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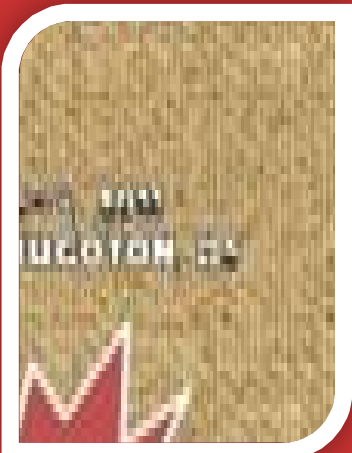
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## NVRHA: OFF TO COLLEGE

By Lauren Harvey (OPSU)



**W**hen the NVRHA says they have something for everyone that is exactly what they mean. Established in 2009 the Collegiate Division of the NVRHA is rapidly gaining popularity with colleges from around the region. This new division not only gives college students the opportunity to show off their abilities in the areas of Working Ranch Horse, Ranch Cutting, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, and Conformation, but also gives them the chance to show off their training skills as many of the

horses come directly out of their school's training classes. For this reason special divisions have been set up to accommodate for the different levels of horses. The Beginning Colt Division is open to those horses that have been through the school's training program and have not been ridden for more than one school year. The Advanced Colts are those who have gone through the school's training program and have not been ridden for more than two school years. The Open Division is open to any horse and any rider who qualifies for collegiate status.

Along with the regular NVRHA finals that took place in Colorado Springs, the collegiate qualifiers competed for Year End Titles in their respective divisions. All three winners hailed from OPSU, in the Beginner Colt Division Michelle Addudell, Advanced Colt Carrie Kliewer, and Open Patrick Wilson.

This year collegiate events are planned at Dodge County Community College in Dodge City, KS, Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Oklahoma, and Colby Community College in Colby, KS.

The Collegiate NVRHA is always looking to expand; any interested students or schools are encouraged to contact Director Channing Hawks for more information.



Clockwise from top:  
OPSU Collegiate Team at NVRHA Championship Event;  
Patrick Wilson, OPSU;  
Luke Searcy - DCCC;  
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## President's Message: Dave Currin

### Building a Bridge from the Novice Division to the Intermediate Division

The NVRHA's Division System is novel—few organizations base division assignment on actual rider and horse skill and performance as measured with a point based scoring system. With its very favorable merits, especially for beginner amateur riders, come pitfalls which must be ironed out. One such pitfall is the transition to a higher division which the Association has aggressively addressed since its inception in 2007.

Once a rider's average yearly composite score advances beyond 260, the horse/rider team may no longer participate in the Novice Division. This rule was adopted to allow beginner novice riders to have a level playing field in which to enjoy the Ranch Horse experience. As we are an Amateur focused organization, this is a necessary policy to encourage participation of beginner riders, the lifeblood of our organization.

The NVRHA has stood firm on maintaining a strong tie between actual ranching activities and the class content of events such as ranch roping, ranch cow work, cattle driving and penning, dragging logs, etc. Many "ranch horse" venues have reduced or eliminated portions to encourage participation of the more novice riders. Our goal has been to provide an educational forum where these more novice riders will gain these skills over time. Why did we do this? One of our prime goals is to preserve the Ranch Horse culture but even more important is that in these ranching activities reside the "real fun" of riding the Ranch Horse.

In the Intermediate Division, riders must work the cow on the fence attempting a turn in each direction and attempting to rope. Some riders are intimidated by these maneuvers and plead to remain in the Novice Division. This would have unacceptable consequences to NVRHA's organizational goals if it was allowed. In an attempt to address this issue, the "Did Not Perform" maneuver score was adopted. Riders could choose not to perform selected maneuvers while continuing to enhance their horsemanship skills in all the other Ranch Horse maneuvers and still be competitive.

In the NVRHA, each class is broken down into ten separate maneuvers. Each maneuver is worth ten points (i.e. 10 classes X 10 points = 100 points in each class). As a rider initiates the performance of each maneuver, he is given a baseline of 7 points from which the judge can plus or minus up to 3 points based on the quality of the maneuver execution. Any penalties incurred are deducted from maneuver points earned. Consult the NVRHA Rule Book for further explanation.

The normal maneuver score range from -3 (very poor) to +3 (excellent) is used when a maneuver is attempted. If the maneuver is not attempted, the "Did Not Perform" maneuver score of -7 is awarded with penalties incurred deducted. For example:

Working the cow on the fence- should a rider in the Intermediate Division choose not to work the cow on the fence after the box cow maneuver, the rider will receive these scores:

**1<sup>st</sup> Turn Maneuver-** Maneuver Score of -7 (Did Not Perform) and a penalty of -5 for not achieving a turn.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Turn Maneuver-** Maneuver Score of -7 (Did Not Perform) and a penalty of -5 for not achieving a



turn. A loss of 12 points for each turn maneuver would result.

As a comparison, a rider who attempts but performs very poorly and does not achieve a turn in each direction will receive a Maneuver Scores of -3(Very Poor) for each of the two turn maneuvers and two -5 penalties for not achieving two turns. A loss of 8 points for each turn maneuver would result.

A benefit of only 4 points per maneuver would be realized for a poor performance over the rider who made no attempt to work the cow.

Roping and Stopping the Cow- should a rider in the Intermediate Division track the cow and demonstrate rope handling skills, he will be scored on the -3(Very Poor) to +3(Excellent) Scale based upon the execution quality of the two maneuvers. Should the rider chose not to attempt to rope, the rider will receive these scores:

**Stop The Cow Maneuver-**Maneuver Score of -7(Did Not Perform) and a penalty of -5 for No Catch and a penalty of -5 for Did Not Stop Cow. A loss of -17 points for the Stop Cow Maneuver would result.

As a comparison, a rider who attempts but performs very poorly and does not catch/stop the cow, the rider will receive a Maneuver Score of -3(Very Poor) and a -5 penalty for No Catch and a -5 penalty for Did Not Stop Cow. A loss of 13 points for the Stop Cow Maneuver would result.( Note: A rider could receive a Maneuver Score as high as -1 (Needs Improvement) without catching based on maneuver quality.)

A benefit of only 4 points would be realized of a poor performance roping attempt over the rider who makes no attempt to rope.

A rider with scores too high to continue participating in the Novice Division without the skills to perform some of the maneuvers has very good choices available:

1. Participate in the Intermediate Division without performing the maneuvers in which the rider is uncomfortable in the Schooling Competitions until such time that the rider/horse skill improves. As the roping and working the cow on the fence is in the same class, the rider would be competitive in the other four classes.
2. Participate in the clinic portion of the event and learn how to rope and work the cow on the fence. The Registration Fee would be reduced allowing the rider to supplement the clinics with private lessons to accelerate progress.

NVRHA's unique Point Based Scoring System provides an opportunity for a fair Division System, based on both the horse and rider's actual (not perceived) skill level. As with any new conceptual system, growing pains are inevitable as it evolves. NVRHA is currently considering a fourth Division to address a niche of riders who for whatever reason are unable or do not wish to rope, work the cow down the fence, pen the cow, drag the log, or perform other maneuvers. Any such Division will be oriented to apprentice riders, providing an opportunity for them to hone their skills at their own speed, and possibly to senior riders with physical handicaps due to age. We welcome suggestions from any of our members as to how such a Division would be fashioned. Please mail your input to the office prior to the end of June.

As a final but very important note. Many of our riders become so concerned with "winning" that they lose sight of our most important objective—having fun! Oh yes, we are all a bit competitive and we like to win. And although it is important to be driven, be driven for the right reasons - to improve your horsemanship skills which will be reflected by increasing levels of achievement. Often when the fun factor begins to fade, we have lost sight of our real goals as amateurs. The most accomplished and famous horsemen will tell you – "it's the journey, not the destination that's the most important!"

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Congratulations to new NVRHA Board Members Channing Hawks and Bob Schubbe. All other NVRHA members interested in serving on the board, please contact Bill Cantrell at [cantrellappr@plateautel.net](mailto:cantrellappr@plateautel.net)

## NVRHA CALIFORNIA STYLE...

By Maribeth Hogoboom

**G**reetings from the California Ranch Horse riders: We are a group of horse folks dedicated to the joy of riding a fine horse with good friends. Although this is our first submission to *The Rundown*, we have been around for a while. I won't bore you with the history of the Californios – not this time. The best place to start is with the professionals who live and promote the ranch horse and make this a way for the rest of us to do the same.

Sarah Clifford is someone who knows and appreciates the skills of a ranch horse. She was raised on a working cattle ranch in southeastern Montana, the daughter of renowned horse trainer Jack Carrel. Jack worked on California ranches in the 1930's and was one of the first horsemen to bring the California style cow horse to the Mountain States. From a very early age, Sarah and her three brothers showed quarter horses, using the same champion horses to work the ranch. Influenced in part by her father's tales of great California horsemanship, Sarah attended Stanford University in California and first worked for local trainer Joe Wolter, where she was lucky enough to spend time on a regular basis with Bill and Tom Dorrance.

Sarah has been the heart and soul of the ranch horse activities on the Central Coast, hosting AQHA and NVRHA events at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club. She has a dedicated following as she supports the ranch horse rider at all levels.

While the winter has been keeping most indoors, Sarah has hosted three events/clinics focusing on trail, reining and ranch riding. All were well attended and kept us going until the ground dries and we can work cattle in an arena. Held at Sarah's home ranch we had a great day. The next two events were coordinated by Malia Aldrich and held at the beautiful Stonepine Ranch in Carmel Valley. A different venue so participants could experience riding in a new place with patterns and courses and an order of go just like a competition. Sarah Clifford provided schooling for the riders and Bill Meneke provided the photographs for the reining, ranch riding and trail.

Chris and Dave Bugenig, owners of Rafter 6B Ranch, operate a full facility training and boarding operation in Auburn, California. It is a family run business with son, Pete, and daughter, Sarah.

Chris, with the assistance of her daughter Sarah, trains horses from starting colts to finishing show horses as well as family trail horses. They specialize

is Ranch Versatility and Working Cow Horses. Chris and her mare, Spookin In Time, finished 5th overall at the NWSS in Denver, Co Versatility Ranch Horse Open Division in January this year.

With 28 years of teaching horse training and stable management courses for Sierra College, located in the foothills of Placer County, California, Chris is a qualified instructor of horsemanship and horse training skills. Her husband Dave helps folks get a handle on the rope and hone in their roping skills. Teaming up, they are offering Ranch Versatility clinics once a month through the Spring, Summer and early Fall months. At the end of the clinic series, Rafter 6B invites everyone to a Ranch Versatility show to show off their skills, win great prizes, and have a lot of fun. To see pictures and learn more see: [chrisbugenighorsetraining.com](http://chrisbugenighorsetraining.com)



So while it rains here in California, we are riding in the dry spots and looking forward to the season ahead!



Clockwise from opposite page:  
 Sarah Clifford on Chase leads a clinic session;  
 Cathe Martorella and Hook drag the trail log;  
 Malia Aldrich and Dugan on the fly;  
 Margaret Pare and Cotton.

## 2011 Northern California Events



### AUBURN

**Ranch Versatility Clinics:** April 23, May 14/15, June 11/12, July 2/3, August 20/21, Sept 3. Rafter 6B Ranch; Chris Bugenig (530)-888-1306 [chrisbugenighorsetraining.com](http://chrisbugenighorsetraining.com).

**NVRHA Clinic and Competition:** August 25-28th, Rafter 6B Ranch. Chris Bugenig (503) 888-1306 [chrisbugenig@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisbugenig@yahoo.com)

**Ranch Versatility Competition:** Sept. 11, 2011; Rafter 6B Ranch. Open to the first 25 riders; open, limited, or super-limited.

### CARMEL VALLEY

**AQHA Ranch Versatility:** May 21, Open and Amateur. CCRHC/Jen Simmons [nededdie@sbcglobal.com](mailto:nededdie@sbcglobal.com) 8232 Camino Estrada. Carmel, CA 93923. (831) 624-1518.

**Non Sanctioned Limited VRH:** May 22, Carmel Valley. CCRHC/Sarah Clifford, PO Box 1838 Carmel Valley, Ca 93924. (831) 626-0628.

**NVRHA Clinic and Competition:** August 13/14. Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club. NOVICE, LIMITED, OPEN, Sarah Clifford. [cliffordhorsetraining@earthlink.net](mailto:cliffordhorsetraining@earthlink.net) (831) 626- 0628.

### EXETER

**AQHA Ranch Versatility:** Aug 7, Fairlea Ranch, Exeter, CA. Clinic Emphasis on WCH & Cutting. Kathy Gould [www.saddleup-enterprises.com](http://www.saddleup-enterprises.com) (559)-689-3101.

### SALINAS

**CSHA Ranch Versatility:** CSHA Non- Sanctioned, June 5, July 9. Novice, Amateur and Open, Salinas Posse Grounds. Rachelle Lightfoot (831)905-5450. [region10csa@yahoo.com](mailto:region10csa@yahoo.com)

**CSHA Ranch Versatility:** REGION 10 OPEN HORSE SHOWS, April 10, July 30, August 14. Ranch riding, ranch trail, reining and halter. No cattle. Rachelle Lightfoot (831)905-5450. [region10csa@yahoo.com](mailto:region10csa@yahoo.com)

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# NVRHA + Pat Parelli + Martin Black = Success in Florida

By: Jake Biernbaum/Theresa Zenner



Pat Parelli, Martin Black, and NVRHA President Dave Currin met several months back to discuss the NVRHA and what it had to offer for people interested in advancing their horsemanship and overall ranch versatility skills. Pat became interested not only in the program Dave put together but also Dave's philosophy of making sure the students were having fun, it was not about winning but learning. From that meeting both Pat and Martin made a commitment to host at least one NVRHA event before

May of this year to learn more about the mechanics of the event and to see if it was a good fit for them as clinicians. This resulted in the Fort McCoy, Florida clinic and schooling competition that took place March 26 - 27<sup>th</sup> as well as the schooling competition the day after Pat's 'Wow with Cows' clinic April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Principles, purpose and time are the tools of teaching. That is principle number eight of the Parelli Principles. A large group of Parelli students put principle to purpose in Fort McCoy at our first Florida NVRHA clinic and schooling competition. Pat Parelli, Martin Black and Dave Currin were clinicians and judges. Participants were led through teaching sessions on Saturday that set them up for the schooling competition on Sunday.

Pat led participants through a session that set them up for mirroring cattle, understanding the cloverleaf pattern and how it set up for reining patterns and the fundamentals for performance. The participants were split into three groups which rotated through the session with Pat as well as sessions with Martin and Dave.

Martin taught a session that helped prepare everyone for the Ranch Cutting and roping portions of the competition. Each person had an opportunity to ride into the cattle herd and drive one cow or steer out and learn about how to hold it separate from the herd and drive it away while keeping the stock quiet and under control. Martin finished his session at the roping dummies demonstrating basic overhand swings and throws and how to set the horses up for following and holding the cattle once roped.

Dave led the participants through a trail obstacle course and instructed them on what the judges would be looking for at each obstacle and the best way to get the tasks done. Some of the tasks included things like a bridge, brush crossing, riding through a gate and a small jump. These sessions allowed all of the students an opportunity to have prior and proper preparation for the competition. It also was a great opportunity to see horseman like Pat Parelli and Martin Black in teaching mode, coaching students in the practical application of their horsemanship skills.

Day two was the schooling competition where there were classes ranging from Ranch Cutting, Trail Class, Ranch Versatility Class, Conformation Class and Working Ranch Class. The Ranch Cutting Class saw contestants being given a 2.5 minute time limit and a numbered cow to cut from the herd and drive between the fence and a cone and then into a pen. Martin acted as one of the turnback men and coached everyone through the class while Pat acted as the judge. The Trail Class had the participants going through a course of obstacles that they would encounter on a ranch and that challenged the horse's versatility. The Working Ranch Class was similar to a Reined Cowhorse competition. There was a reining pattern followed by boxing the cow. The intermediate class then had to take the cow down the fence turning the cow twice then following and attempting to rope the cow. Pat coached for this class and Martin stood in as the judge. Overall the learning from each of these three clinicians: Pat, Martin, and Dave as well as the design of the clinic and schooling competition was a great opportunity to advance our horsemanship, stockmanship and ranch versatility.



Martin Black (above) and Pat Parelli (right) instruct during the first Florida NVRHA Clinic and Schooling Competition.

# Goal Setting: Is the road taking us where we want to be?

By Stephany Siitari



Kansas Highway – Road to W bar H Ranch

**W**hat are your long and short term goals for your ranch horse? Where do you want to be? Who do you look to for guidance? The answer can be as elusive as the mare foaling in the middle of the night... or is it? Now the warm spring air is alive with anticipation! Foals and calves are on the ground. We are itching to get on that horse and ride! If you didn't get around to setting a New Year's resolution or making promises for Lent, there is still time to take some steps and get on the road toward a goal. Just what should that goal be? The hallmark of NVRHA is setting your sights on what you really want and finding the road to get there. And this map is both educational and fun!



Northern Lights July 2010, Wessington Springs, SD

NVRHA 2011 is in full swing in much of the country, even though the hardy horses of the Northland are still shedding their winter coats. With each swipe of the shedding blade, we think about the beautiful creature that will hopefully reveal himself to us sometime in mid May and wonder where should we be in our relationship with our horse and how will we get there?



What, me set goals, now?

The literature is full of advice which says, "Most riders have a good idea where they want to go with their horses"...but first it poses the questions: "What kind of riding do you want to do, what is your budget, what are you physically capable of doing, what will you do to achieve your goal, what is the horse capable of, is there a deadline?..."

In his book, Ride Up: Live Your Adventure Dr. Edgell Pyles suggests, "If you do not have the discipline to create, clarify and write down your goals, you will probably be in the same place this time next year..."

Jay Henson (Kansas), NVRHA clinician, judge and trainer agrees, "One of the problems is that it starts to warm up and it's about time to ride. You should have been planning about what to do in December or January. Get your summer mapped out and in motion before it's time to do it!"

It is worthwhile to set goals, but the trick is to find good help. Parents take kids to Little League practice five days a week, so why do we think we can reach our goals with our horse without coaching? How many good basketball and football players are there who didn't have a good coach and lots of practice?



Jay Henson coaches at Sun Country Rendezvous, Buckeye AZ, 2010

NVRHA offers experienced coaches who are clinicians, judges and often accomplished trainers. A good coach can identify steps to reaching the goal for a person, determine what is reasonable to attain in a season, and must be honest. It is just as hard for a novice rider to excel without a good coach as it is for that ball player.

Gena Henson (Kansas), NVRHA clinician, judge, and trainer says, “With kids – one likes piano and one likes sports. You can’t force them to switch; same thing with horses. You try them and see what they tell you. Some are good at a number of things, some are quiet and pretty movers and they make good pleasure horses. We work with the horse and we can tell you in two months whether he’ll be a reiner or that this is not what this horse is meant to do. We also watch the rider.

You can get an idea in about thirty minutes if the person has balance, talent, and some natural ability, or if the person needs a horse that will make them comfortable. The goal would be to find a horse that suits you.”

Gena believes that versatility is important, “You get to try all of the skills. Some people like the thrill of cutting and roping, some like the slow and controlled aspects of ranch riding and trail. It gives you a chance to decide what you are best at. Some people move up to Intermediate and they don’t want to go down the fence – that’s fine, it steers them toward trail and ranch riding.” How much do you want to improve? Gena says, “People show you how hard they want to do it. The driven ones who want to win do whatever they have to do – long hours, up at 4am. Physical ability and stamina are a big part of it. You have to RIDE. Riding uses muscles you haven’t conditioned before. A lot of people are out there to have fun and that is a big part of this too, but you can tell the ones who want to be really good, so you drive them a little and show them what their horse can do.”

Edgell suggests writing down your “SMART” goals, i.e. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Tangible (Timely.)

Jay agrees, “The key to achieving your goals with a horse is to recognize that the horse must have the athletic ability and the brain to match – you have to be *realistic*. Make reasonable goals, be sensible and be patient. It doesn’t happen overnight. Training comes in small increments. The whole key to training the horse is that you have to know when he’s ready to add something on. It is important to build confidence, don’t be in a big hurry, and to build a foundation. Most people don’t understand how long it takes. We all want to get in a big hurry – but the best trainers slow down...we don’t have to train this today, we’ll get it tomorrow. Make reasonable goals that you should be able to attain.”



Kansas Rendezvous 2010 Kathy Wyatt learns cutting skills

Tom Bjorklund (Minnesota), NVRHA clinician, judge, and cutting horse trainer thinks it is necessary to be competitive to determine your potential, “We need to know how dependable the horse is, how he compares when presenting to a judge. The horse teaches you what the goal should be. I urge people to get to the show pen – it’s a great place to gauge your horse and get to know where you are. You take an honest look at yourself and your horse and you know what you have to work on.”

Most everybody has some competitive experience. You compete because you want to accomplish something. “By testing ourselves against ourselves in unfamiliar circumstances we check our progress.” NVRHA offers the competitive experience in a low key, highly professional, friendly coaching environment.

*Ride Up: Live Your Adventure* by Aaron Ralston and Dr. Edgell Pyles. Thank-you Edgell and NVRHA – this book with its pictures of Edgell and *A Time to Spark* lit up the grey Minnesota winter days. Very inspiring!



Northern Lights, Pine to Prairie, Nevis, MN 2010

Tom says when setting goals he too looks at the athletic ability of the horse, how well trained it is and what experiences the horse has had. He evaluates how the horse and rider match up. When working with horse and rider teams he says, “You have to know what makes your horse tick and keep things simple for your horse. The horse will tell me

where their brain is in the first three minutes. I give the horse every opportunity to show what it is capable of and then we work to make the horse better from there. It is important to get your horse relaxed. I keep everything as positive as I can get it for both the horse and the rider.”

Tom says, “Successful horse training is always a building program. You really have to understand horses, what they can mentally take and what they

are physically capable of. I would rather have a horse that is less physically talented compared to one that has an attitude or isn’t smart or doesn’t accept training. Everybody, horse or rider has limitations. I’m going to introduce them both to new things – people have to be hungry for it and the horse has to be suited for it. The more we as coaches help the rider and the more the rider takes the advice that is offered, the more we see the rider improve. And they improve by leaps and bounds.”

All of the coaches agree that one of the most difficult things in reaching your goals is to hear that you need a different horse. Honesty is paramount and your coach should tell you whether your goals are realistic, but you need to be prepared for the answer. Depending on how competitive you want to be, you might have to upgrade. “Oftentimes people don’t want to believe it or sometimes just don’t have the resources to make a change. Never be opposed to getting a different horse. NVRHA is designed to be educational and fun but when you get into it, winning first place is more fun than second,” according to Tom.

Somewhere along the road to our goals, the horse becomes the teacher. In recognizing what you want and by creating goals, we become better riders. So much that we learn about ourselves in our relationship to the horse, translates to all aspects of life. Horse training goals are guidelines. Like people, all horses are individuals and have different potential. NVRHA offers a chance to discover your potential in most areas of Western riding.

Tom Bjorklund summed it up by saying, “Be realistic about goals, don’t be heartbroken if you don’t get there on your timeline, it may take more time, more resources. But don’t ever lose sight of where you started from.” ~ SS

*Goals are being set at the organizational level as well. The Northern Lights affiliate has been busy all winter setting goals so that everyone can learn, grow and have fun from their experience in the NVRHA.*

*Five Clinic/Competitions are planned from May through September. It is amazing what we can do together when we accept the challenge and persevere. We hope that our colleagues from around the region and the country will join us as the desire to “Ride the Legend” continues.*

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.





**NVRHA**  
"Ride the Legend"

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Channing Hawks

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Sept. 3-4		Cannon Falls, MN*							(Chris Bugenig)
10-11									
17-18						T-Cross, Pueblo, CO			
24-25						National Championship			
22-23			Dodge City KS			Colorado Springs, CO			
28-30								Worlds Greatest Scottsdale, AZ	
POSSIBLE									
EVENTS	Riddick, FL	Brooklyn, WI.			Salt Lake City				Hollister, Ca
	Bridgewater, NH				Feregus, Ontario, CA				Ramona Koch
	Saratoga, NY (2 events possible)				Glasgow, KN				
	Ft. McCoy, FL				Wessington Spgs, SD	Pagosa Springs, CO	Lamey, NM		
	Williamsburg, VA				Las Vegas, NV	Rifle, CO	Moriarty, NM		San Luis Obispo
	Tampa, FL				Haslett, MI				
					Ohio				

The NVRHA is a growing organization and as such we are continuously adding new events to our expanding calendar. For the most current listing of events in your area please refer to our website at [www.nvrha.org](http://www.nvrha.org). Most event postings include detailed information on dates, location, clinicians, clinic format, and pricing. Contact information for event managers is also included. Additionally, membership forms and event entry forms can be found on the website.



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## W-H Rendezvous A Premier NVRHA Event



Jay and Gena Henson graciously opened their home and ranch again to sponsor the 2011 NVRHA W-H Rendezvous. It felt like a family reunion to the twenty-seven riders and multitude of friends who arrived to enjoy the summertime temperatures and blue skies. Even the wind stopped blowing – at times - and didn't put one dent in the fun!

The event was packed with expert Henson instruction on cutting, working cowhorse, roping (thank you Dustin Hawks and Chris Wilczek - you guys were awesome!), transitions in ranch riding, and smooth navigation of trail obstacles. And as all that learning was going on, we laughed, hugged, told stories and ate good Kansas beef! Even the horses stood around making new friends from Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Missouri, Texas, and Arkansas. The W-H Rendezvous was a tremendous success because of the hard work, attention to detail, and country kindness of the Henson's, event manager Channing Hawks, office manager Carrie Kliewer...and a fabulous crew of volunteers - cooks, cattle guys, runners, scribes, gate keepers, water kids, and assorted other helpers - thank you to all who worked so hard!

The fun never stopped from great food to lively music to stick horse races judged by internationally renowned Judge Maryann Willoughby - congrats to Dave Walker for an amazing stick horse reining pattern! Saturday night there was a great auction that raised money for the Oklahoma Panhandle State University Ranch Horse program. The competition on Sunday was a super event as NVRHA members were joined by the competent and terrific young adults from Dodge City Community College and OPSU. Congratulations to the many winners, with a big shout out to Jeremy Gugelmeyer who tagged the overall high score for the day and won a J.W. Brooks custom hat!

The W-H Rendezvous is held on or around Mother's Day weekend every year. If you are an NVRHA junkie, then the Rendezvous is a MUST ATTEND event for 2012. It is a family reunion you won't want to miss, so get it on your calendar and make plans not to miss out next year! -- DS

## Colorado Kickoff

Blue skies, ponderosa pines, and rolling pastures. . . what a great weekend for the first Colorado NVRHA event of 2011. Barnes Ranch, located midway on the Front Range of Colorado, offered a beautiful facility and western hospitality to the clinic and competition riders.

The clinic was full - offering cattle work instruction by Jeff Barnes of Barnes Ranch (Ranch Cutting) and Lavert Avent of T-Cross Ranches (Working Ranch Horse). 16 riders were divided into two groups and received a four-hour block of instruction from each of the clinicians. "There was a significant difference in both the horse and the rider's cattle handling ability from the beginning to the end of each group," stated Jeff. "Each rider/horse team improved in control and had a better feel for letting the horse do more of the work."

The BBQ dinner on Saturday night was catered by Dave's Famous BBQ out of Colorado Springs. The judge's meeting the following morning brought forward several questions. Gerrie Barnes, the Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail judge, explained that "real cowboys" post at the extended trot (or stand up in their stirrups) when they travel a distance horseback. "Sitting on the horse's back for several miles of long trotting would excessively tire the horse before the workday had even started."

### *Congratulations to Division Winners:*

Overall Advanced Champion – Rita Lauby on Lil Bit O Badge

Reserve Overall Advanced Champion – Scott Duke on Little Rey Lena

Overall Intermediate Champion – Luke Searcey on Harlans Cream Puff

Reserve Overall Intermediate Champion – Debbie Raymond on Mr. Smart T Smoke

Overall Novice Champion – Kelcey Swyers on Husker's Playmate

Reserve Overall Novice Champion – Amanda Parks on Ima Robin Bandito

The next NVRHA event at Barnes Ranch is the *Down Home Clinic and Competition* on July 30 – 31. Go to [www.barnesranch.com](http://www.barnesranch.com) for more details. -- G.Barnes



## Barnes Ranch Annual Benefit 2011 Recipient: SaddleUp! Foundation

Be part of making a difference in the lives of the mentally, physically, and emotionally challenged who are part of SaddleUp! Foundation's therapeutic riding program including but not limited to Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADD/ADHD, Traumatic Paralysis, Muscular Dystrophy, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Fragile X Syndrome, Prader-Willi Syndrome and Multiple Sclerosis.. Set aside Saturday, July 16 to be part of the action of a competitive mini-cattle drive, dinner, and auction.

Each year Barnes Ranch of Larkspur, Colorado sponsors a benefit for a Colorado-based 501c3 non-profit organization. In 2009 and 2010, Renee's Friends Fund (breast cancer) was the recipient of approximately \$10,000 per year. "We hope to raise the same amount or more this year for this unique, local program based in Parker, Colorado", states the benefit organizer, Gerrie Barnes.

Adam Daurio, SUF Executive Director, explains, "In order to meet the needs of the participant, our therapists and instructors utilize advanced techniques and equipment for hippotherapy and therapeutic activities such as riding and vaulting in addition to Equine Facilitated Learning (EFL) and Psychotherapy (EFP)". The programs are provided for both adults and youth. SUF Founders are Shery & Jim Galbreath. Some of you know both Adam and Jim, both of whom have ridden in the versatility ranch horse event.

The committee organizing this event is Jeff & Gerrie Barnes, Steve Pregel, Anita Littlewolf, Marcia Cedars, Cindy Abshire, Pam Caudle, Donna & Henry Block, Tim and Linda Raddatz, Camille Courtney, and Annie Anderson.

Put a team of up to 10 riders together. Your team will drive a herd of cattle to four checkpoints on the ranch. At those checkpoints your team will guide your herd in some gymkhana maneuver such as a figure 8. If you feel your team needs some experienced help, you can "buy" a cowhand to add to your team. Go to the Barnes Ranch website, [www.barnesranch.com](http://www.barnesranch.com), for more details. Click on the "July" calendar button. To register, go to SUF's website, [www.saddleupfoundation.org](http://www.saddleupfoundation.org). Questions? Call Gerrie Barnes at 303-646-9855 or [barnesranch@hughes.net](mailto:barnesranch@hughes.net).

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2011 Schedule, details, & registration info at [www.barnesranch.com](http://www.barnesranch.com) in scenic Larkspur, CO including travel directions & lodging.

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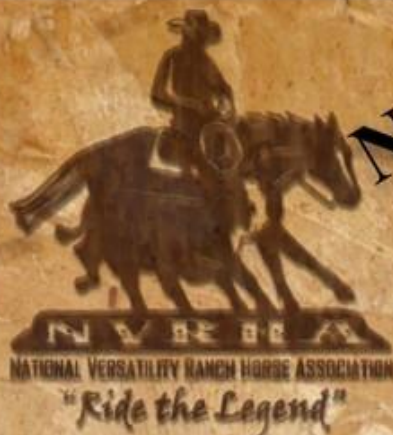
2011 Schedule of Events:

April 16-17	Colorado Kick-Off	Larkspur, CO
April 29-May 1	Barnes Intro to VRH	Larkspur, CO
May 21-22	Cactus Creek	CO Springs, CO
June 18-19	Colorado Cowhands	Eaton, CO
July 22-24	Strawberry Creek	Granby, CO
July 30-31	Barnes Down Home	Larkspur, CO
September 9-11	T-Cross Ranch	Pueblo, CO

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**DATE: May 21 & 22, 2011**

**LOCATION: *Flying M Arena*, Mt. Vernon, MO**

**Start time 8 AM each day**

**Clinicians May 21<sup>th</sup> Jay & Gina Henson, Hugoton, KS**

**Show May 22nd**

**Events: Ranch Cutting, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Working Ranch  
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**Cost: Clinic Only \$150, Competition \$150, both days \$275**

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**For information about the Clinic and Contest contact**

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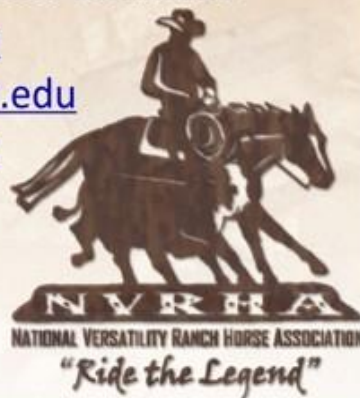
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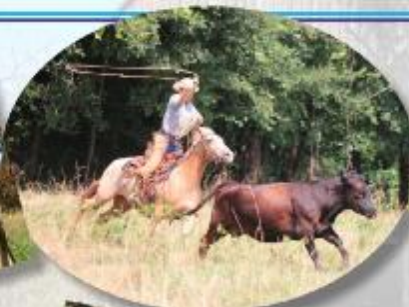
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Rendezvous

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Margarita Chex at the  
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