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## Championship Event...

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focus of Friday and Saturday will be the NVRHA competition. Having the competition spread over two days will give NVRHA members plenty of time to relax, visit, and enjoy the planned social events (see complete schedule page 6).

Sunday will be an exciting day as some of the country's top cowboys and cowgirls ride their best horses vying for the title of World's Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse. The purses for this year's World's

Greatest competition are huge, so if bragging rights for the title aren't enough, the win money surely should be!

Saturday night's award banquet will kick off with a social hour followed by a 'year in review' slideshow presentation and a meal you really shouldn't miss. Next will be a live auction boasting some genuinely unique items and valuable services that ought to tempt most anyone. Of course, all proceeds go to a very good cause - the NVRHA! The evening culminates with the presentation

of awards for the National Championship, Year-end high points, Ranch Horse and Supreme Ranch Horse Champion earners.

So come one and all. Bring your family and friends to a beautiful Rocky Mountain city for a fabulous weekend of versatility ranch horse!

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*In order to qualify to participate in our NVRHA Championship, September 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, CO, the horse/rider team must have participated in at least two (2) schooling competitions during the year. The year began September 15, 2008 and ends the second weekend in September 2009 (September 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>).*



## First AFFILIATE CHALLENGE to be held at the 2009 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Both sanctioned Affiliates and possible future Affiliates are invited to sponsor Amateur Teams in the AFFILIATE CHALLENGE at the 2009 National Finals. A team will consist of three Horses/Riders – one Novice, one Intermediate and one Advanced. The team with the highest combined score of the three horses/riders will earn "Braggin Rights" as the 2009 Affiliate Challenge Winner. Each individual horse/rider team-member score, as recorded in their respective division, will be added to determine the total combined team score. Each member of the winning Affiliate Challenge Team, will be awarded a down-filled vest embroidered with the NVRHA logo and 2009 Affiliate Champion.

### Eligible 2009 Sanctioned and Potential Future Affiliates

Arizona

California

Colorado

New Mexico

North Central – N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin

Mid South – Arkansas, Missouri, East Kansas, Oklahoma

Multiple teams of three from the same Affiliate Region are welcome. All Team members must be from the same affiliate and an individual rider may only participate on one team. No additional fee above your individual registration fee will be charged. All participants must have established a permanent Division assignment by participating in two competitions during the event year (Mid Sept. 08 – Mid Sept. 09).

Awards will be presented at the National Championship Banquet on Saturday evening. A feature article on the winning team is planned for the Fall '09 Rundown. Don't miss this fun and challenging opportunity to join up with your friends and represent your region. Who will have the 2009 Braggin Rights? It could be you!



## NVRHA National Championships Schedule

September 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Check In 3:00 - 10:00 PM

September 25<sup>th</sup> Friday: Check-In 6:00 – 7:00 AM

8:00 AM Welcome and Posting of Colors  
All horses in Cow Arena

8:15 AM **Ranch Conformation**

- (1) Novice Amateur
- (2) Intermediate Amateur
- (3) Advanced Amateur
- (4) Open

11:00 AM Judges Meeting with Exhibitors

**Amateur Ranch Cutting** (West Arena)

(First one half of draw followed by second half)

**Open Ranch Cutting** – West Arena

**Amateur Ranch Riding** (East Arena)

(Second half of draw followed by first half)

(Open Ranch Riding – East Arena)

5:00 – 6:00 PM Social Hour (Lower Level snack bar area – Norris Penrose)

September 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 8:00 AM Judges Meeting & Posting of Colors

Immediately Following:

**Amateur Working Ranch Horse** (West Arena)

(First half of draw followed by second half)

**Open Working Ranch Horse** (West Arena)

**Amateur Ranch Trail** (East Arena)

(Second half of draw followed by first half)

**Open Ranch Trail** (East Arena)

5:00 – 6:00 PM Welcome and Social Hour – Norris Penrose Event Center Banquet Room

6:00 - Sponsor Recognition

6:15 -10:00 PM **Dinner & Awards Banquet**

- ★ 2009 NVRHA: The Year In Review
- ★ Live Auction
- ★ National Champion Awards
- ★ 2009 Year End Awards
- ★ NVRHA Ranch Horse & Supreme Ranch Horse Awards

September 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 8:00 AM – Posting of Colors

**Worlds Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse Competition**

8:15 Ranch Conformation

10:00 Ranch Cutting

★ Ranch Riding

★ Working Ranch Horse

★ Ranch Trail

( A minimum of two judges will be used with the average score determining the placings. More judges will be added based upon entries received)

Est. 5:00 PM Award Ceremony – Downstairs - snack bar area

★ Event Manager: Bill Hauschildt ★ Asst. Managers: Tim Rose / Bill Cantrell

## A Look Back at 2008 Year-End and Finals Champions



### 2008 National Finals

#### Division Champions:

Advanced Youth Division:

Shanda Walker

Novice Division:

Lynn Cool

Intermediate Division:

Donna Stewart

Advanced Division:

Denny Mohr

## 2008 Year End Winners...

### Novice Youth:

Lisa Jordan - Champion

Kassie Norton - Res. Champion

Bobbie Crain - 3rd overall

### Advanced Youth:

Selena Giers - Champion

Alyta Cloninger - Res. Champion

Haley Havick - 3rd overall

### Novice Amateur:

Susan Flood - Champion

Linnea Zueck - Res. Champion

Lynn Cool - 3rd overall

### Intermediate Amateur:

Bill Cantrell - Champion

Cindy Abshire - Res. Champion

Bill White - 3rd overall

### Advanced Amateur:

Tim Rose - Champion

Donna Block - Res. Champion

Henry Block - 3rd overall

### Ranch Horse Champions:

Tim Rose - Double Tuckered Out

Rita Lauby - Lil Bit O' Badge

Cindy Abshire - Fancy San Scooter

### Ranch Horse Supreme Champion:

Tim Rose - Stylish Gus



# NVRHA

## 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### AUGUST 7-9

Cow Town VRH Roundup, Saguache, Colorado  
Clinic & Competition

*"Ride and stay at a late 1800 replica Old Western Town"*

Event Manager: Twyla Walker 719-655-2224

[twyla@oldcowtown.net](mailto:twyla@oldcowtown.net)

Off-Site Manager: Tim Rose at 719-520-1000

[timwrose@aol.com](mailto:timwrose@aol.com)

### AUGUST 14-16

San Cristobal, New Mexico  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Deb Benenson at 505-660-5227

[dbenenson@fastmail.fm](mailto:dbenenson@fastmail.fm)

Off-Site Manager: Paige LoPour at 505-301-9268

[lsmiledoctor@aol.com](mailto:lsmiledoctor@aol.com)

### AUGUST 15-16

Bayfield VRH, Dyer Ranch, Bayfield, Colorado  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Marcie Dyer at 970-884-2463

[RDYER@FRONTIER.NET](mailto:RDYER@FRONTIER.NET)

Jerry Mackey at 505-320-3631

Off-Site Manager: Tim Rose at 719-520-1000

[timwrose@aol.com](mailto:timwrose@aol.com)

### AUGUST 17-23

Fish & Cross Ranch, Steamboat, Colorado  
**Western Heritage Experience**

*Week long cattle gathering - Limited to 10 Riders*

Event Manager: Brian Thomas at 719-487-9014

[briancarolthomas@msn.com](mailto:briancarolthomas@msn.com)

### AUGUST 22-23

Rockin N Rendezvous #2 - Belle Plaine, Minnesota  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Susan Heyvaert at 763-479-1895

[heyvaert@frontiernet.net](mailto:heyvaert@frontiernet.net)

### AUGUST 29-30

Lazy K Ranch, Grand Island, Nebraska  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Seth Adams at 308-380-1274

[seth.LazyKarena@Yahoo.com](mailto:seth.LazyKarena@Yahoo.com)

Off Site Manager: Rita Lauby at 970-481-1041

### SEPTEMBER 11-13

T-Cross Ranch - Pueblo, Colorado  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Bill Hauschildt at 719-499-1666

[billh@centralstatesroofing.com](mailto:billh@centralstatesroofing.com)

### ***Beginning of 2010 Event Year for Points***

### SEPTEMBER 19-20 -*Date Changed*

Garrison Creek VRH Event - Muldrow, Oklahoma  
(6 miles West of Fort Smith, Arkansas)

Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Twila Caughman at 918-696-8798

[twila.caughman@schwansbakery.com](mailto:twila.caughman@schwansbakery.com)

### SEPTEMBER 25-27

***NVRHA Championship***, Norris Penrose Event Ctr  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Competition Only

Featuring "The World's Greatest VRH" Competition

Event Manager: Bill Hauschildt at 719-499-1666

[billh@centralstatesroofing.com](mailto:billh@centralstatesroofing.com)

### OCTOBER 9-11

Central Oregon VRH Event - Terrebonne, Oregon  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Dave Currin at 719-481-9311

For more info: Paul Richardson at 541-419-3405

[Steeldust@hotmail.com](mailto:Steeldust@hotmail.com)

### OCTOBER 16-17

Anchor Cross Ranch, Camp Verde, Arizona  
Clinic & Competition

Event manager: Bob and Rebecca Grant 928-567-5999

[info@AnchorCrossRanch.com](mailto:info@AnchorCrossRanch.com)

### OCTOBER 17-18

Paso Robles, California  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: Ce Ce Chambliss at 505-470-8989

[cece@cybermesa.com](mailto:cece@cybermesa.com)

and Mark & Shari Luis at 805-714-1863

### OCTOBER 24-25

Fort Dodge, Kansas - Dodge City Community College  
Clinic & Competition

Event Manager: David McCollum at 620-227-9288

[mac@dc3.edu](mailto:mac@dc3.edu)

### FEBRUARY 19-21, 2010

Arizona Sun Country Rendezvous, Phoenix, AZ  
Clinic & Competition

Event manager: Bob and Rebecca Grant 928-567-5999

[info@AnchorCrossRanch.com](mailto:info@AnchorCrossRanch.com)

***End of 2009 Event Year for Points (2nd weekend of Sept.)***



# NVRHA

NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

## Membership Application

PLEASE CHECK ONE MEMBERSHIP AND COMPLETE INFORMATION BELOW

You can either enroll on-line or print off and mail to the address below.

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>*CREDIT</u>		<u>LIFE TIME</u>	<u>*CREDIT</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth . . . . .	\$25.00	\$25.75	<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual . . . . .	\$300.00	\$309.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual . . . . .	\$50.00	\$51.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	Couples (2) . . . . .	\$500.00	\$515.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Couples (2) . . . . .	\$80.00	\$82.40	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (3+) . . . . .	\$1,000.00	\$1,030.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (3+) . . . . .	\$125.00	\$128.75				

\* CREDIT CARD = 3% fee for credit or paypal payments.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If **Couple** or **Family** membership, please list all individuals names and birth dates:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\* All Annual Memberships expire December 31st***

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# 2009 NVRHA Top 15 - Placement Point Standings

For complete NVRHA member point standings, refer to [www.nvrha.org](http://www.nvrha.org)

NOVICE					
State	Riders Name	Horse	Division	Number of Events 09	2009 Total Place- ment Points
CO	Raymond, Debbie	Mr Smart T Smoke	N	3	52
AZ	Banks, Kandy	Chase Me To The Top	N	2	33
MN	Underwood, Lorri	Silver Spike Poco	N	2	29
CO	Cool, Lynn	CD Snip on Her Nose	N	2	24
	Cummings, Kristi	JNT Go Leo Man	N	2	24
MN	Langemo, Julie	Jazz	T-N	1	18
	Morris, Sue	Impeccably Dun	T-N	1	18
CO	Epple, Linda	Tee J Kansas Pie	N	2	17
	Frank, Lisa	Miss Poco Two Step	T-N	1	17
	Graham, Kim	Stage N Neather	T-N	1	16
NM	Young, Brian	Ima Candy Bar Man	N	3	16
	Walker, Jennifer	Nike's Pepper Hancock	T-N	1	14
	Demulling, Lyla	Jazz	T-N	1	13
	Kurtz, Carol	Ima Peppy Chex	T-N	1	13
AZ	Bellar, Dave	Pistol	N	2	12

INTERMEDIATE					
State	Riders Name	Horse	Division	Number of Events 09	2009 Total Place- ment Points
NM	Clare, Diane	One Chexy Chic	I	5	84*
CO	Stewart, Donna	A Classic Page	I	3	54
CO	Zueck, Herman	Captian Osage Roan	I	3	52
NM	Lynch, Clint	Cuchara Easy Cash	I	3	44
AR	Sadler, Philip	Lena's Silver Gay Bar	I	3	43
NM	Padilla, Charles	Tequita Poco Doll	I	3	42
AZ	Colburn, Odette	Flying V Shyla	I	2	38
AZ	Jensen, Donna	Mister Cowboy Chant	I	3	36
CO	Lauby, Tony	Majorchexolena	I	2	36
CO	Flood, Mick	Heza A Whitt	I	2	32
NM	Heritage, Jason	Watch Mr. Peppy Doc	I	3	31
NM	Cook, Richard	Dun Real Red	I	3	30
MN	Deters, Kim	Miss Steel Pep	I	2	30
OK	Brownson, Cathy	Reyn Drop	I	2	29
NV	Taranto, Cammi	Gotta Go Shayne	I	2	29

## ADVANCED

State	Riders Name	Horse	Division	Number of Events	2009 Total Place-
NM	White, Heath	Rise to the Challenge	A	6	95*
CO	Block, Henry	Little Bell Pepper	A	4	84
CO	Block, Donna	Dunnit Leanin	A	4	71
CO	Lauby, Rita	LiL Bit O Badge	A	4	65
CO	Rose, Tim	Double Tuckered Out	A	4	62
CO	Hunter, Jack	Playgun Kit	A	6	58*
NM	Cantrell, Bill	Whiskey Stick Chick	A	7	49*
CO	Marshall, Paulette	CW Playmates Gun	A	4	46
MO	Masoner, Rich	Tanguery Natural Budha	A	3	42
CO	Flood, Mick	Mr. Chex Nix	A	4	41
	Cleveland, Todd	CJS Boonfish	A	2	33
NE	Mohr, Denny	Drink A Gin	A	2	33
AZ	Roberts, Ed	Playing Tricks	A	2	31
	Cleveland, Dottie	CJS Boonfish	T-A	1	30
KS	Walker, David	Shes a Peppy Doc Bar	A	2	28

- Indicates total accumulated placement points of four highest events.



## NVRHA SHINES

By Gerrie Barnes

NVRHA was well represented at the Best Bawl Benefit sponsored by Barnes Ranch on May 30. Check out the video link (below) to see Tim Rose dancing in his man-skirt – and doing a nice job. The Harley Horse Team was the overall favorite for costume, entertainment, and performance. Dressed in Harley gear was Henry Block, Donna Block, Mick Flood, and Sue Flood. Jack Hunter was minding his own business in the Ranch Cutting class when his cattle were “rustled” by his turn back riders (Holly and Mike Major). Lots of fun and fundraising for Renee’s Friends Fund, a 501(c)3 foundation helping Colorado breast cancer patients, [www.reneesfriendsfund.com](http://www.reneesfriendsfund.com).

Renee Coble, founder and breast cancer patient, attended, “Thank you for a lovely day. Gerrie and Jeff Barnes, and all your workers were incredible. RFF was blessed to have you do this for us. Thank you, from myself, the Board, but mostly those patients that will be assisted because of all your selfless efforts. God Bless you all! I look forward to seeing you again next year”. The donation will go to those undergoing treatment for breast cancer to help pay for necessities like gas, utilities, and food. The final donation amount should exceed \$8,000.

Sixty-five riders made up sixteen teams. The teams chose their rider/horse combinations for each of the five VRH classes: ranch riding, ranch cutting, ranch trail, working ranch horse, and conformation. The primary directive was to be safe and have fun. AQHA rules were followed with some modifications.

Following the competition was the dinner and silent auction. Over 70 silent auction items were donated ranging from an 1870’s reproduction mounted shooting saddle and other tack, original artwork, health care services, beauty products, western clothing, and much more. The Grandma’s Kitchen dinner was so good that one table had a bet going as to whether the apple pie was homemade or not. A total of 39 volunteers made this event successful and drove the message for the day—fun loving people, their great horses and a reason for hope for those with breast cancer. Mark your calendars now for May 29, 2010.

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# Turnback Riders – Key Players in Successful Ranch Cutting

BY DAVE CURRIN

*This article is based on information provided by J.J. Rydberg at the Wheatland, Wyoming cutting clinic.*

## Introduction

Ranch Cutters are quick to tell you how important it is to have good turnback help. In the NCHA pen, herd holders are utilized to assist in holding the herd in the center of the pen while the turnback riders work the area down arena from the herd, essentially developing an invisible fence away from the herd behind the cow being cut. In the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse competitions, no herd holders are used, leaving the entire job to be performed by two turnback horses/riders. The job is very difficult. These two horses/riders must know their job and exercise it well for the cutter to properly do his job demonstrating his horse's ability to control a cow on the range.

## The Ranch Cutting Work

In the Versatility Ranch Horse Cutting, a horse must enter the herd quietly, sort an assigned cow, separate the cow from the herd, demonstrate the horse's ability to control the cow as the horse turns the cow away from the herd during the cow's continued attempt to return to the herd, drive the cow through an alley and pen the cow. This must all be completed within a specified time period (2.5 minutes in the AQHA event).

It is typical that the cutter enters at the rear of the herd next to the fence, preferably from a direction facing the cow. Once he has located the cow to be cut, he moves this cow toward the center of the pen with several other cows. He holds his cow in the center while the other cows, moved out from the herd, migrate back to the herd, usually with assistance from the turnback riders. The cutter is careful to achieve a suitable distance from the herd so that subsequent cutting will not disturb the herd. The turnback horses play an important role in this process which will be discussed later.

Once separation has been achieved at an adequate distance from the herd, the cutter demonstrates his horse's ability to control the cow by cutting off every move the cow makes in its attempt to return to the herd. This should all be achieved in the middle approximately one-third of the arena. The turnback riders again are key and essential to this criti-

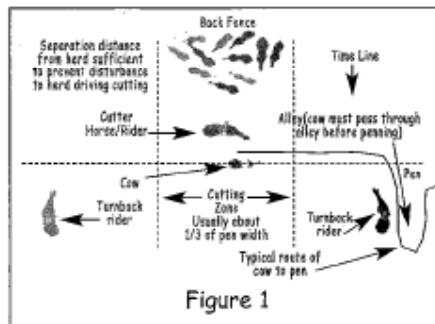


Figure 1

cal portion of the Ranch Cutting work.

Once the cutter has demonstrated his horse's ability to cut, he calls his turnback riders/horses off while he drives the cow toward the pen. He must push his cow through a designated alley marked by a cone on the way to the pen. After driving the cow into the pen, the Ranch Cutting work is complete.

## The Turnback Horse's Job

The job of the turnback horse is to "assist the cutter without interfering." This occurs during both sorting and cutting. It is not the job of the turnback to sort the cow but to set up and hold the herd so the cutter can easily sort his assigned cow from the herd. It is not the job of the turnback to actively separate the cow to be cut from other cows brought out but to push the other cows brought out back to the herd once the cutter positions his cow so this can be done without disturbing the cutter working his cow. It is not the job of the turnback rider to aggressively push the cow toward the cutter during the cutting phase but to quietly assist the cutter in keeping the cow in the middle of the pen and nudging the cow when necessary to permit the cutter to show his horse's attributes. As a rule, when there is a doubt in the turnback rider's mind as to the level of assistance to give, it is generally better to opt on the side of less assistance.

## Sorting

Usually the cutter enters the herd off the back fence and gently pushes his cow toward the center to the pen and out from the herd. In this way, he achieves a deep cut which is desirable. The turnback's job is to hold the herd in the center of the pen, giving just enough pressure on the sides of the herd so the cutter can flush several cows with his cow

in the group (see Figure 2). It is much like squeezing a toothpaste tube on both sides with the toothpaste coming out on top (this would be several cows, including the cow to be cut).

The cutter continues to push his cow plus several others straight away from the herd. The turnback horse on the opposite side from the cutter's herd entry maintains enough pressure to cause a counterclockwise flow (cutter entry from right side) and most cows will migrate back to the herd (See Figure 3). The turnback horse on the opposite side retreats so the cows not being cut will freely return to the herd. Both turnback horses are constantly attentive to the possibility that the cows being pushed away from the herd may make a break for the opposite end of the pen away from the herd. If this were to happen, the turnback horse between the cow being cut and the breaking cow would quickly contain the cow.

Once the cutter has achieved a sufficient separation distance from the herd so as not to disturb the herd during later work (usually about two horse lengths), any remaining cows other than the cow being cut must be worked back to the herd. The turnback horse pushes these cows back to the herd once the cutter achieves a sufficient distance

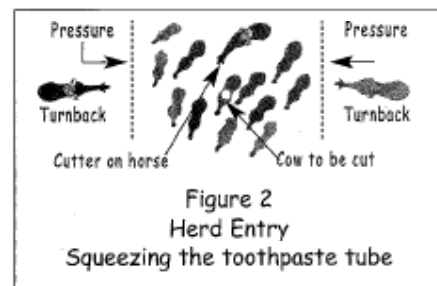


Figure 2  
Herd Entry

Squeezing the toothpaste tube

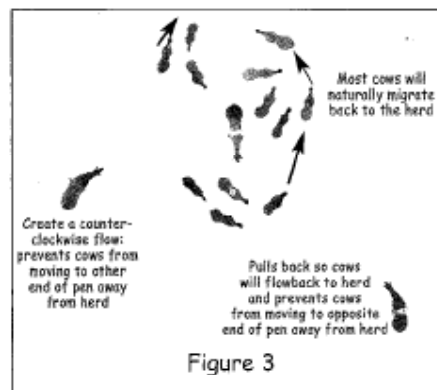


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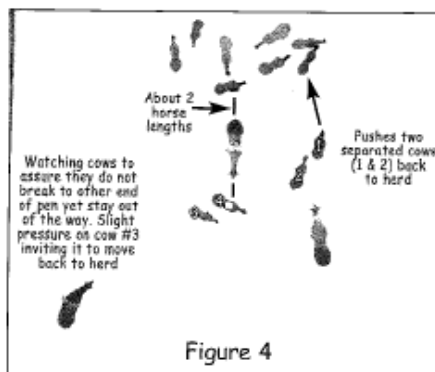


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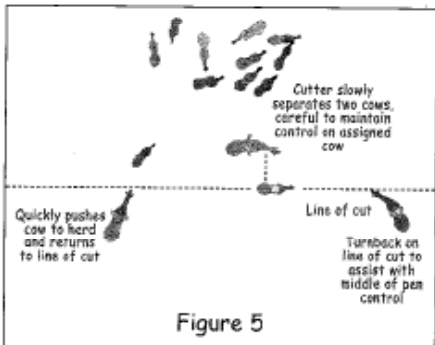


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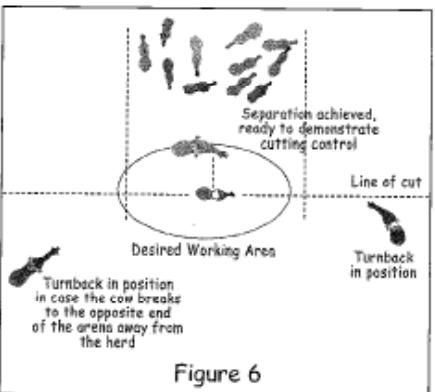


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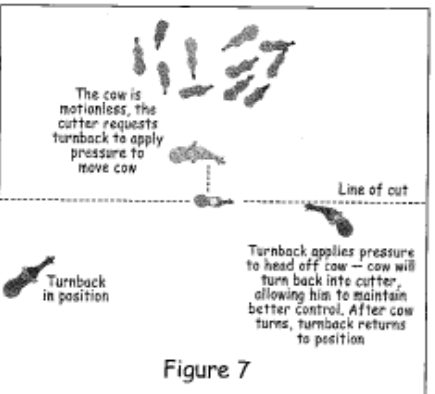


Figure 7

between the cow being cut and the other cows as to make this possible without interfering with the cow being cut. The turnback horse must be extra careful not to interfere with the cutter's work of the cow being cut. (See Figures 4 and 5).

## Cutting

Once the cutter, with the help of the turn back horses, has the cow being cut separated from the herd at a sufficient distance so as not to disturb the herd and with all other cows pushed back to the herd by the turnback horses, the cutter proceeds to demonstrate his horse's cutting abilities. The turnback horse's position and movements during this process is essential to the cutter's success.

The turnback horse can assist the cutter in keeping the cow in the desired working area only if the cutter maintains control of the cow. The desired area of cut is in the center one-third of the area at a sufficient distance from the herd as to avoid disturbance of the herd. If too close, the herd will scatter, and a cow from the herd may be drawn into the working area. The turnback horse is positioned on the "cow line of cut" (See Figure 6) so that each time the cow is turned back by the cutter, the cow faces into the turnback horse. The turnback horses are constantly repositioning to maintain this position. If the cows break toward the opposite end of the pen away from the herd, the turnback horse on the opposite side intersects and returns the cow to the working position.

## Penning

After the cutter has demonstrated his horse's ability to cut, he will call the turnback horses off so he can drive the horse through the alley and drive the cow into the pen. This will happen at the end of the cutting phase when the cow moves to the side of the arena on which the alley and pen are located. When the turnback horses are called off by the cutter, they quickly move to the side of the area on the opposite side of the alley and pen (See Figure 8). The turnback horses can no longer participate except to keep the herd from migrating up arena towards the pen. If the cow escapes the cutter and returns toward the herd, the turnback horses cannot assist the rider in any way except to hold the herd.

## Common Errors of the Turnback Horse

The job of the turnback horse is as difficult as that of the cutter. There are many, many errors which can be made. The following are some of the more common ones:

### Herd Scatter

Prior to the cutter entering the herd, the

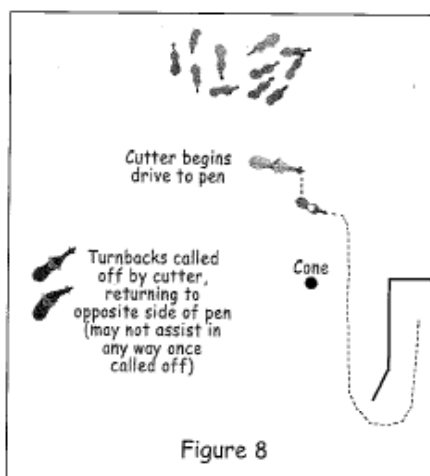


Figure 8

turnback horses should insure the herd is centered on the pen and does not have a cow separated from the herd.

### Herd Scatter During Sorting

If the turnback horses do not hold the herd during sorting, the herd will scatter, preventing the cutter from properly positioning his cow for cutting.

### Interference During Sorting

The turnback tries to push the additional cows pulled out with the cow to be cut without sufficient separation between the cows being pushed back to the herd and the cow being cut, resulting in interference to the cutter.

### Interfering During Cut When Cutter Is Out Of Position

After the cutter has his cow separated from the herd and begins demonstrating his horse's ability to cut, often the cutter will be out of position behind his cow, allowing the cow to run at an angle toward the herd. The cutter is not in control of the cow.

The turnback rider will attempt to hold the cow by applying pressure on the cow, hoping the cutter will regain position and control of the cow.

This makes a bad situation even worse, as the cow feels pressure from both horses and speeds up, trying to speed through the gap that is open to it. The correct action by the turnback rider in this case would be to back off, giving the cow lots of room so the cutter can take pressure off the cow using cow side leg and letting the fence stop the cow. The cutter would then have prevented the loss of the cow to the herd and possibly regain control as the cow turns back and crosses the arena.

# NVRHA

## Recommended Professional Services

The NVRHA is one of the few growing associations within the horse industry, and as such is looking for committed clinicians to join our Recommended Professional Services Registry. The call is out for qualified professionals with a commitment to the VRH program to meet the needs of our organization. For more information regarding inclusion among this select group of clinicians, please contact Dave Currin ([dcurrin@msn.com](mailto:dcurrin@msn.com)).

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# CA-LI-FOR-NIA, HERE WE COME !!!

By Kiki Kalor and Cece Chambless

What do vineyards, oak trees, horses and cattle have in common? They were all part of the 1<sup>st</sup> NVRHA Event in Paso Robles, California on June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. This exciting event took place on a sprawling ranch surrounded by acres of vineyards and 200 year old oak trees. The weather was California perfect for both livestock and people. Paso Robles means "Passage of the Oaks," aptly named by the Spanish Padres who founded this charming town in the late 1700's. Pronounced PAS-uh ROE-bulz by the locals, Paso Robles has a rich history of wine, as well as healing waters. With over 170 wineries and thermal hot springs, no wonder Paso has become a great getaway spot.

Back at the Loftus Arena, Cece Chambless, the 1<sup>st</sup> NVRHA Event Manager in California, put together a 2-day clinic and competition that went as smooth as a fine Paso Robles Zinfandel! Generous sponsors donated custom Mortenson Buckles for each division. And thanks to our local sponsors for donating headstalls, saddle blankets, reins, feed AND Wine!! Check with Dave Currin on which red wine he enjoyed the most! Even Home Depot donated lumber to build our bridge! Also a Huge thanks to Shari and Mark Luis for organizing our buckle sponsors all within an hour!! Mark also donated lessons to prize winners. All these sponsors made this event very special.

Saturday morning started bright and early with our top clinicians and trainers, Jay Henson and Mark Luis. Jay started his group on cutting, while Mark worked his bunch on roping. Dave Currin spearheaded the Ranch Trail course and Ranch Riding. In the afternoon, everyone moved to the reining, boxing, and fence work. Lunch both days was served by one of our favorite local Mexican caterers! Guillermo and Martha Orazcos put together a spread that made your mouth water. They were a definite hit and will be cooking at our next NVRHA event.

Our competition drew 23 contestants who came as far south as Temecula, California. Our diverse group included ranchers, trail riders, open trainers and many more! We even had one of the first Norwegian Fjords compete in a NVRHA event!! Not to be taken lightly mind you. Linda Adame and "Snowy's Cerila" took home a custom buckle in the Novice Division! Way to Go!!

Another first was our Intermediate "Limited" division. It proved to be one of our biggest classes. Limited riders do EVERYTHING that Intermediate riders do, EXCEPT, go down the fence. Congratulations to Allison Hunter who took home a custom buckle for that class!

In our Advanced division, Gay Versteeg from the Porterville area took home a custom buckle with her great horse, "Dual Sammy." And in our Open division, Sarah Clifford from Carmel also took home a custom buckle!... Super!!

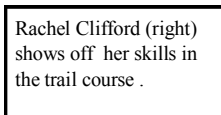
Everybody had a great time with not a glitch in the program on either day. Having great cattle handlers behind the scenes is always a plus! Of course when events go this smoothly, it's because volunteers are there to make sure all details are covered. Many thanks to Cindy Rose who flew in with Dave and Jay, Una Breadmore and Diane Vickers who learned the score keeping program flawlessly and Jerry Murphy who scribed for the 1<sup>st</sup> time for Dave Currin in the Ranch Trail and Ranch Riding. Kiki Kalor designed our flyer, wrote our press release, photographed and videoed every second of both days!! Not to mention sang the National Anthem along with 13 year old Dylan Chambless, who was also our main score runner.

Vickie Wambolt, our phenomenal gate person, treated us to some of her home-made Beef Jerky that a few of us were privileged to taste! Hey, how about Dave Currin who created a super atmosphere for the whole group! A Huge thank you to Mark Luis who stepped up to judge all the cattle events on our competition day! And finally, special thanks to Cece Chambless for organizing and putting on a fun and friendly event.

Our next date is tentatively set for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Mark Luis arena, with 2 time World's Greatest Horseman and winner of the World's Richest - Russell Dilday! He and Mark Luis will be our clinicians extraordinaire for the 2<sup>nd</sup> NVRHA Event in Paso Robles, California! *Happy Trails...*



Cece Chambless (left) & Brian Huntsberger (above) chase cows!



Rachel Clifford (right) shows off her skills in the trail course .



When the judges are happy, everybody's happy! Jay Henson and Mark Luis look on...





## Youth Round-Up

Donna Stewart

I hope we will see a good number of youth returning to the Championship Finals Event in September. That said, we are all aware of the changes to the youth program and the realization that those changes may negatively impact youth attendance this year.

To recap, in January the NVRHA Board voted as such:

- *Due to lack of youth participation in state events in 2008, no Youth Division will be held at the 2009 National Finals and no Youth year-end awards will be offered.* -

Despite the changes, the NVRHA wants to welcome and encourage youth to participate in the Finals Events. All youth will be placed in the appropriate amateur division based on the current point system. If there were to be a resurgence in youth participation, the Board would re-evaluate this decision, and changes could be made. Justly, the NVRHA is in need of an adult to serve as youth advocate and work with the board to build the youth program, including the development of funding, into a sustainable division. Additionally, the Rundown is in need of one or more youth volunteers to contribute to the 'Youth Round-up' section of our magazine. So, if you want to practice your writing skills, contact Donna at [dmstewartrn@aol.com](mailto:dmstewartrn@aol.com)

*As I have discovered by examining my past, I started out as a child...*

*Bill Cosby*



## NVRHA's Coveted Championship Awards

*By Dave Currin*

At each NVRHA Ranch Horse Competition, the scores of every horse/rider team for all five classes are recorded and maintained by NVRHA. All scores from all Divisions are sorted from highest to lowest in one listing and the higher scoring teams are awarded championship points. One point is awarded for each five horses. As an example, if there are a total of twenty teams, the horse/rider team with the highest score will receive 4 championship points, the second highest score 3 points, third – 2 points, fourth – 1 point, and fifth – ½ point.

When a horse and rider team has received five points in all five classes (Ranch Conformation, Ranch Cutting, Working Ranch Horse, Ranch Trail, and Ranch Riding) the team is awarded the Ranch Horse Championship Award. Achieving a total of ten points in all five classes awards the horse/rider team the coveted Ranch Horse Supreme Champion Award.

Records have been maintained on all horse/rider teams using the current point based scoring system since the commencement of the versatility ranch horse program with RMQHA in 2002. From 2002 to date, there have been 38 Ranch Horse Champions and 21 Supreme Champions. Since the inception of the NVRHA in 2007, there have been 4 Ranch Horse Champions and 5 Supreme Champions.

Typically, the award for Ranch Horse Champion (personalized spurs - photo page 33) and the award for Ranch Horse Supreme Champion (custom silver belt buckle - photo page 33) is presented at the Annual Award Ceremony at the NVRHA National Championship Event.

Beginning in this issue of the Rundown, we will begin showcasing some of our NVRHA Champions in celebration of the high level of achievement of both horse and rider. Read on...





### Dave Currin and Doc's Second Best

*by Donna Stewart*

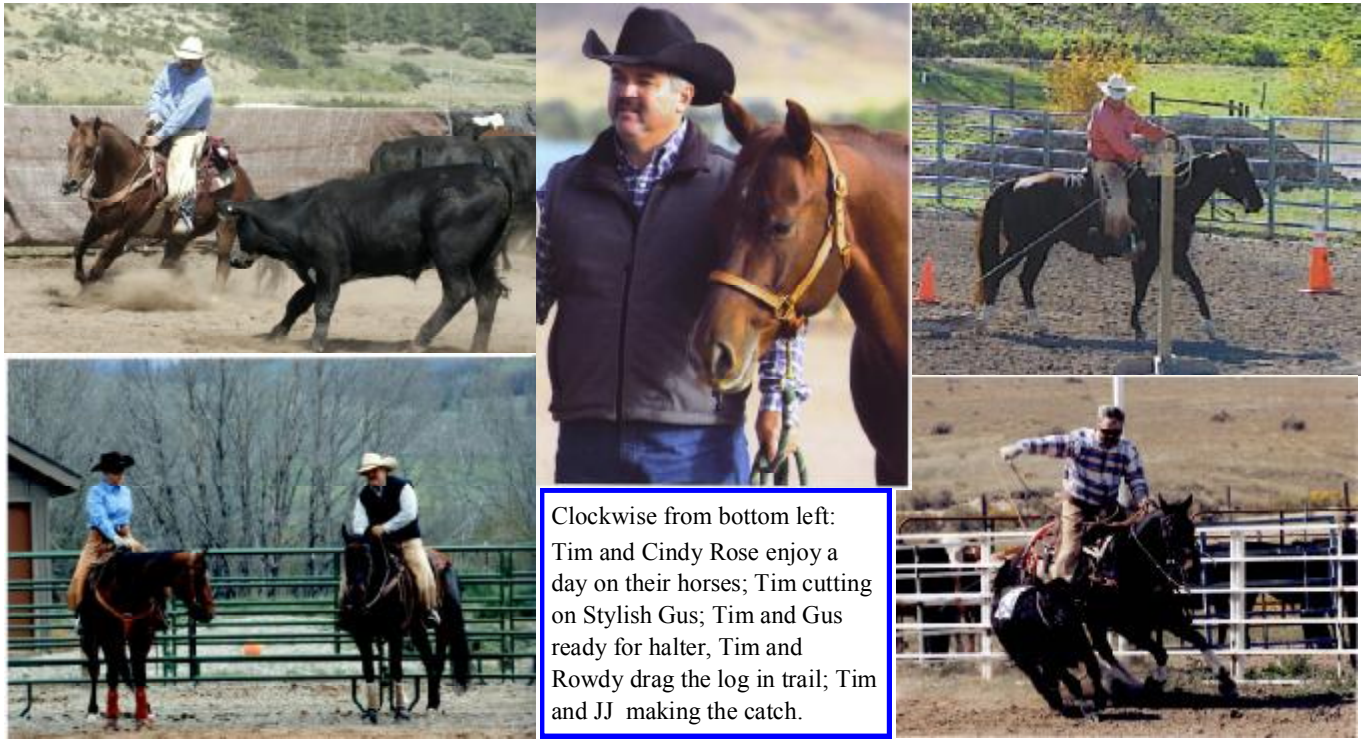
Anybody who has been around the VRH arena in the past decade knows Dave Currin. Blessed with that 'southern gentleman' personality, Dave has never met a stranger. His love for people, horses, and the western ranch lifestyle inspired Dave to promote the first VRH program in the Rocky Mountain area at the turn of the century. (No, not the 1900's, I mean this century – he's not that old!) Developed in conjunction with the RMQHA, that program flourished by drawing enthusiastic folks from near and far who began catching the 'ranch horse fever'. Ever the entrepreneur, Dave moved forward with his idea of forming a national association dedicated to the ranch horse enthusiast. Thus, in 2007, the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association was born. Since its inception, Dave has served as visionary and president, all the while leading the fledgling association in becoming the thriving freestanding entity we now enjoy. This tribute would not be complete without mentioning Dave's wife, Micki, who has actively helped and supported him for the past 48 years. As the recipient of the NVRHA's first Ranch Horse Supreme Champion title, we congratulate and celebrate Dave Currin.

Dave began his quest for the Supreme Championship Award in 2002 on Carolina Tar Baby (Sweet Pea). Riding "Sweet Pea" during the early years of the RMQHA Ranch Horse program, he earned numerous points, but still the coveted Supreme Champion Award seemed out of reach. In 2006, with the help of Gena and Jay Henson, Dave acquired Doc's Second Best and a new journey began. "It was love at first sight," says Dave, about his beautiful black mare whom he dubbed 'Diva'. A new adventure was about to begin!

Diva was bred by Dr. Allen of Phoenix, Arizona. She is sired by Doc N Jose, a stallion rich with the blood of Jose Uno, Mr San Peppy and Doc Bar. Her dam, Yukon Bess, was race bred, a cross of Bob's Folly and the infamous Hepler broodmare Pretty Hep of New Mexico. Diva was started by Al Dunning as a potential snaffle bit futurity prospect. Lucky for Dave the mare never saw the futurity, for if she had she would never have graced his barn. But fate was on Dave's side, and in the fall of 2006, she arrived at her new home in Monument, Colorado. In 2007, the new team began their adventure together and the points began to accumulate. Diva and Dave earned the Ranch Horse Championship that year but the Supreme Award was the real goal and Dave had homework to do - improving his roping skills. With the help of Jay and Gena, and J.J. Rydberg, improvement in roping and other horsemanship skills was slowly made. Even though it was tough 'teaching the old dog new tricks' - Dave was in his late 60's – the old standbys of hard work and dedication paid off once again. In the fall of the year, it started to come together, as Dave and Diva won the all-around at the San Cristobal Ranch in New Mexico and missed the saddle at the Colorado State Fair by an over spin (apparently Diva doesn't count well) ending up in the Reserve Spot in the Advanced Division.

Currently, Doc's Second Best has 162 NVRHA Points, second highest in the NVRHA registry. Diva and Dave were awarded the NVRHA Supreme Championship Award at the very first formal session of the newly formed National Versatility Ranch Horse Association.

Dave and Diva have not been active lately in the NVRHA Ranch Horse Events, as Diva tore her suspensory ligament at the AQHA World Show in 2007 resulting in an extended lay off. But the love affair goes on – as Diva is again being slowly legged up and recently reintroduced to cows in the cutting pen. As Diva hooked onto her first cow in over eighteen months, Dave said, "I had goose bumps all over. It was a feeling that just can't be put into words". So congratulations Dave, and thanks for... – well, for everything.



Clockwise from bottom left:  
 Tim and Cindy Rose enjoy a day on their horses; Tim cutting on Stylish Gus; Tim and Gus ready for halter, Tim and Rowdy drag the log in trail; Tim and JJ making the catch.

Tim Rose - Success Times 3 - What an Accomplishment!

*by Cindy Rose*

If you've been involved with Versatility Ranch Horse for awhile, you'll understand the dedication, determination and time it takes to achieve and master the skills to participate in this diverse sport. In the NVRHA program, these efforts are rewarded with recognition of the "Ranch Horse Champion" award (5 points in each class) and the "Ranch Horse Supreme Champion" award (10 points in each class). My husband, Tim Rose, has achieved both of these awards on 3 different horses in what I consider a very short time. A side note, we both have had a lot of support, encouragement and side-line coaching from many of our friends involved in this sport and appreciate all their help.

Starting in 2005, Tim rode Smart Enuf to Smokem (aka Rowdy), a 7 year chestnut gelding. Tim and Rowdy had fun learning the 'ins and outs' of VRH, and completed both the Champion and Supreme Ranch Horse Champion awards in 2006. Tim then sold Rowdy and purchased a 6-year-old sorrel gelding, Stylish Gus (aka Gus), that was just a cutter. After about 6 months of training at the Henson's training stables, Gus was ready to proceed to the versatility pen. Gus still wants to cut the cow going down the fence, but is a willing partner for Tim to "get by" and get the job done. Tim and Gus completed their Ranch Horse Champion in 2007 and their Supreme in 2008. Gus is still a part of our family. During this time, Tim kept his eye on my horse, Double Tuckered Out (aka JJ), and knowing that I had achieved both my Ranch Horse Champion and Supreme Champion awards, he asked if he could use JJ to again climb the fun and exciting ladder of the versatility ranch horse events. Tim started with JJ in 2008 and just achieved both awards of Ranch Horse Champion and Supreme in early 2009.

To my knowledge, Tim Rose is the only NVRHA member who has achieved both of these awards on 3 different horses. Not to mention the many Overall, All Around, and Year-End High Point awards he's received. That is what determination, dedication and love for this sport has done for him, and I am very proud and admire him for this.

In loving respect and appreciation – your wife, Cindy.

*A note from the editor:*

*In the preceding article about Dave Currin, I mentioned that Dave's horse is the second highest point earner in the NVRHA. Bet by now you've guessed which horse holds that coveted highest point earner spot. You bet – Double Tuckered Out – the Rose's great versatility gelding has earned over 351 lifetime points! Let us also add a resounding – WOW! – and enthusiastic congratulations to Tim for his exceptional and unmatched achievements! Both of the Roses' have given, and given, and given to the NVRHA... and they are still the most helpful and nicest folks in the arena! -DS*





### Heath White and Rise To The Challenge

by Donna Stewart

If you could build a man with all the best qualities of John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, and say, um, Rocky ... you would come up with someone pretty close to our youngest NVRHA Champion. Heath White, from New Mexico, and his gelding Rise to the Challenge (Riley) have earned the title of Ranch Horse Champion and are darn close to their Supreme Champion win. Maybe even more amazing is the fact that Heath and Riley became the first team to break the NVRHA 'sound barrier' this spring by exceeding a 400 point score in one event! Proving it can be done ... and this team is just getting warmed up!

Born in 1978 in Clovis, Heath was raised in Edgewood, New Mexico. His parents, Cathy and Bill White, are also active members in the NVRHA and awfully nice folks. Heath started riding at the early age of four and progressed from his Shetland pony to an appendix gelding named Goldie, all the while learning the art of ranch and cattle work. Heath calf roped on the high school rodeo team – which might explain why he is one of the few of us who can actually catch! After a stint in construction, Heath worked several years on the Albuquerque Police Department. His career progressed and he has since been appointed Undersheriff for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department. Heath is married to Jennifer and together they play a big part in the success of the New Mexico NVRHA affiliate. The Whites' have three children Drew, Laney, and wee Tate who all cheer on Dad and Riley.

Heath purchased Rise to the Challenge in May 2006, as a 5 year-old, from Jay Henson. Riley, a big handsome bay gelding, is a good all-around horse and is especially keen on the cattle work. Heath took Riley home and started practicing the skills required for VRH. Over the next several years, the two of them grew together in skills and ability, and have continually raised their scores with each event. When the NVRHA was established in 2007, Heath and Riley jumped right in and have participated in over 15 events, achieving their Ranch Horse Championship this year. Then there's that 400 point thing...

This article wouldn't be complete without mentioning that I caught 'Mr. Tough Guy', Heath, whispering lovingly into Riley's ear at Watrous in May. So, now that I've spilled those beans, I'll be expecting a ticket the next time I hit the highways of New Mexico ... :)

It is with great pleasure that the NVRHA recognizes and honors the outstanding accomplishments of Heath White and Rise To The Challenge.



One of the day's amazing catches belonged to Jack Hunter (above). The other was from cowboy Tony Lauby. Below: Division winners: Diane Clare (Int), Paulette Marshall (Adv), and Cory Atteberry (Novice).



## Windy Creek Ranch Event

By Dan Pedry

The beautiful Windy Creek Ranch west of Longmont, Colorado was the setting for a second annual roundup attended by 20 riders July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Nestled against the foothills of the Front Range, the ranch, owned by Liz Johnson, was a perfect venue for the Saturday clinic and Sunday Competition. Clinicians were Jim and Jill Cook of Erie who shared their expertise in Trail, Ranch Riding, Cutting, and Working Ranch Horse events. Jim and Jill also judged the event on Sunday. Saturday evening there was a steak BBQ in the barn and everyone enjoyed the meat, potatoes and conversa-

tion. Sunday morning began with Confirmation followed by Cutting and Ranch Riding. The cattle were revved up for the event providing many great runs that really got the adrenaline flowing. The afternoon natural Trail class was held in the pasture complete with a water crossing and amazingly no one got dunked! The Working Ranch Horse competition, boasting the dreaded pattern #2, was a top notch performance and again the cattle were on their game. The crowd was treated to some great pattern work, boxing, fence work and some amazing catches. Another great VRH day!

## W-H Rendezvous A Blast - Again!

By Donna Stewart

When you can repeat something over and over again and keep reproducing the same results - that's called consistency. When you can improve upon the outcome - that's called brilliance. Event manager Channing Hawks, hosts Jay and Gena Henson, and a whole slew of workers, cooks, and volunteers were able to do just that - recreate and perfect the 2009 W-H Rendezvous.

If you weren't learning a new horse skill, eating some marvelous Cajun delicacy, laughing at the antics of my favorite small cowboy Cutter Hawks, making a good trade at the swap, telling stories or lies over the pig pit, or dancing your fool head off, then you must have been asleep! What a great party! Oh yah, we did have an NVRHA event too...some folks won, some didn't. But we all had a grand time!

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Photos by Della Moyer - Clockwise from top: Cutter and the Corn, Rita Lauby stopping big, the Dancing Duo cuts a rug, Evan Stewart shows off on Dad's horse, and Mick Flood tells another fish story!



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## *C Lazy U*

### *A Novice's Eye View of a Five Star Event*

*By Brian Thomas*

On Memorial Day weekend, descending down Berthoud Pass, I wondered what the C Lazy U Ranch would look like. Would the old barn be red? Would the lodge be made of logs? As I approached the Ranch and my truck and trailer lumbered under the C LAZY U welcome sign, I was treated to an awesome moment. Ahead was a magnificent mountain meadow where 200+ horses grazed. I saw a beautiful river and the barn was straight ahead. It was branded with a large C and a "lazy" U tilted to the right. Wranglers, Tom and Bill greeted me, "Welcome to the C Lazy U! Are you with the ranch horse competition? They showed me where to park my trailer, helped me get my horse to a corral, and carried my bags to my room. Wow, what service! And, that's how the entire three day weekend went. We experienced five star service from ranch hands, clinicians, and our NVRHA event managers Herman and Linnea Zueck.

Throughout the weekend all the NVRHA disciplines were covered: roping, cutting/working cow classes, trail, ranch riding and conformation. Clinicians Merrit Linke, Joe Wolter and Jack McComber ensured that we all got what we needed. Novice expectations prior to an event like the C Lazy U can vary from person to person. But in general most novices are just looking for a positive experience for horse and rider. Jane Hudon commented that, "With a brand new, young horse I was looking for a good experience for the weekend. I admit I was nervous on the drive up to the ranch but [that] quickly went away due, in part, to the welcoming atmosphere created by fellow riders and members and partly to the quality of instruction by the clinicians. I never felt intimidated. It was a great experience!" Jane finished second overall in the novice division riding a four year old gelding, Docs Pepper Salsa.

Another great experience was the opportunity to watch the intermediate and advanced riders compete. Philip Sadler took first overall intermediate on Lenas Little Gay Bar. Donna Block battled it out in the advanced division and her 75 point ranch cutting

score pushed her to first place just ahead of Tim Rose and her husband, Henry. As the saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words and watching these folks ride helps novices picture what we can do someday through the NVRHA program. As Monday came to a close and trailers starting rolling, I thought for



*Philip and Jennifer Sadler from Lakeview, Arkansas were two of the many who enjoyed the great weekend at C Lazy U.*

a minute about what the best moment was for the weekend. Seeing Cindy Rose's proud smile, after winning the novice division on her 3 year old horse, Kwik Silver Rooster, or watching renowned trainer Julie Goodnight teach a novice how to drag a log and even get on the horse to demonstrate, or watching novice competitor Jane Hudon pen her first cow ever in the cutting competition, or watching NVRHA Judge Arvell Bass help a rider safely complete the trail competition course so that both horse and rider could finish the weekend with a good experience – all were the best of moments. As my truck and trailer lumbered away from C Lazy U Ranch and I passed the old red barn and the magnificent log lodge, one thing I did know was that I was leaving the C Lazy U NVRHA Event with new confidence, new knowledge, new friends, and a great feeling of accomplishment.

#### **Another Successful Play Day in Missouri**



I am starting to think that these folks from the mid-south region play around a lot! This is the latest group to enjoy the play day on July 5th put on by Rich Masoner. On the May 17th play day, 20 horses and 10 spectators showed up to find out what the NVRHA curriculum was all about. "We went over every class and all the horses got to try one run at each, except trail. Everybody seemed to be excited about the event and was very appreciative for the chance to see the classes first hand," reports Rich. Since then they had an NVRHA roping play day where Rich helped beginners, who wanted to learn to throw correctly, by practicing on the roping dummy. They also had a chance to track cattle in the correct position for roping, and practice roping the electric steer to get more used to throwing the rope off of a horse. Rich says they are hoping to have at least 3 to 4 more days like this to get people interested in attending the show in July.



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#### NVRHA Clinicians

Cutting - Terry Riddle  
Trail/Ranch Riding - Gena Henson  
Working Cow/Reining - Jay Henson

#### NVRHA Judges

Jay & Gena Henson

3 Days: \$350

2 Days: \$275

1 Day: \$165

Saturday Night BBQ & Entertainment **FREE!** Free to all clinicians, participants & volunteers. Others \$15.

Stalls \$20 Per Night

Stall Reservations: Grant or Connie Mitchell [singletonhorses@mac.com](mailto:singletonhorses@mac.com) Ph# 505-466-3021 (Coggins and Health Certificate)

#### Event Managers

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[dbenenson@fastmail.fm](mailto:dbenenson@fastmail.fm)  
505-660-5227

Bill White  
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NVCHA Presents...

# Beaver Creek Roundup

AUGUST 15-16, 2009

2-day Clinic & Competition: DYER RANCH – BAYFIELD, CO  
SATURDAY: CLINIC & RANCH CONFORMATION CLASS TO FOLLOW  
SUNDAY: SCHOOLING COMPETITION  
Starting at 8:00 AM both days

Cimarron River Saddle for Novice High Point  
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*\*Limited to first 30 PAID entries \**

**FEES:**

CLINIC: \$125  
COMPETITION ONLY: \$150  
CLINIC/COMPETITION: \$250  
YOUTH SPECIAL BOTH DAYS: \$150  
STALLS \$10 PER NIGHT  
FREE CAMPING (NO HOOK UPS)

**CLINICIANS:**

**MARK DARLING:** COW HORSE & CUTTING  
**JESSIE WALKER:** RANCH RIDING, TRAIL,  
& CONFORMATION  
**JERRY MACKEY:** ROPING

**CONTACT INFO:**

**RICH & MARCIE DYER**  
(970) 884-2463  
rdyer@frontier.net

**JERRY MACKEY**  
(505) 320-3631  
jerry.mackey@dnv.com

*Event Registration Forms can be accessed online at  
[www.nvrha.org](http://www.nvrha.org)*

## Attention All Event Managers....

Please submit all event flyers as half page size with image area of 5 in x 7.5 in - ad will be inset to the page. No bleed. Full color or black/white Pdf or Jpegs at 300+ dpi - lower dpi accepted but quality will be sacrificed.

Design should be unique and artistic reflecting your particular area, event or NVRHA activity. If you need help with flyer design it is available from the Rundown at no cost. Inquiries to Donna at [dmstewartrn@aol.com](mailto:dmstewartrn@aol.com)





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### Itinerary will include:

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- ✓ Gathering from high pastures
- ✓ Sorting – brands, color, steers & heifers...
- ✓ Roping and doctoring
- ✓ Movement for shipping
- ✓ Time for relaxation, trail riding, and NVRHA practice

### Menus:

- ✓ From Chuckwagon BBQ to Gourmet specials, our chef has received rave reviews from cowhands to executives, coast to coast.



Limited to 10 Riders

### Other Activities:

- ✓ Cowboy hot tub - 104° natural hot springs
- ✓ 150' x 250' practice arena
- ✓ Backcountry trail rides and fly fishing
- ✓ Instructional coaching from our Cowboss with 35 years of "Real Deal" experience.



Contact The NVRHA Office 719-487-9014 or go to [NVRHA.org](http://NVRHA.org) for details and registration form





# National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Clinic & Competition

August 22-23  
Birch Lane Stables  
Belle Plaine, MN

Events include trail, ranch cutting,  
working ranch horse, ranch riding,  
conformation.

Go online: [nvrha.org](http://nvrha.org),  
click on Minnesota

See additional info online  
for the 3 days following  
the clinic of training/  
lessons with Jay & Gena  
in Independence, MN.

Clinicians: Jay and Gena Henson  
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Husband/wife team that will knock your socks off! Jay,  
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Questions:  
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Minnesota Advisor  
#763-479-1895 or  
email @ [heyvaert@frontiernet.net](mailto:heyvaert@frontiernet.net)

# Lazy K Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic & Competition

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- ❖ August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> the Lazy K Arena in Grand Island, Ne will be hosting a National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Clinic and Competition.
- ❖ Judges and clinician are Jay and Gena Henson, Hugoton, KS.
- ❖ Results of the competition will apply toward the NVRHA Finals in September.
- ❖ Supper and social will be held Saturday night. (meal will be free to each competitors-additional meals will need to be purchased)
- ❖ Stalls will be available please call for reservations



Event Costs \$150 for one day or \$250 for both the clinic and competition.

Limit the First 20 entries, so register immediately!!!!

Please contact for registration information, accommodation options, and further details.

Contact: Seth Adams (308) 380-1274; or Jenna Adams (308)380-0076

Lazy K Arena is located 1 1/2 miles North off I-80 exit 314





# GARRISON CREEK BORDER ROUNDUP



## National Versatility Ranch Horse Association Clinic & Schooling Competition

**September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Muldrow, Oklahoma**

10 miles west of Fort Smith, AR on Highway 64

### **Clinicians :**

Jack McComber - Ranch Cutting & Working Ranch Horse  
John McGuire - Ranch Roping  
Karen Allison - Ranch Riding & Ranch Trail

**Saturday Night Social** : \$20.00 per person  
Limited stalls and electric hookups available.  
Motels available within 1.5 miles or less



*Includes Clinic, Saturday  
Schooling Competition Sunday*

**\$265.00**

Download a registration form at  
[www.NVRHA.org](http://www.NVRHA.org) or call (719) 487-9014

**Key Manager :** Twila Caughman 918-696-8798 [tcaughman@windstream.net](mailto:tcaughman@windstream.net)

**Off-site Manager:** Cathy Brownson 918-949-0772 [svh@rkymtnhi.com](mailto:svh@rkymtnhi.com)

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**CLINICIANS:**

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Saturday 6-9 p.m. - BBQ - Mark Luis Arena

Sunday 8 a.m. - Versatility Event

Ride in Clinic Only - Saturday \$180

Ride in Event Only - Sunday \$180

\$340 (for Both Days)

Overnight Stalls: \$20/day

Limited Hookups

- RANCH COW HORSE
- RANCH RIDING
- RANCH CUTTING
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## OCTOBER 17, 18, 2009

Mark Luis Arena

Contact: Cece Chambless

(505) 470-8989

Email: [cece@cybermesa.com](mailto:cece@cybermesa.com)

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## ---Advertise in the Rundown---

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Current advertising rates per issue :

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The NVRHA is seeking professional quality ads and as such, ad layout is subject to editor approval. Finished ad layout must be submitted electronically in pdf, tif, jpeg, or photo ready format.

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Some of the NVRHA Awards Within Your Reach...



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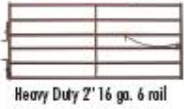


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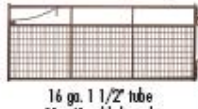
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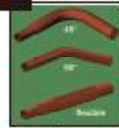


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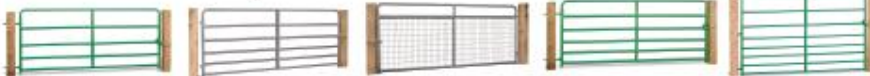
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## Ride the Legend

*NVRHA members represent a diverse cross-section of folks who do lots of good in and out of the arena.*

*Below, Lauren Munson, age 10, grand-daughter of Al (NVRHA Secretary) and Polly Munson, helps her grandparents feed an orphan foal at their Prairie Winds Ranch in Peyton, CO.*

*Opposite are some unidentified hard-working hands.*

