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NVRHA Inaugural National Finals

by Donna Stewart

The Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs has been home to well known and big name horse events for years. That made it an appropriate venue to host the much anticipated first ever NVRHA National Finals the last weekend in September. Huge numbers of volunteer work hours as well as donations of time, talent, and financial support came together to make this well attended event first class! Seventy versatility enthusiasts from nine states gathered to compete for a national title under vibrant blue Colorado skies. NVRHA members came from Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Idaho, Minnesota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Colorado to participate in the national event realized not even a year after the inception of the organization. For those who worked so hard getting the NVRHA to this point it was the culmination of a busy year



with a very steep learning curve and many amazing accomplishments. The three day event included an AQHA and PtHA versatility competition on Friday, the NVRHA finals on Saturday and Sunday, and the World's Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse competition on Sunday afternoon.

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NVRHA Selects 2008 Horseman of the Year

By Donna Stewart

When an organization like the NVRHA selects someone as its 'Horseman of the Year', it is fairly obvious that the individual has excellent horsemanship skills while embodying the mission and goals of the organization. This year's recipient certainly meets those standards, but the truly great part of this story is that the 2008 NVRHA Horseman of the Year far exceeds those obvious expectations. This year's recipient is not only a great horseman; he is one of the finest human beings you will ever saddle up with. Bill Cantrell is not just another cowboy; Bill Cantrell is a husband, a father, a grandfather, and a gentleman.

For anyone who has hung around the NVRHA this past year, singing Bill's praises is easy. We all know him. He's the friendly old guy in the silver belly hat with his shirt tail hanging out most of the time. He shows up at most of the competitions in Colorado, Kansas, and New Mexico and we often recognize him as the person who has driven the farthest or is the oldest. Man that doesn't even touch the tip of the iceberg. Everyone comes with a story and Bill is no exception. Bill was born in 1934 in Fort Worth, Texas to a pioneering family. (That's right, the guy who attended the most clinics, the most competitions, drove the most miles, and amassed the most place-

ment points is 74 years old!) Bill's great-great grandfather was an ambassador to the U.S. government from the Republic of Texas, which was around the time of the Alamo for all you history buffs! His great grandfather fought in the Civil War -for the right side, of course - Granddad was a Texas farmer and his father worked for the oil industry. Bill's mother, a school teacher, kept the family home and raised Bill and his brother. Growing up in Ft. Worth and attending Arlington State College, Bill had minimal exposure to horses

and cattle, but always had the dream and desire to make that his life-style.

Bill's initial experience with 'cowboy-in' came in the early 1950's while he was employed by the Tadlock Brothers, livestock operators in the Ft. Worth Stockyards. The Tadlock family bred horses and



Bill Cantrell receives the bronze sculpture of a cutting horse, from Points Chairman Charlie Stewart, acknowledging his achievement as the NVRHA 2008 Horseman of the Year.

was well known in early cutting horse circles. Bill learned a lot about horses and cattle from these folks, and still credits them with giving him a good foundation of horse and cattle knowledge. Bill was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1956, and spent two years in Germany working as a Radar Operator in an Anti-Aircraft Battalion. If they had needed cowboys in Germany, Bill may have stayed; but because cattle were scarce, he finished his obligation and returned to Texas.

His work for a truck/trailer manufacturer soon earned Bill a transfer to Las Cruces, New Mexico. That's when the cowboy got lucky and met Beverly. After several years of

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Bill and Whiskeys Chick Stick work their favorite event - cutting. "I like best how she watches a cow..."



hard work and fast talking, Bill finally persuaded Beverly, a school teacher, to marry him in 1962. They lived in Las Cruces until 1967 when Bill graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in Agricultural Business. The cowboy then returned to Texas to work for an agricultural lending corporation in Amarillo. According to Bill's math: Ag = Cattle = Horses = Ranching = Living his Dream. Do you see a pattern here?

In 1972 the Cantrell family, then numbering five, moved to Clayton, NM and started the western lifestyle in earnest. Bill took a job as an Ag Lender at the Farmer's & Stockmen's Bank of Clayton and settled into the small town community. By then, Bill and Beverly had three sons: Will, Ken, and Jason.

Somehow between working and raising kids, this displaced Texas cowboy managed to become a horseman. Bill describes Clayton as a place with a good sense of community. "There was a very active team roping group in town at that time," says Bill, "and that's when I bought my first horse." Shortly after that the family went 'all in' and everybody was involved in the ropings, even Beverly, as she took care of, fed, and supported boys and horses alike. It wasn't long before the family was traveling to High School Rodeos and ropings. As Bill and the boys became more involved, the number of horses and cattle that Bill owned grew. The dream was real and the work had begun.

Bill will tell you that his three sons are his life's greatest accomplishment - and he is probably right. Anybody that turns out three such fine young men has a lot of bragging rights. "I adopted a treasured friend's philosophy on raising kids," says Bill, "I never saw a boy in trouble that was leading a horse." To that end Bill encouraged all the boys to become involved with roping and horses. "They were either going to be there working the chutes or roping," says Bill, "so they all learned to rope."

As Jason grew, Bill and his youngest son became actively involved in the USTRC. With Bill as the header and Jason the heeler, the father and son team traveled throughout the West. Bill, the left-handed cowboy who taught himself to rope right-handed, has won multiple belt buckles and five trophy saddles as a roper! The highlight of his roping career was a big time win at the #7 Shootout USTRC Regional Finals in Cheyenne, WY. So, next time you see him miss his cow at an NVRHA event make sure to do a little friendly prodding! Bill and Jason roped together consistently until early 2000 when Jason moved on and Bill began to think about what he wanted to do next. His business as a real estate appraiser specializing in ranch land kept Bill pretty busy, but with the boys leaving home and his rope horses getting old, Bill began looking for another new challenge.

Doing the ranch work necessary for keeping cattle, Bill soon realized he needed a horse that could do more than rope. He started looking at and appreciating horses that were a little more

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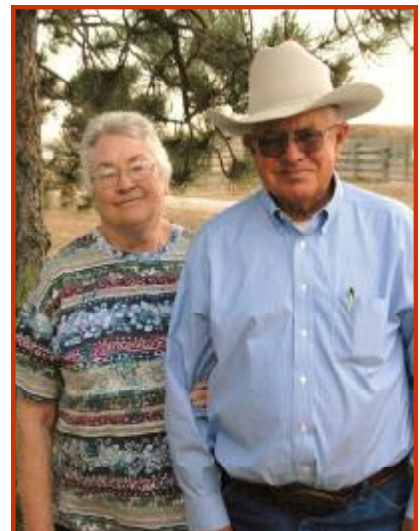
Bill rides his mare, Whiskey Chick Stick, most every morning. "She gives me something to do..."



Will, Jason, Ken and Bill Cantrell

Beverly and Bill Cantrell

"I never saw a boy in trouble that was leading a horse." Thanks to Bill, all the Cantrell boys learned to rope...



versatile than the average rope horse. Bill attended his first Versatility Clinic in 2002, put on by RMQHA in Pueblo, CO. The hook was set and Bill had found his challenge. Over the next several years, Bill attended Versatility events sponsored by the RMQHA, RHAA (Ranch Horse of America Assn), SHOT, and finally the NVRHA.

In settling with the NVRHA Bill says, "I have looked around and tried them all. The NVRHA is by far the most organized and has the best philosophy of all the organizations. The clinics are smaller, the learning opportunities are better, and the people are great." He credits Dave Currin for helping him get involved and being the driving force behind the NVRHA. "The only thing about Dave's philosophy that I've had trouble grasping is the part about having fun and not doing well at the same time," says Bill. "Everything else fits pretty good."

Several years ago Bill bought his mare, Whiskeys Chick Stick, at the 2006 CSU Legends of Ranching Sale. The mare was purchased with the single goal of becoming a versatility ranch horse. Out of Mike Majors' champion stallion, Smart Whiskey Doc, this mare is the closest Bill has come to a girlfriend since meeting Beverly. "I don't mind," says Beverly, "he spends time with her every morning." Bill keeps his mare at home and doesn't send her out for training because he is admittedly 'lost without her'. Now how can you not love a guy like that?



Despite his success, Bill hasn't always had an easy time competing in the VRH events.

He vividly remembers receiving feedback on his first score sheet from Gena Henson who wrote 'this is very hard but it will get better'. Bill laughs about that now and says he is still waiting for it to get better! He appreciates all the help and encouragement he has gotten from the Henson's over the years. "When you see somebody loping a horse before sunrise, it will be Bill. He is the first to get on his horse every morning and works harder than most anybody else," says Jay Henson. Some of Bill's personal goals for the 2009 season are to improve his fence work and cutting. "I like best how she watches a cow," he says of his mare, "and cutting is my favorite of the events."

Next year Bill and his mare will compete in the 2009 AQHA versatility event at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show. The significance of this doesn't become apparent until you know that Bill's father, G.S. Cantrell, rode in the Ft. Worth Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in 1909! In the future, carrying on this hundred year old tradition will be left to Bill's four grandchildren. "They're fine kids," Bill says with a smile, "and I'm only a little bit partial."



G.S. Cantrell - 1909

As for the future of the organization, Bill will continue to be actively involved in growing the NVRHA. He is committed to nurturing the Novice riders and promoting quality in the organization through careful and well-managed growth. "A challenge to this organization will be to maintain consistency among states as the rapid growth continues," says Bill. Surely with Bill as one of the NVRHA's highly skilled and committed leaders this success is assured.

So what does becoming the NVRHA's first 'Horseman of the Year' mean to Bill Cantrell? "It is my single greatest horse accomplishment," he asserts. Well Bill, we've done a lot of great things in the NVRHA, but you just might be our single greatest accomplishment too.

Doesn't it just make you smile?



In addition to being Horseman of the Year, Bill Cantrell is the 2008 NVRHA Year End High Point Champion for the Intermediate Amateur Division.



NVRHA EVOLUTION—Meeting the Challenge

By Dave Curcio, President

Few envisioned the amazing popularity of "Riding The Legend" which would occur during the NVRHA inaugural year. After expanding to nine states in 2008, it could be as many as 20 in 2009. Thanks to a dedicated and quality Board of Directors, active National Advisors from participating states, an involved group of Professional Advisors, and very supportive participants, we are meeting the challenges! Our focus continues on fun and education and as we are addressing our lessons learned, we must add even more emphasis to our third focus—holding high quality events. The following is a "Peak into the Future".

Jackpot Open Division Begin In 09

Our National and Professional Advisors continually push for a Jackpot Open Division, open to any horse and any rider. This will be popular with Cowboys and Professional Horseman without jeopardizing our current "grass roots" amateur program. In this new Division, the rider does not have to own the horse or be a ranch employee. Professionals may ride client horses and may ride more than one horse in the same event. Amateurs may participate in both the Open Division and Amateur Division at the same event and ride only once in the performance classes. The payout will be divided between splits within the Division based upon placing. (Example: 10 horses compete, 1st-5th place split 60%, 6th-10th place split 40%).

Top Four Event Scores Used For Year End Awards

Once four overall competition scores have been received by a horse/rider combination, higher subsequent scores will be substituted for a lower score received earlier resulting in a higher total. This will curtail to some degree "hauling contests" and help states with limited events to be more competitive for year and awards.

Access To Points Earned During The Year

Points from all events will be updated Monthly and placed on the Web Site. Events included in the updates will be posted. Participants are encouraged to become familiar with the point system to track their progress. Out of cycle inquiries will be handled through the NVRHA office as well as Division Assignment.

Division Assignment

The procedure remains the same as in 2008, with the following exception. Horse / rider combinations earning 60 placement points during the year will not be elevated to the next higher Division until the beginning of the next award year (mid September).

Score Sheet Simplification

Tabulation on the score sheets has been reduced by about 50% without any sacrifice of feed back to the exhibitor. This makes the sheet easier to read and reduces the potential for error during tabulation by management. A much needed improvement!

Judge Certification

Growth of events across the USA makes this requirement urgent. A working group is developing a procedure to be initiated in 2009. A "Judges Manual" has been completed and is being used. Our goal is scoring consistency and elimination of judge prejudice.

Affiliate Program Adoption

In the interest of maintaining a high level of quality at all events, selected management decentralization of NVRHA to Affiliates in geographical regions begins in 2009. An Affiliate would be a state or other organization of selected leaders charged with organizing and overseeing Ranch Horse Events (financial, promotion, event planning, execution, etc). For an affiliate relationship with NVRHA to be approved, a Win-Win alliance must be developed. New Mexico and Arizona are currently exploring this option.

The Youth Adventure

In 2009, our Youth Program is likely to be greatly enhanced with a second "All Youth" event in Oklahoma at the Tulsa Boys Home. This will be a "charity event" and is expected to attract national attention. Stay tuned for more details!

Jump Starting New Ranch Horse Events

As you can imagine, starting a new event in a state having no Ranch Horse Program is a challenge. Much interest in Ranch Horse exists, but to jump in and be a part of the first event takes courage. Many fence sitters wait for the second event to participate.

Innovative leaders are using mini-clinics to jump start programs in their states. Six to ten riders form an informal club and work with local professional horsemen using low cost private facilities. The most common mini-clinics include: Without Cattle (Horsemanship, Cutting with a wire, Roping with a mechanical cow, Reining, and Trail); With Cattle (Cutting and Working Cow Horse).

The Clinics are usually 4 to 6 hours in length and often two skills are addressed at the same clinic using two clinicians and alternating time slots. Once sufficient interest is generated, a full scale NVRHA event is held, often with NVRHA on site support.

As you can see, our "plate is full"! Yet, with the hard work and enthusiasm of our membership—we are on top of it! We always welcome and need new blood with new ideas and energy! Can you spare some time to help us out? If so give me call—I always have an exciting Challenge to discuss with you! My Telephone number is (719) 481-9311.



Kansas kids Bobbie Crain (above), Shanda Walker and Cutter Hawks are all top hands...



Youth Round-Up

By Selena Giers

The much anticipated National Finals were a great success! I was very excited to see all of the youth that attended, and hope to see even more next year!

Twelve youth attended this event: three in the Novice youth division and nine in the Advanced youth division. The youth competitors came from Kansas, Arizona, and of course Colorado. Everyone was very friendly and brought their "A" game to the contest. The Banquet was a lot of fun. I enjoyed seeing old friends that I hadn't seen in a long

time and making new friends. Some of the youth were present to accept their end of the year awards. The youth that did attend the banquet were very professional from the way that they acted, to the way that they were dressed.

This year was a great success! I hope that it is even better next year with even more youth competitors in both divisions.

When you see any of the board members including the Stewarts, Roses, Bill Hauschildt, Dave Currin,

and the numerous other people that always help, please be sure to thank them. Without them we would not have had this wonderful event.

Finally, congratulations to all of the Winners and Competitors, you all did a great job!

Youth with questions about getting involved with the NVRHA may contact Selena at:

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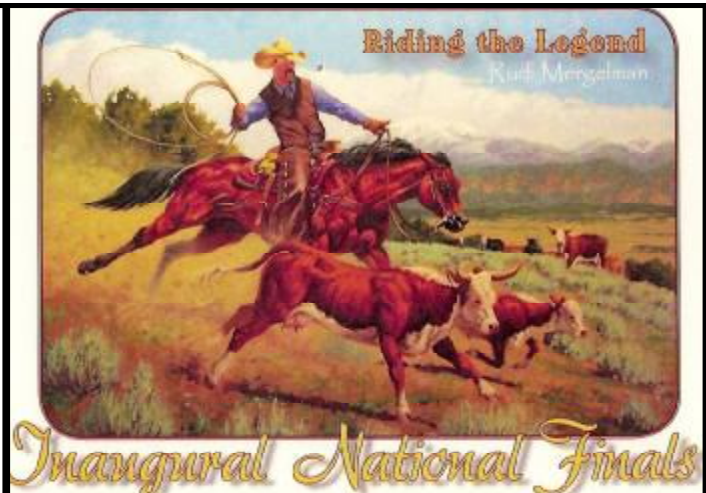
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NVRHA - ACROSS THE USA

by Dave Currin

Arizona: The Ranch Horse program burst onto the Arizona High Desert in April of 2008, when President Dave Currin made a special introductory trip to Anchor Cross Ranch in Camp Verde, AZ, and it is still building momentum. Three events were held in the first year, and five are planned for 2009. Events will again be held at Anchor Cross Ranch in Camp Verde and American Ranch in Prescott. With interest and participation by both amateurs and professionals growing at an unprecedented rate, we are offering open classes in addition to the Amateur classes at all of our events in 2009. We are also working towards formally organizing an affiliate and offering year end awards.

THE BIG NEWS is the Sun Country Versatility Ranch Horse Rendezvous being planned for February, to be held at Buckeye Equestrian Center - Buckeye, AZ. This new "Regional Extravaganza" is being designed to attract participants in neighboring states that have blooming Ranch Horse programs; New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Utah and California. A very special advanced clinic featuring multiple World Champion Al Dunning of Scottsdale, Arizona will be offered in addition to renowned Ranch Horse Clinicians Jay and Gena Henson of Hugoton, Kansas. Al is well known world-wide for unparalleled success in the horse industry. Jay, an accomplished horseman, has specialized in Ranch Horses and over the past eight years has developed numerous Ranch Horse Champions. Gena was runner up to Mike Major at the 2009 Worlds Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse held at the NVRHA National Finals in September. At the Rendezvous, special awards will be presented to both Arizona and out of state participants. Other special features include a Jackpot Open Stakes, (any horse, any rider) and a dynamite social event. The bar will be raised for this event, come and join us in the FUN! For more information contact us at Anchor Cross Ranch (Bob or Becky Grant) at (928)567-5999.

California: An event (clinic and schooling competition), is being planned in Paso Robles, California for spring of 2009. For more information, call CeCe Chambless (505) 470-8989.

Colorado: Many call Colorado "The Cradle of Ranch Horse" and the baby continues to grow. 2008 was a blockbuster season with 13 Ranch Horse events and over 300 participants. The National Finals was a great success with 72 entries from eight states. That's now in our rearview mirror—what about the future? Those of you who were unable to attend our C Lazy U Ranch premier event in recent years will be delighted to hear that the 5 star event will be repeated in May 2009. In 2008, the Murray's sold the C Lazy U, but thanks to Karen Murray, the new ranch owners have graciously

agreed to have us back. Along with our National Finals, C Lazy U is one of our most prized and well attended events. At the C Lazy U, we always schedule a star attraction. In 2008, Sandy Collier was our headliner and in 2009, we are inviting Joe Wolters (a well known Ranch Horse star) to be our special guest. We will again limit to 40 Ranch Horse Riders and 30 Trail Riders so sign up early to assure your slot. Those who did not attend in 2008 but register now, placing themselves on top of the waiting list, will be given first priority at openings not filled by last year participants. The popular events of the past several years such as "Cactus Creek", "Nuttin But Cuttin", "Legend Maker", "Beaver Creek", "T-Cross Ranch", and six or so others are being planned. For information, visit our web site WWW.NVRHA.ORG or call the office (719)487-9014.

Florida: Events are being planned at Cedar Key and Sarasota for 2009. For information, contact Linda Harrel (Cedar Key) (352) 543-6931 or Jay Holmes (JJJ Ranch - Sarasota) (941) 378-0388.

Idaho: The Teton Saddle Back Vistas Arena nears Briggs, Idaho and Jackson Hole, Wyoming provided a world class setting for Idaho's first NVRHA ever in mid-August of 2008. The Teton Valley's new State of the Art Equestrian Facility is extremely well designed and managed for Ranch Horse events. Marty Kribs of Briggs organized and executed an excellent clinic, NVRHA competition, and an AQHA Ranch Horse Special Event. Horsemen from California, Utah, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming participated. Local ranchers, cowboys, and businessmen "raised the bar" with tough competition. The event was a magnet for local horsemen bystanders curious about Ranch Horse plans for 2009. The Teton Saddle Back Vista Arena management staff is planning specialty clinics during the winter leading to NVRHA Ranch Horse events in the spring and summer of 2009. For more information, contact Mary Morris at (208) 360-6503.

Kansas: Kansas continues to be a major player in NVRHA. Most of the participation to date has been in the western part of the state primarily because of the very active Colorado program nearby. Recent interest in bordering states is expected to generate more participation across the state of Kansas. In addition to events which are always well attended in west Kansas, in the spring of 2009, an event in Kansas City, Missouri is being planned (See Missouri). At the National Finals, Kansas contributed two of the four Trophy Saddles which were awarded to Division Winners. The Willoughby and Henson

Ranch, and the Cimarron River Saddlery Company owned by Pierre Lamont of Liberal, added a special touch to the NVRHA National Finals by sponsoring these very high quality saddles. One of the four trophy saddles made a return trip to Kansas won by Shanda Walker in the Advanced Youth Division. Congratulations Shanda! Congratulations also go to Gena Henson riding Risky Irish Whiskey, the runner up in the Worlds Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse Stakes. Risky is owned by Charlie and Donna Stewart. For information on Kansas events, contact Channing Hawks (620)544-2112.

Louisiana: An event (clinic and schooling competition) is currently being planned in Folsom for the spring of 2009. For information, contact Tammy Hyde (985) 796-3833.

Minnesota: On October 25-26, Minnesota hosted its first NVRHA Ranch Horse event in LeSueur. Susan Heyvaert, the Minnesota State Advisor to NVRHA, has attended three NCRHA events in 2008 in Kansas, South Dakota and Colorado gaining a full knowledge of what makes a successful event tick. Riders in Minnesota are in for a real treat as they experience the thrill of "Riding the Legend" and developing the seven Ranch Horse skills. It was a great event with riders and horses attending from across Minnesota and surrounding states. On Saturday, participants were divided into groups and rotated through clinicians focusing on wet and dry work skills. On Sunday the participants were assigned to divisions based upon riding/horse skills observed during the clinics. A Schooling Competition was held with the Judge/Clinician coaching the riders through each event. For more information on future Minnesota events, contact Susan Heyvaert (763) 479-1895.

Missouri: An event (clinic and schooling competition) is currently being planned in Kansas City for the summer of 2009. For more information, contact Rich Masoner.

Nebraska: The first NVRHA Event held at the Lazy K Ranch Arena in Grand Island in September was an eye-opener for Nebraskans from across the state. The Clinicians, Jay and Gena Henson of Kansas, gave all riders a detailed insight into all of the five Ranch Horse classes. Riders were given the choice of participating in an NVRHA schooling competition, in an approved AQHA VRH competition, or in both competitions. Two Nebraskans', Denny Mohr and Shalee Paxton, qualified and attended the NVRHA National Finals in Colorado Springs on the next weekend—congratulations Denny for winning the Trophy Saddle in the Advanced Division at the Finals! Nebraska is already making plans for NVRHA events in 2009. The Lazy K Arena is planning both a spring and fall event at Grand Island. A third event is being considered at Broken Bow during the summer. Ranch Horse enthusiasts will also be able to attend NVRHA events in bordering states of Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, and Missouri. For more

information, contact Seth Adams in Grand Island (308) 458-992, or Katie Swisher in Litchfield (308) 870-3748.

Nevada: On November 14, 15, and 16, Nevada will become the tenth state to host a NVRHA Ranch Horse event. The event will be held, at the Red Rock Arena in Bonnie Springs, which is on the edge of Las Vegas. Ben Balow of Prescott, Arizona and Matt Replogle of Las Vegas will be the clinicians. Full details may be accessed at WWW.NVRHA.org, or by calling Kim or Joe Weitekamp (702) 232-1345.

New Mexico: The interest of Ranch Horse riders continues to grow across the Land of Enchantment. As the New Mexico Ranch Horse completes its fourth year, plans are underway to create the New Mexico Ranch Horse Affiliate to NVRHA. This affiliate will allow even higher levels of focus on Ranch Horse fun, education in clinics, and local competitions with New Mexico year end awards. As NVRHA Ranch Horse events surround New Mexico in Texas, Arizona, and Colorado, new opportunities for cooperative events are emerging. Five events are being planned for the 2009 season. With the cooperation of New Mexico trainers, breeders, and horse related businesses, an enhanced Ranch Horse program will result in raising-the-bar, for enjoyment and promotion of the all around Ranch Horse. We want and need your involvement! Contact Jennifer White at (505) 252-0215 for more information.

Oklahoma: The Sooner States Ranch Horse Invitation occurred at Cathy Brownson's private ranch in Northeast Oklahoma in the spring. Although sparsely attended, the seed was planted amongst highly motivated riders. Soon after, a cutting clinic was held at Justin Austin's facility in Bixby, Okla., and the event was a large success. A clinic and schooling competition is being scheduled, at Kellyville in early '09. Stanley Long and Gary Griffin traveled to Colorado twice during the year to learn more about the Ranch Horse craze. In the spring of 2009, Stanley and Cathy are planning a Youth Ranch Horse event at the Tulsa Boys School in Tulsa, which will be the first of its kind. Four arenas are to be operated concurrently, introducing the Boy's Schools youth to the fun of riding a Ranch Horse. Local ranchers will be asked to donate horses for use in the event. Volunteer clinicians will provide instruction. The clinics will be followed by Schooling Competitions specially tailored to provide a fun packed adventure for the youth. For more information on Oklahoma events, contact Cathy Brownson (970) 887-1766.

Oregon: The NVRHA break through to the West Coast is on the verge as Oregon adds Versatility Ranch Horse to its highly diversified horse activities. The 100 member strong, 30 year old club wanted a fun event in which all members could participate—they chose Versatility Ranch Horse, NVRHA style. The Brasada Ranch based organization near Bend, Oregon plans a series of clinics focusing on Cutting, Working Cow

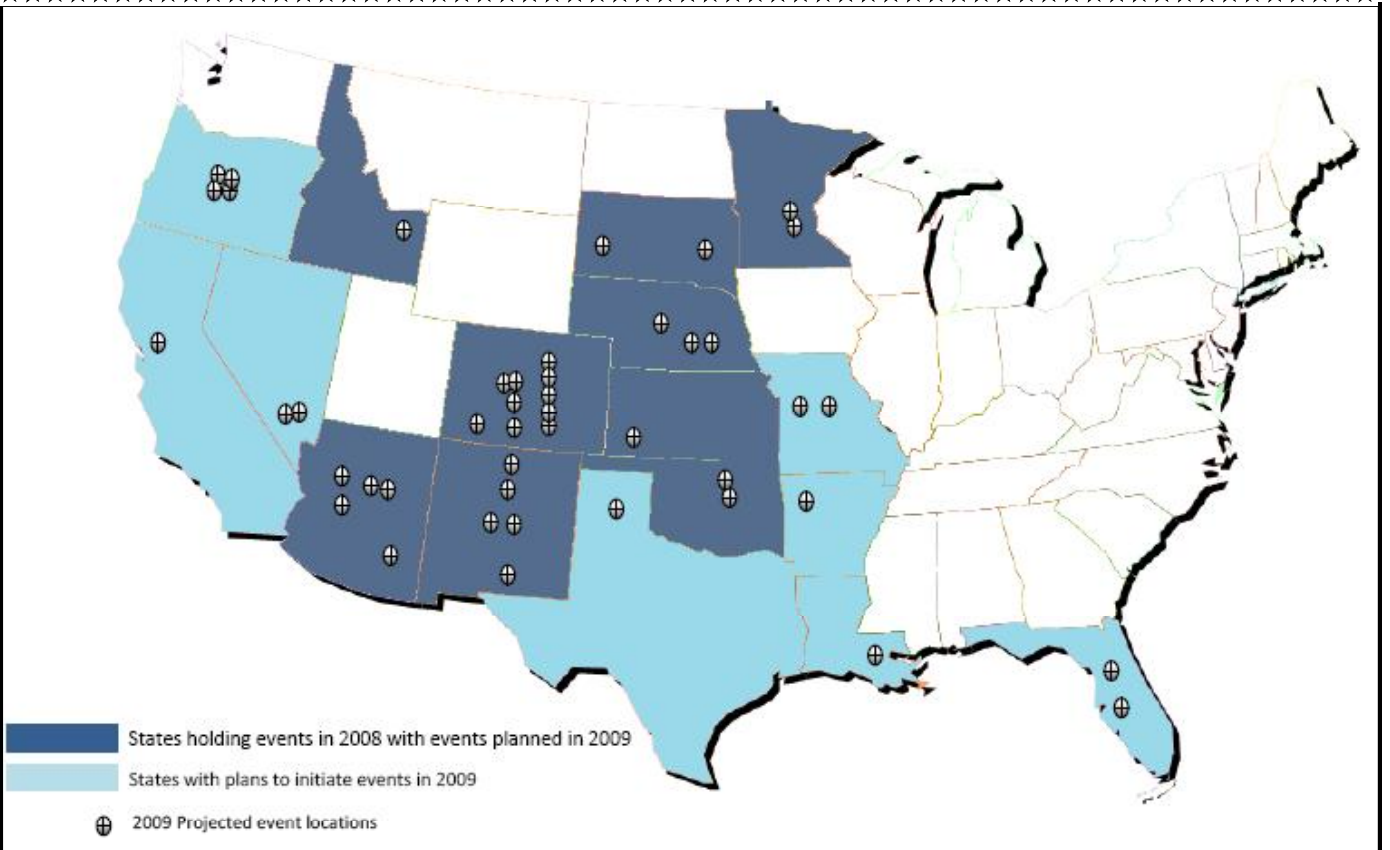
Horse, Roping, Reining, and Horsemanship (Trail and Riding) as a primer for four NVRHA Ranch Horse combination clinic and schooling competitions in 2009. The events will include a Regional Finals leading to selection of their stop contender's for participation in the 2009 NVRHA National Finals in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A portion of event registration fees will be set aside to assist the top contenders from each division in their trip to the National Finals. For more information, contact Paul Richardson at (541) 419-3405.

activities wishing they had their mount at the event. Ranch Horse is on the radar of numerous South Dakotans—a repeat, is planned at the Ranches of Cherry Creek in Wessington Springs in the fall of 2009. In addition, Deb Black (Today's Horse Magazine) is planning a clinic and schooling competition prior to the Rapid City Stock Show in June '09. For more information, contact Bill Kresh (605) 991-9398 or Deb Black at (605) 390-3410.

South Dakota: The first NVRHA event in South Dakota was held at the Ranches of Cherry Creek near Wessington Spring. It attracted horses and riders from across the state and Minnesota. Bill Kresh pulled all the pieces together and orchestrated a "first class" Ranch Horse Event. Don and Kamber Ulmer and the Ranches of Cherry Creek were phenomenal hosts. Everyone had a ball! Don's clinician skills were exceptional and every single participant went away a much improved horseman. The South Dakota State University Equine Team provided invaluable help in making the event extra special. At least thirty interested bystanders were lured to all the

Texas: An event (clinic and schooling competition) is currently being planned in Amarillo for the spring of 2009. For more information, contact Kristen Jacobson (814) 450-2224.

2009 NVRHA EXPANSION



2008 NVRHA PLACEMENT POINT STANDINGS

Novice Amateur 2008 Standings Top 15

Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	Total PTS
Flood, Susan	Tidy's Dun Fine	12	14	19	15	11	71
Zueck, Linnea	Holy Molie Monica	9	1	13	10	4	37
Cool, Lynn	CD Snip on Her Nose	6	4	5	4	7	26
Raymond, Debbie	Mr Smart T Smoke	3	5	2	4	5	19
Baldwin, Pam	DSR Lil Cappucino	3	4	4	2	4	17
Crawford, Tracy		3	5	2	3	3	16
Guerrero, Victor	Caper's Big Easy	4	1	4	1	4	14
Campbell, Kyle	JP Cutie	1	3	3	2	3	12
Dobbs, Nancy Jo	Questas Bay Breeze	1	3	3	3	2	12
Ford, Joe	Athenas Acre	2	3	2	2	3	12
Venezia, Dean	Rocket	1	3	3	1	2	10
Taranto, Cammi	Gotta Go Shayne	1	3	3	1	1	9
Davis, Dusty	Hey Goodlooking Cksix	1	1	1	4	1	8
Hanratty, Kevin	BBR Brown Nosin	1	1	2	3	1	8
Johnson, Dirk	Panama Pep	1	0	6	0	1	8

Intermediate Amateur 2008 Standings Top 15

Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	Total PTS
Cantrell, Bill	Whiskey Stick Chick	22	25	20	26	25	118
Abshire, Cindy	Fancy San Scooter	18	14	13	17	16	78
White, Bill	Babys Busy	13	14	12	12	10	61
Pedry, Dan	Royal Flush 7679	6	8	6	13	20	53
Lytle, Chris	Lenas Flyin Delta CT	7	11	6	12	10	46
Stewart, Donna	A Classic Page	11	8	9	7	11	46
Grant, Rebecca	Feleena Fair	7	8	10	8	12	45
Giers, Pete	Bar J Marcy	6	10	13	8	7	44
Hunter, Jack	Flying Osage Bar	4	11	13	4	10	42
Sikorski, Kathryn	High Brow Banker	6	6	11	10	9	42
Lieffort, Renee	Dunit with Boomernic	11	10	5	9	5	40
Flood, Mick	Heza A Whitt	9	10	9	7	4	39
Plummer, Harry	Pocos Socks	7	8	7	7	8	37
Ellis, Jeff	Peppy Bar Cody	10	6	6	5	8	35
Padilla, Charles	Tequita Poco Doll	6	10	2	8	9	35

Advanced Amateur 2008 Standings Top 15

Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	Total PTS
Rose, Tim	Double Tuckered Out	20	19	18	21	24	102
Block, Donna	Dunnit Leanin	16	17	14	17	20	84
Block, Henry	Deintruder	21	16	8	19	8	72
White, Heath	Rise to the Challenge	17	11	9	15	18	70
Lauby, Rita	Lil Bit O Budge	12	17	15	14	11	69

Marshall, Paulette	CW Playmates Gun	8	9	13	17	8	55
Baker, Lisa	Lil Ruf Vegas	8	11	9	7	18	53
Little, Denisa	Pavo's Little Indian	8	11	12	11	11	53
Rose, Tim	Stylish Gus	7	8	9	10	9	43
Chambless, CeCe	Peppys Smokin Lynx	7	10	11	6	8	42
Moorehead, Rich	Tuckers Loverboy	7	4	13	9	9	42
Hauschildt, Lisa	Too Darn Smart	16	4	6	10	5	41
Giers, Pete	Par Zan Tucker	4	14	5	5	5	33
Bosack, Ashley	Ratchett Jackpot Two	6	5	5	9	6	31
Ellis, Caroline	Fit Te Bar	6	6	6	6	6	30

Novice Youth 2008 Standings Top 15

Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	Total PTS
Jordan, Lisa	Lax on Luck	6	5	4	4	5	24
Norton, Kassie	Valentines Coup	4	4	6	6	3	23
Miller, Madison	San Juan Nana	4	4	1	5	6	20
Van Soelen, Rusty	Jessies Royal Cutter	2	3	4	5	4	18
Johnson, Michael	Chip	3	1	2	3	5	14
Crane, Bobbie	Zip N Chip	4	2	3	2	1	12
Guerrieri, Brett	Make My Day Olena	3	1	5	2	1	12
Hardy, Hanna	Tucker Lena	1	3	3	3	2	12
Moore, Ashley	Strawberry Shortcake	1	5	3	1	2	12
Johns, Jessica	Zippo Lisa	2	1	1	4	3	11
Bukowski, Garrett	One More Bullet	1	1	5	2	1	10
Hardy, Colton	Dan's Royal Skip	2	2	2	1	3	10
Horn, Jack	Reality Chex	2	2	2	2	0	8
Brownson, Ana	Boxter	1	1	1	1	1	5
Breckenridge, Karli	Radar	1	1	1	1	1	5

Advanced Youth 2008 Standings Top 15

Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	Total PTS
Giers, Selena	Tiger Lee Zan	8	7	6	8	8	37
Cloninger, Alyta	Dez My Heart Good	5	6	6	6	4	27
Havick, Hayley	Jae Bar Underhill	7	3	2	6	5	23
Christensen, Haydn	Doc's Smurfn Snappy	5	2	5	4	6	22
Miller, Kailee	Hurry My Way	4	6	6	1	5	22
White, Michael	Heza Bony Fine Dude	4	4	4	4	4	20
Hudgens, Janice	Savanah Jack Blue	4	3	4	4	3	18
Hudgens, Jennifer	Frecko Nifty Drift	3	1	3	5	4	16
Christensen, Nikita	Savannahs Command	2	4	3	4	2	15
Crane, Lisa	Shy Little Coosa Lad	3	3	4	1	4	15
Christensen, Haydn	Doc's Smurfn Sassette	3	3	2	3	3	14
Giers, Selena	Bar J Marcy	2	3	3	3	3	14
Norton, Kassie	Nick Addition	6	6	0	2	0	14
Lamont, Jesslin	Pearls Pistolena	1	4	2	3	2	12
Walker, Shanda	Sheza Peppy Doc Bar	2	2	2	2	2	10

AWARDS EARNED 2008

Watrous, NM

Heath White and Rise to the Challenge Register of Merit Ranch Trail

C Lazy U, Granby, CO.

Selena Giers and Tiger Lee Zan Register of Merit Ranch Riding

Selena Giers and Tiger Lee Zan Register of Merit Ranch Trail

Henry Block and Deintruder Register of Merit Ranch Trail

Chris Kelly and Okie Pokie Letters Register of Merit Working Ranch

The Legend Maker, Parker, CO.

Cindy Abshire and Fancy San Scooter Register of Merit Cutting

Tim Rose and Double Tuckered Out Register of Merit Ranch Trail

Rita Lauby and Lil Bit O Budge Register of Merit Working Ranch

Rita Lauby and Lil Bit O Budge Ranch Horse Champion

Windy Creek, Longmont, CO.

Lisa Baker and Lil Ruf Vegas Register of Merit Conformation

Bill Cantrell and Whiskey Stick Chick Register of Merit Working Ranch

Rita Lauby and Lil Bit O Badge Register of Merit Cutting

Cindy Abshire and Fancy San Scooter Ranch Horse Champion

Sunflower Reunion, Hugoton, KS.

Tim Rose and Double Tuckered Out Register of Merit Ranch Riding

Tim Rose and Double Tuckered Out Register of Merit Conformation

Tim Rose and Double Tuckered Out Ranch Horse Champion

Bayfield CO.

Tim Rose and Stylish Gus Supreme Champion

Bill Cantrell and Whiskey Stick Chick Register of Merit Conformation

Victor ID.

Donna Block and Dunit Leanin Register of Merit Conformation

Henry Block and DeIntruder Register of Merit Ranch Riding

Edgewood NM.

Heath White and Rise to the Challenge Register of Merit Ranch Riding

NVRHA Championship points are posted on the website at www.nvrha.org

NVRHA NATIONAL FINALS -- SHOW RESULTS

ADVANCED AMATEUR DIVISION

Conformation	Working Ranch	Ranch Riding	Cutting	Trail	Overall
1 - Edgell Pyles	1 - Marty Kribs	1 - Denny Mohr	1 - Tim Rose	1 - Cindy Rose	1 - Denny Mohr
2 - Denny Mohr	2 - Denny Mohr	2 - Marty Kribs	2 - Donna Block	2 - Paulette Marshall	2 - Marty Kribs
3 - Lisa Baker	3 - Henry Block	3 - Cindy Rose	3 - Dustin Hawks	3 - Cindy Abshire	3 - Cindy Rose
4 - Dustin Hawks	4 - Shalee Paxton	4 - Donna Block	4 - Bill Cantrell	4 - Dustin Hawks	4 - Dustin Hawks
5 - Jack Hunter	5 - Pete Giers	5 - Lisa Hauschildt	5 - Marty Kribs	5 - Marty Kribs	5 - Donna Block
6 - Cindy Rose	6 - Jack Hunter	6 - Edgell Pyles	6 - Henry Block	6 - Bill Cantrell	6 - Edgell Pyles

INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR DIVISION

Conformation	Working Ranch	Ranch Riding	Cutting	Trail	Overall
1 - Herm Zueck	1 - Donna Stewart	1 - Donna Stewart	1 - Herm Zueck	1 - Mick Flood	1 - Donna Stewart
2 - Donna Stewart	2 - Heidi MacIntyre	2 - Herm Zueck	2 - Mick Flood	2 - Donna Stewart	2 - Heidi MacIntyre
3 - Heidi MacIntyre	3 - Tony Lauby	3 - Heidi MacIntyre	3 - Heidi MacIntyre	3 - Heidi MacIntyre	3 - Herm Zueck
4 - Stan Lang	4 - Mick Flood	4 - Tony Lauby	4 - Tony Lauby	4 - Tony Lauby	4 - Mick Flood
5 - Mick Flood	5 - Herm Zueck	5 - Mick Flood	5 - Stan Lang	5 - Herm Zueck	5 - Tony Lauby
6 - Tony Lauby	6 - Amy Dean	6 - Amy Dean	6 - Donna Stewart	6 - Amy Dean	6 - Stan Lang

NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISION

Conformation	Working Ranch	Ranch Riding	Cutting	Trail	Overall
1 - Lynn Cool	1 - Debra Raymond	1 - Debra Raymond	1 - Lynn Cool	1 - Lynn Cool	1 - Lynn Cool
2 - Debra Raymond	2 - Lynn Cool	2 - Lynn Cool	2 - Debra Raymond	2 - Debra Raymond	2 - Debra Raymond

ADVANCED YOUTH DIVISION

Conformation	Working Ranch	Ranch Riding	Cutting	Trail	Overall
1 - Selena Giers	1 - Shanda Walker	1 - Shanda Walker	1 - Hayley Havick	1 - Shanda Walker	1 - Shanda Walker
2 - Amy Stonehocker	2 - Hayley Havick	2 - Ashley Bosack	2 - Shanda Walker	2 - H. Christensen	2 - Selena Giers
3 - Jesslin Lamont	3 - Selena Giers	3 - Jesslin Lamont	3 - Ashley Bosack	3 - Lissa Crain	3 - Ashley Bosack
4 - Shanda Walker	4 - Ashley Bosack	4 - Lissa Crain	4 - H.Christensen	4 - Selena Giers	4 - Jesslin Lamont
5 - Lissa Crain	5 - Lissa Crain	5 - Selena Giers	5 - Selena Giers	5 - Jesslin Lamont	5 - Lissa Crain
6 - Nikita Christensen	6 - Haydn Christensen	6 - A. Stonehocker	6 - Jesslin Lamont	6 - N. Christensen	6 - H. Christensen

NOVICE YOUTH DIVISION

Conformation	Working Ranch	Ranch Riding	Cutting	Trail	Overall
1 - Bobbie Crain	1 - Bobbie Crain	1 - Kassie Norton	1 - Kassie Norton	1 - Bobbie Crain	1 - Bobbie Crain
2 - Kassie Norton	2 - Lisa Jordan	2 - Lisa Jordan	2 - Lisa Jordan	2 - Kassie Norton	2 - Kassie Norton
3 - Lisa Jordan	3 - Kassie Norton	3 - Bobbie Crain	3 - Bobbie Crain	3 - Lisa Jordan	3 - Lisa Jordan

Inaugural National Finals a Huge Success

Besides days filled with exciting ranch horse competition, each evening offered first-rate social events including catered ice breaker parties, a western dinner show at the Flying W Ranch, and the outstanding NVRHA awards banquet.

Lynn Cool was the NVRHA hostess for the amazing year-end awards banquet on Saturday night. The banquet room at the event center was beautifully decorated 'western casual' and every table was full. Over one hundred NVRHA members and guests enjoyed a delicious prime rib dinner followed by a year-end slideshow and live auction. Thanks to Tim and Cindy Rose the auction was great entertainment as the bidding got hot over some notable items like Bronco football tickets and training weekends with well known horsemen. Henry and Donna Block purchased the extraordinary original oil painting created especially for the NVRHA's inaugural finals by Rudl Mergellman. Most everyone came away with a treasure of some sort and all proceeds will help support future NVRHA activities.

President Dave Currin welcomed everyone and presided over the night's many awards and accolades. High point and runner up winners were awarded trophy buckles made by Clint Mortenson. Third place winners received saddle blankets with tooled leather corner pieces. Members earning Ranch Horse Champions and Supremes received a set of spurs from Mortenson Silver and Saddles Company. Most Improved Rider and Horseman of the Year awards were bronze cutting horse statues. NVRHA major sponsors were thanked with the gift of belt buckles and logo embroidered jackets.

Dave Currin received a tooled leather briefcase from the NVRHA Board of Directors in recognition of his leadership and commitment to the organization in its inaugural year. All in all it was a golden evening with the biggest winner of the night being the NVRHA itself.

Mike Majors' Smart Whiskey Doc Named World's Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse at NVRHA Finals

In fierce competition, Mike Majors' Smart Whiskey Doc earned a large portion of the \$5000 purse at the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association's Inaugural National Finals. Whiskey with the "Top Cowboy" up gave a near perfect performance in all five Ranch Horse Classes - Conformation, Cutting, Working Ranch (Reining, Working Cowhorse, & Roping) Trail, and Ranch Riding. Mike has won numerous other highly coveted awards but this award was the first at which any horse with any rider of any breed could compete.

Giving his Dad a very close run was Risky Irish Whiskey, a 2002 dun gelding owned by Charlie Stewart and ridden by Gena Henson of Kansas. Gena and Risky finished in the Reserve Champion spot and kept Mike on his toes all day.

The coveted title of World's Greatest Ranch Horse, along with a generous pay out, drew nine contestants to the event. Final placings are as follows:

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| 1st - | Smart Whiskey Doc | - ridden and owned by Mike Majors |
| 2nd - | Risky Irish Whiskey | - ridden by Gena Henson; owned by Charlie Stewart |
| 3rd (tie) | Lil Bit O Badge | - ridden and owned by Rita Lauby |
| 3rd (tie) | Bob A Lena | - ridden by Lavert Avent; owned by T Cross Ranches |
| 5th - | Double Tuckered Out | - ridden and owned by Cindy Rose |
| 6th - | A Time To Spark | - ridden and owned by Dr. Edgell Pyles |
| 7th - | DB Jessie Peppy Boy | - ridden and owned by Cole Walker |
| 8th - | We Be Smart | - ridden by Cole Walker; owned by Cole Walker and David Marshall |
| 9th - | RFD Color of Smart | - ridden by Gary Walker; owned by Sandra Walker |

AND THE 2008 YEAR END WINNERS ARE....



NOVICE YOUTH
 (from left)
 Bobbie Crain - 3rd overall
 Kassie Norton (looking suspiciously like Cole Walker!) - Reserve Champion
 Lisa Jordan - Champion



ADVANCED YOUTH
 Haley Havick - 3rd overall
 Alyta Cloninger (not pictured) - Reserve Champion
 Selena Giers - Champion



NOVICE AMATEUR
 Lynn Cool - 3rd overall
 Linnea Zueck - Reserve Champion
 Susan Flood - Champion



INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR
 Bill White (not pictured) - 3rd overall
 Cindy Abshire - Reserve Champion
 Bill Cantrell - Champion



ADVANCED AMATEUR
 Henry Block - 3rd overall
 Donna Block - Reserve Champion
 Tim Rose - Champion



NVRHA 2008 HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR
 Bill Cantrell

NVRHA MOST IMPROVED RIDER
 Kathryn Sikorski (not pictured)



RANCH HORSE CHAMPION
 Tim Rose ~ Double Tuckered Out
 Cindy Abshire ~ Fancy San Scooter
 Rita Lauby ~ Lil Bit O' Bage

RANCH HORSE SUPREME CHAMPION
 Tim Rose ~ Stylish Gus



NVRHA PRESIDENT
 (and so much more!)
 Dave Currin
 "this is the most fun you'll ever have on a horse..."

 Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work...
 Thomas A. Edison (1847-1931)





National Finals Event Winners!!



Novice Youth Champion - Bobbie Crain

Advanced Youth
Champion -
Shanda Walker



Novice Amateur Champion - Lynn Cool



Intermediate Amateur Champion
Donna Stewart



Advanced Amateur Champion
Denny Mohr



Marty Kribs turned
in the winning run
in the Advanced
Division Working
Ranch Horse Class.



World's Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse



(above) Mike Majors riding Smart Whiskey Doc - Champion
(left) Gena Henson riding Risky Irish Whiskey - Reserve Champion

2008 Yearling Futurity Shows Off the Future

By Donna Stewart

Chances are that someday these well bred yearlings will grow to become competitive versatility ranch horses, but at the moment the fact is that they are just, well, cute. And listen, there is nothing wrong with cute.

The Yearling Futurity held in conjunction with the NVRHA National Finals drew 4 entries from Colorado and Arizona. The youngsters were judged in three classes – halter, in- hand trail, and on the longe line. They were all well -behaved and exhibited early talent negotiating some pretty difficult trail obstacles. Plans for the development of the Futurity Program are underway so watch for opportunities to show your young horses at future NVRHA events. This year's winners:

1st ~ Sandra Walker showing Smart and That's Final

2nd ~ Jennifer Walker showing RNF Rey Del

3rd ~ Tim Rose showing Heza Danday Rooster

Open ~ Lynda Takeda showing Jessie

Oh, and just one more thing about cute...did you see Tim Rose doing the longe line jig?



Pictured from left - Lynda Takeda, Tim Rose, Jennifer Walker, and Sandra Walker.

Sandra Walker takes her yearling over the walk logs. A born trail baby...

During the trail course, yearlings were asked to negotiate numerous obstacles and load in a trailer.



From left - Tim Rose and Lynda Takeda work their yearlings on the longe line to demonstrate quality of movement for the judges.



Finals...Great Show, Great Awards!!

By Donna Stewart

Shanda Walker, from Hugoton, KS, claimed her second NVRHA saddle of the year at the Finals show in Colorado Springs. Shanda and her family made the trip to finals knowing there would be some stiff competition for the 15 year old cowgirl. They were right. But, Shanda made several beautiful runs securing her the top position and title of National Champion Advanced Youth.

Denny Mohr, a new NVRHA member from Nebraska, was also glad he made the trip to Colorado. In a close race, Denny won the champion title for the very tough Advanced Division.



Finals Division Champions were awarded trophy saddles donated by Cimarron River Saddlery owner Pierre Lamont and sponsored by NVRHA professional advisors Jay and Gena Henson.

(from left) Pres. Dave Currin, Lynn Cool, Denny Mohr, Pierre Lamont, Donna Stewart, Jay Henson, Gena Henson, and Shanda Walker.

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The Champion title for the Intermediate Division went to Donna Stewart, riding one of the few Paint Horses at the Finals. Now if she could only learn to rope...

Lynn Cool was the Novice Division Champion. Lynn, who really is 'cool', did a great job riding and keeping that big smile in place for the whole weekend!

A huge thank you to Pierre Lamont of Cimarron River Saddlery and to the Henson's for the generous donation of these handsome trophy saddles. (Mine has become living room furniture as it is far too nice to live in the barn!) Thanks Pierre!!

NVRHA EVENTS IN REVIEW

EVENT MANAGERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION!!

Bixby Cutting Clinic Latest in Oklahoma's Successful Line-up of Events!

By Cathy Brownson



Justin and Ana work their cows



The Bixby Cutting Clinic was a one day clinic held on August 16th at the 181 Ranch. The clinician was a local cutting trainer named Justin Austin. There were ten participants, and some had attended the first Oklahoma NVRHA competition in May, but the majority knew very little about Versatility Ranch Horse. By the time the clinic was over many of them decided that they would attend our November event in Kellyville, OK.

We started off the day with the cattle in the middle of the arena and each person working a cow on the outside of the rodear. After lunch, (which consisted of pizza and good conversation) Justin had us working on foot! The purpose for this was to show everyone where the correct position should be on a cow. Our very cooperative cow was played by 10 year old Jackie Austin, Justin's daughter. Once everyone got the knack of positioning we took turns in the herd cutting cows. Everyone had a wonderful time and the comment I heard most frequently was "that was awesome". Justin made it a very fun day and exciting for all!

T-Cross Just Keeps on Getting Better!

By Carol Coburn

The Versatility event hosted by T-Cross Ranch in the fall is fast becoming a treasured tradition. Friday's clinic did begin under grey skies and rain but the seasoned organizers never missed a beat. Cindy and Tim Rose quietly worked behind the scenes and each class was accommodated under cover. We all had a good time with the "Mike and Jay Show" as we were treated to two of the best clinicians in the business. Mike Major coached the turnback riders and Jay Henson, the cutter. We got lots of hands-on experience at reading cows and the time whizzed by. Friday night was capped off with the hospitality and great food provided by Sandy and Rick Noring at their Cactus Creek home.

The next morning dawned crisp and clear and the clinicians spread outside. Everyone worked for two intensive hours with each: Gena critiqued each Ranch Riding pattern and then homed in with remedies for weaknesses, ending the session with an introduction to each trail obstacle (and how to ace it!). Jay worked on Working Ranch with more in-depth cow work and Mike had every participant sure that from then on they could rope a cow -and probably even bring it to a stop. Saturday evening Sandy and Rick again laid out a great spread, accompanied by live music and dancing! Super good time!

The competition on Sunday ran the gamut from smooth, championship runs to the courageous first-timers, to us old-timers who get the good-natured coaching through our runs. It was fun to see the smiles and laughter which seemed to be everywhere as the group of new and old friends razed each other and cheered each other on. Donna and Henry Block swept the advanced competition, while Mick Flood won over all in the intermediate group and Susan Flood in the novice. But watch out! The first time competitors were a formidable group of riders!

*The renown
T-Cross Ranch
of Colorado
and the Bob
Norris Family
welcomes the
NVRHA for
another
successful year...*



T-Cross was a ridin', ropin', rowdy good time! Lavert Avent, T-Cross resident trainer gets the job done.



The Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic and Competition held in Wessington Springs, S.D., featured clinician Don Ulmer (front row, far left). Winners included Sue Grant, Bill Krech, Dave Currin (National Director NVRHA), Sue Heyvaert; and in the back row: Kamber Ulmer, Cindy Eilers, Janet Hanson, and Deb Black.

South Dakota Kick-Off A Huge Success!

By Deb Black

Hosting their first Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic and Competition on September 13-14 was the Ranches of Cherry Creek located outside of Wessington Springs, S.D. This is the beautiful and very functional training facility designed and managed by Don and Kamber Ulmer. I was blessed by being able to ride in the clinic instructed by Don Ulmer.

Like many other competitors, I was curious about what it all involved. The clinic went through many of the same lessons used in getting a horse ready for the reined cow horse competitions, plus working your horse on smooth gait transitions and roping both the dummy and a live animal. I had not roped a live animal in over 30 years and my mare Rock N Roll Lena had never tried it ... but we had fun while learning. The actual event includes five different classes throughout the day in which two arenas are being judged at the same time ...

one does not get bored! The classes include Working Ranch Horse (reining, working cow horse and roping); Ranch Riding (focusing on transitions and your horse's precise steps around obstacles); Ranch Cutting, Ranch Trail and Ranch Conformation. The classes are then totaled and the champions in the various divisions are awarded. I enjoyed watching Rock N Roll look into the arena to see what was going on and what she had a chance to do next – it was a challenge to both of us. It is like a report card on how well your horse is really trained and how good of a cowboy you really are. In other competitions you may be in the arena for a few minutes; in the versatility you are in and out of the arena the whole show. This proves the better horse/rider combinations and not just the luck of the draw. If a person wants to purchase a horse that is well trained and can do it all check out these horses, as they have brains and beauty. If you are training your own horse, a challenge awaits you.

Minnesota Braves the Cold in Style!

By Susan Heyvaert

Minnesota joins the list of NVRHA firsts by hosting their inaugural clinic/competition. Late October can be an iffy time to schedule anything in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, but thanks to an insulated indoor arena the weather took second stage to the exciting activities of the clinic and competition on October 25–26. Ten participants and volunteers drove in from South Dakota and central Minnesota, eight of whom had never heard of the NVRHA before word of this clinic began to spread.

Linden and Carol Hermel of Highview Stables provided us with a clean well-run facility, indoor and outdoor arenas and a warm lunch room. While we were toasty warm inside, Linden was outside in the horizontally blowing snow in 20's temps, sending the cattle in as we called for them. We couldn't have done it without all the dedicated volunteers who spent one or both days tabulating, scribing, opening gates, setting up the trail course, timing, and announcing! Thank you to Amy Krech, Lori Neises, Stephany Hansen, Lisa Rixe, Linden and Carol Hermel, and Doug Heyvaert.

The first day was a whirlwind of activity which included instruction from two clinicians, Brian Whittaker our PRCA roping expert, and Matthew Davison, our clinician from Wisconsin for cutting and working ranch. Dave Currin was there to make sure things ran like clockwork as well as offering advice in ranch riding and ranch trail. Two groups of five rotated to all areas which gave everyone plenty of time for personal attention and everyone got a good start on the skills they need to continue in NVRHA.

Congratulations to the Intermediate All-Around Champion Bill Krech and Intermediate Reserve Champion, Jennifer Jackson-King. Novice Lorri Underwood left with a huge grin on her face holding a stack full of blue ribbons and the Novice All-Around Championship, while Sue Morris captured the Novice Reserve Champion spot.

The clinic wouldn't have been complete without the sage advice from one of our participants, Bill Krech. Bill put South Dakota on the NVRHA map holding a clinic in Wessington Springs this year. He has a unique and thoughtful way of explaining things and was generous enough to share his knowledge with all of us throughout the weekend.

Minnesota is looking forward to planning our next NVRHA clinic/competition in the spring of 2009!



Minnesota NVRHA Clinic and Competition
What a group!!

NVRHA

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Event Registration Form



Participant Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

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

Registered Name of Horse: _____ Year Foaled: _____

Owner's Name: _____ **Permanent assigned Division (check):** Novice/Youth: ___

Advanced/Youth: ___ Novice Amateur: ___ Inter. Amateur: ___ Adv. Amateur: ___ Professional/Open: ___

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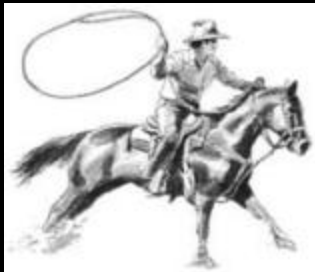
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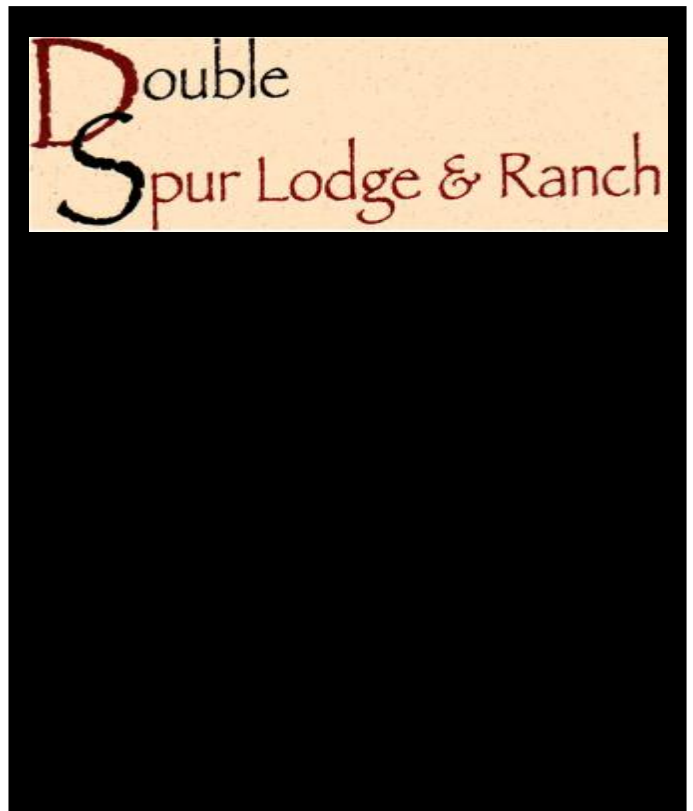
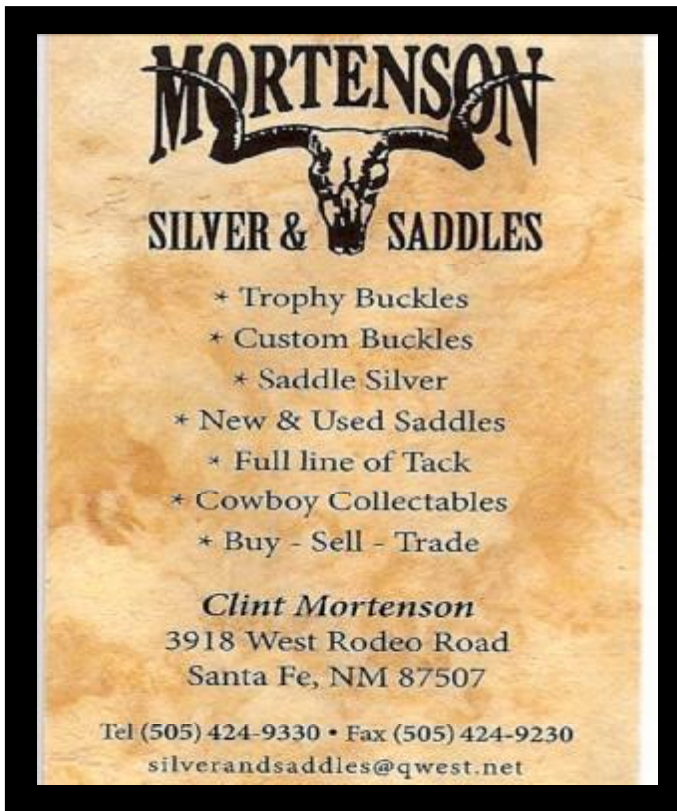
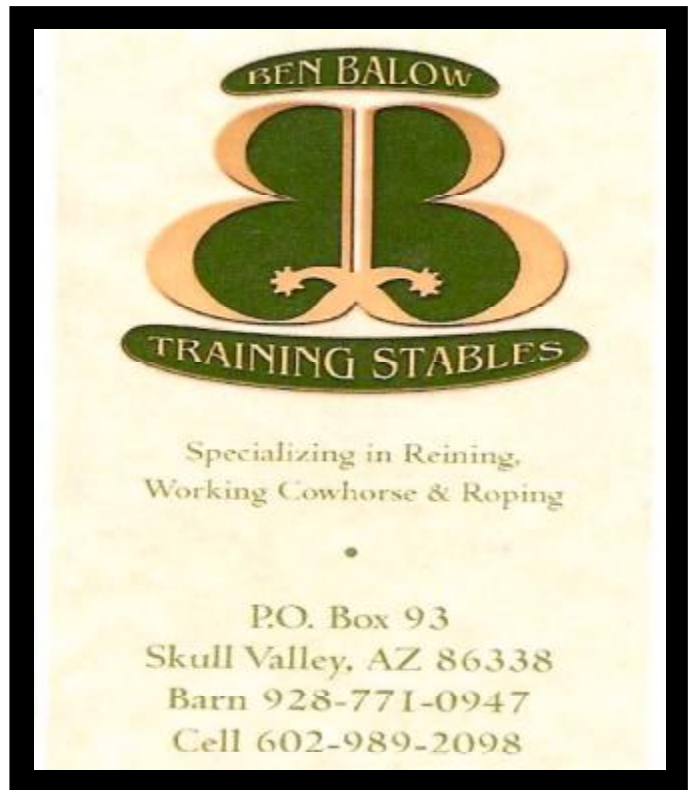
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Recommended Professional Services



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A Cattle Round-Up Through the Golden Aspens

By Casey Cool



The Fish and Cross Ranch, just outside of Yampa, Colorado with around 20,000 acres of beautiful hills, meadows, mountains and pastures, was the sight of the NVRHA cattle drive/roundup. The ranch, owned by Allen and Teresa Snyder, opened its arms to six riders from all across Colorado. They joined this amazing family and the ranch staff in the last pristine week of fall to round up 510 head of fat and happy heifers that had grazed in golden clad mountains.

With the help of Brian Thomas, the NVRHA debuted this week long event from September 29th through October 5th. Those attending were: Brian Thomas, Lynn Cool and her daughter Casey, Eva and Adrien Duvillard, and Mark and Kathy Horvath. Everyone brought their horses to the very fine accommodations. The Snyder family; Allen, Teresa, son-Tyler, and daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Nick Beckner, accommodated everyone in the five-star lodge. With each couple having their own beautifully decorated room and Teresa cooking three gourmet meals a day, it was challenging to consider yourself "roughing it" on this ranch.

The day started at 7am and presented an opportunity to spend six to ten hours in the saddle. The group was actually used as ranch hands and became very dedicated to the job! Most days we checked in with the "cow boss", Mike Redmond, who actually answered to the name "cow boss" and could have walked off the pages of any western. With his honed skills on a horse, his knowledge of horse and cow behavior, and his kind heart, Mike was very patient with the rookie cow hands. Mike and the Snyder family acted as our guides with everything from how to pull a cow over, heading, heeling, roping, moving, separating and boxing a cow, gear checks, riding technique, wildlife awareness and where to find the best trout! It was a great week spent in the beautiful Colorado Rockies with good horses and good friends!



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