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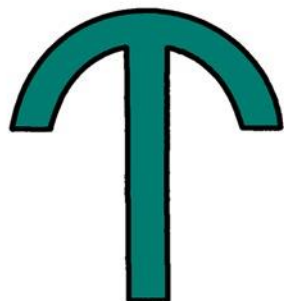


Ashlee Tien, Kansas cowgirl, is one of our best open competitors.

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The NVRHA 2015 Event Season is headed your way!

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From the Editor...

Hello Friends – it's been awhile since the last Rundown and I am so very pleased we are able to start 2015 with a new edition! So much has happened since our last issue that we have a lot of ground to cover.

Inside you will find a recap of the 2014 event year including year-end award winners, achievement award recipients, and the last National Championship Event held in Arizona.

We will bring you up-to-date on what is happening in your local affiliate as well as those in other parts of the country. And the Event schedule for 2015 is complete, so get ready to plan your ranch horse summer!

We have a new rulebook being printed with some big changes for NVRHA meant to move the organization forward and enhance learning opportunities for members. The major changes will be highlighted here, but all members renewing for 2015 will also be sent a copy of the new rulebook. The rulebook can also be accessed at www.nvrha.org

I hope you enjoy our feature article on the Hashknife Ranch. Curtis Jones and his family have been longtime major contributors and supporters of the NVRHA. The ranch has donated a filly for auction for the past two years and some of our members are showing finished Hashknife horses with great success. We appreciate the friendship and generosity that the Hashknife has shown our organization, and are proud of the chance to celebrate the ranch in this publication.

I do not have as many current photos of members as I used to receive. Please accept my apologies if I was not able to add a photo of you or your horse – it was simply because I didn't have one. I am asking that ALL members submit photographs and news items to me directly, or through your affiliate leader, so that I am able to fill these pages with color – a picture is indeed worth a thousand words.

Looking forward to the best NVRHA year yet...
Donna Stewart

From the President...

Hope everyone is prepared for a great year in the NVRHA. There have been some changes to the upper level divisions designed to challenge, educate, and add excitement. I think everyone will enjoy them.

The NVRHA National Championship Event for the past two years has very successfully been held in Arizona. This year it will move back to Colorado; so for those of you that have not been making the trek to Arizona the new location leaves you no excuse. Hope to see you there.

Jay Henson

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The NVRHA has the ability and desire to become the supreme ranch horse association in the country, but to do that we need talented, hardworking, team players that want to help move this organization forward. No one has 'spare time' ~ an unheard of idiom in today's world. But if this organization is important to you, please consider getting on board and being an active part of something that is really good. No matter what your talent, big or small, we NEED and WANT you. Please contact any of the directors.



2015 NVRHA Calendars have been mailed to all 2014 members. Thank you Cori Atteberry and Robin Mercier for doing such a great job on this project!

NVRHA 2015 Rule Changes

Multiple unforeseen circumstances caused significant delays in the rule change procedures/process for our organization this year. The board of directors met frequently to move the process along and keep up with the many changes occurring in the association, but that didn't mitigate the delays, and we apologize for that. Everyone who joins for 2015 will be sent a new rulebook, and the rulebook will also be posted on the website www.nvrha.org

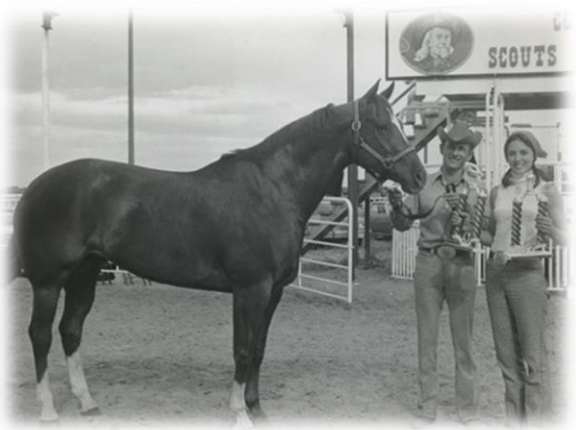
Each one of the rule changes has been well thought out and discussed, and in the words of NVRHA president Jay Henson: "I would hope you realize this stuff didn't just fall out of the sky, and that it's not just one or two peoples' ideas. It has been brought forward by the general membership, then studied by the board members, taken through your Professional Advisors, the Executive Board, and finally voted on and passed by a minimum 2/3 majority of the National Board."

Major rule changes for 2015:

1. The Intermediate and Advanced divisions have been combined. The new division will be called Amateur. The three non-pro divisions are now – Novice, Limited, and Amateur.
2. The Open Division format is changing. It will now be an 'a la carte' format, with both professional and amateur riders being able to select which classes in which they want to participate. There will be a new structure to offer both Open and Amateur points for these classes. The Ranch Conformation line up will return to the Open division on a voluntary basis.
3. Herd holders will be added to all cutting classes.
4. For the Limited division in the Working Ranch Horse Class, the time limit for double boxing has been decreased from 2 minutes to 1½ minutes with a warning whistle at 45 seconds.
5. Changes to the Ranch Cutting classes for the Amateur and Open Divisions only. **NO CHANGE IN THE NOVICE OR LIMITED DIVISIONS.** The class will be run similar to an NCHA cutting with each participant cutting two non-numbered cows in a 2 ½ minute time period. Penning the cow will be eliminated.
6. Changes to the Working Ranch Horse class for the Amateur and Open Divisions only. **NO CHANGES IN THE NOVICE OR LIMITED DIVISIONS.** Participants will be offered the option to circle the cow instead of roping for the last scored maneuver.
7. Score sheets have been redesigned and simplified.

"Ideas are scary. They come into this world ugly and messy. Ideas are frightening because they threaten what is known. They are the natural born enemy of the way things are."

(From a GE Commercial)



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Celebrating Dave Currin NVRHA 2014 Horseman of the Year

Visionary founder and leader of the NVRHA, Dave Currin, is an excellent choice for this prestigious award. His passion and energy for the sport of ranch horse versatility has impacted the horse world and benefitted all those who love this event.

Stepping down as president after seven years of service, Dave will focus his energy on creating and supporting new start-up groups, and promoting special events.

Thank you, Dave, for sharing so much of your time and talent with the NVRHA.

~ DMS



Circle Up...DO WHAT?

by Rita Lauby

Get ready to ramp up your ranch horse skills and learn something new! This 2015 NVRHA Competition season learning the skill of circling a cow has been added to the Working Ranch Horse class. In the Amateur Division (new combined division of Intermediate & Advanced), exhibitors will now have the option to circle the cow or rope the cow as the final judged maneuver in that class. There are no changes to the Novice or Limited Divisions.

What is circling and why has the NVRHA added it as a desired skill and option along with roping? Our association mission is about education. Learning and honing horsemanship skills related to and needed for Versatile Stock Horse activities is why the organization was founded. Offering members a safe, non-threatening environment to learn new skills at their own pace is the cornerstone of NVRHA. By adding circling as an alternative, NVRHA provides that safe environment for competitors to learn if they so choose. There certainly is no pressure or expectation of pushing members to choose the circling option over roping. It will be offered as an alternative for those who wish to learn the skill. Circling will be introduced and taught by our very qualified clinicians who have many years of show success, which includes circling a cow in competition and ranch work.

So what is circling and how did it come about? Circling a cow has been part of Stock Horse competitions since inception for most organizations. Currently circling is a scored maneuver incorporated in a working cow class in most organizations that offer Working Cow/Working Ranch competitions. Organizations include but are not limited to: American Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, Arabian Horse Association, National Reined Cow Horse Association, Stock Horse of Texas, American Stock Horse Association, Ranch Horse Association of America.

Circling was included as a skill in the Vaquero communities that came from Spain and settled in the western United States, primarily California. When the Spanish began to colonize America they brought with them the horsemanship skills they learned on the battlefields in Europe. Those horse maneuvers have evolved in two distinct directions: what we know today as dressage, and the discipline of reined working cow horse. Just as the Texas Cowboys are credited with developing what we know today as Cutting, the California Spanish Vaqueros (cowboys) are credited for developing the reined cow horse. These horses were trained to work with great herds of Longhorn cattle driven from Mexico to California, as well as perform the day-to-day chores of the ranches.

Circling, at its best, demonstrates complete control of the cow. Once the horse/rider team turns the cow on the fence in both directions, circling begins. The cow is maneuvered in both directions 360 degrees without interference from the fence. The circle's size, symmetry, speed, and relative balance from right to left show control.

How will NVRHA introduce and teach this skill? According to the NVRHA President and Certified Clinician/Judge, Jay Henson, the clinicians will introduce this skill in a slow, step-by-step manner, with the focus on safety. At the start an Amateur horse/rider team will work with a clinician, who is also horseback, to help understand correct position and how circling is properly performed. The next step will be to add work using slow cows. The skill is somewhat a continuation of the 'down the fence' portion of the working ranch class, as circling is the maneuver that immediately follows once both fence turns are completed.

Sound fun? Sound exciting? Sound challenging? Well remember, it is an **OPTIONAL** maneuver, not a required one. But if this interests you, be sure to take part in upcoming clinic events that will include learning and practicing this ranch horse skill.

Moving, changing, learning – that's Ranch Horse, that's NVRHA!



NVRHA Clinician/Judge, Lavert Avent, demonstrates correct position while circling the cow. Photos courtesy of Laura Cowen performancehorsephotography.com

Aimee Ramberg



Dale Grove



Northern Lights NVRHA Affiliate: Still Shining Bright and Beautiful

2014 was another great year of growth and activity for the Northern Lights group. They had many well-attended and well-organized events put on by an enthusiastic group of leaders and volunteers. Northern Lights members were successful on both a local affiliate and national level.

Achievement Awards:

Roxanne Burton and Ms Smart Gun RG earned the Ranch Horse Champion award. Roxanne and Gunner earned five Championship Points in each of the five classes, receiving a set of beautiful spurs with her horse's name in silver.

Two Northern Lights members received the Supreme Ranch Horse Buckle. This award goes to horse/rider teams that have earned a minimum of 10 Championship points in each of the five classes. This year, Gena Janetka and Foghorn Leghorn (Rooster), and Stephany Siitari and SLJ Ruby Slippers (Juice) achieved the Supreme Ranch Horse Award.

Three Superior Awards were also awarded. Superior Awards are beautiful walnut plaques with a bronze figure depicting each of the five classes and go to the horse/rider team that earns 40 Championship points in any one of the five classes. The following Superiors were awarded to:

Vicky Henderson and Tatanka – Working Ranch Horse
 Gena Janetka and Foghorn Leghorn – Ranch Riding
 Steph Siitari and SLJ Ruby Slippers – Ranch Trail

National Year-End Awards:

Advanced Division - 1st place Susan Lucas riding Starlight Dillon, received a certificate for a Bob's Custom Saddle.
 Novice Division – 3rd place Roxanne Burton riding Miss Smart Gun RG.

Championship Event Highlights:

Advanced Division: Susan Lucas and Starlight Dillon did very well placing second in Working Ranch and third in both Ranch Cutting and Ranch Conformation. Shelly Johnson and Unbranded also did very well with a second place in Ranch Trail.

Limited Division: Stephany Siitari and SLJ Ruby Slippers had an outstanding score of 83.3 to take first place in Ranch Riding.

Novice Division: Roxanne Burton and Miss Smart Gun RG did very well with a first place in Ranch Riding, third place in Ranch Trail, and Ranch Conformation. This was Roxanne's first year riding in NLVRH events and Miss Smart Gun RG was a broodmare until two years ago. Roxanne credits NVRHA for much of her success in learning all the versatility ranch horse skills and she and Gunner work very hard to master them.

Why don't YOU plan to join us in 2015? You could be just as surprised as Roxanne when you head to the National Finals after spending a really fun summer attending the Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse events here in the Midwest!

By...Stephany Siitari



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2015 EVENTS CLINIC & SCHOOLING COMPETITIONS

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June 13 & 14 – UWRF, River Falls, WI

Event Manager: Laura Hildebrandt, 715-821-6464 email: 23jingos@gmail.com

Clinicians: Russ Ratkowski & Mary Leonhart

July 11 & 12- Windom Arena, Windom, MN

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Clinicians: Pam Whitfield & Jay Henson

August 7-9- Strait Rail Ranch, Nevis, MN

Double Competition

Event Managers: Stephany Siitari & Greg Booth

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Clinicians: Russ Ratkowski & Jeff Barnes


August 30 & 31- Horse First Farm, Brooklyn, WI

Event Manager: Kelly Messera 608-886-8999 email: Kelly@thehorsefirst.net

Clinicians: Dave Currin & JJ Rydberg

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For updates and information join us on 



Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association
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THANK YOU! To all of our clinicians/Judges who continue to make “Riding the Legend” a reality!

Lavert Avent, Nettie Baker, Jeff Barnes, J.P. Bell, Tom Bjorklund, Dave Currin, Jay & Gena Henson, Mary Leonhart, Bonnie Minor, Russ Ratkowski, Lance Scheffel, David Slipka, Pam Whitfield
 The clinician/judges are what makes NVRHA different than other equine activities. In review of the event surveys, we found that many comments noted specific things the clinician/judges did for the participants. “...they were great about spending the time I needed to understand the concept, even if my horse and I could not perform the task yet.” “...I could relax once I realized the judge was there to help me through the obstacle...” “...the individual attention was so very different from anything I’ve ever done.” It is so true that the clinician/judges go out of their way to try their best to give information, guide and support the horse and rider. For this, we would like to send up a hearty THREE CHEERS to all of the clinician and judges that helped Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association participants learn and grow in 2014.

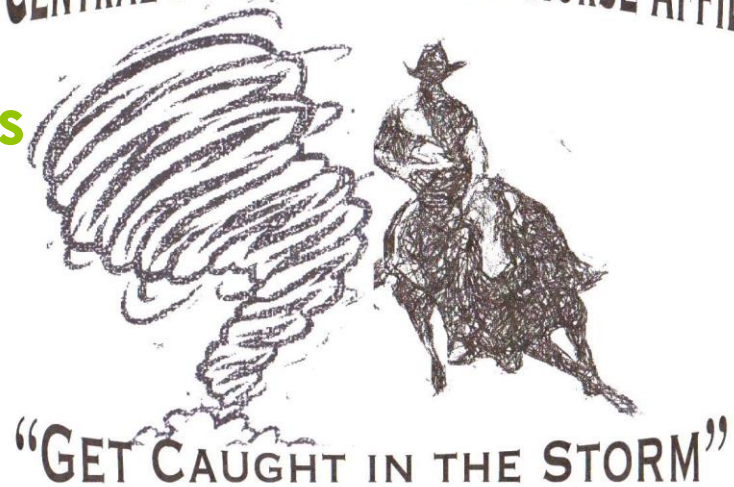


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 - 1 clinic, 1 show
 - Warm up for Finals!
 - Channing Hawks
 - \$325 weekender
- June 27 & 28
 - Iowa, location TBD
 - 1 clinic, 1 show day
 - A La Carte Open Div
 - \$325 weekender
 - Alecia Heinz
 - (641) 745-9170

South Central NVRHA Affiliate

Things are heating up in the South Central portion of the country as they look forward to the annual May W Bar H Rendezvous. The rendezvous is the longest running NVRHA event, having been held every year in Hugoton, KS since the inception of our organization. Actually Jay and Gena Henson have hosted this annual gathering of friends for years before NVRHA came on the scene, and have transitioned it into an event competition. But, competition is just one small part of the activities that go on there. Homemade food, a trading forum, auction items, games and contests, and sometimes a live band and dancing all come together to make this one of the most enjoyable weekends that NVRHA has to offer. If you haven't been, then it should be the 'must-attend' on your calendar this year. See you at the Rendezvous....

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Getting started early is the motto for Paulette Marshall's grandson "Tater" on pal Boomer.

Colorado NVRHA Affiliate...its a family affair

COVRHA Celebrates 2014 Season

The COVRHA celebrated a successful 2014 with a year-end banquet, award ceremony, and fundraising auction followed by a cowboy dance on October 18, 2014.

COVRHA held 6 events throughout the 2014 season, with all riders working towards the year-end awards based on a Buckle Series. To be eligible for an award, the participant was required to ride in 4 of the 6 COVRHA schooling competitions. The buckle series awards included: 1st place Mortenson copper buckles, 2nd place winter horse blankets (donated by Ashlee Tien, Tien Quarter Horses), 3rd place engraved aluminum stirrups, 4th place engraved pocket knives and hand tooled reins (made and donated by JG Marshall).

Buckle series results:

Novice Division:

- 1st place – Paulette Marshall riding Sontivio Moon
- 2nd place – Cindy Abshire riding El Rey Conquistador
- 3rd place – Teresa Danielson riding Prairie Wild Fire
- 4th place - Tony Rockwood riding Chaco

Limited Division:

- 1st Place – Debbie Raymond riding Mr Smart T Smoke
- 2nd Place – Carol Dotta riding Sailon Sweet Josie
- 3rd Place – Donna Stewart riding Risky Irish Whiskey
- 4th Place – Claude Adams riding Cowboy by Starlight

Intermediate Division:

- 1st Place – Cori Atteberry riding Two Watch
- 2nd Place – Rebecca Jennings riding Everydaz My Lucky Day

Advanced Division:

- 1st Place – Paulette Marshall riding DJ Zans Bright

After the banquet and awards, the fun really began. Lynn Cool presented a fantastic silent and live fundraising auction. A 2-year-old filly, Rawhide Train, donated by Curtis and Wendy Jones of the Hashknife Ranch, Watrous NM, highlighted the auction. Merlyn Atteberry enthusiastically purchased the filly for his wife, Cori. There were several other well-received items in the live auction including a



Colorado mountain condo donated by Debbie and Earl Raymond and a Wyoming Ranch weekend donated by Mike and Carol Ackerman. We send out a huge thank you to all the donors and purchasers at our annual fundraiser.

And the evening was still not over! The group was treated to a dance in the arena with Carlos Washington and the Steel Horse Band playing. Needless to say, there were a few who stayed out way too late, considering there was competition to be had the next day.

A good time was had by all! 2015 here we come!



CVRHA Awards Banquet
 A great meal, nice folks, quality prizes, a successful auction, a dance with live band, and a beautiful Lynn Cool with a fistful of cash...it doesn't get much better than this.



REVISED
2015 Event Calendar

- October 18, 2014 at Latigo - Completed
- April 25-26 at Latigo – Event Managers: Deb Raymond, Cindy Abshire, Lisa Hauschildt
- June 6-7 at Lamar Community College – Event Manager: Connie Brase
- July 11-12 at Latigo – Event Manager: Paulette Marshall ~ **NEW LOCATION**
- *July 17, 18 & 19 in Bosque Farms, NM – Hosted by Dolly Wallace
- *August 8-9 at Hashknife Ranch, Watrous, NM – Event Manager: Curtis Jones
- August 22-23 at Spicer Arena – Event Manager: Kathy Clemons & Kay Cornelius
- **Sept. 25-27 NVRHA Finals at Norris-Penrose Arena, Colorado Springs, CO**

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2015 Buckle Series
 ~ 4 Best Events
 ~ 1 New Mexico event may count toward the 4



Left: Paulette Marshall, Ashlee Tien, Cori Atteberry, and Rebecca Jennings.

Right: Group clinic at one of the COVRHA events.



COVRHA Emphasizes Horsemanship in Roping – by Paulette Marshall

It's true – one of the most dreaded skill sets in Versatility Ranch Horse is that of roping and stopping a cow. It is a skill set that is revered but unfortunately not emphasized in many NVRHA clinics. The COVRHA has taken that challenge seriously. We have held a separate roping clinic at several of our events in 2013 and 2014. Many first time attendees and novice riders are hesitant at first to participate in that part of the clinic – but COVRHA has a secret weapon. Shhhhhhh – it's JG Marshall!

JG has been doing NVRHA roping clinics since 2009 in New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado. He has a tried and true method to teach the horsemanship of driving a cow, rating a cow and getting you and your horse in position to throw the rope every time. His students may start a session feeling a bit intimidated, but by the time they have finished their first session they are riding better, and having success. They whoop and holler, they have a great time and they have success - roping Kenny, the dummy cow. Students progress quickly and become very enthusiastic for JG's sessions with Kenny. Riders in all divisions gain horsemanship skills in the driving and rating skills worked on during the sessions.

Does the confidence and success transfer to Sunday? You better believe it! In our August event, one of our Limited Riders, Dawn Back, rode in the roping clinic on Saturday, had so much success that she rode up to the Intermediate the next day – she didn't catch her cow that first time out, but you can be sure she drove it, rated it and hit hair!! (We now call her "down the fence" Dawn).

Real success you ask? In our September event, there were 4 LADIES competing in Intermediate, Advanced and Open. ALL 4 roped their cow! We call that girl power! So don't be afraid of roping – get used to handling the rope and work on the horsemanship involved – drive the cow, rate the cow and throw your rope.

New Mexico NVRHA Affiliate

There will be two events held in New Mexico this year:

July 17-19 in Bosque Farms, NM - hosted by Dolly Wallace. This is a double event – come and qualify for the National Championships all in one weekend!

August 7-8 at Hashknife Ranch in Watrous, NM, hosted by Curtis Jones.

Did you ever wonder where the good ones come from?

HASHKNIFE RANCH ~ Watrous, NM



The Hashknife Ranch on the Santa Fe Trail

By - Dave Currin

No ranch is more deeply rooted in the tradition of the American Stock Horse than the Hashknife Ranch of Watrous, New Mexico. One of the founding missions of the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association is to preserve that 'valued tradition'. The Hashknife Ranch's rich tradition provides much insight as to why the NVRHA's mission is near sacred. It is a story of courage, vision, wisdom, and love of America's true All-Around Horse, the American Stock Horse. Horse shows are in abundance across America, yet the emphasis on the All-Around Horse is waning. The Hashknife's owner, Dogie Jones, has made breeding and developing the all around ranch horse his lifetime goal and is active today fulfilling that dream. The root of Dogie's passion is embedded in the five generations of dedicated men and women who developed Northern New Mexico's Hashknife Ranch.

The Ranch's early development reads like a western novel script. It all began when Dogie's great grandfather William Kronig, a German immigrant, migrated west along the Santa Fe Trail around 1850. He first worked as a scout for the U.S. Calvary in New Mexico. While a Calvary Scout, he was charged with the search for a prominent Santa Fe doctor's family that had been captured by Indians while traveling by wagon train along the Santa Fe Trail. Although he located the mother, daughter, and nanny, they unfortunately had perished. After a short tenure as a Scout, he purchased the Fort Barclay Trading Post on the Santa Fe Trail adjacent to the land that he later purchased that became the Hashknife Ranch. Dogie's grandmother, Fannie, was born in the Trading Post and married Frank Jones, a Civil Engineer, who surveyed the right-of-way for the Santa Fe Railroad. Their son, Dogie's father, was a well known and successful rodeo judge who got his start in the Tex Austin Wild West Show that performed in the U.S. and Europe during World War I. Dogie was born on New Mexico's Tex Austin Ranch and ranched until World War II. He joined the armed forces as a Navy Seaman on the Aircraft Carrier, USS Copahoe, in

the South Pacific. After World War II Dogie returned to New Mexico, leased the Hashknife Ranch from his grandmother, and later purchased it. He built the cattle herd to 1000 head after leasing the adjoining Christmas Ranch. Numerous droughts and market fluctuations have resulted in reducing the herd size over the years.

In the early 1960s, the Hashknife horse operation began in earnest with the focus on breeding quality Ranch Horses. Dogie was blessed, as he was located in the midst of some of the top horsemen that existed at that time. Many of these horsemen were involved in a new association only twelve years old, called The American Quarter Horse Association. Warren Shoemaker, a neighbor, was one of these men. The Hashknife's first American Quarter Horse stallion was an offspring of Wyona Que, a Shoemaker mare carrying the bloodlines of the great Peter McQue. Wyona Que had a purple pedigree and both raced and performed. Ranch horses of the mid twentieth century worked all week on the ranch, raced on the

bush tracks on Saturday, and pulled the buggy to church on Sunday.

Other great horsemen in this elite group included, Hank Wiescamp, Jack Kyle, Buster Welch, and Leroy Webb, all of who have since been inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame. Today many of the mares in the Hashknife's broodmare band are the prodigies of the horses bred by these men.



Dogie Jones (right), the Hashknife owner, visits with master horseman Buster Welch at the Ranch Headquarters in Watrous, NM. The headquarters, a beautiful stone building built by German stonemasons in the mid 1800's, overlooks the mare band pasture.

In the NVRHA, several horses bred on the Hashknife are distinguishing themselves. Leading the pack is DJ Zans Bright, one of A Dandy Rawhide's get, who is nearing NVRHA's most coveted Legend Award. DJ, owned and ridden by Paulette Marshall of Elizabeth, Colorado, has amassed 164.5 Championship Points to date with Superior Awards in Ranch Riding, Working Ranch Horse, and Ranch Conformation. Several other Hashknife horses have been acquired by NVRHA horsemen and show promise for the future.



Paulette Marshall of Elizabeth, CO has ridden DJ Zans Bright, a Hashknife bred gelding, to three NVRHA Superior Awards.

The Hashknife Ranch’s support of the NVRHA program dates back to the Association’s founding. Four NVRHA events have been held on the Hashknife Ranch to date under the direction of Curtis Jones, Dogie’s son, who also serves NVRHA as an active Board Member representing New Mexico. The Ranch has graciously donated two fine ranch horse fillies to the annual auction in support of the Association.

The Ranch, and the northern New Mexico region around it, is rich in the culture of the ‘Old West’. The tradition of the Ranch Horse has been well preserved at the Hashknife through five generations of the Jones’ family. NVRHA thanks the Jones’ family for the remarkable contributions towards preserving the tradition of the American Stock Horse and NVRHA. Our Association and the Jones family truly share a common love... ‘Riding the Legend’.



Curtis Jones, of the Hashknife Ranch, shows one of the Ranch’s stallions, A Dandy Rawhide. Curtis is an active member of the NVRHA Board of Directors.



Dogie and Curtis Jones carry on the proud tradition of the Hashknife Ranch.

Metallic Gun, one of the Hashknife’s newest stallions by Metallic Cat, is currently being ridden by Boyd Rice. Metallic Gun is successfully proving his performance abilities in major events across the country.



Don't miss the NVRHA Event at the Hashknife Ranch in Watrous, NM on August 8-9, 2015

Celebrating 2014...a look back

For the second year in a row the NVRHA National Championship Finals were held in Arizona at the beautiful Queen Creek Equestrian Centre. Over 50 horse/rider teams from across the country competed at this three-day event November 1-3, 2014. Bob and Becky Grant and the Arizona NVRHA members organized the event.

A two day competition format with lots of practice time available, riders practiced cutting, boxing, reining, and trail prior to the classes as their horses acclimated to this fabulous desert venue. In the tradition of NVRHA, a helpful educational environment with participants encouraging each other was as cheery as the Arizona sun. Helpful hands were always outstretched to greet and welcome old and new friends.

The food was...WOW! Shadd and McKenzie Parkinson of Parkinson Performance Horses, Scottsdale, AZ, where Shadd is a premier reined cowhorse trainer, sponsored the Thursday evening dinner.

On Friday evening, the smoked beef brisket at the Annual NVRHA Awards banquet and silent auction was the best in the West! Highlights of the evening included a slide show presentation by Ann Mulchay with Jay Henson as the emcee.

Congratulations to all of the NVRHA members receiving year-end and achievement awards. This is all about YOU!



From top left: Novice group, Limited Group, Intermediate Group, Advanced Group, Stephany Siitari receives Ranch Horse Supreme Belt Buckle from Becky Grant and Jay Henson, Cori Atteberry receives Ranch Horse Champion Spurs from Becky Grant.

Congratulations!!!

2014 Year-End High Point Award Winners

High Point Novice:

Cynda Rice
and
Painters Shinydude

Arizona



Res High Point
Novice:
Paulette Marshall
and
Sontivio Moon
Colorado

3rd Over-all Novice:

Roxanne Burton
and
Miss Smart Gun RG

Iowa



High Point Limited:

Debbie Allen
and
Starlight Peppymint

Arizona



Res High Point Limited:

Margaret Pare
and
Cat Like

California

3rd Over-All Limited:

Bronwyn McCormick and Truckin Lil Miracle

Arizona

High Point Intermediate:

Kaitlyn Dirkschneider
and
Lenas Wimpy Girl

Arizona



Res High Point
Intermediate:

Lynn Heyer
and
Deal No Freckles

Arizona



3rd Over-All
Intermediate:

Kim Wilson
and
Cowpony Express

Colorado



High Point Advanced:

Susan Lucas
and
Starlight Dillon

Arizona

Res High Point
Advanced:

Becky Stockett
and
Whistle Piggin

Arizona



3rd Over-All Advanced:

Maribeth Darras
and
Smart Flashy Freckle

California





High Point Open:
Shane Bangerter
Kansas

Res High Point Open:
Becky Stockett
Arizona



3rd Over-All Open:
Sarah Clifford
California





Level of Achievement Awards
Ranch Horse Champion

Debbie Allen
Starlight Peppymint
Arizona

Claude Adams
Cowboy by Starlight
Colorado



Cori Atteberry
Two Watch
Colorado



Kaitlyn Dirkschneider
Lenas Wimpy Girl
Arizona



Lynn Heyer
Deal No Freckles
Arizona

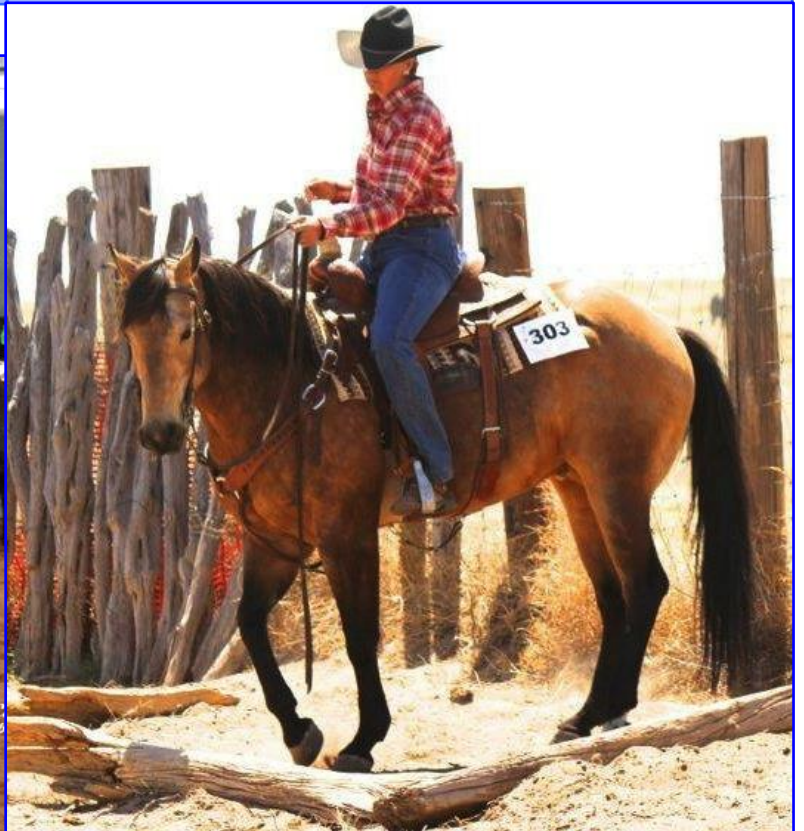


Cynda Rice
Painters Shinydude
Arizona



Kelly Saunders
Peppy's Dual Lite
 California

Kim Wilson
Cowpony Express
 Colorado



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Without you it would be a boring black & white world!



Ranch Horse
Supreme
Champions



Julie Atkinson
Cowboy Chex Cody
Colorado

Gena Janetka
Foghorn Leghorn
Minnesota

Stephany Siitari
SLJ Ruby Slippers
Minnesota



Superior Ranch Horse Awards



Paulette Marshall
DJ Zans Bright
Superior Ranch Conformation
Colorado



NVRHA
CHAMPS!



Stephany Siitari
SLJ Ruby Slippers
Superior Ranch Trail
Minnesota



Jennifer Sadler
Little Bell Pepper
Superior Ranch Trail
Arkansas

It takes 40 championship points in a single event to earn a Superior Award

Paulette Marshall
DJ Zans Bright
Superior Ranch Riding
Colorado



Kaitlyn Dirkschneider
Lenas Wimpy Girl
Superior Ranch Riding
Arizona

Gena Janetka
Foghorn Leghorn
Superior Ranch Riding
Minnesota





Vicki Henderson
Tatanka
Superior Working
Ranch Horse
Minnesota



Paulette Marshall
DJ Zans Bright
Superior Working
Ranch Horse
Colorado

A big congratulations to Ali Dunaway, of California, and her horse Candella Roja for winning NVRHA's Most Improved Rider award.

This award goes to the horse/rider team that has the largest increase in all-around average total score over the previous year's average.



2014 World's Greatest Ranch Horse

Congratulations to Kansas Cowboy Shane Bangerter riding Langtrees CD

In an unprecedented turn of events, an Amateur competitor stepped up to the pros this year and won the coveted title of World's Greatest Ranch Horse at the NVRHA Finals in Arizona. No stranger to success, Shane has ridden his sorrel gelding, Willie, to multiple Ranch Horse titles in both NVRHA and AQHA.

Shane is an active NVRHA board member and longtime competitor in the organization. Way to go, Shane and Willie ~ the NVRHA is proud of you guys! ~ DMS



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