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Birth of the NVRHA

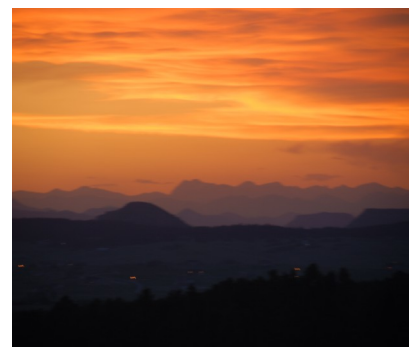
Donna Stewart

There's a new baby in the family of horse associations - and what a baby! The labor was long and sometimes painful but the delivery was much anticipated, joyous, and welcomed by the ranch horse community. Everyone say hello to the long-awaited National Versatility Ranch Horse Association!

Founded in December 2007, off and running in 2008, NVRHA is looking ahead to a big future. With focus on the amateur use of the American Ranch Horse, performing the events established by the AQHA, this new association's primary goal is to facilitate events in which the amateur rider can have fun while gaining ranch horse knowledge. Yee haw! At long last there is a venue for those who want to enjoy their horses, meet new friends with similar interests, and reconnect with the original idea of the Ranch Horse.

The NVRHA will promote and advance the all-around stock horse of all breeds. You will hear the word 'Legend' used, and what it means here is a horse that is bred and trained to do ranch work. The 'Legend' possesses the principle desired characteristics of structural correctness, balanced body form, a good mind, and athletic ability. Excellence will be promoted in all areas of ranch work - ranch riding, trail, reining, roping, and cutting. Ranch conformation will be evaluated based on the strong belief in 'Form to Function' required for success in all events.

This baby is growing by leaps and bounds, so come get acquainted - and get ready to 'Ride the Legend'!



Ranch Horse Country

Mission and Vision

Donna Stewart

You don't have to know Dave Currin long to realize that he dreams big and in technicolor. So, while for most of us visions for new ideas don't ever leave our own backyard, Dave's vision for the NVRHA has jumped the fence and run down the road...a long way down the road. Already out of the confines of Colorado, NVRHA has members and planned events in Kansas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, and that is just the beginning. Those of you who know Dave wouldn't be surprised by a phone call saying he has a circuit planned in the Ukraine - just buy your ticket because you

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know it's gonna happen!

The Mission statement of the NVRHA: To facilitate and promote novice and amateur events in an atmosphere of fun and learning, while striving to revive the foundations of Ranch Horse utilization. Toward this mission the NVRHA will create and foster a strong link with the breed associations, professional horsemen, and the larger ranching community.

This mission statement, built on the reputation of versatility ranch horse being a fun, exciting, and educational means to advance ranch related horsemanship skills, derives from the original vision for the program. The vision further expands to include developing a strong tie to the ranching culture. This relationship with ranches and professional horsemen allows NVRHA members the opportunity to utilize a wealth of resources while also providing a venue for marketing horse-related products and services. NVRHA will further dovetail with other organizations to focus on the development of the all-around horse at a multitude of levels. The vision endorses the NVRHA to expand via state and regional affiliates that will decentralize to allow for more efficient and flexible hosting of events. Included in the vision is the development of a youth program with similar goals for fun and learning in a safe environment.

So there you have it, a broad reaching vision supporting a noble mission. Saddle up.

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Dave Currin on his mare, Docs Second Best, was Division I Runner-up Champ at the Colorado State VRH Championship in 2007.

Message from the President

Dave Currin

As I visit with Ranch Horse enthusiasts, I am frequently asked, “What’s Happening?” It would take hours to give a complete answer; here is the highly condensed version. Few will deny the horse world’s rage and infatuation with the Ranch Horse frenzy. Despite the event’s degree of difficulty—all levels of riders are jumping on the band wagon as evidenced by the large success of the RMQHA program over the last five years. The need for a National Ranch Horse program to serve the needs of the open amateur rider and provide a “leg up” to riders interested in AQHA competitions became a necessity, thus the formation of the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association.

During the last half of 2007, the concept matured built around some important cornerstones. First, the new NVRHA would be based on three fundamental goals - events which centered on having genuine fun, activities which focused on education (improving the skill of both horse and rider), and a program which promoted the all-around stock horse. The NVRHA chose the AQHA rules as the guidepost for the new organization. The founders were convinced that these cornerstones would lead to a bright future.

The enthusiasm of those involved in the formation of the NVRHA and the experience gained through six years of executing the RMQHA program, permitted a very rapid spin up. As a result, we were able to introduce the NVRHA to Ranch Horse enthusiasts at the first AQHA Ranch Horse World Show at the National Western Stock Show. This opportunity gave us instant name recognition.

A huge effort was put forth by organizers to offer a menu of Ranch Horse activities in 2008 that would fully meet the needs and desires of our membership. At this point, we have twenty-three events on the calendar with others in the planning stage (14 within

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Colorado and 9 in surrounding states). We have a major expansion program underway, which could double our out-of-state events by year's end.

New Mexico is the most active state (after Colorado) with five events on the calendar for 2008. They could very well reach affiliate status in 2009. Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arizona have 2007 events scheduled with other events being planned in California, Florida and the upper Mid-west.

The Colorado State Fair Championship Series rules have been adjusted to accommodate both NVRHA and RMQHA open competition qualifiers. Any open Ranch Horse NVRHA or RMRHA event held prior to Aug. 1, 2008 in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Utah may be used. NVRHA has ten events at which a rider may qualify. (See [www. NVRHA.org](http://www.NVRHA.org))

The NVRHA Youth program from both Colorado and New Mexico offers the potential for youth divisions at many events. A Ranch Horse Youth Benefit will be held in Parker, Co. in July and no doubt will draw youth from Colorado and surrounding states. The event, called "The Legend Maker", will focus on special youth activities and will include open adult participants.

Many new rules and concepts have been adopted by NVRHA as we keep pace with increased Ranch Horse participation. As an example, participants will be placed in Divisions (novice, intermediate, advanced and youth) based upon their past handicap scores. They will compete in these divisions at competitions and be eligible for division year end awards. The criteria for level of achievement awards (Ranch Horse Champions, Supreme Champions, and Performance Champions) will essentially stay the same as in past years. Points and awards from the RMQHA program (2007 and before) will be grand-fathered into NVRHA at the exhibitors request.

All NVRHA activities for the year will culminate in the National Versatility Ranch Horse National Finals at the Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs in late September. Approved Breed Ranch Horse events plus an Open Yearling Ranch Horse Futurity are planned on Friday and Open Amateur Competitions (all four divisions) will be held on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, an "Open to the World" Competition (any horse, any rider, any breed) is being planned.

Many ask, "How is NVRHA getting all of this done in your first year?" the answer is fabulous dedicated and capable people MAKING IT HAPPEN! A HUGE THANKS to all of these very, very special people. Future Focus will be to make each and every event SPECIAL! Our priority will be Fun, Fun, and More Fun as we

"RIDE THE LEGEND"

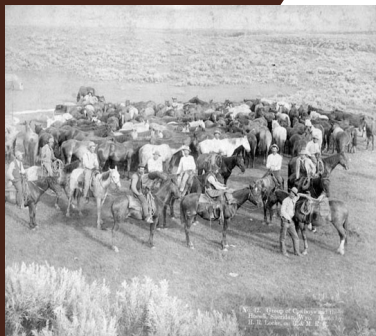
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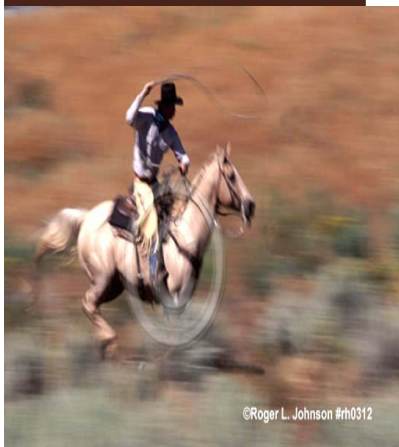
For the latest up to date information





Youth can attend some NVRHA clinics at a reduced cost...

NVRHA has events scheduled in five states, and events being scheduled in four others...



Youth Round-up

Hi, my name is Selena Giers. I am on the NVRHA Youth Advisory committee along with Mitch Guerrieri and my dad Pete Giers. I am also a youth competitor.

Youth competition and clinics are a priority with the NVRHA which makes being part of this group so exciting. There will be a Youth division offered at all NVRHA contests as long as there are at least 4 participants entered. In contests that have less than four entries, the youth will compete in a division based on their skill level for daily awards. All points earned will count for year end Youth awards.

This year we are going to do something a little different for youth classes. One of the changes is in the Youth Conformation class. This class will be judged on the Youth's ability to show their horse and not the horse's individual conformation. There will be no head to

tail line in the Youth or Novice division, but outstanding horses may be brought out as the overall conformation placers. The next change is that a break-away rope is going to be allowed when roping. The final exciting thing is that Youth will be allowed to attend some of the clinics at a reduced cost. At this time the events are The Legend Maker, held at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker Colorado, and both events at the T-Cross Ranch in Colorado Springs. There will be top-notch clinicians at all events. Youth attending the Legend Maker will be qualified for the State Fair contest where both Rocky Mountain and NVRHA will compete together. I hope that I see you at the upcoming shows. If you would like to contact me and ask any questions I would love to hear from you. My email address is: SRGhorserider@aol.com

I hope you have a great show season!
By Selena Giers

NVRHA Expansion Explosion...

Dave Currin

The popularity of Ranch Horse was well demonstrated at the AQHA World Show at the 2008 National Western Stock Show where 2,500 Ranch Horse admirers lined the stands observing the event. The complexity of the event has built a barrier to participation. The NVRHA's goal is to eliminate this barrier, placing the Ranch Horse experience of fun and adventure within the reach of even the most novice beginner. NVRHA's clinic and schooling competition approach is working well in removing this barrier. Novice riders, giving this "well tested" approach a try, are rapidly developing the skills needed to enjoy the event.

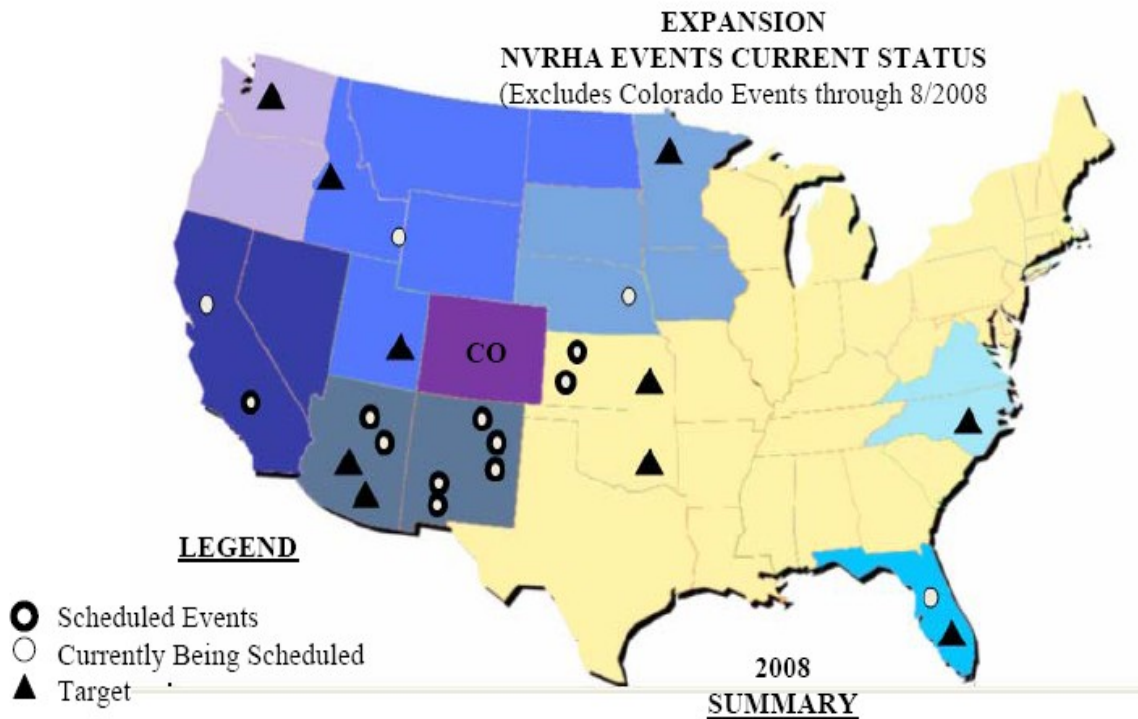
Sharing this enjoyment of "Riding the Legend", the American Stock Horse, is a major goal of NVRHA. Expansion will provide the opportunity to enhance Regional and National Events allowing them to be very special for all levels of riders. The NVRHA Expansion concept has evolved over the last several years and has proved very successful.

The New Mexico model is three years along and participation by excited riders is growing throughout the state. In two years, events have expanded from the Piojo Ranch in Watrous (Northern New Mexico) to the Armstrong Equine Facil-

ity near El Paso with a total of five events scheduled for 2008 including an AQHA approved event

Here’s how it works—the first step is to find a person, a ranch, or an organization willing to be the on-site point of contact. The NVRHA assigns a seasoned event organizer to work with the Key On-Site Manager during the Planning Phase. All the details are attended to by the newly formed team—facility, cattle, clinicians, budget, advertising, etc. The NVRHA sends the organizer to the event to insure a “near perfect” execution. This event becomes the launch point for future expansion in the state or region. After four or five successful events are held, a nucleus leadership group emerges which organizes and then becoming an Affiliate of NVRHA. They run their own shows from that point forward with NVRHA help when requested.

To Date: NVRHA has events scheduled in five states and events being scheduled in four others (see attached chart). As many as twenty three events are planned (excluding the eight events scheduled in Colorado), and the list is growing. If you are interested, in being a part of this exciting explosion, contact: Dave Currin at (719) 481-9311.



Like Colored Areas are Emphasis Areas (1 – 4 States)

10 Scheduled Events
 5 Currently Being Scheduled
8 Targeted
23 Total Events



A participant works the Ranch Trail at the Rio Grande NVRHA event. A great facility and excellent clinicians made it a learning experience for all.

By day's end, all riders had a thorough Ranch Horse indoctrination...

Dave welcomes participants and clinicians at the New Mexico Kick Off Event. From left—Gina Henson, Jay Henson, Bill Cantrell, and Liz Ashley.



New Mexico Grand Kick-Off to NVRHA Season

As we drove through the Sequoia Cactus of the high mountain New Mexico deserts, we began to wonder “What are we doing way down here?” But then we entered the Rio Grande River valley’s lush irrigated bottom with wide expanses of pecan groves. The Armstrong Equine Facility in La Mesa, New Mexico was a perfect site for a Ranch Horse event—great facilities and friendly people. The first NVRHA “New Start” Ranch Horse Event was about to begin. The Armstrong’s made us feel right at home as we unloaded and began meeting a whole new crop of Ranch Horse enthusiasts. What a thrill! From Ranch Horse Champions and seasoned riders to horses which had never been asked to work a cow with riders “new to the Ranch Horse adventure”. But they all shared a common goal - Let’s get on with the fun!

On early Saturday morning, everyone was warmed up and ready to go - not one straggler! The twenty riders were divided between two arenas of mixed riding skills. Jay Henson instructed cutting, working cow-horse, and roping while Josh Armstrong, a renowned Horseman, instructed reining and horsemanship. In a third arena, Gina Henson pulled riders from the clinics on-by-one and gave them individual instruction on riding and trail. Dave Currin assembled small groups of new riders for an overview of Ranch Horse rules, NVRHA information, and question/answer sessions. By day’s end, all riders had a through Ranch Horse indoctrination.

As the sun set over the beautiful jagged mountain peaks to the west, we all assembled at a favorite local restaurant only a couple of miles away and enjoyed the Tex-Mex cuisine and local treats from the bar. Family and friends joined in to make the evening very special!

The next morning we did not have one rider “abandon ship” as we kicked off the performance portion of the schooling competition. Two arenas were run concurrently—Ranch Cutting in arena one and Ranch Riding in arena two. Working Ranch Horse and Trail were completed in a similar fashion. By about one-thirty PM, nineteen horses had completed all the events. Riders performing the events, for the first time, were coached through by the judges.

During the competitions, our “hero of the day” Jennifer White of Edgewood, New Mexico tabulated all the scores and within thirty minutes after the last run of the day - we were ready to announce the winners.

Division winners were Heath White (Edgewood, N.M.), Bill Cantrell (Clayton, N.M.), and Michael White (Edgewood N.M.). Runner Up Division Winners were Deb Benenson (Santa Fe, N.M.), CeCe Chambliss (Santa Fe, N.M.), and Rachel McReynolds (La Mesa, N.M.). Division Third Place overall winners were Michelle DeCanditis (Albuquerque, N.M.), Bill White (Edgewood, N. M.), and Jeff Ellis (Tularosa, N.M.). Awards were presented on the Armstrong residence patio—a beautiful setting bordering the run of the Armstrong’s great stallion - Von Reminic.

Within less than one week after the event, the New Mexico contingent had organized and scheduled two additional New Mexico Ranch Horse Events for 2008 (see www.nvrha.org for details). This event was the initial spark of the NVRHA wildfire that is beginning to spread across the country. Thank You New Mexico for “Leading the Way!”

NVRHA Division Awards

In 2008, participants in Schooling Competitions will be assigned to Divisions based upon scores received in prior events and remain in the same division all year unless performance is exceptional, in which case they are elevated to the next higher division. At year end, awards will be presented to the top rider/horse teams in each division. One of the first actions of NVRHA was to do a thorough review of past practices and adjust to provide the maximum fun and education experience at events. A committee of over twenty volunteer members headed by Henry Block spent a great deal of time and effort suggesting changes, which were presented to the Board of Directors for adoption. The division concept was recommended by this committee and approved by the Board.

At the first event attended in 2008, the rider/horse team will receive its assignment to one of the three Amateur Divisions based upon 2007 event average scores.

<u>Amateur Division</u>	<u>Score Range</u>
Novice	200 or less
Intermediate	201 to 299
Advanced	300 or more

For first time participants, they will be temporarily assigned to a division based upon observations during the Clinic by the Clinicians and receive a permanent assignment after riding in two events.

A second committee recommendation which was also adopted was the use of "Placement Points" to determine the all-around winners in each Division. The top six riders in each class will receive "Placement Points":

<u>Class Placing</u>	<u>Placement Points</u>
1 st Place	6
2 "	5
3 "	4
4 "	3
5 "	2
6 "	1

The placement points for all five classes will be added together and the rider/horse team with the most "Placement Points" will be High Point All-Around team for that Division. As the team's success and skill improves, accumulation of "Placement Points" from each event will build. Once they earned a total of sixty cumulative Placement Points in the assigned Division, the rider/horse team will be elevated to the next higher Division. Awards will be presented at year end for the rider/horse team with the most accumulated "Placement Points" in each Division. Should a team be elevated to a higher division during the year, Placement Points earned in the higher division will be added to those earned in the lower division for awards eligibility. This awards program will supplement the existing Ranch Horse Champion program which has been adjusted slightly to simplify.

NVRHA Ranch Horse Champion:	5 points in all five classes
NVRHA Ranch Horse Supreme Champion:	10 Points in all five classes
NVRHA Ranch Horse Performance Champion	10 Points in Working, Cutting, Riding and Trail

NVRHA looks forward to greeting you at the first ever NVRHA Ranch Horse Finals at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado in late September where you will receive your award.

NVRHA

NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **February 2 – 3** / Rio Grande – La Mesa, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Josh Armstrong at 505-233-4110 (josh@armstrongequine.com)
- **April 11 – 13** / Cactus Creek Ranch – Pueblo, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Tom Cobb at 719-548-8075 (tommy.cobb@att.net)
- **April 18 – 20** / Anchor Cross Ranch - **ONE** – Camp Verde, Arizona (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Bob & Rebecca Grant (928) 567-5999 (info@anchorcrossranch.com)
- May 1 – 4** / W/H Rendezvous – Hugoton, Kansas (Clinic Only)
Event Manager: Channing Hawks at 620-544-2112 (chawks@opsu.edu)
- May 10** / Maytag Ranch – Hillside, Colorado (Roping Clinic)
Event Manager: Twyla Walker at 719-942-4860 (twalker@maytagmountainranch.com)
- **May 9 – 11** / Piojo Ranch – Watrous, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Bill White at 505-868-4513
- **May 10 – 11** / Sooner Reunion – Morris, Oklahoma (Clinic and Competition)
Event Manager: Karen Allison at 918-260-2881
- **May 24 – 26** / C Lazy U – Granby, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Todd Winczewski at 970-531-0705 (twdaypc@gmail.com)
- **May 24 – 26** / Anchor Cross Ranch - **TWO** – Camp Verde, Arizona (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Bob & Rebecca Grant (928) 567-5999
- June 14 – 15** / Specialty Clinic – Middle Park, Colorado (Reining Clinic)
Event Manager: Brenda Simmons at 970-887-1164 (ubpositive2@gmail.com)
- June 21 – 22** / *Nuttin' But Cuttin'* at T-Cross Ranch – Pueblo, Colorado (Cutting Clinic)
Event Manager: Tim Rose at 719-520-1000 (timwrose@aol.com)
- **June 27 – 29** / The Legend Maker – Youth Benefit with Open Amateur Competition
Colorado Horse Park - Parker, Colorado (Youth Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Pete Giers at 303-841-2026 (mgfence@aol.com)
- **July 18 – 20** / All American Roundup – Ruidoso, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Liz Ashley at 505-420-7538 (lashby@scorpc.com)
- **July 18 – 20** / Middle Park Reunion – Granby, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)
Event Manager: Brenda Simmons at 970-887-1164 (ubpositive2@gmail.com)

● **July 18 – 20** / Windy Creek Ranch – Longmont, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Dan Pedry at 303-772-0969 (dkpedry@comcast.net)

● **July 25 – 27** / Sunflower Reunion – Hugoton, Kansas (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Pierre LaMont at 620-482-2871 (3Lranch@swko.net)

July 31 – August 4 / Fish & Cross Ranch - **ONE** – Yampa, Colorado (Cattle Gathering)

Event Manager: Brian Thomas 719-487-9014 (briancarolthomas@msn.com)

August 16 – 17 / Beaver Creek, Dyer Ranch – Bayfield, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Managers: Marcie Dyer at 970-884-2463 (rdyer@frontier.net)

Jerry Mackey at 505-320-3631 (jerry.Mackey@dvm.com)

August 26 / Colorado State Fair Championship Finals – Pueblo, Colorado (Competition)

September 5 - 7 / East Mountain Roundup – Edgewood, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)

Event Managers: Heath White at 505-252-0215

Jennifer White at 505-252-0215 (jwhitehie@aol.com)

September 12 – 14 ** / T-Cross Ranch – Pueblo, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Cindy Rose at 719-520-1000 (cindylrose@aol.com)

September 25 – 28 ** / NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION FINALS

Norris/Penrose Event Center – Colorado Springs, Colorado Approved Breed Events, Amateur Division Competitions, Futurity, and Open Competitions

Event Manager: Dave Currin at 719-481-9311 (dcurrin@msn.com)

September 29 – October 5 / Fish & Cross Ranch - **TWO** – Yampa, Colorado (Cattle Gathering)

Event Manager: Brian Thomas 719-487-9014 (briancarolthomas@msn.com)

October 24 – 26 ** / Singleton San Cristobal Ranch – Santa Fe, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Michelle DeCanditis at 505-615-7016 (mdhpot@qwest.net)

** - Approved AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Special Event in Addition to Open Amateur Competitions

● - NVRHA events which rider may qualify for Colorado State Fair Championship Finals

ADDITIONAL NVRHA EVENTS BEING PLANNED IN

Eagle, Elbert, and Rifle, CO ~ Casper, WY ~ Scottsdale, AZ ~ Santa Rosa, CA ~ Bosque Farms, NM ~ Shawnee, OK
~ Salt Lake City, UT ~ Western Nebraska ~ Oregon ~ Florida ~ Mississippi ~ Idaho ~ South Dakota ~ California ~
Missouri

NVRHA

National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*Note: You are invited to attend one NVRHA clinic and/or competition without becoming a member.

Circle one membership below that applies:

Annual * Membership Fees: Youth: \$25.00; Individual: \$50.00; Couples (2): \$80.00;

Family (3+): \$125.00

Life Time Membership Fees: Individual: \$300.00; Couples (2): \$500.00;

Family (3+): \$1,000.00

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send your check, money order or credit card information to: NVRHA, 590 Hwy 105, Box 150, Monument, Co 80132. To pay by credit card (M/C & Visa ONLY) complete below:

Name on Credit Card:

_____ Type: _____

Acct #: _____ Expiration date:

A 3% fee will be added to all credit card payments.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* All Annual Memberships expire 12/31

NVRHA, 590 Hwy 105, Box 150, Monument, CO 80132

www.nvrha.org ~ Telephone/Fax: (719) 487-9014

National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

Event Registration Form

www.NVRHA.org



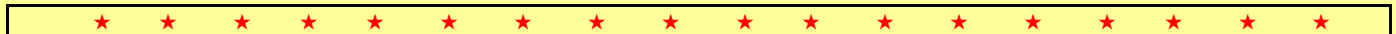
Participant Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip: _____ Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Registered Name of Horse: _____ Breed: _____

Year Foaled: _____ Owner's Name: _____



PLEASE INDICATE WHAT EVENT YOU'RE ATTENDING AND COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

Event Name: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____

Registration Fee: \$ _____ /per horse = \$ _____

Stall Fee: \$ _____ /horse x _____ nights = \$ _____

Social Event: _____ /person x _____ people = \$ _____

NVRHA Membership Fee: (see web for prices: www.nvrha.org) \$ _____

Please include a completed membership form also, if applicable TOTAL: \$ _____

Are you a current member? ____ Yes ____ No. For Rider Classification by Divisions refer to the Rules & Regulations, Item IV on our web site.

Cancellation Policy: 15 days or more 100% refund; 14 days or less; decision by event manager to transfer fee to another event or partial refund determined by expenses; full refund if rider gets a paid replacement. NVRHA reserves the right to cancel an event within 48 hours prior to the event.

Payment: Make checks payable and mail to: NVRHA, 590 Hwy 105, Box 150, Monument, CO 80132, Telephone and Fax: (719) 487-9014. **To pay by credit card:** M/C or Visa ONLY:

Name: _____ CC #: _____

Expiration date: _____ A 3% fee will be added to all credit card payments.

Release: Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Section 13-21, Colorado Revised Statutes. I/We hereby request to enter the event indicated and agree to abide by the bylaws, standing rules, judging, and rules of the respective organizations involved with this event. I/We hereby release AQHA, NVRHA, and other involved organizations and its members and employees from any loss to myself, employees, agents, horses and/or equipment while attending and/or participating in this event. The provisions contained herein are hereby made a part of this entry agreement. In addition, the general understanding of any "publication, video, and internet consent and release agreement" is incorporated in this release including: no monetary considerations; photo, video or verbal statements may be used now and in subsequent years as the program deems fit; is binding upon heirs and/or future legal representatives.

Signature - Participant, Parent/Guardian (under 18 years old) /Date

LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT SUMMARY

La Mesa, New Mexico

February 2-3, 2008

Member ID	La Mesa Entries		NVRHA POINTS												Totals		
	Riders Name	Horse	Division	Overall Placing	Ranch Riding		Ranch Working		Ranch Cutting		Ranch Trail		Ranch Conformation		Event	All Time	Placement Points*
					Event pts	Cumulative**	Event pts	Cumulative**	Event pts	Cumulative**	Event pts	Cumulative**	Event pts	Cumulative**			
15	White, Heath	Rise to the Challenge	ADV	1	2	6	0	4	0	0.5	3	9	3	14	8	33.5	25
8	Cantrell, Bill	Whiskey Stick Chick	INT	2	1	1	3	3.5	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	4.5	6.5	24
	McReynolds, Rachael	TT Bit O Class	NOV	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	28
22	Ashby, Liz	Price's Smokin Gun	INT	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	8
	Smith, Jarret	Mr. Sunolena Letters	ADV	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	19
	Hudgens, Celeste	CC Poco Jewel	INT	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	13
18	Benenson, Deb	Skip A Barb Six	ADV	7	0	0	1	8.5	0	3	1	3	0	5	2	19.5	18
37	DeCanditis, Michelle	Parsons Carmel Glaze	ADV	8	0	4.5	2	6.5	0	4.5	0	3	0	7	2	25.5	22
	Chambless, CeCe	Peppys Smokin Lynx	INT	9	0	0	0	0	2	4.5	0	0	0	0	2	4.5	21
27	White, Michael	Heza Bony Fine Dude	NOV	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	26
17	Hunter, Jack	Flying Osage Bar	INT	11	0	0	0	5.5	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	10.5	10
27	White, Bill	Babys Busy	INT	12	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	16
	Jones, Curtis	Cee Super Sailor	ADV	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	17
21	Padilla, Charifes	Tequita Poco Doll	INT	14	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	14
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*Placement points are awarded by Division; therefore do not determine overall placing for Ranch Horse Champion Award: 5 NVRHA Points in Riding, Working, Cutting, Trail & Conformation

** All NVRHA points earned to date, including this event (includes points earned under RMQHA 2007 and before)

KICKOFF COLORADO ~ NVRHA ~ CLINIC AND COMPETITION

CACTUS CREEK RANCH

PUEBLO, COLORADO ----- APRIL 11 - 13, 2008

3 GREAT DAYS OF HORSES, FRIENDS, FUN & EDUCATION FROM THE BEST IN THE WEST

CLINICIANS: DRY WORK GENA HENSON
COW HORSE JAY HENSON
ROPING JJ RYDBERG
CLINICS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
SCHOOLING COMPETITION SUNDAY



FEES: 3 DAYS \$385.00 *Excludes specialty clinics*

2 DAYS \$300.00 *Any combination of days/clinics*

1 DAY \$175.00** COMPETITION ONLY

FRIDAY NIGHT BAR-B-Q \$25.00

SATURDAY NIGHT STEAK FRY \$25.00

(Concessions available for other meals)

STALLS \$20.00 PER NIGHT, BEDDING AND SUNDAY STRIPPING INCLUDED

ELECTRIC HOOKUP FOR TRAILERS \$20.00 PER NIGHT



AQHA RESERVE WORLD CHAMPION MIKE MAJOR

ADVANCED SPECIALTY CUTTING CLINIC

LIMIT 5 RIDERS PER CLINIC — \$100.00 PER 4 HOUR SESSION

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 8 HORSES ENTERED PER DAY

RECOMMEND ONLY ONE 4 HOUR SESSION PER HORSE PER DAY

Hotel Suggestions: 20 minutes from *South Colorado Springs*: La Quinta, Marriott Residence, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn. OR 25 minutes from *North Pueblo*: La Quinta, comfort Inn, Best Western, Hampton Inn

CACTUS CREEK RANCH 18550 Midway Ranch Road, Pueblo, Colorado. From Colorado Springs approx. 21 miles take Exit 119 off I-25. From Pueblo approx. 21 miles take Exit 119 off I-25

EVENT MANAGER: Tom Cobb

(719) 548-8075, tommy.cobb@att.net



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YOU ARE INVITED...

VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE CLINIC AND COMPETITION

APRIL 18, 19 & 20, 2008

FRIDAY (NOON - 5:00PM) AND SATURDAY (8:00AM - 5:00PM) CLINICS
SUNDAY SCHOOLING COMPETITION (8:00AM - 5:00PM)

∞ PRESENTED BY ∞

NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

Ben Balow – *Reining Elements*

Kim McElroy – *Ranch Riding, Trail & Conformation*

TBA – *Ranch Cutting, Cow Horse & Roping*

- ★ Only a Limited Number of Participants ... *Hurry!*
- ★ Demonstration of all Versatility Ranch Horse Elements
- ★ Education and Practice with the Clinicians
- ★ Skill Level Evaluations for Horse and Rider
- ★ Saturday Night Bar-B-Que
- ★ Sunday put it all together in competition
- ★ FUN! FUN! FUN!

AUDITORS AND SPECTATORS ENCOURAGED!!

For information & registration packet:

Bob or Rebecca Grant
info@AnchorCrossRanch.com
928.567.5999

www.NVRHA.org

“RIDE THE LEGEND”



MAYTAG MOUNTAIN RANCH

BEGINNERS ROPING CLINIC

A National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Event



Come join us for a day of fun while you learn to rope from a pro! Cole Walker will be in town teaching the "Basics of Roping". Cole, an experienced horseman has spent his life riding, roping and learning to train and teach. He has worked with some of the top reining/working cow horse trainers and is pleased to pass on his knowledge and experience. For over 25 years he has successfully trained horses and riders in different disciplines including all aspects of ranch horse versatility competitions. He is a sought after clinician with a style and method that makes learning to rope safe and progressive. For this clinic, we will start on the ground and work up to roping from the saddle. Come with or without your horse. Either way, you will learn important roping skills that will give you and your horse a balanced foundation for this sport.

This is a National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Event. Contact info is:

NVRHA ~ 590 Hwy 105, Box 150,
Monument, CO 80132 ~ (719) 487-9014

www.nvrha.org

Event Manager: Twyla Walker (719) 942-4860



Date: May 10, 2008

Time: 9:00—noon & 1:00-4:00

Place: Maytag Mountain Ranch, Hillside, CO

Cost: \$143.00

Limited to 15 participants

Auditors \$15 person

Lunch included in participants' registration fee; all others may purchase lunch

Call Twyla at 719-942-4860 for more information or to make a reservation.

The National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

PRESENTS

Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic & Competition

May 9, 10 & 11, 2008

At The Beautiful Piojo Ranch in Watrous, New Mexico

Watrous is located North of Las Vegas, New Mexico

CLINICIANS TO INCLUDE:

Working Cow & Cutting Clinician To Be Announced (Contact organizers for current info)

Shantel Sexton • *Reining Trainer From Santa Fe, NM*

Clint Mortenson • *Roper Extraordinaire and Saddle Maker*



2 DAY CLINIC & 1 DAY COMPETITION: The clinic on Friday and Saturday will focus on all five classes that encompass a Ranch Versatility show: trail, roping, ranch cutting, working ranch horse, ranch riding and halter. The NVRHA competition will follow on Sunday. Cattle will be available for the cutting and working cow horse classes. **PRICES: \$385 3 DAYS, \$300 2 DAYS, \$200 1 DAY**

Additional New Mexico Events in 2008:

September 5, 6 & 7 • Rocking Horse Ranch, Moriarty, New Mexico

October 24, 25 & 26 • San Cristobal Ranch (NVRHA and AQHA Event)

All Breeds Welcome!
Stalls Are Available

For Info Contact:
Bill White **505-252-0220**
or Deb Benenson **505-660-5227**

Register on-line at www.nvrha.org

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ROCKY MOUNTAINS

GRANBY, COLORADO

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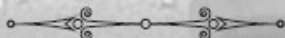
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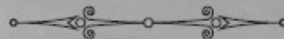
Dwayn Hoelsher, Berthoud, CO; Reining

Jack McComber, Rocky Ford, CO; Cutting

Merrit Linke, Granby, CO; Roping

Three Division Schooling Competitions \ Awards

Clinic Sizes Limited



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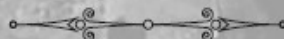
National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

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Seasoned Trail Horses & Tack provided

7 Horse Groups each with C Lazy U Professional Wranglers

Ride the Dip & Dive, Peak-a-Boo, Gold Run and many other trails



FEE

\$650 per rider VRH and \$600 Trail Ride (includes room, food, entertainment) C Lazy U horses & tack for Trail riders and corrals for haul-in ranch horses.



For Additional Info:

www.nvrha.org • www.clazyu.com

NVRHA 719-487-9014

Todd Winczewski 970-726-9709

National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

PRESENTS

Nuttin' But Cuttin' and a little Bit' a Ropin'



2 Day Clinic - June 21 - 22, 2008



Location: T-Cross Ranch, South Colorado Springs, CO - I-25, Exit 116.

Cost: \$350 per rider / **Youth Special:** \$250 per rider / **Stalls/Night:** \$10.00
(outside only) **Time:** Each day starts at 8:30 / **Social:** Saturday night -
BBQ--All you can eat on site – \$15/person.

Concessions available for other meals

Limited to the first 30 paid riders. Will be working with all levels of riders

Clinicians: Gary Campbell, Pueblo, CO ★ Anne Hutchinson, Marietta, OK
and ★ Jay Henson, Hugoton, KS

◇ **This is a private ranch. MUST bring coggins and health certificate!** ◇

Hotel Suggestions: 25 minutes from south Colorado Springs: La Quinta, Marriott Residence, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn ~ OR ~ 20 minutes from north Pueblo: La Quinta, Comfort Inn, Best Western or Hampton Inn. *Living Quarters Welcome: Electric hookup only and limited. \$10/night*

National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

PRESENTS

“The Legend Maker”

Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic & Competition

Clinic - June 27 – 28, 2008 / Competition – June 29th

Location: Colorado Horse Park

7522 S. Pinery Dr., Parker, CO 80134

(www.coloradohorsepark.com)

◆ **Clinic:** Will focus on providing the student with the skills and knowledge necessary to participate in all phases of competition: Ranch Cutting, Working Ranch Horse, Ranch Trail, and Ranch Riding. *Be sure to bring a break away rope.* (Some ropes will be for sale). *Each day starts at 9:00 and ends around 3:00*

◆ **Competition:** IS a State Fair qualifier. All Youth participants will qualify for the State Fair. *Starts at 9:00*

◆ **Saturday night Social:** [Hickory House Ribs](#), 10335 S. Parker Rd., Parker, CO 80134 (303) 805-9742



Clinic & Competition: \$275.00 (Friday – Sunday) ◆ Competition Fee: \$175.00 (Sunday)

(Participation in the clinic is limited to the first 24 that sign up. First come/first served)

The first 10 Youth entering the Clinic & Competition will receive a \$75.00 discount. Must enter by June 1, 2008.

Colorado Horse Park has information on *Stalls (\$20/day) & RV hookups (\$25/day)*. Must contact them for these services – www.coloradohorsepark.com or (303) 841-5550

Clinicians & Judges – Chris Collins (Roping) ◆ Gena Henson (Trail & Ranch Riding) ◆ Jay Henson (Working Cow & Cutting)

SPECIAL GUEST: *Julie Goodnight (on Friday only)*

Visit Julie's web sites: www.juliegoodnight.com and www.horsemaster.tv

For more information call the Event Manager: Pete Giers (33) 841-2026; mgfence@aol.com

NVRHA, 590 Hwy 105, Box 150, Monument, CO 80132
www.nvrha.org ~ Telephone/Fax (719) 487-9014



National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

Middle Park Cow Working Round Up

RANCH HORSE ROUND UP

Featuring Three of Colorado's most popular clinicians:
J.J. Rydberg, Wiley, CO
Merrit Linke, Granby, CO; Roping
Jack McComber, Rocky Ford, CO; Cutting
Clinic Sizes Limited (No more than 8 people to a group)

Middle Park Cow Working Roundup - July 18th, 19th and 20th
Includes: Cutting, Working Cow Horse and Roping Clinic for 2 days.
Roundup Competition on the 3rd day.

Location: Flying Heels Arena in Granby, CO

For Additional Info:

www.nvrha.org

NVRHA 719-487-9014

Brenda Simmons 970-887-1164 or 970-531-7144

Leslie Larkins 970-887-0982 or 970-531-0904

Fee: \$350 Per Rider



2008 Yearling Ranch Horse Futurity

Open to All Breeds of 2007 foals

To be held at NVRHA National Finals - Sept 2008

Conformation - Lounge Line - In-hand Trail

1st payment: \$100.00 by July 1, 2008

2nd payment: \$100.00 by September 1, 2008

Late Entry: \$300.00

For entry go to www.nvrha.org

2009 Ranch Horse Futurities

Pro, Non-pro, and Youth Divisions

Yearling, 2, 3, and 4 year old classes

Open to all Breeds

Graduated Payment schedule -

beginning September 1 of year

prior to futurity.

Separate Stallion Stakes - All Get of
Nominated Stallions Eligible

Significant Purses Anticipated!!!

NVRHA FUTURITIES

For More Information Contact: Al Munson #719-495-8081 or wamunson@pcisys.net





A Working Cattle Ranch

NVRHA Cattle Gathering

July 31 thru Aug 4
At the Fish and Cross Ranch
Yampa, Colorado

Contact The NVRHA
Office 719-487-9014

Become a part of the cowboy crew:

- Track Cattle
- Gather and Sort
- Rope and Doctor
- Drive cattle from high summer pastures

Limited to NVRHA
Members Only
\$600
5 Days / 4 Nights
Couples & families
welcomed
*All Inclusive

*Dreamed of riding on a
working cattle ranch?*

Come join us for our 2008 cattle gathering and stray roundup. You have the chance to participate in a cowboy tradition passed down from generations. You will get to use your own ranch horse skills, learn new skills and have some grand fun! Experience God's beauty in an awesome setting while moving up to 1000 head of cattle from their summer mountain pastures on national forest to our lower pastures.



NVRHA has partnered with the 20,000+ acre Fish and Cross Ranch, located just 35 miles south of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to offer you a true western heritage experience at an unbelievable price!

Our limit is 10 riders. Plan to bring two horses. This event is too strenuous for only one horse. The ranch will provide extra mounts as needed.



* Includes: Lodging, all meals, horse pens, cattle and extra horses



Fishandcrossranch.com

Relive the day around a table topped with abundant food and drink and the promise of an even better tomorrow!

NVRHA Cattle Gathering

On A Working Cattle Ranch

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive anytime after 2 p.m. Get acquainted with the ranch, take a trail ride and settle in your horse(s). We'll eat dinner around 6 pm.

Day 2: Wake up to a hearty Cowboy breakfast, where the Cowboss (Mike Redmond) will lay out the day's schedule and assign your position and tasks in the drive. Learn the *Cowboy Protocol*, a fascinating set of time-honored and tested procedures and rules built on the basis of trust, respect and integrity that ensures successful movement of large cattle herds. Oh yes, he may tell you stories about *wrecks* from the past when cowboys didn't follow the tradition. We're certain they were not as bad as he let's on!

After breakfast, saddle up and it's off to the mountains! Get ready for some riding and cattle moving.

Before we send you off to bed, you'll enjoy a scrumptious dinner with a chance to tell stories from the day's adventures. A great opportunity to converse, share a beverage and to create a long-lasting bond.



**Roping instruction
available each day**

Day 3: Ready for an exhilarating *Team Challenge*? We'll divide up into groups of 4 people. These dudes and dudettes will be your teammates for the **stray roundup**. Each team will have one section—about 640 acres—to cover via horseback and to find stray calves. Your job is to round up the calves, get them headed back to the barn, and put them in the sorting corral. The team that rounds up the most cattle and gets them back home safe and sound receives the *Top Hand* award. This is a chance to learn to work as team.

Day 4:

- Practice cutting or rope a steer in the 150' x 250' outdoor arena.

- Ride out to one of our mountain lakes and try your hand at fly fishing.

- Or maybe you just want to rest in the Cowboy hot tub and soak in the beauty of the Colorado mountains.

Day 5: Breakfast, break camp and head home by 11 am.



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2008 Versatility Ranch Horse

Colorado State Championship Series NVRHA QUALIFIER EVENTS

UT	WY	NE
	C Lazy U Ranch Granby May 26 • Middlepark • Granby July 20	• Longmont July 20 • Parker June 29 • Cactus Creek April 13 • FINALS Colorado State Fair Aug 26
AZ	CO	KS
• Camp Verde April 20 & May 26	Piojo Ranch • Watrous May 11 • Ruidoso July 20 La Mesa February 3	• Hugoton July 27
NM	TX	OK
	• Morris May 10 & 11	

Sponsors





Division	Placing at Qualifiers
1 Top 20	State Fair Finals – Limited to 75 horses
2 21-40%	Spaces not filled by qualifying horses will be filled on a space available and invitation only basis for lower placing horses.
3 41-60%	

AWARDS

Minimum added purse \$7,500
ESTIMATED AT \$9,000
 Ranch Cutter Saddle to ALL three divisions!
 Division winner awards thru 9th place in all three divisions.



**NO LONGER HAVE TO QUALIFY BY REGION –
 MAY QUALIFY AT ANY EVENT. AT ALL NVRHA EVENTS,
 MAY ATTEND ONLY THE SUNDAY COMPETITION
 (DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND CLINIC)**

**All NVRHA qualifier competition entries
 will be processed through NVRHA office.
 NVRHA • 590 Hwy 105, Box 150 • Monument, CO 80132
 See www.NVRHA.org for details**

- For more information, contact:**
- Hugoton, KS Channing Hawks (620) 544-2112
 - Morris, OK Karen Allison (918) 260-2881
 - C Lazy U Ranch Todd Winczewski . . . (970) 531-0705
 - Cactus Creek Ranch Tom Cobb (719) 548-8075
 - Longmont, CO Dan Pedry (303) 772-0969
 - Parker, CO Pete Giers (303) 841-2026
 - Middlepark, CO Brenda Simmons . . . (970) 887-1164
 - Camp Verde, AZ Bob/Rebecca Grant . (928) 567-5999
 - Piojo Ranch, N.M. Bill White (505) 868-4513
 - Ruidoso, N.M. Liz Ashley (505) 420-7538

- RULES:**
- All breeds welcome
 - Participants may qualify at any Open NVRHA or RMQHA event
 - AQHA rules apply at State Fair Finals
 - Horse/rides which participate in more than 1 qualifier will use highest placing for Division assignment.
 - No rider may participate in more than 1 division
 - Riders may participate from bordering states (Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona).
 - Riders must qualify prior to July 31, 2008
 - Invitations mailed by August 2, 2008
 - Division placement may be appealed to Colorado Fair Advisory Committee. Decision of committee will be final.

"Open to the World"
RANCH HORSE COMPETITION

Any Horse, Any Rider, Any Breed
\$300 entry - estimated \$8000 purse

rider may ride more
than one horse
sunday afternoon

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FRIDAY NIGHT

NATIONAL VERSATILITY
NATIONAL FINALS
RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY

**BREED APPROVED
VRH COMPETIONS**

- American Quarter Horse
- American Paint Horse
- Pinto*
- Appaloosa*

*If Entries Sufficient

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FUTURITY**

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**SEPTEMBER
26-28**

**NORRIS PENROSE
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For more information:
www.NVRHA.org

**SATURDAY
& SUNDAY**

**OPEN RANCH HORSE
COMPETITION**

FOUR DIVISIONS

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Youth

**MUST HAVE ATTENDED A
NVRHA EVENT COMPETITION
TO PARTICIPATE**

Division Placement based on
NVRHA Competition Score.



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