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NVRHA RUNDOWN

RIDE THE LEGEND VOLUME 1, ISSUE 2; SUMMER 2008

Donna Stewart

You need only to look at this latest and largest issue of the Rundown to realize it feels more like a magazine than a newsletter and is fast outgrowing my kitchen table! The NVRHA event season is well underway in several states and is going great guns! The membership list getting longer is only one marker, take a look at the expanding event map and schedule – the NVRHA is really living up to the word ‘national’.

According to President Dave Currin, the NVRHA is the ‘hottest topic out there’ in the horse world. Increasing exposure and notice from the ‘big guys’ is apparent, with

several breed associations giving the nod of approval for sanctioned VRH competitions to be held at our National Finals in September. Sponsor-



VP Edgell Pyles gets the job done at the C Lazy U event in Granby, Colorado.

ship is emerging due to the hard work of members who report that it is getting increasingly easier to ‘sell’ the NVRHA vision. Event manag-

ers continue to turn out top-notch clinics and competitions drawing increasing numbers of participants. Most importantly, positive feedback is pouring in from all sources including members, guests, professional horse people, and other organizations.

New ideas and enthusiasm continue to drive improvements in the organization and functioning of the NVRHA. Point tabulations will soon be available on the website, so members will be able to track their individual standings. So much is happening - read on - and screw your hat down tight, cause here we go...

Donna Stewart



Selena Giers, pictured at the C LAZY U event in Granby, is one of the outstanding young people who represent the NVRHA. Selena is the contributing writer for the ‘Youth Round-Up’ section of the Rundown and a great ambassador for VRH events. Don’t be fooled by the small stature and big grin, Selena is a tough competitor. Most of the adults in the NVRHA

are pretty happy that Selena is in the youth division, because that means they don’t have to compete against her!

The Giers family were the managers for the recent Legend Maker Youth Benefit Event in Parker, Colorado. The three day clinic/competition was a huge success drawing over a dozen youth participants. (For more on the Legend Maker, see page 4...)

The Family Tradition

By Sara Gugelmeyer



Gena and Jay Henson

In the past 30 years Jay and Gena have trained nearly every kind of horse from cutters to pleasure horses and even a few jumpers...

"Pretty in Pink" All dressed up and no place to go - Jay's sense of humor recently made him a fun target for his group of interns and youth in Hugoton.

Photo: Della Moyer

Looking back now, it almost seems as if Jay and Gena Henson were destined, not only for each other, but also for following the family tradition with careers revolving around horses. That's lucky for National Versatility Ranch Horse Association (NVRHA) participants who often look to the Henson's for guidance. Jay and Gena have been serving as judges and clinicians for ranch horse competitions since before the NVRHA became a formal association. Here's a look at what shaped the couple into the knowledgeable horse people they are.

Jay grew up the son of a working ranch cowboy. For most of his childhood, his family lived near Clovis, N.M. He shared his father's love of the cowboy lifestyle and enjoyed training horses as well. As a senior in high school, Jay told his dad of his plans to follow in his footsteps as a "cow puncher." Jay recalls the conversation even now. In response, his dad simply asked, "Don't you like new saddles and fancy bits?" Jay replied that of course he did. His dad then responded that Jay better be a horse trainer, because he wouldn't be able to afford those things on a cowboy's wage. So, that's just what Jay did. Having already ridden a few horses for pay in high school, Jay graduated and began his career training horses.

Gena Willoughby grew up outside of Hugoton, Kan. Both sides of her family were involved with horses, one grandfather drove racing cart horses, the other was a rancher. Gena took to horses like shine to a penny and showed throughout her youth. She graduated from high school early, headed to Oklahoma Panhandle State University at the age of 16, and already had customer horses waiting. She doesn't recall ever consciously deciding to be a horse trainer, but simply says, "It was all I knew how to do."



Now the story of how the two met changes depending on whom you ask. It's not contested that it was at a horse show in Amarillo, Texas; what isn't known for sure is who beat whom. Ever the competitors both will tell you they kicked the other's butt! At any rate, neither held a grudge, because they were married in 1978 and settled near Hugoton, Kansas to start their horse training business with Gena's parents. Willoughby and Henson Training Stables it was called or "W bar H."

Young cowboys like Cutter Bill Hawks are the future of the NVRHA. Already helping his grandparents at the ranch, Cutter is next in line to carry on the 'family tradition'.



In the past 30 years they've trained nearly every kind of horse from cutters to pleasure horses and even a few jumpers. But, it's not the horses they remember most, it is the youth and amateurs they have helped guide to championships of all sorts. And, they have the win pictures from three decades to prove it.

This "versatility" is what made the pair so perfect for coaching ranch horse versatility competitors. That's why when Dave Currin, now president of the NVRHA, was planning a versatility ranch horse clinic seven years ago, he immediately asked Jay and Gena to be the clinicians. Dave had been sending horses to Jay and Gena for training for many years and says, "I had a huge respect for their talent and knowledge." Dave has kept asking Jay and Gena to be a part of the association because of their passion for the event. "The ranch horse event is something Jay and Gena believe in." He adds, "They think of it as a revival of the all-around quarter horse and support it very strongly."

Jay says it was a perfect fit for them because of their experience in so many disciplines. "It really combines all the aspects of what I expect a good horse to be," Jay says. "It takes an extremely well-rounded horse to be competitive, and that fit my program. It really fits me best also because I can't do one thing for very long anyway and these horses need to learn it all." Those who know Jay would agree. Although he's stuck to his "day job" of training horses for 30 years, he's dabbled in dog training, bit, spur and saddle making, and his latest conquest of outdoor cooking!

Gena echoes Jay's comments, saying, "It's been good for us, because we can do it as a couple." She continues, "We've always done everything on our horses, for example, I'll turn back on my two-year-old pleasure horses to give them something else to do." For years Gena typically rode more of the all-around horses, like those competing in western pleasure and horsemanship, while Jay focused more on the cattle events and reining, but both are very knowledgeable about all of the events. In today's age of specialization where trainers typically only train and compete in one event, Jay and Gena enjoy helping participants in a variety of classes. Because of this, they were excited about the chance to become involved in this fledgling event and association.

Jay and Gena's diversification is part of the reason Dave continues to invite the Henson's to coach and judge ranch horse events. "They have a very thorough knowledge of all the ranch horse events; there are very few people around that still have a full appreciation of all seven events involved and can teach each with skill." Dave says even though the association is branching out to all parts of the country, "If I had to take my pick of all the clinicians I've worked with, I would always go to Jay because if something happened and I couldn't be there I know he would take it and make it go with the same enthusiasm I have for the event."

Jay's enthusiasm has been strong since the beginning, but he says he was a bit surprised at the people who began turning out for the versatility ranch horse clinics and shows. He explains that when the ranch horse competitions first began the contestants were mostly ranch cowboys just going to town to show off and hone their skills. However, once the classes gained publicity, he was excited to find that there were many competitors who hadn't ridden or shown much before and were willing and eager to learn. "They really want to learn all parts of horsemanship and enjoy themselves," Jay says of the participants in the clinics he's helped with and the shows he's judged. He adds that they are often drawn to learn more about and be a part of the cowboy lifestyle. Most of the contestants are there for the thrill of the cattle work, but he says, "After they've done it a while they really want to fine tune their horsemanship skills." And while the Hensons love helping the participants learn more about what it takes to win in versatility competition, they enjoy getting to know the people more. "We really enjoy building relationships with the people we've met at the clinics and shows," Gena says.

Just as enjoyable for the Hensons has been getting their daughter Channing involved. She, of course, grew up riding and showing horses under her parents' guidance and now with a family of her own, works as a judge and clinician for versatility and other horse events. "We've really enjoyed getting Channing involved also, and she's been around it her whole life, so it's just natural," Gena says. Channing's husband Dustin Hawks has even joined in the family fun. He won the 2007 Kansas Ranch Horse versatility competition aboard a horse the Henson's trained.

Also, joining the excitement in the past few years is Cutter Bill Hawks, Dustin and Channing's 4-year-old son who's never short on words. One can see the family tradition will likely be continued with Cutter, as he is already riding his great-grandfather's horse Bluejay to turn back, but not without constantly asking his "Pappa," Jay, when it's his turn to work.

Getting to work with Jay and Gena is definitely a highlight of being part of the NVRHA program, but getting to know the Henson family is a genuine pleasure. These folks are the 'real deal'!

Youth Round-up

Selena Giers



There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, and the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of the people you touch...

I recently attended the Cactus Creek Contest that was put on by Tom Cobb. I forgot how much fun it is going to the shows after the winter break. When I first started competing on my horse I went to pleasure shows. I had friends but its nothing like it is when competing in the VRH

events just have a more welcoming atmosphere. When you arrive at the

you they introduce themselves. When it comes to learning a pattern all the contestants are willing to help and let you see a copy of the pattern. Then at the end of the day everyone congratulates one another and gives positive feedback on the runs that had happened that day.

such a hard thing to do, you go from working cows to doing a precise trail class and so on. Everyone is working on getting better in certain spots that

someone else had a better run or not. Everyone knows what a good run looks like and knows how hard it is to get one. Its really fun getting better and watching others improve also. I guess you could say we are just a big happy family!

At Cactus creek the Ranch Horse team from NJC attended with their coach Coal Briggs. They showed great VRH spirit. They were really pleasant to be around and were talented riders that represented NJC very well. I was excited to see the college team out there because that could be a very good place for VRH crazy kids, who

college.

It would be great to have more youth at the VRH events. We could cheer each other on and develop some really good friendships at the same time! If you would like to talk about being a youth member, my email address is:

SRGhorserider@aol.com

While the adults worried about how the kids would do, the kids were busy outdoing the adults...



Brett Guerrieri got right after the cattle work.

Hayley Havick (left) does some serious roping.





Alyta Cloninger (above) competes in cutting.

Garret Bukowski (right) keeps up with his cow in the working cow horse event.



Youth Make It Look Easy At The Legend Maker

Donna Stewart

"Versatility Ranch Horse? No problem..." That was the attitude and ability of most of the dozen youth that came out for the first NVRHA Youth Benefit Event managed by Pete and Diane Giers. The Legend Maker was successful by anybody's standards, but incredibly so given its appeal to the youngest of the NVRHA crowd.

These kids, as well as the adult participants, rode hard for two days with clinicians Jay and Gena Henson, and Seth and Jenna Adam. The third day wrapped up with a competition showcasing the rapidly improving skills of a bunch of very savvy young ranch riders. It was so much fun that Seth and Jenna decided to spend their first wedding anniversary watching the action instead of heading home to celebrate! Because of that we did get to see them smash cake into each others' face - who says kids have all the fun!

There was lots of whoopin' and hollerin' as the kids, horses, and cattle came together to make everybody a winner. I'll just let the pictures speak for themselves...

A sincere thank you to Rudy Duran for the photos.



Haydn and Nikita Christensen work on roping during the Sunday Competition.



Selena Giers catches with a well aimed loop.



Kailee Miller going down the fence.

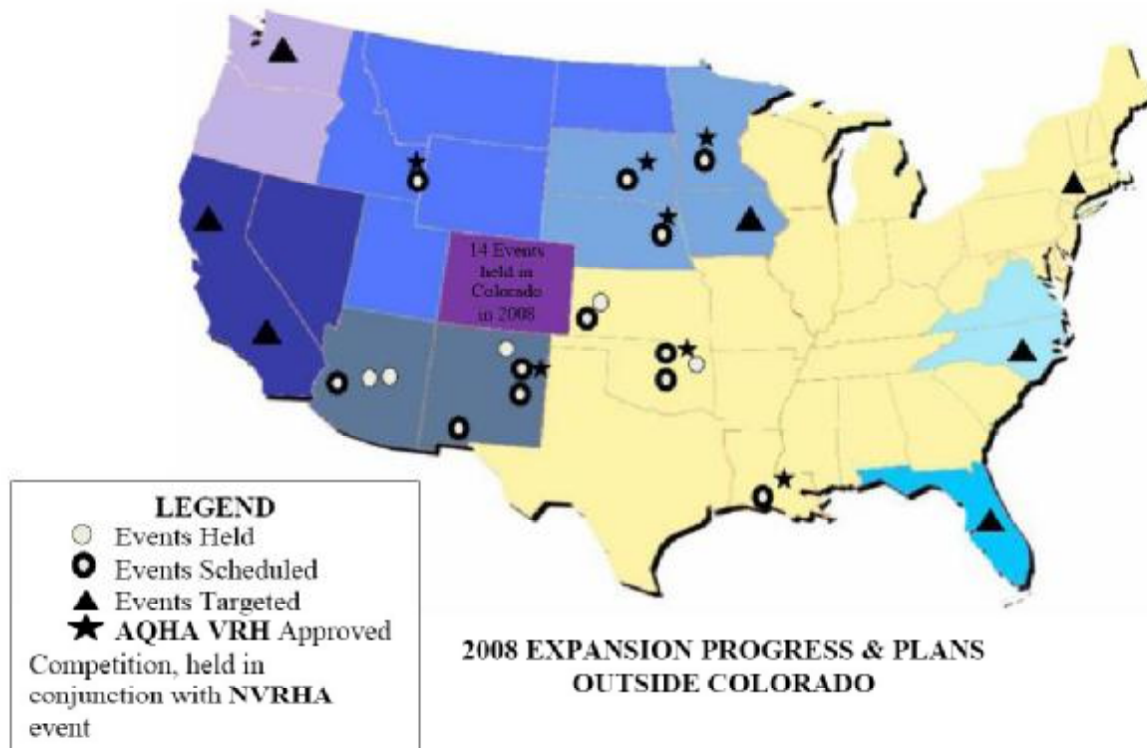


The Hardy kids, Colten and Hannah, proved to be pretty good hands at cow chasing'.



Expansion! Expansion! Expansion!

(and the baby continues to grow...)



NVRHA EXPANSION- SHARING THE FUN

Dave Currin

As the popularity of Ranch Horse rages across the country - - NVRHA's expansion is alive and well. Our "well tested" approach to "new start" events is continuously being refined as we grow and get better and better. The really good news is that riders from four Colorado Border States have already experienced our events and have departed with large smiles on their faces. Six other states are on the schedule with the "NVRHA Ranch Horse Adventure" right around the corner. In our maiden year, as many as 20 NVRHA events will be held outside the state of Colorado.

The "Pikes Peak or Bust" signs are beginning to appear around the state of Colorado and in many of the surrounding states as we approach our NVRHA Ranch Horse National Finals in late September. This Headliner Event will cap the end of a very successful 2008 year and is chock full of excitement and fun for participants. Held at the Norris Penrose Event Center at the foot of Pikes Peak, it will offer a division for every riding level with select Ranch Horse Trophy Saddles for the All- Around in each of four divisions.

With the price of fuel going off the charts, expansion takes on a new meaning as we take the event to the participants - - holding costs down. If you would like to enjoy an NVRHA Ranch Horse Event in your "neck of the woods", simply call Dave Currin (719) 481-9311. NVRHA will help you get the ball rolling. You will quickly learn that event size is of little importance - - it's quality, which is measured by fun and riding skill improvement, that's important. Some of our most successful events had only 12 to 16 participants. NVRHA will help you plan the event and in many cases will send a representative to your event to assist in its execution. The NVRHA is dedicated to assuring each and every event is well executed and fully meets its principal goals of each participant having a "bucket of fun" and learning as much as possible about "riding the legend" - - the American Ranch Horse.

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Cactus Creek Colorado Kick-Off!!

Donna Stewart

If you missed the Colorado NVRHA kick-off at Cactus Creek then you missed a good one! Despite a chilly first day, this event was so well run and offered such great clinician instruction that even those of us who fell off our horses (nuff said bout' that!) had a great time! Tom Cobb and his excellent crew of volunteers are to be congratulated. As usual the Cactus Creek Ranch facility was outstanding, with owners Rick and Sandy making everyone feel as welcome as family. Sandy is a good cook, always has a big smile on her face, and fed us very well the whole weekend. We even managed to get a little business done during a short meeting Saturday night with 'President Dave' explaining and clarifying some issues involving divisions/scoring/points, and leading discussion about year-end awards – even more incentive to come out if the friendship and good times are not enough. We had folks from several neighboring states show up for two days of solid ranch horse learning from Jay and Gena Henson, JJ Rydberg, and Devin Warren. Don't know where riders could get as much bang for their buck all concentrated at one venue. The clinic groups were small so everyone received the right amount of individual attention and working opportunities. This group of clinicians was able to assess the particular needs of each rider/horse combo and make instruction specific and unique. That, and the fact that they actually called everyone by name, makes this type of learning situation especially valuable and worthwhile. This event had the additional benefit of small group instruction with Mike Major; an opportunity that many folks benefitted from. Competition day was beautiful and warm - we all got to ride with our coats off! And this thing was smooth...it ran like clockwork with the riders on time, the volunteers working like professionals, and the judges going non-stop.

We all particularly enjoyed the group of college youth, instructors, and parents who came down from Northeastern Community College in Sterling, Colorado. What a friendly delightful group of young people who were also dedicated horsemen/women. With constant negative media reports about problem kids, it restores faith in the younger generation to spend time with quality kids like this. Their energy, enthusiasm, and humor really added a lot to this NVRHA event!



Piojo Ranch Event

By
Jennifer White



Winners at Watrous, NM Event

From Left: Bill White, Intermediate Division;

Heath White, Advanced Division;

Caroline Ellis, Novice Division

New Mexico's second clinic of 2008 was at the beautiful Piojo Ranch in Watrous. It was mother's day weekend and it was a very successful clinic with several first time ranch horse participants. Bill and Cathy White along with Deb Benenson were the event managers and did a fabulous job getting everything together and kept it running smooth. We had 16 people compete in three divisions. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who participated and helped out to make this such a successful clinic. See you in Ruidoso in July!



Casey Cool cheered on mom, Lynn Cool, at the Cactus Creek Event. Photo: Charlie Stewart

Below left: The gang from Northeastern CC rocked at Cactus Creek!! Photo: Dan Pedry

All in all it was a perfect Colorado kick-off to what is becoming a very busy NVRHA season. There are plenty of events in a variety of locations – something for everyone – so pick one out and Ride the Legend (or in my case try to stay on the legend)!

W-H Ranch Rendezvous Hugoton, Kansas

Donna Stewart

A big thanks to the Henson's and Hawks' for hosting a terrific clinic/rendezvous the first weekend in May. Folks from all around descended on the town of Hugoton to enjoy three days of riding, feasting, storytelling, and trading. Besides getting the usual good instruction in the NVRHA classes, we all had great fun joining in some unique 'horse games' and a judging contest. Channing and her crew took excellent care of the riders and horses making sure we were all happy, comfortable, and well-fed. And, these folks can cook! Life doesn't provide many opportunities to chase buffalo, eat crawfish, dance, and barter for treasures all in the same day – only the W-H Rendezvous does that!



Ok, we didn't ride bulls, but that was about the only thing we didn't do at the Rendezvous!!

Photo by: Charlie Stewart



Jay Henson gives detailed instructions to the 'next player' at the Cutting Clinic.

Photo by: Charlie Stewart



Rich Moorhead does everything right in this cutting session.

Photo by: Heidi Nyland

Nuttin' But Cuttin' Clinic is Nuttin' But Success!

Cindy Rose

Everyone knew we would have enough good works when we heard there would be 70 fresh cattle each day! Clinicians Jay Henson, Anne Hutchinson and Gary Campbell (with help from Gena Henson) did an outstanding job of coaching, guiding and educating eager participants to either try and master this cattle event or refine their current skills. Each participant had the chance to work with each clinician for a half day. The last half of Sunday, we had a mock cutting class. Although it was timed, we still received coaching.

Once again, the food was great! Ric and Sandi Norig, Cactus Creek Ranch owners, provided great lunches and a wonderful BBQ Saturday night.

Tim and Cindy Rose couldn't have been more pleased with how the clinic turned out. The weather cooperated this year and it helped having all 3 arenas inside. They'd also like to thank all the volunteers; Dustin Hawks and Jason Picard with all the cattle needs and everyone else that pitched in whenever needed.

Also a **special thanks** to the person or persons that anonymously sent \$200 to help off-set the unforeseen costs that occurred because of the last minute facility change. Thank you and you are much appreciated!!



The
Competition...
... was one tough
customer.

Photo by:
Charlie Stewart



Stars Shine Bright As Versatility Ranch Horse is Introduced in Sunny Arizona

Dave Currin

As Monument Valley disappeared is my rear view mirror, I knew I had just witnessed a history making event - - Arizona's first NVRHA Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic and Competition. In only four short months, Arizona has introduced Ranch Horse in a "new start" Ranch Horse event, held a follow up and scheduled a third for July. During the maiden event the arena was lined with spectators, all curious as to whether this new Horse venture was something they would be interested in doing. The answer was "Yes, Yes" as the number of participants in the second event doubled. It was all made possible by a couple of "SUPER STARS" - - Bob and Becky Grant. They donated the use of their beautiful ranch "Anchor Cross" which has all the first class facilities needed for a great state Ranch Horse Kick Off event. The Grant's prepared a gourmet meal for Saturday evening as a "Grand Mother and Grand Daughter team" filled in for a caterer who suddenly became ill. What a family! All gathered around picnic tables enjoying the great food - - visiting and camaraderie was in high gear. But even more important was their "passion for the excellence" which was key to the first two events' overwhelming success.

The Grant's had selected three excellent Clinicians Brad Barkemeyer, a world-class cutting, roping and working cow horse trainer; Ben Balow, a World Champion reining trainer, Arizona's version of John Wayne; and Kim McElroy, a trainer in cutting, roping and reining. All three were superb in presenting the Versatility Ranch Horse maneuvers and coaching the participants in executing them correctly. During the Schooling Competition on the second day, a relaxed atmosphere was achieved as the clinicians where mounted in the arena coaching the participants as they enjoyed the five events. The Clinicians even called the patterns so all could maintain an environment as stress free as possible.

On May 25-26, a repeat of the first event was equally successful. The only difference was those standing around the fence at the first event were now mounted - - cutting and roping cattle, and further developing their Ranch Horsemanship skills. Numerous horse/rider teams demonstrated superb performances during the Schooling Competition. Results were as follows:

	Advance Amateur	Intermediate Amateur	Novice Amateur
Event #1	H.P. / Ashley Bosack & Ratchet Jackpot II Res. H.P. / Denisa Little & Pavo's Little Indian	H.P. / Cody Moore & Bodaciously Sweet Res. H.P. Bruce Bennett & Benny Pack	H.P / Odette Colburn & Flyin V Shyla Res. H.P. / Steve Todd & SNW Poco Mist
Event #2	H.P. / Denisa Little & Pavo's Little Indian Res. H.P. / Teresa Friedman & Mr. Cowboy Chant	H.P. / Lee Hop & Driftin Jolee Blue Res. H.P. / Jim Lytle & Ima Painted Fritz	H. P. / Harry Plummer & Poco Socks Res. H.P. / Kira Eldred & Play Like A Rock Star

The Third Arizona NVRHA Event for 2008 will be hosted by Ben Balow at American Ranch in Prescott, Arizona on July 26-27. Ben served as a Clinician at the first two events and will team with Renee Liefert to host the upcoming event. Arizona's swelling group of enthusiasts is planning fall events in Camp Verde and Cave Creek as well as a Ranch Horse Sun Country Reunion in February 2009. They are considering many venues - - to name a few: a Beginner Clinic, Advanced Specialty Clinics, a choice of an Open NVRHA Schooling Competition or an Approved AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse Competition, Country/Western Entertainment and an Open Stakes Competition. Whatever they decide on, you can count on a "Ranch Horse Country Headliner." The NVRHA was recently honored by Bob and Becky agreeing to join the NVRHA National Advisory Board.

So, if you are an Arizonan, keep your ears to ground - - you will hear the roar of a "herd of Ranch Horses" coming your way. You may well want to join the fun! Watch out Colorado... Arizonans may bring you some competition!



By Heidi Nyland

C Lazy U Premier NVRHA Event

The National Versatility Ranch Horse Association hosted a fun and educational weekend at the 4-star C Lazy U Ranch in Granby, Colorado May 24-26, 2008. With 55 horse owners and enthusiasts attending, the two-day clinic offered instruction for novices and continuing education and fun for veteran showmen practicing the sport's five events: working ranch horse, ranch riding, ranch cutting, ranch trail and ranch conformation.

NVRHA President Dave Currin is thrilled with the association's fast growth and participants' enthusiasm. "We already have 120 members—and events scheduled in more than 10 states," he says. "The numbers are growing every day because we have events that are focused on fun and helping riders to improve their skills—no matter what riding level they start out. Our C Lazy U weekend was an amazing way to kick off our program in a fun and beautiful setting. Now, we're excited to keep up the momentum throughout the year's many events and the NVRHA National Finals. It's going to be a fun first year!"

At C Lazy U, NVRHA guests were treated to posh living quarters and world-class dining before and after their focused horse time. Participants divided into small groups and spent a half-day working on their competition skills with each notable clinician: Sandy Collier (working cow horse), Dwayne Hoelsher (reining), Jack McComber (cutting), and Merrit Linke (roping). The special event drew participation from seasoned ranch horse enthusiasts and the association's founding members.

NVRHA professional advisor and well-known trainer Julie Goodnight attended to sharpen her skills with her horse—and to have some fun with her horse-riding friends. Cheryl Lee of Salida, Colorado claims that while there are many different elements to learn and master in NVRHA competitions, it's easy to get started. "You can ride at your own level during the clinics and even during the competition," Lee says. "I had constant encouragement and I didn't feel pressure to do what I wasn't ready to do. The judges were complimentary and gave me tips to do even better next time. I've never done cow work before—and that was admittedly intimidating—but I saw that it could be done in a slow and controlled way with a quiet approach—I could go at my own pace. When it was time to compete, the judges could talk to me because I was a novice and they even coached me along a bit. That was really encouraging. I'm ready to go again!"

Todd Winczewski of Granby, Colorado, was the on-site event coordinator during the C Lazy U clinic and competition. He's also a NVRHA addict. "We're all horse people sharing one common denominator—our love for horses. I've gained a new sort of family. All the members are just great down to earth people trying to get better at horsemanship. I've met new and exciting people from all over our state and now even other states. I'm always excited to go to another event to visit with new and old friends."

The association's first year will wrap up September 26-28, 2008 in Colorado Springs Colorado during the first ever NVRHA National Finals. The Finals weekend will be as much of a celebration as the kick-off event at C Lazy U. Currin plans a barbecue and has scheduled Western-themed entertainers to perform. Currin looks forward to the first-ever NVRHA Finals and adds, "It will be a world class event built to ensure the future of the greatest horse on earth—the American ranch horse, the legend."



Above: Mick Flood, Herm Zueck, and Tom Cobb look right at home on their horses at the C Lazy U Event.

Right Clockwise: C Lazy U group photo; Rich Moorhead and Julie Goodnight; Cheryl Lee, Heidi MacIntyre, Merritt Linke

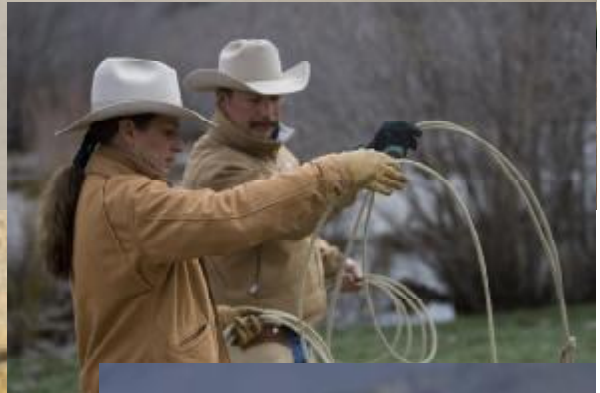
Below from right: Adam Daurio, Henry Block, Julie Goodnight



NVRHA combines the excitement of five events in one sport: working ranch horse (combining reining, working cow horse and roping disciplines), ranch riding (focusing on transitions and your horse's precise steps around obstacles), ranch cutting, ranch trail, and ranch conformation. While seeking excitement with horses and education and friendliness among horsemen, the association seeks to promote the all-around, ranch horse. This is the horse of western legend—the horse that can do any job and be a trusted partner in the cowboy way of life.

If you're ready to get off the rail and see what you and your horse can do, check out the NVRHA clinics near you. Before each NVRHA competition, you'll be guided through the competition events by qualified clinicians—helping you understand each of the 5 different sports that make up NVRHA competitions. Whether you're a new rider and new to any ranch-horse work or you and your horse have competed in events such as reining or competitive trail, you'll find challenge and fun at NVRHA events.

The NVRHA's involvement with ranches and ranch-horse breeding programs ensures that the sport's focus will stay true to traditional ranching culture. It's time to ride the legend. If you'd like the NVRHA to expand to your area or would like information about covering a NVRHA event, contact www.nvrha.org, nvrha@wholepicture.org or call 719-487-9014.



NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **February 2 – 3** / Rio Grande – La Mesa, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Josh Armstrong 505-233-4110

- **April 11 – 13** / Cactus Creek Ranch – Pueblo, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Tom Cobb 719-548-8075

- **April 18 – 20** / Anchor Cross Ranch - **ONE** – Camp Verde, Arizona (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Bob & Rebecca Grant 928- 567-5999

April 26 / Legends of Ranching / Performance Horse **Sale** / Colorado State University

Equine Sciences Program 970- 491-8373 / www.csuequine.com

May 1 – 4 / W/H Rendezvous – Hugoton, Kansas (Clinic Only)

Event Manager: Channing Hawks 620-544-2112

May 10 / Maytag Ranch – Hillside, Colorado (Roping Clinic)

Event Manager: Twyla Walker 719-942-4860

- **May 9 – 11** / Piojo Ranch – Watrous, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Bill White 505-868-4513

- **May 10 – 11** / Sooner Reunion – Haskell, Oklahoma (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Karen Allison 918-260-2881

- **May 24 – 26** / C Lazy U – Granby, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Todd Winczewski 970-531-0705

- **May 24 – 26** / Anchor Cross Ranch - **TWO** – Camp Verde, Arizona (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Bob & Rebecca Grant 928- 567-5999

June 14 – 15 / Specialty Clinic – Middle Park, Colorado (Reining Clinic)

Event Manager: Brenda Simmons 970-887-1164

June 21 – 22 / *Nuttin' But Cuttin'* at T-Cross Ranch – Pueblo, Colorado (Cutting Clinic)

Event Manager: Tim Rose 719-520-1000

● **June 27 – 29 / The Legend Maker – Youth Benefit with Open Amateur Competition**

Colorado Horse Park - Parker, Colorado (Youth Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Pete Giers 303-841-2026

● **July 11 – 13 / All American Roundup – Ruidoso, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)**

Event Manager: Liz Ashby 505-420-7538

● **July 18 – 20 / Middle Park Reunion – Granby, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)**

Event Manager: Brenda Simmons 970-887-1164

● **July 18 – 20 / Windy Creek Ranch – Longmont, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)**

Event Manager: Dan Pedry 303-772-0969

● **July 26 – 27 / Sunflower Reunion – Hugoton, Kansas (Clinic & Competition)**

Event Manager: Pierre LaMont 620-482-2871

● **July 26 – 27 / American Ranch Reunion – Prescott, AZ (Clinic & Competition)**

Event Manager: Ben Balow 602-989-2098

July 31 – August 4 / Fish & Cross Ranch - ONE – Yampa, Colorado (Cattle Gathering)

Event Manager: Brian Thomas 719-487-9014

August 15 – 17 ** / Teton Saddle Back Vistas Arena, Teton Valley, Idaho (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Marty Kribs 307-690-5697

August 16 – 17 / Beaver Creek, Dyer Ranch – Bayfield, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Managers: Marcie Dyer 970-884-2463/Jerry Mackey 505-320-3631

August 26 / Colorado State Fair Championship Finals – Pueblo, Colorado (Competition)

September 5 - 7 / East Mountain Roundup – Edgewood, New Mexico (Clinic & Competition)

Event Managers: Heath and Jennifer White 505-252-0215

September 12 – 14 ** / T-Cross Ranch – Pueblo, Colorado (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Cindy Rose 719-520-1000

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Event Manager: Bill Krech 605-291-9398

● September 19 - 21 / Grand Island, Nebraska (Clinic & Competition)**

Event Manager: Katie Swisher 308-870-3748

September 25 – 28 ** / NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION FINALS

Norris/Penrose Event Center – Colorado Springs, Colorado

**Approved Breed Events, Amateur Division Competitions, Futurity,
and Open Competitions**

Event Manager: Dave Currin 719-481-9311

September 29 – October 5 / Fish & Cross Ranch - TWO – Yampa, Colorado (Cattle Gathering)

Event Manager: Brian Thomas 719-487-9014

October 24 – 26 ** / Singleton San Cristobal Ranch – Santa Fe, New Mexico

(Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Michelle DeCanditis 505-615-7016

October 24-26 / Leseuer, Minnesota (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Susan Heyvaert 763-479-1895

November 8-9 / Folsom, Louisiana (Clinic & Competition)

Event Manager: Tammy Hyde 985-798-3833

November 22-23 / Kellyville, Oklahoma (Clinic & Competition) - Tentative AQHA

Event Manager: Cathy Brownson 303-506-0541

*** - Approved AQHA VRH Special Event in Addition to Open/Amateur Competitions**

● - NVRHA events qualifying for Colorado State Fair Championship Finals

NATIONAL VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

Event Registration Form

Participant Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

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

Registered Name of Horse: _____ Breed: _____

Year Foaled: _____ Owner's Name: _____

PLEASE INDICATE WHAT EVENT YOU'RE ATTENDING AND COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

Please include a completed membership form also, if applicable

TOTAL: \$ _____

Are you a current member? ____ Yes ____ No. For **Rider Classification** by Divisions *refer to the Rules & Regulations, Item IV on our web site.*

Cancellation Policy: 15 days or more 100% refund; 14 days or less; decision by event manager to transfer fee to another event or partial refund determined by expenses; full refund if rider gets a paid replacement. NVRHA reserves the right to cancel an event within 48 hours prior to the event.

Name: _____ CC #: _____

Expiration date: _____ *A 3% fee will be added to all credit card payments.*

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NVRHA ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL ANNUAL YEARLING FUTURITY

Al Munson

The NVRHA Futurity Committee has developed plans for an annual yearling futurity which will start in 2008. A derby for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will be added in 2009. It is anticipated this program will develop to provide significant prize money for participants and will become a popular annual event.

Starting in September 2008 the yearling futurity will consist of classes in conformation, lounge line and in-hand trail competition. This will be held on September 26, 2008 in conjunction with the NVRHA National Finals at the Norris-Penrose Equestrian Center in Colorado Springs, Co. This futurity will be open to all breeds of horses and to unregistered horses as well. Competition will be for horses shown by owners; however there will also be a class for horses shown by professional exhibitors.

A detailed description of the classes and entry forms are available on the NVRHA web site, www.NVRHA.org.



Information can also be obtained by contacting Brian Thomas at 719-487-9014 or briancarolthomas@msn.com.

The entry fee will be \$300 with the payments being \$150 on July 15 and August 15 or a single payment of \$300 will be accepted on August 15, 2008. Payout will be through five places with the percentages as follows : 35%, 25%, 20%, 15%, 5%. If there are ten entrants the first place horse will likely win over \$1000. The preliminary count indicates there will likely be at least ten entrants.

So if you have that scorpion yearling colt or filly that you're getting started, plan on entering the first annual NVRHA Yearling Futurity. We look forward to seeing you.

Please note, you will be getting information in the near future pertaining to the Derbies which will start in 2009. Watch for it in future editions of the **NVRHA Rundown** and on the **NVRHA web site**. Sign up will start in September 2008 with graduated payment over the course of the year.



NVRHA PLACEMENT POINT STANDINGS

(as of July 1, 2008)

Novice Amateur 2008 Standings Top 15

Member ID	Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	TOTAL PLACEMENT PTS
36	Flood, Susan	Tidy's Dun Fine	5	8	11	7	6	37
5	Zueck, Linnea	Holy Mollie Monica	5	0	8	9	2	24
39	Cool, Lynn	CD Snip on Her Nose	2	2	1	1	4	10
55	Walker, Jennifer	Doc	1	1	2	1	1	6
9	Pitcock, Ron	Smart Little Jac	0	2	2	0	0	4
84	Carr, Michelle	Norfleets Skit	0	1	1	0	1	3
75	Vernon, Sandy	Molly	0	0	0	0	2	2

Intermediate Amateur 2008 Standings Top 15

Member ID	Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	TOTAL PLACEMENT PTS
8	Cantrell, Bill	Whiskey Stick Chick	9	15	8	13	13	58
27	White, Bill	Babys Busy	9	8	8	10	7	42
62	Abshire, Cindy	Fancy San Scooter	8	6	8	8	6	36
87	Ellis, Jeff	Peppy Bar Cody	10	6	6	5	8	35
17	Hunter, Jack	Flying Osage Bar	2	9	11	1	8	31
21	Padilla, Charles	Tequita Poco Doll	5	9	1	7	6	28
94	Sikorski, Kathryn	High Brow Bunker	4	2	5	5	5	21
106	Jeanes, Laurie	Doc Cottoneye Chic	4	6	5	1	4	20
28	Brownson, Cathy	Reyn Drop	5	5	5	2	2	19
120	Lytle, Chris	Lenas Flyin Delta CT	1	6	1	6	5	19
113	Moore, Cody	Docs Finale	5	3	2	5	2	17
67	Kelly, Chris	Okie Pokie Letters	0	5	6	1	3	15
16	Lauby, Tony	Majorchexolena	4	1	3	4	2	14
22	Ashby, Liz	Price's Smokin Gun	3	0	8	2	0	13
72	Havick, John	Jae Bar Underhill	3	3	4	0	3	13
68	Hudon, Jane	Digger's Double	3	1	3	5	1	13
122	Wurtzinger, Rick	Promolena	2	3	4	2	2	13

Advanced Amateur 2008 Standings Top 15

Member ID	Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	TOTAL PLACEMENT PTS
16	Lauby, Rita	LIL Bit O Budge	10	11	10	11	9	51
2	Rose, Tim	Double Tuckered Out	11	8	7	12	11	49
115	Chambless, CeCe	Peppys Smokin Lynx	7	10	11	6	8	42
15	White, Heath	Rise to the Challenge	9	5	5	9	9	37
87	Ellis, Caroline	Fit Te Bar	6	6	6	6	6	30
4	Stewart, Donna	A Classic Page	6	6	6	5	6	29
80	Moorehead, Rich	Tuckers Loverboy	6	2	10	5	4	27
107	Baker, Lisa	Lil Ruf Vegas	2	6	5	5	6	24
48	Marshall, Paulette	CW Playmates Gun	4	5	2	8	4	23
37	DeCanditis, Michelle	Parsons Carmel Glaze	5	6	6	2	3	22
7	Block, Donna	Dunnit Leanin	5	5	5	1	5	21
7	Block, Henry	Deintruder	6	6	1	6	2	21
99	Little, Denisa	Pavo's Little Indian	4	5	4	3	5	21
2	Rose, Tim	Stylish Gus	2	3	6	5	4	20
116	Duorio, Adam	Nuttin Like Cash	5	4	1	3	6	19

Novice Youth 2008 Standings Top 15

Member ID	Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	TOTAL PLACEMENT PTS
111	Jordan, Lisa	Lax on Luck	6	5	4	4	5	24
103	Christensen, Nikita	Savannahs Command	2	4	3	4	2	15
110	Hardy, Colten	Dan's Royal Skip	2	2	2	1	3	10
99	Eldred, Kira	Play Like A Rock Star	1	2	3	1	2	9
29	Brownson, Ana	Boxter	2	1	2	1	2	8

Advanced Youth 2008 Standings Top 15

Member ID	Riders Name	Horse	RR	WR	CT	RT	CN	TOTAL PLACEMENT PTS
13	Giers, Selena	Tiger Lee Zan	12	11	8	10	7	48
27	White, Michael	Heza Bony Fine Dude	8	8	9	11	6	42
101	Cloninger, Alyta	Dez My Heart Good	5	6	6	6	4	27
73	Havick, Hayley	Jae Bar Underhill	5	2	1	5	4	17
103	Christensen, Haydn	Doc's Smurf Sassette	3	3	2	3	3	14

(Some members may be temporarily assigned to a division based on the score achieved in their first competition. Permanent division will be determined pending scores of their second competition. See NVRHA Rules on division assignment.)

Awards Earned

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Heath White and Rise to the Challenge	Register of Merit	Ranch Trail
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C Lazy U, Granby, CO.

Selena Giers and Tiger Lee Zan	Register of Merit	Ranch Riding
Selena Giers and Tiger Lee Zan	Register of Merit	Ranch Trail
Henry Block and Deintruder	Register of Merit	Ranch Trail
Chris Kelly and Okie Pokie Letters	Register of Merit	Working Ranch

The Legend Maker, Parker, CO.

Cindy Abshire and Fancy San Scooter	Register of Merit	Cutting
Tim Rose and Double Tuckered Out	Register of Merit	Ranch Trail
Rita Lauby and Lil Bit O Budge	Register of Merit	Working Ranch
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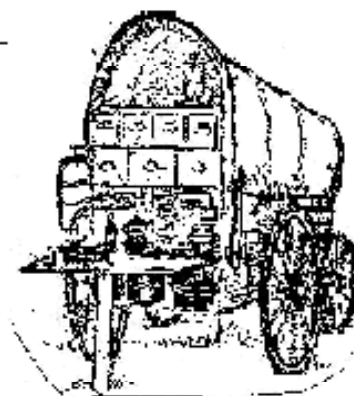
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National Versatility Ranch Horse Association



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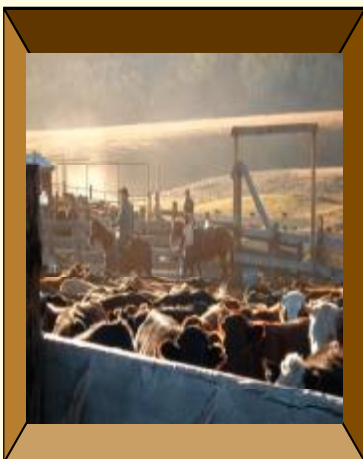
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on
November 22 & 23, 2008

To be held at:
Creek County Fairgrounds
Kellyville, Oklahoma



AQHA competition
+ NVRHA competition

Youth Division

-Saturday

Clinic will consist of
4 Clinicians teaching:

Roping, Cowworking
Trail, Ranch Riding, Cutting

-Sunday Competition:

NVRHA Competition
AQHA Competition (tentative)

Registration Forms Online
www.NVRHA.org

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2008 Colorado State Fair Championship

August 26 - Pueblo, CO

All participants in NVRHA Open Competitions held prior to 31 July in Colorado and bordering states (Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona) will be eligible to compete at the Colorado State Fair Ranch Horse Championships if they placed in the top 60% of the competition. A Youth Division will be added in 2008 to the traditional three divisions held in prior years. Horse/riders are placed in divisions based upon their placing at NVRHA or RMQHA Open Competitions (Division 1 - Top 20%; Division 2 - second highest 20%; Division 3 - third highest 20%). Horse/riders placing lower may participate in Division 3 on a space available basis. 70 horses will be invited to participate with invitations mailed on August 2, 2008 by the Colorado State Fair. The event will be judged using AQHA rules. Saddles will be awarded to the high point all-around horse in all four divisions. A purse of \$9,000 will also be distributed to winners. For more information, contact Jack Hunter at (719) 485-2313 or the Colorado State Fair Horse Show office at (719) 404-2025. In 2007, the winners and earnings were:



Division 1

1st Place: Mitch Guerreri and Play Squall (Saddle + \$700)



2nd Place: Dave Currin and Docs Second Best (\$475)



Division 2

1st Place: Jerry Armstrong and TB Tally Romp (Saddle + \$700)



2nd Place: Conrad Swanson and Roan Busy Bee (\$425)



Division 3

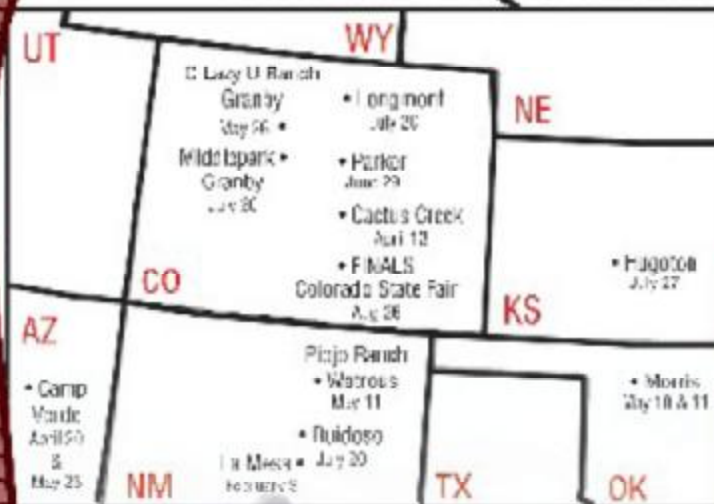
1st Place: Wayne Miller and Hiding In The Bush (Saddle + \$800)



2nd Place: Curt Johnson and Sandria Lena (\$400)

2008 Versatility Ranch Horse

Colorado State Championship Series NVRHA QUALIFIER EVENTS



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NVRHA
National Versatility Ranch Horse Association

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Ranch Manship Quarter Horse Association

Division

- 1 Top 20
- 2 21-40%
- 3 41-60%

Placing at Qualifiers

State Fair Finals – Limited to 75 horses
Spaces not filled by qualifying horses will be filled on a space available and invitation only basis for lower placing horses.

AWARDS

Minimum added purse \$7,500

ESTIMATED AT \$9,000

Ranch Cutter Saddle to ALL three divisions!
Division winner awards thru 9th place in all three divisions.

**NO LONGER HAVE TO QUALIFY BY REGION –
MAY QUALIFY AT ANY EVENT. AT ALL NVRHA EVENTS,
MAY ATTEND ONLY THE SUNDAY COMPETITION
(DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND CLINIC)**

**All NVRHA qualifier competition entries
will be processed through NVRHA office.
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See www.NVRHA.org for details**

RULES:

- All breeds welcome
- Participants may qualify at any Open NVRHA or RMQHA event
- AQHA rules apply at State Fair Finals
- Horse/rides which participate in more than 1 qualifier will use highest placing for Division assignment
- No rider may participate in more than 1 division
- Riders may participate from bordering states (Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona).
- Riders must qualify prior to July 31, 2008
- Invitations mailed by August 2, 2008
- Division placement may be appealed to Colorado Fair Advisory Committee. Decision of committee will be final.

For more information, contact:

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NVRHA INAUGURAL NATIONAL FINALS

RANCH HORSE VENUE FOR ALL LEVELS

It's "Pikes Peak or Bust" as horsemen and horsewomen across the country travel to Colorado Springs, Co. in late September to NVRHA's National Finals. The National Finals has been structured to offer a Competition Division for every level of rider—from the most novice to the best horseman in America. In fact, one of the goals of the FINALS is to determine who in America will have those "Braggin Rights" of Americas' Best Ranch Horse. Here's the lineup:

NVRHA FINALS: Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 27 & 28) NVRHA Rules

NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISION

INTERMEDIATE AMATEUR DIVISION

ADVANCED AMATEUR DIVISION

YOUTH DIVISION

A Ranch Horse Trophy Saddle will be awarded to All Around Winners in each Division

"AMERICAS BEST" VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE: Sunday (Sept. 28) AQHA Rules

The event to determine "Braggin Rights" for the Best Ranch Horse in America!

"Any Horse, Any Rider, Any Breed"

\$5000.00 Purse split between top horses.

AQHA, APHA and PINTO BREED APPROVED RANCH HORSE COMPETITIONS

Friday (Sept. 26) Breed Specific Rules

One of the final shows for qualification for the AQHA World Ranch Horse Show held at Denver, Co.

National Western Stock Show in Jan. 09.

NVRHA YEARLING RANCH HORSE FUTURITY

Friday (Sept. 26) NVRHA Rules

Two Divisions – Amateur Owner/Exhibitor and a completely Open Division

NVRHA AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday Night (Sept. 27) Celebrating the Year End High Point Winners for NVRHA (All eligible Divisions)

So mark your calendars for the most celebrated event of its kind ever held.

As it is NVRHA's Inaugural Finals, a huge special effort is being made to make it an event to be remembered!

You Can't Miss this One!

"Open to the World"

RANCH HORSE COMPETITION

Any Horse, Any Rider, Any Breed!
\$300 Entry - Estimated \$8000 purse

Rider may ride more
than one horse
Sunday Afternoon

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

NATIONAL VERSATILITY NATIONAL FINALS RANCH HORSE ASSOCIATION

NVRHA
YEAR END
AWARDS DINNER

SATURDAY NIGHT

BAR-BE-QUE
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ENTERTAINMENT
FOLK W RANCH
FRIDAY NIGHT

FRIDAY

BREED APPROVED VRH COMPETITIONS

- American Quarter Horse
- American Paint Horse
- Pinto*
- Appaloosa*

*If Entries Sufficient

NVRHA YEARLING RANCH HORSE FUTURITY

- OWNER AMATEUR EXHIBITOR
- IN HAND TRAIL
- RANCH CONFORMATION
- LOUNGE LINE

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by the



SEPTEMBER
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For more information:
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY

OPEN RANCH HORSE COMPETITION

FOUR DIVISIONS

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Youth

MUST HAVE ATTENDED A
NVRHA EVENT COMPETITION
TO PARTICIPATE

Division Placement based on
NVRHA Competition Score.

NVRHA

Recommended Professional Services



Versatility Ranch Horse is one of the few growing events within the horse industry, and as such the NVRHA is looking for committed clinicians to join our Recommended Professional Services Registry. The call is out for qualified professionals with a passion and commitment to the VRH program to meet the needs of our organization. For more information regarding addition to the select group of clinicians, please contact Linnea Zueck (lzueck@msn.com) or Dave Currin (dcurrin@msn.com).

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NVRHA AWARD PROFILE

NVRHA membership comes with the promise of achieving improved ranch horse skills in a fun and friendly environment. But, since we all like the shiny stuff that shows off our achievements, here is a preview of the quality awards, most handmade by Clint Mortenson, that will be presented at the first annual NVRHA Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the National Finals in September. Dream big...



Ranch Horse Supreme Champion - - Trophy Buckle



Ranch Horse Champion - - Mortenson Spurs



Division High Point - - Trophy Buckle



Division High Point Runner Up - - Ranger Buckle Set



Division Third Place Winners - Tooled Saddle Blanket



Inaugural Buckle Auctioned at C Lazy U



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Ride the Legend

NCHA, NRHA & AQHA have their WORLD CHAMPIONS.
NRCHA has its Worlds Greatest Horseman.
Announcing an Open Stakes Competition to determine:

THE WORLDS GREATEST



VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE

Who will have the 2008 "Bragging Rights"

Any Horse, Any Rider, Any Breed!

Held during the Inaugural NVRHA National Finals

Sept. 28, Norris-Penrose Event Center, Colorado Springs, CO.

Breed Approved AQHA, APHA, PTHA Ranch Horse Events on Sept. 26

For further details:
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call 719-487-9014

**A Double
Judge Average
Rider may exhibit
multiple horses**

Approved AQHA VRH Special Events held in conjunction with NVRHA Clinics: Aug 17, Teton, ID; Sept. 14, Pueblo, CO; Sept. 14, Wessington Springs, SD;
Sept 21, Grand Island, NE; Sept 26, Colorado Springs, CO; Oct 26, Lamey, NM; Oct 26, Le Sueur, MN; Nov. 2, Folsom, LA; Nov 23, Kellyville, OK