

National Versatility  
Ranch Horse  
Association

# NVRHA RUNDOWN

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Winter 2012

- Take a look back at the 2012 Champions!
- Review the upcoming 2013 Events and make your plans now!
- Find out what is happening in your regional affiliate and how you can get involved!

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**Dave & Jamie  
Bellar**  
Arizona NVRHA  
Husband/Wife Team  
- dual winners in  
2012

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Big Changes  
Ahead for the  
National  
Championship  
Event



The NVRHA and Calvin Gugelmeyer,  
would like to congratulate  
Sara Gugelmeyer and  
Colonels Miss Chic  
2012 NVRHA World's Greatest  
Versatility Ranch Horse Champion

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Sara is the first amateur and the first woman to  
win this title at our  
National Championship Event!  
God Bless Cowgirls!



## From the Editor...



It is winter in Colorado, the pastures are still and frozen. The thermometer has struggled to reach 3 degrees this morning. Through the window I can see the horses huddled in a group, steam rising from their nostrils in great plumes, guard hairs decorated heavily with ice, and winter coats so dense you could bury your hand until it disappeared. This is the hard time. Chores are hard, riding is hard. Livestock can become more work than pleasure, but still we do it. It is a lifestyle that is chosen. This is the time when it takes imagination to remember back to the slick coats of summer and faith to know they will come again.

I hope this Rundown issue will help you remember the highlights of 2012. The NVRHA had outstanding events in all regions, made lots of new champions, and ended it with another gloriously golden September weekend in Colorado Springs.

2013 planning began before the first of the new year. The Board of Directors elected new members and meets regularly. New ideas and big plans continue to be part of the NVRHA ongoing growing process. And change...always change. We are an all volunteer organization and as that we tend to show a little wear now and then. New blood and high levels of enthusiasm are what is needed to keep going forward. We sincerely appreciate the members who have agreed to continue in leadership roles as well as those who have accepted new board positions: Scott Duke (Utah), Cori Atteberry (Colorado), Dave McCollum (Kansas), Maribeth Darras (California) and Curtis Jones (New Mexico).

As an added boost this year, the Board has added some outstanding individuals to the Professional Advisory Board chaired by Jay Henson. This group of equine professionals is called upon to use their knowledge and experience in guiding the growth and direction of the NVRHA. New Members include: Dolly Wallace (New Mexico), a trainer and judge who has been active in our organization as both a competitor and clinician/judge for the past several years. Dolly most recently judged our 2012 Championships. Bob Grant (Arizona), a trainer and clinician who has been a consistent winning force in our Open Division. Bob, along with wife Becky, heads the Arizona affiliate. Lavert Avent (Colorado), head trainer at the T-Cross Ranches in Pueblo, CO, and successful showman, has competed in and won the NVRHA World's Greatest Competition more than once. Lavert shows a deep commitment to NVRHA, and continually gets rave reviews as a clinician and judge.

Your name does not have to appear on the Board of Directors list for you to have a say in guiding the NVRHA. This is your organization and can become as much as you are willing to give. Please contact your affiliate leaders with suggestions, ideas, and comments both positive and negative - as ultimately, that is what makes us grow. Oh yes, offers of help are also appreciated...

~~~ Donna Stewart

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| Lavert Avent          | Colorado   |
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| Jay Henson - Chairman | Kansas     |
| Mike Major            | Colorado   |
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| Dolly Wallace         | New Mexico |

# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP...

## 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> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth/Student . . . . . | \$25.00        |                          |                       |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual . . . . .    | \$50.00        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual . . . . .  | \$300.00       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (3+) . . . . .   | \$125.00       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (3+) . . . . . | \$1,000.00     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | College . . . . .       | \$100.00       |                          |                       | \$1,030.00     |

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

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

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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 PO Box 421, Hugoton, KS 67951. To pay by credit card (M/C & Visa ONLY) complete below:

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**\* All Annual Memberships expire September 30<sup>th</sup> \***

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# Regional News



[www.gsvrh.com](http://www.gsvrh.com)

## Golden State VRH - NVRHA Affiliate

California is pleased to announce the **GOLDEN STATE VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE** affiliate. Our plans for 2013 have four NVRHA sanctioned events in the works as well as clinics featuring our outstanding professionals. Watch the NVRHA website for event details. We are hoping to have participants from some of our fellow affiliates.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

JUNE 1 - CLINIC / EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

JUNE 15 - NVRHA SHOW / EL DORADO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

JULY 13 - CLINIC /AMADOR COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

JULY 26 - NVRHA SHOW /AMADOR COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

AUGUST 10 - CLINIC /CARMEL VALLEY TRAIL & SADDLE CLUB

AUGUST 11 - NVRHA SHOW /CARMEL VALLEY TRAIL & SADDLE CLUB

SEPTEMBER 21 - CLINIC /RAFTER 6B RANCH - AUBURN

SEPTEMBER 22 - NVRHA SHOW /RAFTER 6B RANCH - AUBURN

OCTOBER 19 - CLINIC /SAN LUIS OBISPO

OCTOBER 20 - NVRHA SHOW /SAN LUIS OBISPO

Chris Bugenig and Sarah Kennedy, working with the California State Horsemen's association, have created a pilot versatility program for 2013. These versatility classes will be Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding (pattern), Ranch Dry-Stock Horse and Ranch Halter. Cattle may be added in coming years depending on the success of the program. A major thanks to Sarah and Chris for this program - a great way to get horse folks introduced to ranch horse events.

The inaugural Board of Directors for the Golden State Versatility Ranch Horse: Maribeth Darras, President, Shawn Lohay, Vice President, Cathe Martorella, Treasurer, and Margaret Pare, Membership are dedicated Ranch Versatility enthusiasts as well as competitors.

Our goal is to promote the sport and most of all the enjoyment of riding a talented horse surrounded by good friends. All of our efforts will be under the guidance of our Advisors: Sarah Clifford, Chris Bugenig, Sarah Kennedy and Mike Lund and so a big THANK YOU to them in advance.



California NVRHA competitors:  
Sunny Gorba and Shawn Lohay (below)





## Northern Lights NVRHA Affiliate

[www.northernlightsversatility.com](http://www.northernlightsversatility.com)

Good Mexican food and even better costumes set the mood for the 2012 Northern Lights Annual Banquet and Year End Celebration.

Pictured are members: (from left) Susan Heyvaert, Tom Bjorklund, Stephany Siitari, Gena Janetka, Vicky Henderson.

The Northern Lights Annual Banquet/Year End Celebration and Silent Auction was held at Rojas Mexican Grill, St. Louis Park, MN, on January 12, 2013. Congratulations to the Northern Lights Division Award Winners of 2012:

### Novice

|                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Heather Haagenson | Hang on FiFi         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donna Reinarts    | VP Vipers Gunner     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lorri Underwood   | Dual Fleet Valentine |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Tami Schwert      | DJS Two D Jackie Bee |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Kristen Dascalos  | Sly Delivery         |

### Limited

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Shelley Johnsen  | Unbranded         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lisa Rixe        | Hazel Rae Lena    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stephany Siitari | SLJ Ruby Slippers |

### Intermediate

|                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Gena Janetka  | Froghorn Leghorn    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bill Thomas   | LenasSailin Cowgirl |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Diana Kusilek | Prime Time Salene   |

### Advanced

|                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Susan Heyvaert  | Starlight Dillon |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vicky Henderson | Tatanka          |

Event Managers: Thanks to Dianna Kusilek & Jaimie Hornke – River Falls, Susan Heyvaert & Lisa Rixe – Windom, Stephany Siitari – Cannon Falls, Kim Deters & Deb Matko - North Branch, and Deb Matko & Lance Scheffel – Rice Lake.

Membership Appreciation Award – “A member of the organization who you believe exhibits stellar sportsmanship. This person has provided leadership both formally to the organization and informally by providing encouragement, coaching or assistance to you or others. Someone who makes a difference.” Congratulations to Stephany Siitari.

The Northern Lights charitable fundraiser “Cowabunga” generated \$500. A check was presented to Freedom Farm Therapeutic Riding Center of Waverly, MN. Freedom Farm enriches lives by partnering with the unique attributes of the horse to improve mobility, build confidence, and encourage personal growth in children and adults with physical, mental, and emotional challenges. Cowabunga is a jackpot where the first numbered cow that ‘poos’ when the cutting gate closes - wins. Tickets were \$10 each. Cowabunga winners were Donna Vosberg, Lisa Rixe, Keven Deters, Lorri Underwood, and Vicky Henderson.

Sweatshirts were presented to 15 members who attended the three minimum events to qualify for awards.

Several bottles of Broke Ass Wine were presented to persons whose horses zigged and they zagged causing several moments of breathtaking suspense from saddle to ground. Although the physical bruises have healed, names are respectfully omitted. Cheers!

The banquet included a silent auction which highlighted a beautiful graphite drawing contributed by JW Brooks, numerous certificates for lessons from our clinicians, and cool things contributed by the members and friends of NVRHA and NLVRHA. Thank you so much to all of you who made this year’s silent auction the best yet!



## Colorado NVRHA Affiliate

[www.covrha.com](http://www.covrha.com)

I don't know if you were watchin, but the Colorado NVRHA affiliate had a fine year in 2012. Our group held 6 events, with ever increasing participation, a buckle series that went right down to the wire, and most important a new group of horse rider teams that joined to learn, improve, and compete in our events.

The novice group in Colorado was strong. It included about 15 different horse rider teams from all kinds of backgrounds and a wide variety of horses – all sharing one goal – to become better horse “persons” and help their horses get better in all the disciplines. It was great to see the progress from each and every one of them as the season went on, culminating in fantastic participation and achievement at the National Finals. Congratulations to our year end buckle series winners: Cori Atteberry and Lynn Cool (Cori and Lynn also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the National year end awards) and to Karla Moore and Todd Hoffman for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National Finals show!

The intermediate and advanced divisions featured a more seasoned group of Colorado VRH participants – each team gaining skills and confidence as the season progressed. This group was also highly competitive in the National year end awards. Congratulations to the Intermediate Colorado year end winners: Paulette Marshall and Carol Ackerman (Paulette and Carol also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the National year end awards). Congratulations to the Advanced Colorado year end winners: Scott Duke and Rita Lauby (Scott and Rita also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the National year end awards).

This was the first year for the limited division and the participation built through the season. Congratulations to the Limited Colorado year end winners: Debbie Raymond and Dave Currin (Debbie and Dave also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the National Championship Event).

Our 2012 schedule included 2 events at the Barnes Ranch in Larkspur, May at Cactus Creek in Pueblo, June at Spicer's Arena in Eaton, July at the Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, and finally our annual September event at the T-Cross Ranch in Pueblo. At each event our riders received in depth education covering every aspect of the VRH classes from a diverse and talented group of clinicians. Our clinician/judge list reads like a who's who in the NVRHA - Jay and Gena Henson, Lavert Avent, Dolly Wallace, Kelly Hall, Kyle Trahern, Dave Currin, JG Marshall, Jeff and Gerrie Barnes.

And there's more to come! Our 2013 schedule taking shape with 6 events already on the calendar. We're going to kick off the season with an event on Mother's Day weekend at the Latigo Trails event center near Falcon, CO. You'll want to keep a close eye on the Colorado VRH website for all the details.

We plan to have some special year end awards this year and will look forward to a caravan to the 2013 National Finals in Arizona. Look out – here we come!

~~ Paulette Marshall



Left: Mike Ackerman, Colorado NVRHA member shows at the 2012 Championship Event.

Right: Colorado Year End Award Winners, Debbie Raymond (Limited), Scott Duke (Advanced), Cori Atteberry (Novice), Paulette Marshall (Intermediate)



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## South Central NVRHA Affiliate

Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Iowa! Home to the majority of our Collegiate Affiliates, the South Central Region covers a lot of ground. This widespread but enthusiastic group put on 5 fine NVRHA events in 2012 and continues to enjoy a growth in membership. Stay tuned for their new schedule of events for 2013 on the NVRHA website.



Dave McCollum (one of NVRHA's newest board members), and Jody Brooks show at the 2012 W-H Rendezvous.



Photo courtesy of Carol Ackerman

**N** Look for  
**E** some exciting  
**W** things coming  
from  
New Mexico  
in 2013!  
**M** Curtis Jones,  
new NVRHA  
board member  
**E** and New  
Mexico Affili-  
**X** ate Leader,  
will be offer-  
**I** ing some  
**C** premier  
ranch horse  
**O** events this  
summer.

A photograph of a cowboy in a blue shirt and a dark hat riding a brown horse. The horse is in motion, cutting a brown cow in an arena. In the background, there are other cows and a white fence.

Arizona  
NVRHA Affiliate  
[www.azversatilityranchhorse.com](http://www.azversatilityranchhorse.com)

Bob Schubbe cuts on his mare Lily  
at an NVRHA event in Arizona.

Arizona held numerous NVRHA events in 2012 and is already off to a fast start in the new year. The only affiliate that works to hold joint events with ASHA and AQHA, the group in Arizona is organized, active, and progressive. Their events are well attended for a variety of reasons including a strong member base and experienced leaders. Arizona also boasts a variety of professional clinician judges and world class equine venues. The compilation of these attributes made the Arizona Affiliate the easy choice for the 2013 host of the annual NVRHA National Championship Event. The event will be held in Queen Creek, Arizona at the Horseshoe Park & Equestrian Centre, on November 1-3, 2013. Further information can be found on the Arizona website [www.azversatilityranchhorse.com](http://www.azversatilityranchhorse.com) or [www.nvrhachampionship2013.weebly.com](http://www.nvrhachampionship2013.weebly.com)

## \*\*\* Big News \*\*\*

**The NVRHA is pleased to announce that  
the 2013 National Championship Event  
will be held in Queen Creek, Arizona**

**November 1-3, 2013**

| <b>2013</b>     | <b>ARIZONA</b>                    | <b>CALIFORNIA</b>                 | <b>COLORADO</b>   | <b>NEW MEXICO</b> | <b>NORTHERN LIGHTS</b> | <b>SOUTH CENTRAL</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|                 | Becky Grant                       | Maribeth Darras                   | Paulette Marshall | Curtis Jones      | Susan Heyvaert         | Channing Hawks       |
| January 12/13   | Desert Hills, AZ                  |                                   |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| March 16/17     | Queen Creek, AZ                   |                                   |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| March 23/24     |                                   |                                   |                   | Watrous, NM***    |                        |                      |
| April 18-21     | Campe Verde, AZ<br>(2)            |                                   |                   |                   |                        | Hugoton, KS (2)      |
| April 27/28     |                                   |                                   |                   | Watrous, NM       |                        |                      |
| May 11/12       |                                   |                                   | Falcon, CO        |                   | Brooklyn, WI*          |                      |
| May 18/19       |                                   |                                   |                   | Watrous, NM***    | Cannon Falls, MN       |                      |
| May 25/26       | Prescott, AZ*                     |                                   |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| June 1          |                                   | El Dorado Cty***                  |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| June 8/9        |                                   |                                   | Eaton, CO         |                   | River Falls, MN        |                      |
| June 15/16      |                                   | El Dorado Cty                     |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| July 6/7        |                                   |                                   | Kiowa, CO         |                   |                        |                      |
| July 13         |                                   | Amador Cty***                     |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| July 18-21      |                                   |                                   |                   | Watrous, NM (2)   |                        |                      |
| July 20/21      |                                   |                                   |                   |                   | Proctor, MN            |                      |
| July 27/28      | Payson, AZ*                       | Amador Cty                        |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| August 1-4      |                                   |                                   | Del Norte, CO(2*) |                   |                        |                      |
| August 9-11     |                                   |                                   |                   |                   | Nevis, MN (2)          |                      |
| August 10/11    |                                   | Carmel Valley                     |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| August 24/25    |                                   |                                   |                   | Watrous, NM***    |                        |                      |
| September 7/8   |                                   |                                   | Pueblo, CO        |                   | Cannon Falls, MN       |                      |
| September 14/15 |                                   |                                   |                   | Watrous, NM***    |                        |                      |
| September 21/22 |                                   | Rafter 6B Ranch                   |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| October 5/6     |                                   |                                   |                   |                   | Duluth, MN             |                      |
| October 12/13   |                                   |                                   | Pueblo, CO        |                   |                        |                      |
| October 19/20   |                                   | San Luis Obispo                   |                   | Watrous, NM***    |                        |                      |
| November 1-3    | Championship -<br>Queen Creek, AZ |                                   |                   |                   |                        |                      |
| *Tentative      | ***Clinic Only                    | (2) Two schooling<br>competitions |                   |                   |                        |                      |



**Cimarron River Saddlery and owner Pierre Lamont make the NVRHA Award Saddles.**

# NVRHA Super Bowl Event!!

With representation from every affiliate and a dozen states, the NVRHA 2012 Championship Event was another success for the organization. Beautiful weather and good competition were the order of the weekend, as members reunited with old friends for a busy and exciting three days.

The weekend began on Friday afternoon with a General Membership meeting which was well attended and allowed the Board of Directors to hear comments, questions, and suggestions from NVRHA members. President Dave Currin reviewed the past year and shared upcoming plans for 2013. Dave also reviewed the rule changes that will come into effect with the start of the 2013 event season. After the meeting we all adjourned to a welcome reception...and the eating began!

Saturday's competition included a little bit of everything, as the different divisions competed in Ranch Cutting, Ranch Riding, and Ranch Trail. We all finished in plenty of time to gather at the Norris Penrose Banquet Room for the annual Awards Banquet and Auction. The food was top-notch and the program proved, as always, lively and entertaining! We celebrated the association year-end high point winners as they received beautiful Cimarron River Saddles, Custom Spurs and Belt Buckles from Clint Mortenson Silver, and a variety of tack, blankets, and trophies all procured by our very busy Award Chairman Bill Cantrell. Then the room heated up as Tim Rose and Pierre Lamont started the NVRHA Cowboy Auction. Each year the items auctioned get nicer and more fun. You'll find everything from custom JW Brooks hats, to lessons with your favorite trainer, to coolers full of Blue Bell ice cream - really something for everyone!

Sunday promised another perfect championship day. Our two judges, Dolly Wallace from New Mexico and Sarah Clifford from California, kept things moving and upbeat for all the competitors. And by the end of the Working Ranch Horse and Ranch Conformation Events, we were ready to crown some new National Champions - with even more beautiful awards.

I hope you enjoy the photos of this event - the competition, the banquets, the awards. They demonstrate better than words the commitment and talent of our members. Congratulations to all.

~~~Donna Stewart

## The Adventures of Flat Jay...Become a fan...Check out his Face Book page!!!



Flat Jay and Bob Grant accept the Open Division Award . Yes, he's everywhere...

Flat Jay was born in Minnesota in the summer of 2011. His three mothers - Susan Heyvaert, Donna Stewart, and Vicky Henderson - delivered him to the NVRHA at the Awards Banquet that September. Flat Jay was an instant sensation and was quickly adopted by his first family - Paulette and JG Marshall. Flat Jay had an exciting year in Colorado, and this year will begin adventures with his new family - Becky and Bob Grant - in Arizona. Stay tuned...

# 2012 National Championship Event Winners



## Novice Division

Champion:  
Kaylee Sazama and Miss Gee Ote

Reserve Champion:  
Karla Moore and CD Ripper

3rd:  
Todd Hoffman and French Flit Tuff Gal





These girls can ride!!!



Intermediate Division  
Champion:  
Katy Doke  
Mr Chicsdigit

Reserve Champion:  
Carol Ackerman  
Kickers Smokey Girl

3rd:  
Kim Wilson  
CDC Boonolena



(Why are none of the ladies in this group looking in the same direction? :)





**Limited Division**

Champion:

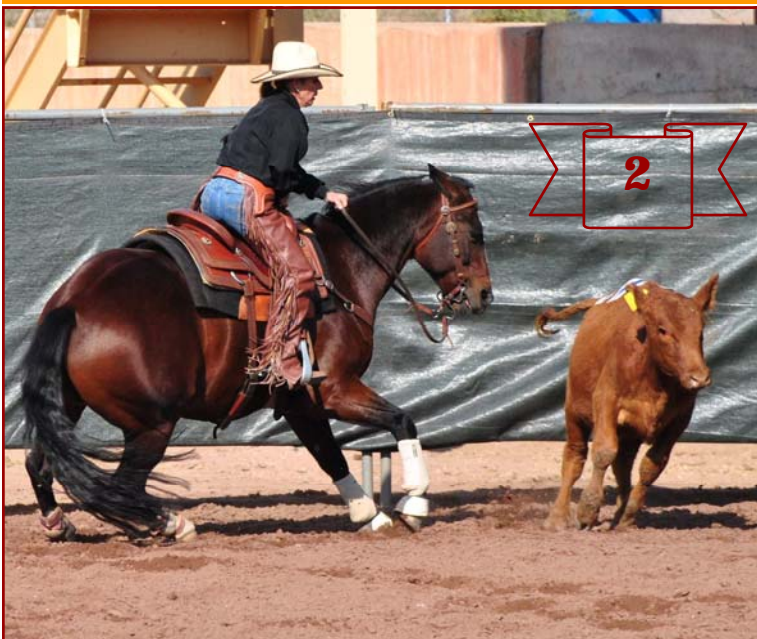
Donna Stewart and Dig A Little Jay J

Reserve Champion:

Debbie Raymond and Mr Smart T Smoke

3rd:

Dave Currin and Carolina Tar Baby





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**Advanced Division**

Champion:  
Sara Gugelmeyer  
Colonels Miss Chic

Reserve Champion:  
Charlie Stewart  
Riskey Irish Whiskey

3rd:  
Shane Bangerter  
Langtrees CD

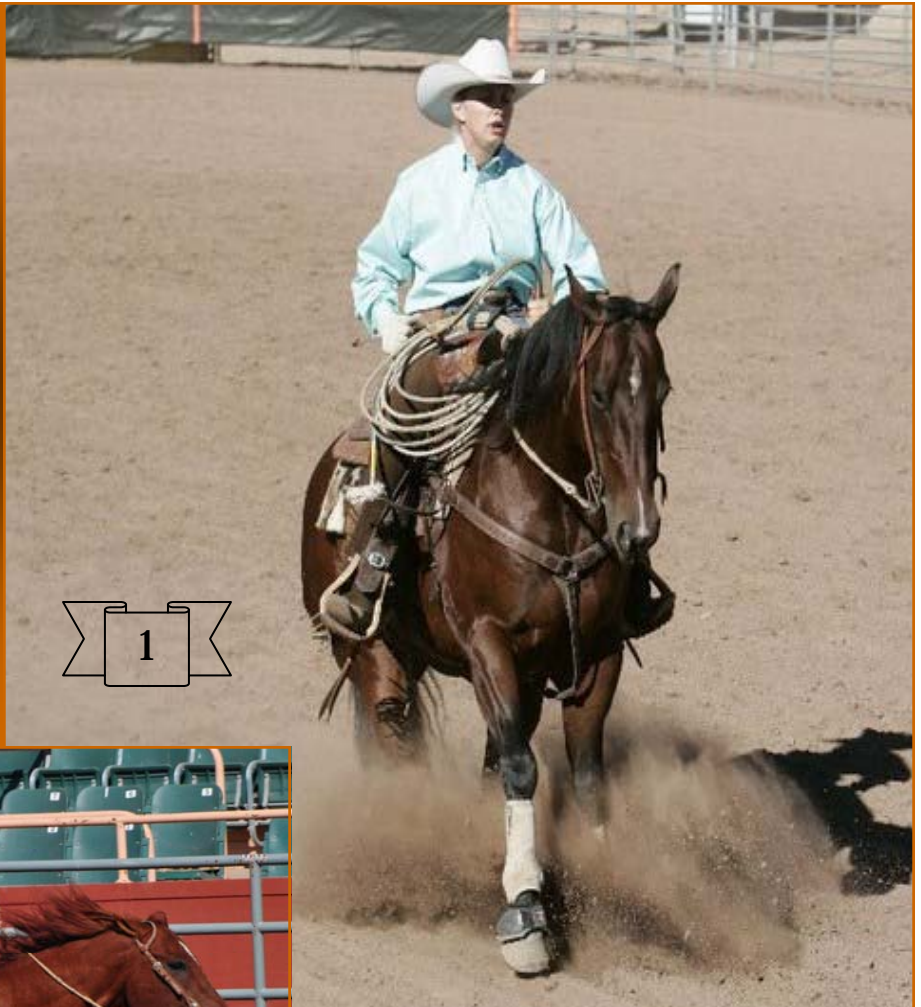


**Open**  
**World's Greatest VRH**

Champion:  
Sara Gugelmeyer  
Colonels Miss Chic

Reserve Champion:  
Scott Duke  
Tuckered Out Playboy

3rd:  
Shane Bangerter  
Langtrees CD



The World's Greatest Versatility Ranch Horse or Open Division is the only group awarded checks at the NVRHA annual National Championship Event.



Some of NVRHA's Best:

Sara Gugelmeyer, Scott Duke, Shane Bangerter, Jennifer Sadler, Becky Grant, and Bob Grant





Thank you NVRHA  
photographers:

Beth Mitchell  
Brent Eriksen  
Danette McGuire  
Lisa Hauschildt  
Susan Heyvaert  
Charlie Stewart  
Carol Ackerman

I couldn't do the Rundown  
without you! - DS





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## NVRHA 2012 Horseman of the Year

**D**o you think that the young man roping in this photo has ever missed a loop? Did he spend hours getting ready for an event? Did he wonder how things would turn out at the end of the day? Sure he did, just like all of us. Still does. You might not find the NVRHA's Horseman of the Year on a horse, but you will find him at most every Colorado event. Bill Hauschildt is the latest recipient of one of the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association's most coveted awards.

Bill attended the organizational meeting for the NVRHA in 2007, and has been a central figure ever since. He and wife, Lisa, are lifetime founding members. Some come and some go - but Bill stays. Bill took his commitment to the NVRHA seriously and has been a board member and active event manager since the start. The association has relied on his steady hand and business acumen to help it navigate in the national arena.

Only after it became my privilege to write this article, did I realize that I really didn't know much about Bill! I could have easily written something about his wife Lisa, her love of horses and the versatility event. I could have gone on about Jenessa, his daughter, beautiful and talented. I could even have used the high school athlete angle and written about his son Justin and a successful football career. But Bill? No, it would have been a short article and read something like this - a great guy, quiet, works hard behind the scenes. And I don't think I'm the only one with that problem, because when I set out to ask others about Bill they all used the same three adjectives! How can it be that nobody really knows this guy? Well, sit down and get ready because I got the scoop. And it will be just what you already know it to be - a little bit about a big man.

Bill is a native 'Coloradoan' and was raised in a rural area outside of Colorado Springs. The family had horses and Bill and his sister



The 'Bill look' - is everything running alright?

were active in gymkhanas and Little Britches Rodeo. Bill rode three events - calf roping, team roping, and bareback bronc riding. His favorite was calf roping. If you ask him was he any good at it - you get that really nice smile he has. So I'm guessing that's a 'yes'.

Bill graduated from a local high school, began working as a commercial roofing mechanic, and eventually purchased the successful business that he owns and runs today - Central States Roofing.

Bill and Lisa have been married for 23 years and make their home near the small town of Ramah just northeast of Colorado Springs. They raised two children and have been involved and generous members of the community. Daughter Jenessa is a college student at West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas. Jenessa is a talented dancer and has performed in a number of large scale productions. I do remember talking with Bill once about a 'father-daughter' dance that he was having some anxiety about! Justin Hauschildt is 19 years old and a college student at Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, CO. Justin was a member of the Simla High School football team and the whole Hauschildt family were avid fans. Even though their own son has graduated, Bill and Lisa continue to support the high school team.

So why does this busy guy give so generously of his time and resources? If you want a long and complicated answer, you are not going to find it here. Its all pretty simple really. The

Hauschildt family support each other, and that's exactly what Bill is doing every time he shows up. Lisa Hauschildt is a horse lover, and a competitor. It was her involvement in the NVRHA that drew Bill. Even though Bill's connection to horses these days is limited to Lisa's interest, the NVRHA has been a big winner in the arrangement. Bill has organized and managed the NVRHA Championship event since its inception. Giving significant amounts of time, money, and resources Bill and a dedicated team of volunteers (some from his roofing company) have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Championship and most other Colorado events run smoothly. Bill also developed and implemented the Event Manager guide and continues to be the board of directors 'go to guy' for contractual, insurance, and most business needs.

Bill believes in the NVRHA. As a past multiple event competitor, he likes the idea of developing an all-around horse rather than an animal that can do only one event. Bill thinks that the versatility events are a way to promote this kind of horse and that the NVRHA is an organization on the right track.

"I believe the NVRHA is a great organization for learning and having fun while doing it," says Bill, "and my hope is that the association will continue to grow and more people will want to become involved."

So what does being selected as the Horseman of the Year mean to this guy?

"Its an honor and I was surprised to receive this award," says Bill, "it means a lot to me."

Bill wants to thank everyone, of course. I think its safe to say that the thanking should be the other way around. The NVRHA thanks you, Bill, for all you've done and continue to do. You are an excellent representation of what our Horseman of the Year should look like.

Now that the kids are graduated, Bill might have more time to spend on his other hobbies - hunting and fishing. At least that's what he is hoping. And Bill, we all hope you can go fishing too, right after you finish your next NVRHA event...



Bill and Lisa Hauschildt

# Congratulations 2012 Year-End Champions...

## Novice Division

### High Point Novice:

Kaylee Sazama

Miss Gee Ote

Kansas

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### Reserve High Point:

Cori Atteberry

Two Watch

Colorado

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### 3rd Over-All:

Lynn Cool

CD Snip on Her Nose

Colorado



## Intermediate Division



High Point Intermediate:  
Dave Bellar  
and  
Chick Am I  
Arizona

Reserve High Point:  
Paulette Marshall  
And  
DJ Zans Brite  
Colorado

3rd Over-All:  
Carol Ackerman  
And  
Kickers Smokey Girl  
Colorado

# Advanced Division

High Point Advanced:  
Jennifer Sadler  
Little Bell Pepper  
Arkansas

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Reserve High Point:  
Scott Duke  
Tuckered Out Playboy  
Utah

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3rd Over-All:  
Rita Lauby  
Lil Bit O Badge  
Colorado



Lucky Scott  
between those  
two pretty  
Cowgirls.  
Just look at that  
grin!





# Limited Division



High Point Limited:

Tracey Birnie

My Lena Del Rey

Arizona

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Reserve High Point:

Shelley Johnsen

Unbranded

Minnesota

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3rd Over-All:

Stephany Siitari

SLJ Ruby Slippers

Minnesota



# Collegiate Division



High Point Collegiate:  
Luke Searcy and Harlans Cream Puff (Kansas)  
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Reserve High Point:  
Kaylee Sazama and Miss Gee Ote (Kansas)  
~~~  
3rd Over-All:  
Katy Doke and Mr Chicsdigit (Kansas)



## Open Division

**Bob  
Grant**



It deserves mention that Bob has won the Open Division Year-End Award every year!  
Now, somebody get out there and give him some competition!  
And yes, he's really that good!



**Most Improved Rider/Horse  
Team  
Todd Winczewski  
and  
Apache Duck  
Colorado**

(Todd was not able to attend the banquet to accept his award, so Dave gave it to Leslie!  
Hopefully she gave it to Todd...)

## Level of Achievement Awards Ranch Horse Champion

RHC is awarded to a rider/horse team earning a minimum of 5 championship points in each of the 5 versatility events. Each recipient received NVRHA custom spurs.

Jesslin Lamont  
Busy Baby Bee



Shelley Johnsen  
Unbranded





Jamie Bellar and Spiced With Lena

Vicky Henderson and Tatanka





Scott Duke  
Tuckered Out Playboy



Becky Grant  
Calboys Hometown

# Supreme Ranch Horse Champion

RHSC is awarded to rider/horse teams that earn a minimum of 10 championship points in each of the 5 versatility events. Each recipient was awarded an NVRHA custom buckle from Mortenson Silver.



Jennifer Sadler  
Little Bell Pepper



Dave Currin  
Carolina Tar Baby





Sara Gugelmeyer and Colonels Miss Chic



Scott Duke and Tuckered Out Playboy

Of note: Scott won both the RHC and RHSC achievement awards on his gelding in only one season!



Vicky Henderson and Tatanka



Phillip Sadler and Lenas Silver Gay Bar

# Superior Ranch Horse Award



The Superior Ranch Horse Award is earned by a rider/horse team that achieves a minimum of 40 Championship Points in one event category. Superior Awards are earned in each of the 5 events individually.



Susan Heyvaert  
And  
Starlight Dillon  
Superior  
Ranch Trail,  
Ranch  
Conformation,  
Ranch Riding  
(awarded 2011)

Jennifer Sadler  
And  
Little Bell Pepper  
Superior  
Ranch  
Conformation



Shane Bangerter  
And  
Langtrees CD  
Superior  
Ranch Cutting,  
Ranch Conformation



Rita Lauby  
And  
Lil Bit O Badge  
Superior  
Ranch Trail,  
Ranch Cutting,  
Ranch Conformation,  
WRH (awarded 2011)



Charlie Stewart  
And  
Riskey Irish Whiskey  
Superior  
Working Ranch  
Horse,  
Ranch Cutting,  
Ranch Conformation  
(awarded 2011)

## Lil Bit O' Badge

### NVRHA Legend Horse 2012



Meet the NVRHA's newest Legend Award Winner - Lil Bit O' Badge, the big red gelding owned and shown by Rita Lauby of Colorado.

When I asked Rita to describe her horse, she sent me a short paragraph that read like a bad singles ad: 'Strong yet sensitive, good looking but not pretty, hard working and wants to please, smart and obedient'. Well, he does sound like the marrying kind...

Lil Bit O' Badge, aka 'Marshall', was thus named by Jay Henson for his ability to 'come out with guns blazing like Marshall Dillon'.

"He's one bad cat," were Jay's exact words.

Marshall, a 2002 model colt, comes from a long line of successful ancestors. His sire Playboy's Badge - \$97K, NCHA Money Earner - was piloted by Buster Welch. Grandsire, Freckles Playboy, is legendary in the cutting world and as a sire of offspring earning in excess of \$24M in NCHA competition. Freckles Playboy is one of five horses that will be inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame at the AQHA Convention in March 2013. Induction into the Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors within the AQHA community, and it is reserved for those individuals who have

made an exceptional contribution to the American Quarter Horse. But, it's not all about the boys in Marshall's family, on his dam's side is the great sire Poco Tivio, who coincidentally is one of the other five horses being inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame in 2013.

Sounds like it's all about fame and fortune with Marshall, but that would discount all the hard work that has gone into making him this year's Legend Horse. His early training in Texas was in cutting. At age 5, Marshall was brought to Jay and Gena Henson at W-H Training Stable in Kansas, for work on reining and cowhorse skills. Jay believed Marshall was an exceptional individual who exhibited the rare combination of athletic ability, cow sense, and work ethic. Jay was right and those attributes are exactly what made Rita look at the red horse as a reined cowhorse and versatility prospect. Marshall came home to Colorado where Rita worked on trail and ranch riding maneuvers while trying to get herself up to speed with his cutting, reining, and cowhorse talent. For the past five years, this team has competed in the NVRHA, NRCHA, and AQHA arenas.

"It's a lifelong process," Rita says. "Just when I think I've got it, I don't, and there's more work to do, more to learn, more to practice."

Not every horse can cross-over from NRCHA to NVRHA and do it well. It's especially hard for those like Marshall with 'big engines' to have the ability to slow it down to a low rumble and compete successfully in the 'quiet classes' like Ranch Riding and Trail. Marshall has the good mind and trainability that allow this type of versatility.

“He’s really very smart and easy to train,” Rita says. “He dislikes being ‘in trouble’ and will work hard to please although he is impatient at times. For instance, he doesn’t agree that opening the gate in a trail class should take so long and often takes the initiative to ‘help’ me by shoving it with his head!”

Of course Marshall’s intelligence is legendary among his friends. Rita taught him to ‘answer yes and no questions’, and after lots of bragging on his accomplishments it was rumored that Rita’s husband Tony observed Marshall doing calculus in the barn early one morning!



Anyone who has shown in the versatility events knows how much time and effort goes into this training. So, don’t be fooled, its not always easy with Marshall either. Rita told me one day not long ago that Marshall was ‘misbehaving and took my wrath’. Yep folks - all 89 pounds of it. Poor Marshall must have been shaking in his splint boots...

Since the question ‘what does winning an NVRHA Legend Award mean to you’ couldn’t be answered simply by shaking the head ‘yes or no’, I posed it to Rita instead of Marshall.

“Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.”  
John Dewey

“Perseverance, sticking to it, accepting and learning from my mistakes, and relishing the victories,” says Rita. “I’ve never had the philosophy of beating anyone. I always just try to show my horse to the best of our collective abilities, improve on our weaknesses and capitalize on our strengths. I didn’t start the journey with the



Legend award in my sights, nor did I consider it a destination. It is quite something though, a real tribute to my horse and acknowledgement of the privilege of owning a horse like Marshall.”

Rita describes the Legend Award as a kind of ‘Stock Horse Hall of Fame’. These are, after all, the individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the NVRHA. So move over granddad, you are not the only one in the spotlight. Marshall has the looks, the talent, and the heart that we all recognize in the great Legends.

~ Donna Stewart

The NVRHA would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to our members who will be competing in the AQHA VRH World Championship Competition in Houston, Texas, February 28 - March 2, 2013.



Jennifer Sadler, Becky Grant, Charles Padilla,  
Sara and Jeremy Gugelmeyer.  
GO TEAM!!!



The Barnes Ranch is closing its doors to the public. Many NVRHA members have good memories of time spent and skills learned there. Thank you Jeff and Gerrie for sharing your time and talents, and good luck in your future endeavors. You will be missed.

### 2013 NVRHA Rulebooks are here!

New rulebooks will be mailed to all lifetime members and with annual membership renewals.  
Website publication of the rulebook is in the works.



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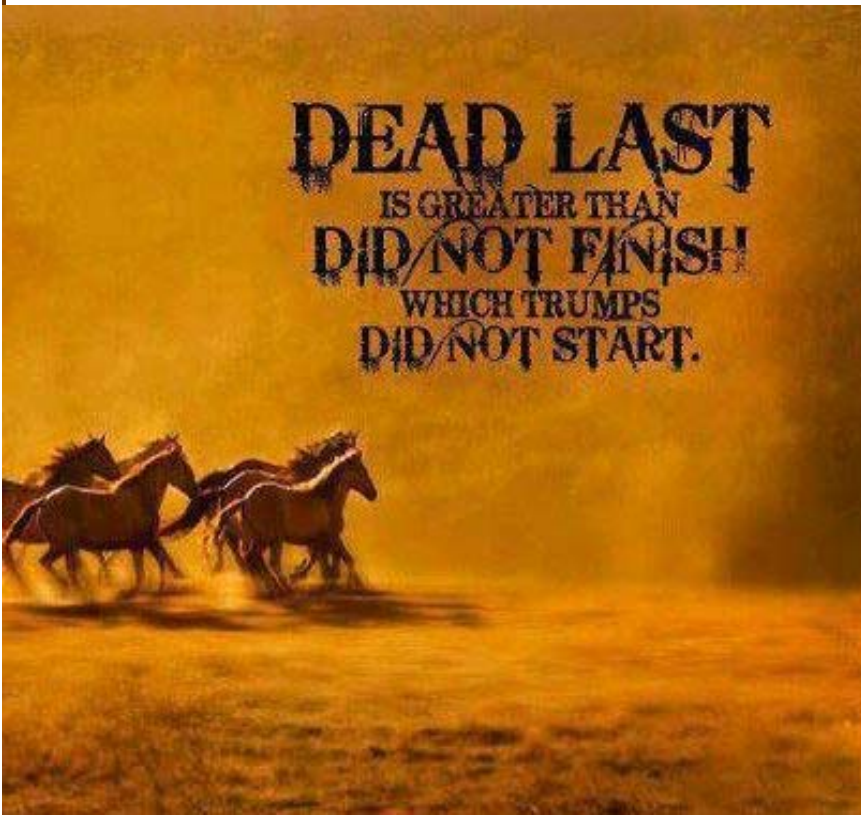
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