August Summer Classic, he won the Intermediate Open and Novice Horse

Open Championships and the Open Reserve title of the Faith Performance Horses Derby.

"He's a pretty moving horse that's a big stopper. He's a lot of fun to show." He added, "I thank Margo, the Capps, my wife Lorna, and my kids for putting up with me."

Under the guidance of Corey Cushing, Shortys Stop N Time won the Reserve title and \$2,496. Shortys Stop N Time, by One Time Pepto and out of Shortys Girl, is owned by Matthews Cutting Horses LLC.

2011 NRCHA Derby Open Finalists Announced

The Open Preliminaries of the 2011 NRCHA Derby concluded Saturday, October 29. Those entries lucky enough to earn a finals berth will compete in the clean-slate finals on Sunday, October 30, at the Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Centre in Queen Creek, Arizona.

In the Open, it took a composite score of 649 to advance to the finals. Leading the field of 20 finalists with a 661.5 is Reymanator, ridden by Zane Davis. Davis and Reymanator, by Dual Rey out of Savannah Hickory, were the 2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Champions, and in October returned to Reno, Nevada, to claim the Snaffle Bit Futurity Open Hackamore Championship. Reymanator is owned by John Semanik of Jacksonville, Florida.

Joining Davis and Reymanator in the Open Finals are:

Very Smart Smoke - Phillip Ralls
Nics Back In Black - Phillip Ralls
Red It One Time - Todd Bergen
Heart Of A Remedy - Jon Roeser
Reygans Smart Lena - Ron Emmons
One Time Rey Jay - Jake Telford
Peppys Royal Outlaw - Corey Cushing
Smooth Talking Cat - Justin Lawrence
Very Shiney - Anne Reynolds
Mister Dual Cross - Ken Wold
Docs Catty Jo - Corey Cushing
No Chic Flicks - Justin Wright
Zackly Right Time - Tom Neel
Shiney And Verysmart - Anne Reynolds
Playin Ace High - Jake Gorrell
Shes A Catty Lady - Ken Wold
Tuckers Smart Cat - Lyn Anderson
Oskar Mayer Lena - Lance Johnston
Stylish Little Oak - Tucker Robinson
Judge Boon - Jason Romney

The top eight of the Intermediate Open advanced to the finals, and the magic number for the division was 645. Ron Emmons and Reygans Smart Lena, who also qualified for the Open Finals, had the high Intermediate Open preliminary score with a 655.5. Reygans Smart Lena, by Dual Rey out of Smart Fancy Lena, is owned by Doug Granade.

Also qualifying for the Intermediate Open finals are:

Smooth Talking Cat - Justin Lawrence
Zackly Right Time - Tom Neel
Tuckers Smart Cat - Lyn Anderson
Judge Boon - Jason Romney
Skeets Oak Peppy - Clayton Edsall
Spooktazular Blonde - Jason Hershberger
This Cats Sticky - Justin Lawrence

Limited Open riders marking a 640 or higher earned one of the three coveted finals positions. Jason Romney piloted Judge Boon to the high Limited Open score of 649, also qualifying for the Open and Intermediate Open finals. Judge Boon, by Peptoboonsmal out of Missuma, is owned by Cache Valley

Stallion Syndicate LLC.

The other Limited Open Finalists are:

Smart Shine N Peppy - Brad Barkemeyer

Noras Nitro - EJ Laubscher

