NVRHA RUNDOWN



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4 Days

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Tradeshow

Games

Cowboy Cookin'

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From the Editor...

Another one in the books...and despite four dollar a gallon diesel fuel, record summer heat across the country, and the Equine Herpes Virus outbreak, the NVRHA turned in another successful season. Proving ourselves to be flexible and resilient, the NVRHA membership juggled dates, rescheduled events, and drove extra miles to continue working our ranch horses. Quitters, whiners, complainers? Not here.

By popular request, the year end issue of the Rundown contains mostly photos and achievement recognition. In the pages that follow, I hope you will find the story of some of your friends or even yourself. We are very lucky to have a professional photographer the caliber of Brent Eriksen at our Championship Event. He graciously allows us to use his artistic work in the Rundown at no cost. So if you don't see a photo of who you are looking for, then I don't have one. Please send in captioned photos of you or your local events! You will find a little business news in this issue. The NVRHA continues to evolve in its attempts to run more efficiently for members. Our Board of Directors has had some changes for 2012, and we have a new office structure. Remember, NVRHA is still a mostly volunteer organization and can always use help. If you have any special talents - marketing, advertising, etc., - we would sure like to hear from you.

So here we go...I hope you enjoy the ride...

Donna Stewart

NVRHA OFFICE MOVES TO KANSAS

The NVRHA office will move to a new headquarters in Hugoton, Kansas beginning January 1, 2012. At an interview process conducted at the last meeting, the Board agreed to hire Channing Hawks and Carrie Kliewer as the new office administrators. These two Kansas members put together a detailed and convincing proposal stating the need for a centralized office structure.

With the intent to consolidate services and promote more efficient operation of the association, the Board of Directors voted to make this major change in the structure of the NVRHA office. The need for a centralized administration office is recognized as a necessary ingredient to the success and survival of the NVRHA. Beginning in January, the new NVRHA office will assume the following administrative duties: Association Membership; Horse/Rider Identification, Event Information, Registration, and Schedules; Affiliate Interface; Telephone/Email Services; and Points Administration. All monies will also be received by and paid through the new office. In the future, the office will add Website Management to its services. It is the sincere hope of the Board that this change will promote a more cohesive operating structure for the association.

The Board of Directors would also like to extend a huge thank you to Carol Thomas who has so capably run our office for the past four years. Carol's hard work and dedication to the business of the NVRHA is one of the things that has enhanced our success and allowed us to grow as an organization. THANK YOU CAROL!

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SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2012

February 4, 2012 May 5, 2012 August 4, 2012 November 3, 2012

(Currently meeting in Colorado Springs. Times and location TBD.)

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NVRHA—FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE!

By Dave Currin - President

As we move into our fifth year as a National Ranch Horse Association with a full schedule of exciting plans, we can all feel good about the many accomplishments to date, most made possible by a hard working and progressive Board of Directors. Eight of our eighteen member board will be rotating off and they can look back on their many accomplishments with "lots of pride"! Tim Rose, Edgell Pyles, Marty Pickett and Charlie Stewart, nearly half of the Original Founders, along with Bill Cantrell, Brian Thomas, Rich Masoner and Bill White are stepping down making room for a transfusion of new blood on the Board. I will not attempt to list their many accomplishments, it would take pages. NVRHA would like to say: Thank You for your many, many hours of dedication and so many significant contributions! I ask all our members to give them a personal thank you the next time you see them. We owe them so much!



Congratulations to our slate of new Directors—Phil and Jennifer Sadler (Arkansas); Shane Bangerter and Channing Hawks (Kansas); Bob Schubbe (Arizona); Brian Young (New Mexico), and; Carol Ackerman, Paulette Marshal, and Tom Cobb (Colorado). We also salute our new Officers—Cindy Rose (Vice President) and Carol Ackerman (Treasurer). NVRHA is in extremely good hands with the addition of these new Officers and Directors!

As we move into 2012, several 2011 Accomplishments will be initiated:

- A <u>NEW LIMITED DIVISION</u> designed for the rider who does not wish to rope or turn the cow on the fence. The Limited Division is a perfect fit for riders scoring out of Novice but not ready for the Intermediate Division or those Reined Cowhorse Riders wishing to participate in Versatility Ranch Horse without jeopardizing their standing in NRCHA by performing fence work. The only qualification is that you own your horse and have amateur status. Having full Division Status, riders will be eligible for year-end awards, Championship Points, and participation in the National Championship in the new Limited Division.
- An <u>UPDATED RULEBOOK</u>. Our Rules/Regulations Handbook has received high marks and the "fresh off the press" pocket size 2012 model is now available for our members. All comments and proposed rule changes received in 2011 from our members have been considered by the Board for inclusion. Those considered in the best interest of the Association have been included.
- A <u>CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</u> will begin operation. All of our administrative support has been consolidated into one office. Monday Friday 8am to 5pm, telephone response to your inquires/questions with immediate response involving events, registration, point status, etc will be provided. Membership, point's administration, event registration/scheduling, web-site management, telephone service, and support will all be handled by this office.
- Plans for 2012 include a "full plate" of Ranch Horse Events scattered over the western United States with many requests for expansion into the eastern United States and International. There are many new and exciting initiatives planned which focus on making the Ranch Horse Adventure even more enjoyable and educational. STAY TUNED!

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Introducing NVRHA's Newest Arrival: The Limited Amateur Division

At long last and thanks to the diligent work of a dedicated subcommittee, the NVRHA will be offering the Limited Amateur Division at all events in 2012.

The purpose of this division is:

1) to provide a place for the continued education and skill development of the Novice rider who has scored out of the Novice Division:

2) to provide a box-only forum for any amateur rider wanting to participate in the NVRHA without jeopardizing standing in another organization that does not allow fence work;

3) to provide a box-only division for those riders experiencing life events necessitating changes to their riding activities. The Limited Amateur Division will include all elements of the Novice Division with the addition of a Double Boxing procedure during the Working Ranch Horse class.

THERE WILL BE NO FENCE WORK OR ROPING IN THE LIMITED DIVISION.

Inclusion in the Limited Division is open to any Amateur Rider/Horse team.

A Rider/Horse team may stay in the Limited Division Indefinitely.

For the complete rules governing this new Division refer to the revised 2012 Rule Book now available at www.nvrha.org

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New 2012 NVRHA Rulebook is now Online!!

hank you to all my horse friends who have supported me during a difficult year. Your showering of prayers, cards, and phone calls have kept me going strong.

I look forward to seeing you all next spring!

Cindy Rose



What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you...

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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.

ANNUAL Youth/Student \$25.00 Individual \$50.00 Couples (2) \$80.00 Family (3+) \$125.00 College \$100.00 * CREDIT CARD = 3% fee for credit of		Individual . Couples (2) Family (3+)	\$300\$500\$1,000	00 .00 .00 \$	\$309.00 \$515.00 1,030.00		
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2011 National Championship Event Top 5 Results

	Open Division (Worlds Greatest Ranch Horse) Placings for Top 5									
First Name	Last Name	Horse	Overall Ranking	Conformation	Ranch Riding	Working Ranch	Ranch Cutting	Ranch Trail		
Lavert	Avent	Gallo Poco Cross	1	1	1	1	1	5		
Charlie	Stewart	Riskey Irish Whiskey	2	2	4	5	3	1		
Bob	Grant	Calboys Hometown	3	4	7	2	2	3		
Lavert	Avent	Charmin Melody	4	7	2	3	6	6		
Rita	Lauby	Lil Bit O Badge	5	3	5	6	10	2		

	Advanced Division Placings for Top 5									
First Name	Last Name	Horse	Overall Ranking	Conformation	Ranch Riding	Working Ranch	Ranch Cutting	Ranch Trail		
Shane	Bangerter	Langtrees CD	1	1	*1	6	1	2		
Rita	Lauby	Lil Bit O Badge	2	3	3	2	3	1		
Charles	Padilla	Rough Around The Edges	3	4	4	1	2	7		
Shelley	Johnsen	Old Buck Hancock	4	6	*2	4	5	3		
Dave	Currin	Docs Second Best	5	2	6	3	4	4		

	Intermediate Division Placings for Top 5									
First Name	Last Name	Horse	Overall Ranking	Conformation	Ranch Riding	Working Ranch	Ranch Cutting	Ranch Trail		
Charlie	Stewart	Riskey Irish Whiskey	1	1	3	1	2	2		
Debbie	Raymond	Mr. Smart T Smoke	2	8	2	10	1	1		
Richard	Cook	Dun Real Red	3	3	8	3	7	3		
Carol	Ackerman	Starkicker	4	11	1	4	14	4		
Lisa	Hauschildt	Duallin N Diamonds	5	2	11	6	6	7		

	Novice Division Placings for Top 5									
First Name	Last Name	Horse	Overall Ranking	Conformation	Ranch Riding	Working Ranch	Ranch Cutting	Ranch Trail		
Stephany	Siitari	SLI Ruby Slippers	1	1	3	1	6	2		
Melissa	Gard	Little Lido Lucas	2	6	1	2	2	3		
Bob	Schubbe	Payton	3	4	4	3	1	4		
Paulette	Marshall	DJ Zans Brite	4	3	2	5	4	5		
Mike	Ackerman	Kickers Smokey Girl	5	2	7	4	7	7		



he fourth annual NVRHA Championship Event was held again this year in Colorado Springs at the Norris Penrose Event Center. The weekend of September 23-25 was jam packed with action as friends gathered to 'Ride the Legend' at the biggest event of the year. It was a rough year for the equine industry and that had some impact on the entry numbers at this 2011 event. Eligibility rules were altered in an effort to make it easier for more NVRHA members to attend - and they came! Arriving in trucks and trailers from all over the United States, we had strong contingents of members from Minnesota, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, and Colorado.

Bill Hauschildt and his team of volunteers provided members with a well organized and professionally run event. This is Bill's fourth year of putting on the Championships and it just keeps on getting better. The NVRHA owes Bill a big thanks for the huge amount of work he does each year to make our weekend in September so successful.

The General Membership meeting kicked off the weekend on Friday afternoon offering some lively discussion and good suggestions as we head into 2012. This meeting, held annually, is a good opportunity to meet with your board members and have your opinions heard. Please try to make it next year if you can. We only grow through the participation of all, and your board members are working hard to make <u>your</u> association the best place to go for horsemanship education and fun in a versatility ranch horse forum. Let them hear from you!

Competition started Saturday morning with Ranch Cutting and Ranch Riding classes, and continued Sunday with Working Ranch Horse, Ranch Trail, and Conformation. Our certified judges this year were JJ Rydberg from Colorado and Bonnie Minor from Minnesota. Both JJ and Bonnie are well known professional horsemen who have judged numerous NVRHA events in the past. Riders participated in the three Amateur divisions - Novice, Intermediate, Advanced - and the Open division which hosted entry into the World's Greatest Ranch Horse Competition.

The Affiliate Challenge took on a new look this year. Renamed the 'Team Challenge' it encouraged any combination of three amateurs one each from the Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced Divisions. The high scoring team received NVRHA Logowear - this year that was the dream team of Shane Bangerter (Kansas), Charlie Stewart (Intermediate), and Stephany Siitari (Novice). In addition to their team success, each of these competitors also won the National Championship for their respective division!

Saturday night was the annual awards banquet. Bill Cantrell ensured the continued quality of the NVRHA awards with items from Cimarron Saddlery, Mortensen Silver and Saddles, and Big Bend Tack. A special thanks to this year's saddle donors Pierre Lamont, Charlie and Donna Stewart, and Jay and Gena Henson.

The membership drive contest to sign up the most new members was won by the Northern Lights affiliate. They received \$500 prize money donated by Tim and Cindy Rose, Edgell Pyles, and Marty Pickett. Way to go NL - NVRHA is alive and well in the northland!

Tim Rose hosted a spectacular fundraising auction boasting a wide variety of horse and ranch related items including original artwork by Connie Johnson. Tim had special help from his wife Cindy, Debbie Raymond, and Bill Cantrell. Generous support of donors and purchasers helped the NVRHA to net \$7000.00!

So, enjoy the pages that follow and thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Championship event.

Congratulations 2011 National Championship Event Winners



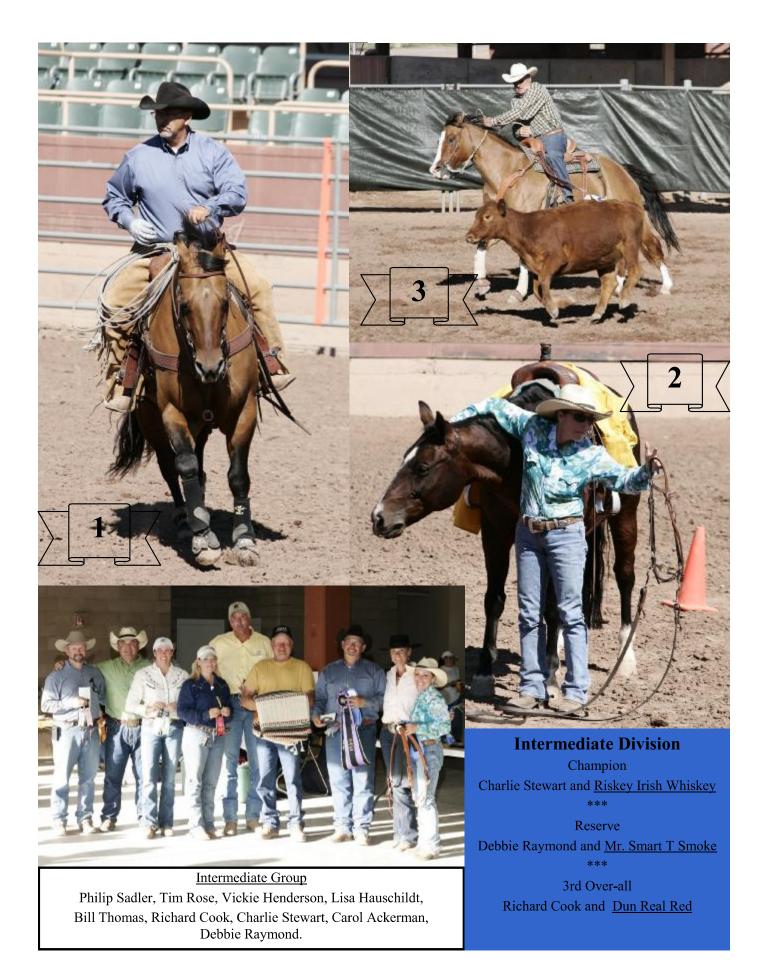
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Stephany Siitari and SLJ Ruby Slippers

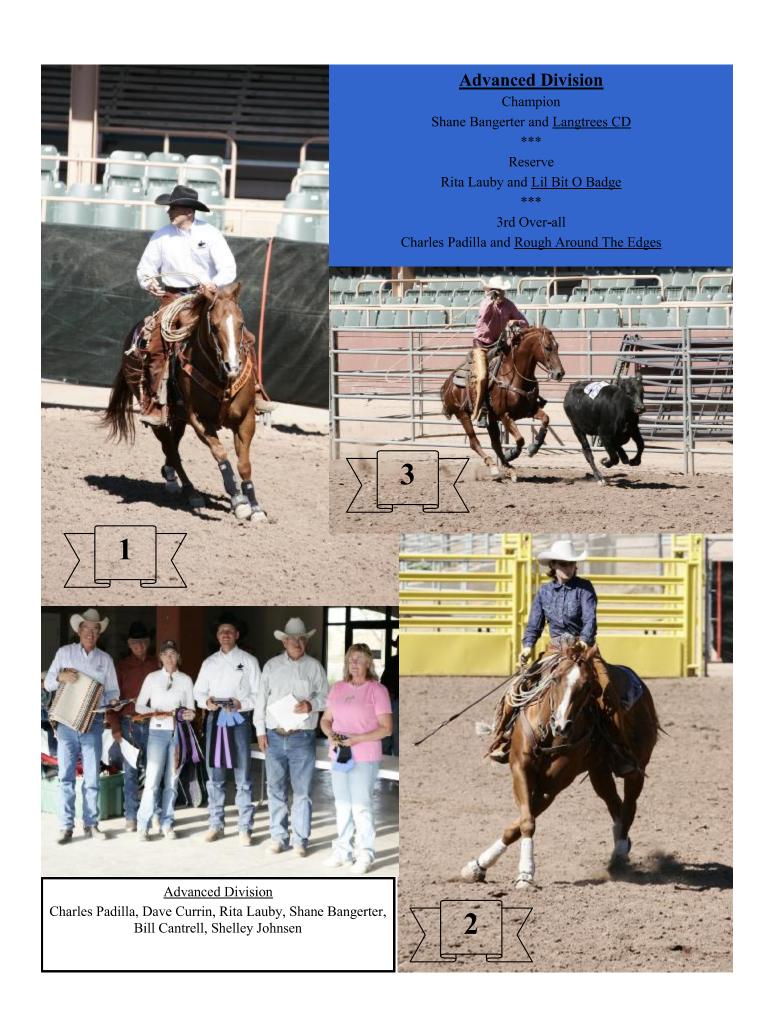
Reserve Melissa Gard and <u>Little Lido Lucas</u>

> 3rd Over-all Bob Schubbe and <u>Payton</u>

Novice Group

From left: Cori Atteberry, Dean Venezia, Melissa Gard, Paulette Marshall, Bob Schubbe, Stephany Siitari, Mike Ackerman.







Open Division World's Greatest Ranch Horse Competition

For the past several years the World's Greatest Ranch Horse competition has been combined with the Open Division at the NVRHA Championship Event. This competition is open to professional and amateur riders alike, but since its inception the title has always been won by an exceptional professional horseman. This year we add Lavert Avent's name to the list that includes Bob Grant (2010) and Mike Majors (2008 and 2009).

Lavert, head trainer at T-Cross Ranches, competed on two of the ranch's horses this year and took the title riding the stallion Gallo Poco Cross. Lavert has had great success with this horse and is currently leading the RMQHA Open Performance Versatility Ranch Horse. And when I saw Lavert at the WRCA Finals in Amarillo he was wearing the newly won WGVRH buckle from NVRHA. And this is a guy with LOTS of trophy buckles! Thanks Lavert, for showing your support of our organization.

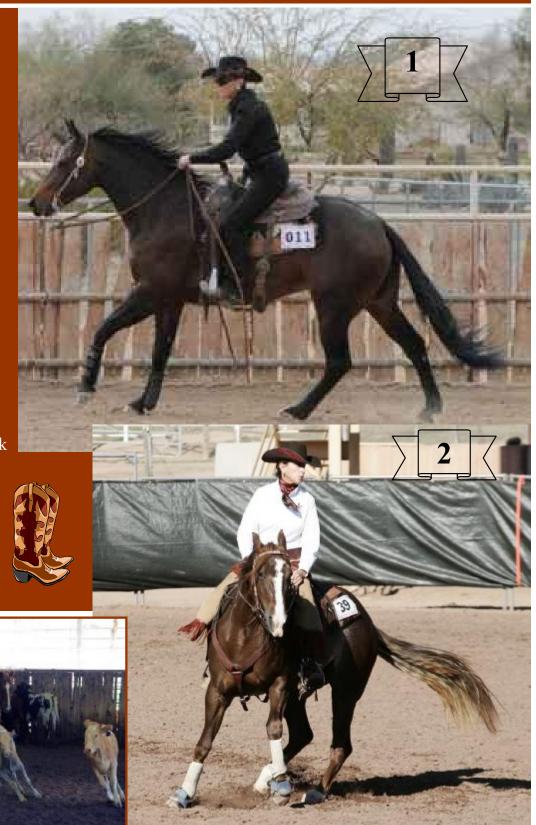
Lavert is not just another good guy. He is an NVRHA certified clinician/judge and also provides coaching and instruction in the versatility events. And Gallo Poco Cross is not just anther horse, he is another in a long line of outstanding versatility horses from the T-Cross ranch.

Congratulations 2011 Year-End High Point Winners ... Novice Division

High Point Novice:
Tracy Birnie
and
My Lena Del Rey
Arizona

Reserve High Point:
Stephany Siitari
and
SLJ Ruby Slippers
Minnesota

3rd Over-all:
Bronwyn McCormick
and
Stagen a Skip
Arizona





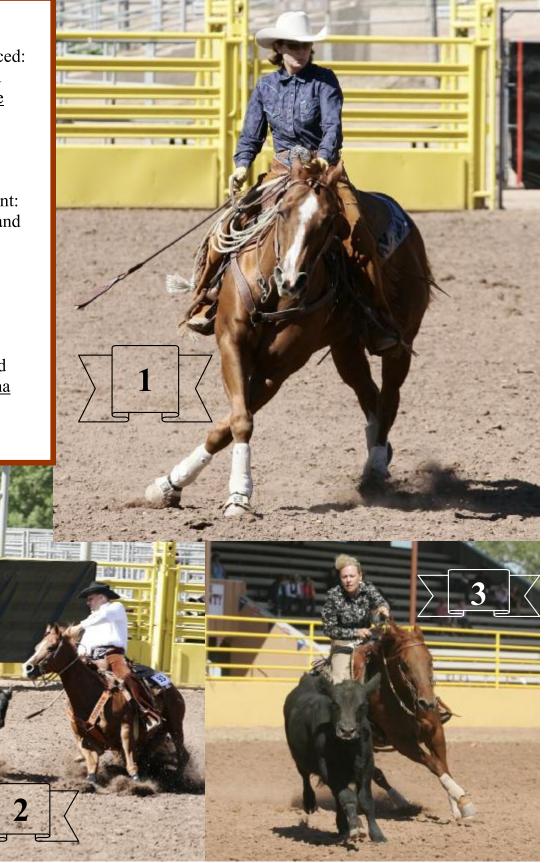


Advanced Division

High Point Advanced:
Rita Lauby and
Lil Bit O Badge
Colorado

Reserve High Point: Shane Bangerter and <u>Langtrees CD</u> Kansas

3rd Over-all: Jamie Bellar and <u>Spiced With Lena</u> Arizona



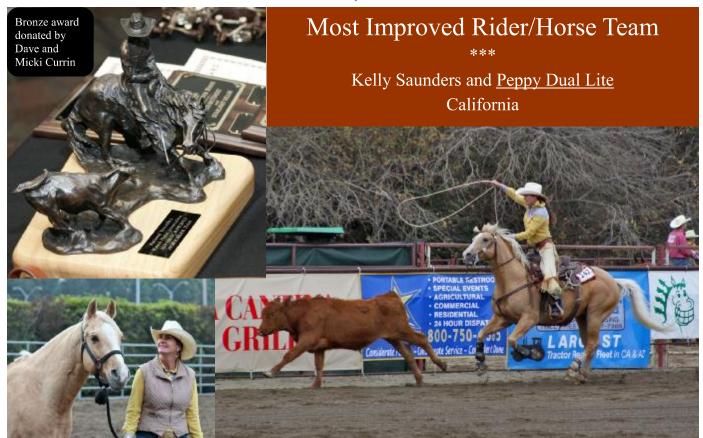
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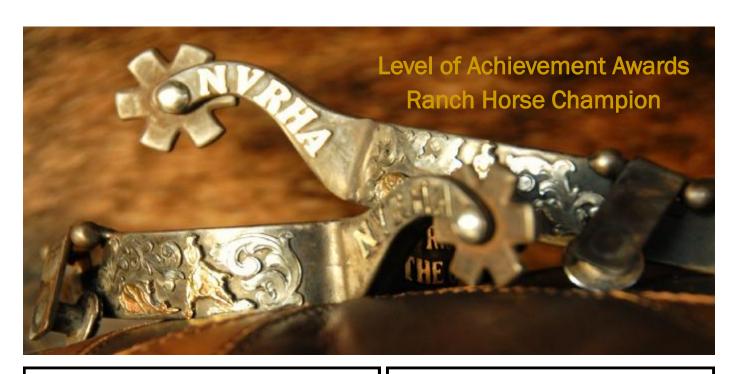




Bob Grant (right) receives the year end buckle for 2011 High Point Open Rider.

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Sara Gugelmeyer
Colonels Miss Chick

Debbie Raymond Mr. Smart T Smoke







Philip Sadler and Lena's Silver Gay Bar And Jennifer Sadler and Little Bell Pepper







(more Ranch Horse Champions...)

Bob Schubbe King Leo's Peppy Bars

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## Shanda Walker Royal Decatur Nick

A Ranch Horse Champion (RHC) is awarded when a rider/horse team earns a minimum of 5 championship points in each of the 5 versatility events. Each recipient was presented with a pair of NVRHA custom spurs.



## Ranch Horse

# upreme Champion



A custom trophy buckle from Clint Mortenson is awarded to each Ranch Horse Supreme Champion (RHSC). Rider/horse teams must earn a minimum of 10 Championship Points in each of the 5 Ranch Horse Versatility Events.



From top...

Shane Bangerter <u>Langtrees CD</u>

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Charles Padilla
Tequita Poco Doll

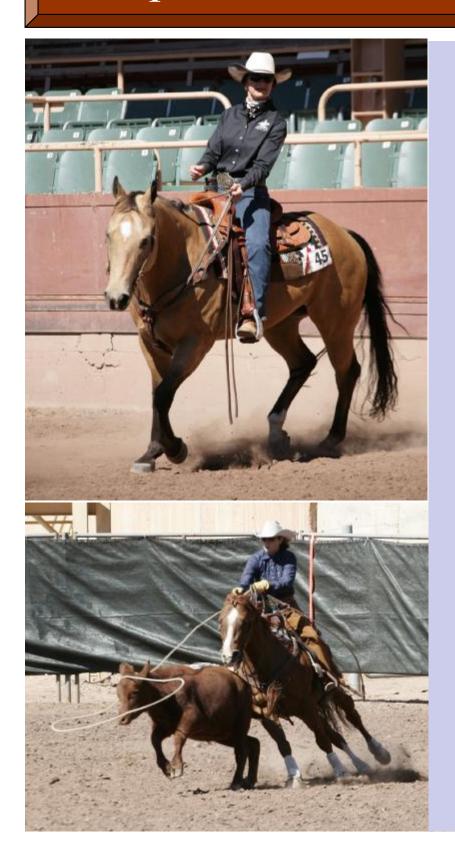
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Charlie Stewart
Riskey Irish Whiskey





# Superior Ranch Horse Award



Susan Heyvaert
And
Starlight Dillon
Superior Ranch Riding
RHC, RHSC
2010 Advanced Champion
2011 Horseman of the Year

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Rita Lauby
And
Lil Bit O Badge
Superior Working Ranch Horse
RHC, RHSC
2009 Advanced Champion
2011 Advanced Champion

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Charles Padilla
And
Tequita Poco Doll
Superior Ranch Conformation
RHC
2009 Intermediate Champion

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Charlie Stewart
And
Riskey Irish Whiskey
Superior Ranch Conformation
RHC, RHSC
2011 Intermediate Champion



### Superior Ranch Horse Award (SRHA)

The criteria for winning a Superior Ranch Horse Award is the accumulation of a minimum of 40 Champion-ship Points by a Rider/Horse team in one Ranch Horse category. A Superior is earned in each of the 5 classes individually.



# LEGEND & WARD

The Legend Horse title is the most prestigious award given to a horse in the NVRHA and the year 2011 boasts three outstanding versatility horses who exemplify our motto 'Ride the Legend'.

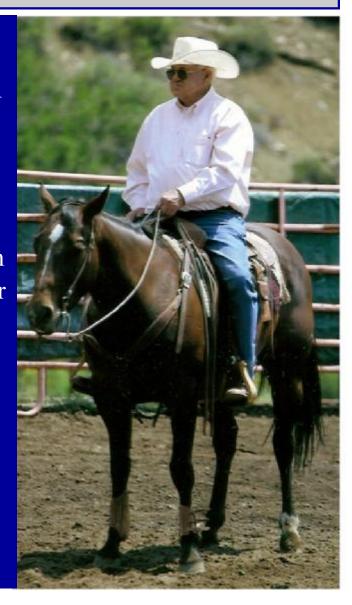
To earn this title, a horse must accumulate a minimum of 200 Championship Points in any combination of the five versatility events (rules are changing for 2012, see new rules/regulations book). Points represent a lifetime accumulation on the horse only, hence a horse may have several owners participating in points earning during its career. This is not a Rider/Horse team award.

This award is difficult to achieve and requires a horse with true talent and versatility. The list of previous Legend Horses is short including only two: Double Tuckered Out owned by Cindy Rose; and Docs Second Best owned by Dave Currin. The NVRHA does not crown a Legend Horse each year, so it is with great pride that we congratulate our three worthy candidates for 2011.

## WHISKEY'S CHICK STICK

Owned and Shown by Bill Cantrell

Ranch Horse Champion
Ranch Horse Supreme Champion
Superior Ranch Horse Awards for
Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, and
Working Ranch Horse
2008 Horseman of the Year
2008 Intermediate Champion
2010 Intermediate Champion
2011 Legend Horse



Whiskey's Chick Stick is a 2002 mare sired by the AQHA World Champion Versatility Horse and NVRHA World's Greatest Ranch Horse ~ Smart Whiskey Doc. Chick was raised by Mike Major and her early career included being shown in Cowhorse events by Mike. Bill Cantrell purchased Chick in 2006 at the Colorado State University Horse Sale and set out on a journey of ranch versatility excellence.

Bill and Chick's first NVRHA Event was in Watrous, NM, in May 2006. Since then, the NVRHA has been their primary forum and Bill has earned the distinction of traveling to more NVRHA events than any other member. Lots of hard work went into those 200 points. It is not uncommon to see Bill loping his mare in the arena long before anyone else has finished morning coffee. He rides every day the weather and his busy appraisal schedule allow. Somehow Bill even found time to complete a term on the NVRHA Board of Directors, and continue to be an active grandparent to five delightful and busy grandchildren including new baby Jaycee.

With a consistent and steady program of riding, training and showing, Bill has taken his mare to the top more than once. Chick has a long and impressive show record as listed on the previous page. Most notable is her earning of three Superior Awards - accumulating at least 40 Championship Points in three of the five versatility events. Bill is proud of that and rightly so - it's a huge accomplishment.

Bill thanks the many folks who have helped him along the way. He notes that he has gotten invaluable assistance from numerous clinicians at the NVRHA clinics and schooling competitions. He has also taken private lessons from Jay and Gena Henson and other professional horseman.

"There is something to learn from every body," says Bill.

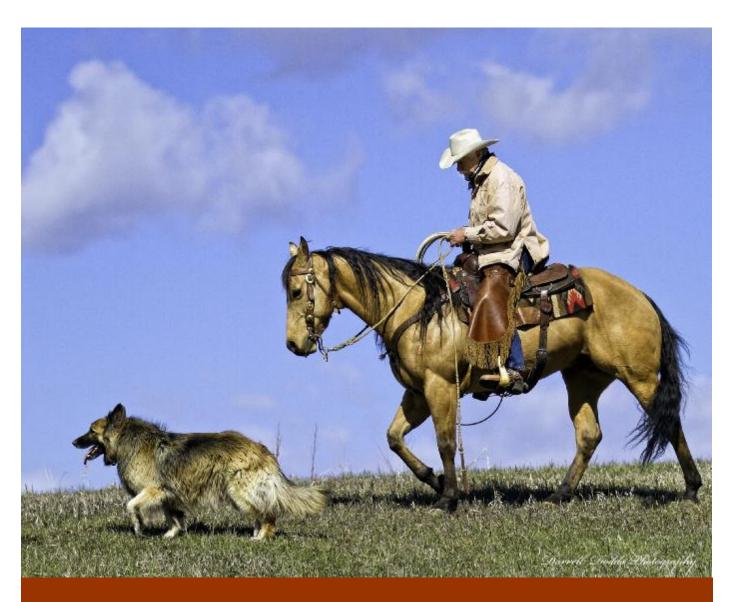
Help from professionals is one thing, but Bill asserts that he has also gotten much appreciated support and encouragement from his many friends in the NVRHA who have aided in his success and enjoyment of ranch horse versatility.

So what's next for Bill and Chick? Seems like they have done it all!

"My main goal is to become better in cutting," Bill says. "This is a good mare and she takes care of me."

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A TIME TO SPARK

Owned and Shown by Dr. Edgell Pyles

Ranch Horse Champion
Ranch Horse Supreme Champion
Superior Ranch Horse Award for Conformation
2011 Legend Horse



Beautiful. There is just no other word for him. Edgell's 2001 Buckskin gelding is a looker. If you went into a Conformation class against him, chances are you would be looking at him from behind. He won, and won - all the way to the 200 Championship Points needed to become a Legend Horse for 2011.

A Time To Spark, from the bloodline of renown AQHA champion Shining Spark, is not only handsome, he's talented as well. His show record begins in 2005 and boasts accomplishments spanning multiple equine associations and disciplines. Too many to list in a two page spread, this gelding's achievements include being an NRCHA money earner, marking AQHA ROM's in Roping, Working Ranch Horse, and Versatility Ranch Horse, and capturing the IBHA World Champion Cutting Horse title. Edgell and his gelding competed in many prestigious events during their show career, but they never failed to show up in support of the NVRHA. In addition to showing, Edgell served as an NVRHA board member and has been involved in the guidance of the young association since its inception.

You won't see Edgell Pyles and A Time To Spark in the arena together anymore. Edgell, co-author of *RIDE UP*, *Live Your Adventure*, 'retired' from showing horses at the AQHA VRH World Show at the age of 66! Still, A Time To Spark will forever be an NVRHA Legend Horse. Happy Trails Old Friends.

LITTLE BELL PEPPER





Owned and Exhibited by Jennifer Sadler

Previously Owned and Exhibited by Henry Block





Ranch Horse Champion x2 Supreme Ranch Horse Champion 2011 Legend Horse 'One of the greatest versatility horses I have ever ridden.' That statement about Little Bell Pepper by Jay Henson is echoed by several Versatility Ranch enthusiasts who have had the privilege of owning and showing the 2011 NVRHA Legend Horse. From Betty Lou Valdez to Henry Block to Jennifer Sadler, Little Bell Pepper has consistently proven he is a champion and one of the best versatility horses in the sport.

Little Bell Pepper is a 2001 gelding sired by Annie's Little Pepper. As a money earner in the NRCHA, NCHA, NRHA, and AQHA VRH, Pepper is the epitome of a versatility horse. Always consistent and with tons of ability, Pepper has amazing success in every arena he enters.

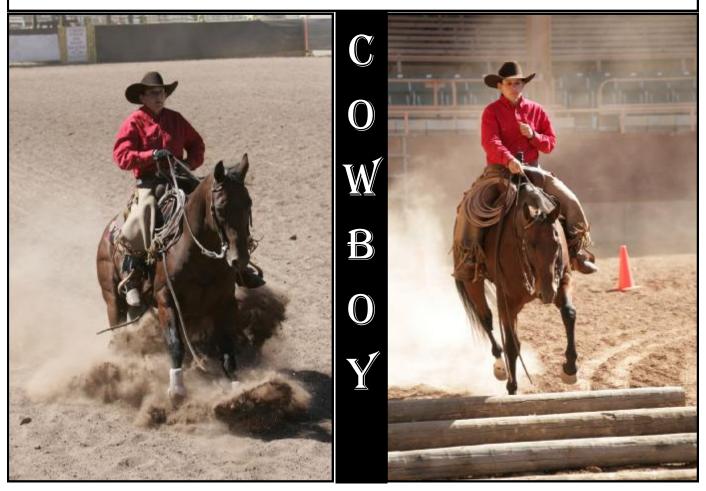
Since coming to the NVRHA in 2008 with Henry Block, Pepper dominated most events and the team earned their Ranch Horse Supreme Champion award in just a few competitions.

Jennifer Sadler was a novice rider when she purchased Little Bell Pepper in 2009. Since she already owned a 'Pepper', Jennifer began calling the big bay gelding 'Cowboy'. Little did she know that owning Cowboy would accelerate the learning curve so drastically!

"He has taught me so much about how a 'Legend' feels to ride," Jennifer says. "I have never regretted buying him. And my favorite thing about Cowboy is his attitude. He is willing to do anything. He has no holes."

Together this team has ventured outside of NVRHA to find success in the Cutting arena and is currently ranked third in the world in the AQHA VRH Amateur Division. Cowboy's next mission is to take Jennifer to the AQHA VRH competition in Houston next March and just do his job. That will not be a problem for this Legend.

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## NVRHA 2011 HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR









he NVRHA Horseman of the Year is once again – a woman - and not just one woman, but two. Cindy Rose and Susan Heyvaert, two amazing women, join this elite group as recipients of the award for 2011.

First a bit about the Horseman of the Year award and how the recipient is selected. This award recognizes NVRHA members who have made extraordinary contributions to the association in the areas of event participation, levels of achievement, sportsmanship, and volunteerism. Past recipients include Tim Rose, Bill Cantrell, and Donna Stewart.

#### Participation and Achievement

Both Cindy and Susan excel in all areas of award selection. These ladies, both avid riders, have participated in numerous NVRHA events in the past four years since the organization's beginning. Not only have they participated, they have done phenomenally well demonstrating the cowgirl skills of the NVRHA women. Susan rides her buckskin gelding, Starlight Dillon, and has progressed through all the division levels. Susan and Dillon are Ranch Horse and Ranch Horse Supreme champions, winners of the Advanced Division year end overall saddle in 2010, and most recently earned a

Superior award for Ranch Riding. Cindy and her great horse, Double Tuckered Out, garnered the first ever Legend Horse award in 2009. That was the pinnacle of a very successful career for these two which included Ranch Horse and Ranch Horse Supreme Champion, and four Superior Awards (Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Conformation, and Working Ranch Horse) the most Superiors ever won by one horse. Then Cindy saddled up another of the Rose's great horses and has had more success on Stylish Gus.

#### Volunteerism

Riding and competing, even with the unparalleled success these two have had, takes second seat to the endless hours of volunteer work they both demonstrate. Susan is the tireless leader of the Northern Lights NVRHA Affiliate. Starting this group from grassroots, Susan has built it into one of the largest and most active Affiliates in the organization. She has served as president since affiliate inception, organizing and planning events and banquets, propelling membership drives, introducing educational offerings to the community at the Minnesota Equifest, and motivating her great staff of volunteers. Susan developed, sponsored and ran the NVRHA Logowear program. She has traveled to Colorado Springs for every National Championship event, either as a participant or a volunteer. All the while Susan has been a contributing member on the National Board of Directors.

Cindy Rose has been an NVRHA leader since the organization began. Cindy and her husband Tim are founding members and have both served tirelessly on the Board of Directors. Cindy has planned and managed numerous NVRHA events, been active in scorekeeping and the education of others in event planning. Cindy's efficiency and attention to detail is what ensures our Rules and Regulation's book (the NVRHA Bible, if you will) remains accurate and up to date. She was instrumental in the development of the new Limited Division, and most recently has accepted the position of Vice President of the association.

#### Sportsmanship, seriously...

And lastly, the issue of sportsmanship is no challenge for these ladies. Just look at the smiles on their faces. They love Ranch Horse and share that with everyone they meet. I would offer that their level of sportsmanship could be renamed ambassadorship.

#### Personal Stories

Cindy Rose has had a love for horses since early childhood. Raised in a 'non-horsey' family, Cindy's first horse was a stick horse which she rode around the house at a high gallop. With heroes like Roy Rogers and Trigger, Cindy was bound to become a cowgirl. She didn't start riding seriously until the age of 45, which makes her story of incredible success even sweeter. Her love of horses was fed by that of her husband and together the two have launched into an amazing story of horse ownership, education, and riding success. Cindy's remarkable journey with her horse Double Tuckered Out was chronicled in the Rundown Volume 2, Issue 3 (Winter 2009).



Cindy Rose and Double Tuckered Out conquered every aspect of ranch versatility.

Pictures speak a thousand words so make sure you hear these: strength, talent, and grace.









Susan Heyvaert has satisfied her love for horses through the years by competing in showmanship and horsemanship competition. But Susan changed gears in 2008 when she purchased Dillon and was introduced to the world of Ranch Horse Versatility. Susan attended the Denver Stock Show that year and met some enthusiastic NVRHA folks who turned her on to the sport and incited a fever that has burned since. Susan is a fast learner and has a passion for ranch horse work. But, she says, it's the people who set NVRHA apart from other organizations. For more about Susan and Dillon's journey, see the Rundown Volume 2, Issue 3 magazine. I was pleasantly surprised to realize that we have previously published articles on both Cindy and Susan. It is just further confirmation of the continued excellence of these two Horsewomen of the Year.



Big smile, big heart, funny, organized, energy - those are some of the words you'll hear people say about Susan.

Here she demonstrates something else skill.







#### The Cowgirl Code

Susan and Cindy are representative of the many talented cowgirls participating in the NVRHA, all of whom share some very admirable qualities. What does it mean to be a 'cowgirl' in the busy and modern society that we live in today? Has the meaning changed since the days of Annie Oakley and her gun-toting cronies? Does the cowgirl of today have to rope, ride and shoot?



Undoubtedly some things have changed. The way women live day to day is different, but not without some of the same hardships. Being a cowgirl doesn't necessarily mean you are riding horses and caring for livestock each day. We can all get muddy, but we don't all have to. I know some very capable women who could cowgirl with the best of them and don't ever throw a leg over a horse. I would suggest that the Cowgirl Code has more to do with an attitude and core values. Whether on the ranch, in the suburbs, or in town, these characteristics play out in many ways. Our concerns for family and relationships, our goals for work and self, our drive, resolve, and gumption are just the same. These are cowgirl qualities. They go along with the ability to do many things at once and to do them all well. To pull each other up and push each other along when necessary. To not be afraid of hard work. To know how to climb out when you hit rock bottom. To work through hardships, to take risks, to try new things, to be the best you can be every day. These qualities go far beyond someone who can saddle her own

Cindy and Susan exemplify the uniqueness of the Cowgirl Code. They are leaders among a group of woman who share similar qualities. The NVRHA is privileged to have women like these sharing their talents and wisdom. Look to them, get to know them, but don't expect them to just be standing around – they won't be. ~~DS

Thank you to all the friends who have helped Riskey and me along the way. We owe our success to so many of you.

Ranch Horse Champion, Ranch Horse Supreme Champion

Superior Ranch Horse: Conformation

2011 Colorado NVRHA Intermediate Champion

2011 National Intermediate All Around

2011 Affiliate Champion Team

2011 Reserve World's Greatest Ranch Horse

What a Ride!....Charlie







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# Regional News

#### **NEW MEXICO**

New Mexico has a new state leader!
Brian Young has accepted the NVRHA leader-ship position for the state and attended the November board meeting as a new board member and representative from New Mexico. Brian is hoping to rekindle NVRHA enthusiasm in NM and is currently working on a plan to do that.

2011 was a difficult year for the state, which held fewer events than normal.

New Mexico has previously hosted some of the most prestigious NVRHA events. Venues like the Piojo Ranch and San Cristobel Ranch were a huge draw for those seeking beautiful New Mexico weather in a true working ranch setting. With Brian's commitment and the help of the good NVRHA folks in New Mexico, look for the Land of Enchantment to once again be an active place for ranch horse.

#### **COLLEGIATE**

There is no lack of enthusiasm from this rowdy crowd! The Collegiate Program kicked off its 2012 season with a very successful NVRHA event at Dodge City Community College in Kansas. And these guys know how to have fun - goat cutting - seriously! Leave it to Dave McCollum and Channing Hawks to prove it takes a college equestrian professor to get things going. The Collegiate riders were also well represented at the Championship Event with Luke Searcy and Amanda Parks riding. Others showed up to work - thanks! Their enthusiasm is always a welcome addition to any NVRHA event. Look for these young adults to give the rest of us some real competition in 2012. They are good, and they are YOUNG - enough said!

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION**

This growing NVRHA area encompasses parts of Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. Although not yet an affiliate, the region has been active and has a good base of NVRHA folks.

Rich Masoner originally organized the NVRHA events in the South Central Region, but has had to step back to focus on other responsibilities. New board members Jennifer and Philip Sadler have graciously volunteered to take on the role of leaders in that area. The Sadler's live in Arkansas and have been active NVRHA members for the past several years. They have plans to hold several events in the region during 2012. So, if you feel like a trip south...

Watch the NVRHA website for schedule details.



Luke Searcy, riding Harlans
Cream Puff, is a student at Dodge
City Community
College and one of the few amateurs who roped successfully at the 2011
Championship
Event,

## California Celebrates an NVRHA Winner

NVRHA California had a great year with three competitions! To top it off, our own Kelly Saunders won the title of Most Improved Rider/Horse Team at the annual NVRHA Championship Banquet. Kelly and 'Yellow' (Peppy Dual Lite), were awarded a beautiful bronze statue to commemorate their well deserved award. The award is presented to the rider/horse team showing the greatest increase in average total score as compared to the previous year. Kudos to Kelly and Yellow for a great partnership. Long a favorite pair locally, Kelly and Yellow have done all that exemplifies versatility. Ranch work, competitions, charity events, run a business, ride the trail, be great friends, with husband Frank involved in all of the above. We will look for

more great things from this team in years to

come.

Many of us in California are new to NVRHA but not to ranch events. Three of California's best hands hosted our competitions: Jimmy Flores, Sarah Clifford and Chris Bugenig. All three have a history of success putting together the right combination of horse, rider and training. Their individual events reflected the quality of their efforts. The Carmel Valley event had 24 competitors. The Grass Valley event had more youth riders than all other divisions combined!

Come join us on the Gold Coast!





The NVRHA event in Carmel Valley, California. Awesome group!

# ATTENTION ALL AFFILIATES AND REGIONS... YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS DEAL!

Share your news with the whole NVRHA membership by sending information, articles, photos and schedules for inclusion in the Rundown at no cost! It's the best way to get national attention, draw out of state members, and brag on all your accomplishments. Please direct all correspondence to Donna Stewart at dmstewartrn@aol.com, and don't wait!

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# COLORADO NVRHA

#### 2011 Affiliate Highlight News:

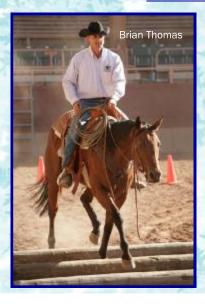
- CoNVRHA says goodbye to outgoing affiliate chairman Brian Thomas. Thank you for your tireless work in promoting NVRHA in Colorado. Brian will be missed.
- CoNVRHA welcomes new affiliate chairperson Paulette Marshall. Paulette is a long time NVRHA member and comes with lots of enthusiasm and ideas 2012 is going to be big!
- CoNVRHA hosted 4 successful events this year (2 others were cancelled). Total number of Colorado riders earning placement points in 2011: Novice = 19; Int.= 14, Advanced = 11. Congratulations to our CoNVRHA Buckle Series Champions:

NOVICE: Kelcey Swyers and Husker's Playmate INTERMEDIATE: Charlie Stewart and Riskey Irish Whiskey

ADVANCED: Rita Lauby and Lil Bit O Badge

A huge thank you to our Buckle sponsors. Without their generous financial donations these awards would not be possible: Gerrie/Jeff Barnes, Debbie/Earl Raymond, Donna/Charlie Stewart.

 CoNVRHA is excited to announce an innovative Newcomers Series for the 2012 season. Kinks are being worked out now - look for details soon on our new website. Check out all upcoming 2012 Colorado events at <a href="https://www.convrha.com">www.convrha.com</a>





#### **2011 Northern Lights Year End Banquet & Awards**

Congratulations to every horse and rider who participated in the 2011 season! Horsemanship, skills, and confidence grew and everyone was a winner. Recognition for hard work, a discussion of the year's events, good food, prize drawings, and a very successful silent auction fundraiser was held at a cozy Irish Pub in Minnesota just before the first snow fall. Thank you Kim Deters, Vicky Henderson, Lisa Rixe, and Susan Heyvaert - planning and hosting, Deb Matko - video slide production, Nancy Loudon - photos. Congratulations to all of our division winners! Eligibility for year-end awards was based on high point total for participation in three

- Novice 4th-Glen Etheridge, 3rd-Dianna Kusilek, Reserve Champion-Kimberly Duke, Champion-Stephany Siitari
- Regional Intermediate (now Limited)- Champion Lisa Rixe
- Intermediate 3rd-Bill Thomas, Reserve Champion-Jan Halter, Champion-Vicky Henderson
- Advanced 3rd-Shelley Johnsen (Old Buck), Reserve Champion-Shelley Johnsen (Unbranded), Champion-Kim Deters

Northern Lights celebrated its first year as an affiliate, with 82 enthusiastic members from North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota (along with special guests from Kansas and Colorado!)

Outstanding Northern Lights accomplishments which gave us cause to celebrate and pause to be thankful were:

- \* Five successful clinic/schooling competition events horsemanship improved for all participants!
- \* Booths at MN Horse Expo, slide presentation at Expo and a narrated live demo at Equifest.
- \* National Membership Challenge winner NVRHA awarded NL with a monetary gift for the affiliate with the greatest increase in membership. Thank-you NVRHA membership challenge sponsors; Dr. Edgell Pyles and Tim Rose.
- \* Recognition by NVRHA as an affiliate with innovative ideas, a strong team, competitive members, producer of two saddle Division winners, one Division Reserve winner, and for creating an outstanding website.
- \* Susan Heyvaert and Cindy Rose of Colorado Springs were named "NVRHA 2011 Horseman of the Year".

  Susan brings so much energy, organization and enthusiasm to Northern Lights in support of the versatility ranch horse; she serves as the Regional Director and representative to NVRHA and sets the bar high. Susan and 'Starlight Dillon' were awarded the Superior Ranch Horse Award.
- \* Stephany Siitari was named Reserve Year-End Novice Champion in addition to winning the Novice Division at the Finals Event.

Congratulations to the newly elected NL Board of Directors: Susan Heyvaert; President, Stephany Siitari; Vice President, Lisa Rixe; Secretary, Glen Etheridge; Treasurer, Greg Booth, Deb Matko, Kathy Burma, Nate Converse, Kristin Dascalos, Kim Deters, Jan Halter, Jaimi Horneke, Diana Kusilek, Bonnie Minor, and Bill Thomas.



of five events.

Top Photos: Kim Deters advanced Champion; an excited Vicky Henderson Intermediate Champion.

Middle: Jan Halter Reserve Intermediate Champion; Kathy Burma, Vicky Henderson, Gena Janetka.

Below: Susan Heyvaert Superior Ranch Riding at Nationals; Stephany Siitari Intermediate Champion; The NL group at Finals in Colorado Springs; Kimberly Duke Reserve Novice Champion; Lisa Rixie Regional Limited Champion.





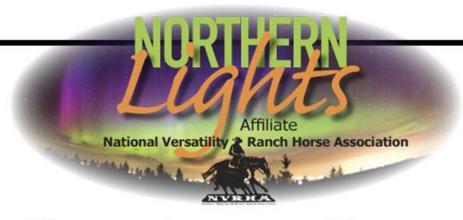












# **Upcoming 2012 Events**

## **NVRHA Clinic & Competitions**

Serving the Upper Midwest

May 19-20

River Falls, Wisconsin Clinicians: Neil Henning & Bonnie Minor

June 9-10

Cannon Falls, Minnesota Clinicians: Mary Leonhart & TBD

**July 7-8** 

Windom, Minnesota Clinicians: Tom Bjorklund Terry Lauth August 11-12

North Branch, Minnesota Clinicians: Jay & Gena Henson

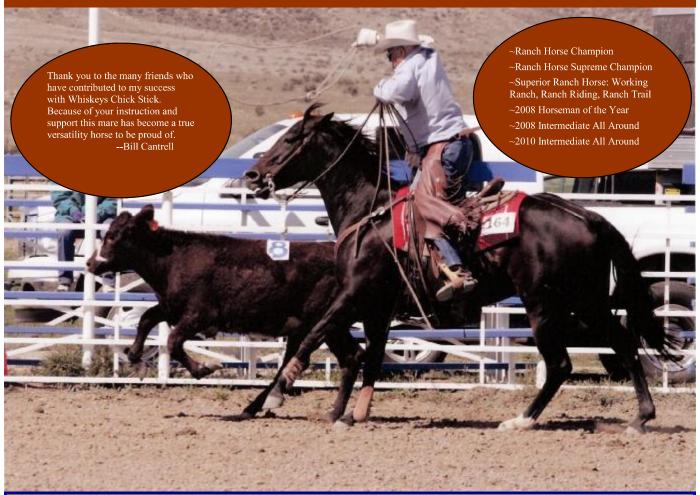
September 8-9

Rice Lake, Wisconsin Clinicians: Lance Scheffel Michael Saterbak

Mark your calendars!!

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### WHISKEYS CHICK STICK -- NVRHA LEGEND HORSE 2011





Photographs' taken at the NVRHA Championship Event are available for purchase on Brent Eriksen's website: <a href="https://www.horseinsport.com">www.horseinsport.com</a>

Brent is a professional photographer well-known throughout many equine disciplines for his artistry. Brent has been the official photographer for the NVRHA since 2008. The majority of the photographs seen in the *Rundown* are courtesy of Brent's generosity.





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Rocky Mountain Horse Expo - VRH Skills (including cattle): March 9 - 11 Introduction to VRH 3-Day Clinic: March 23 - 25 or April 13 - 15 NVRHA Colorado Kickoff Clinic & Competition (with Training Classes): April 28 – 29 Performance Riding Clinic: Session 1 – The Rider – June 2 Performance Riding Clinic: Session 2 - The Horse - June 2 Mini-Cattle Drive: June 9 - 10

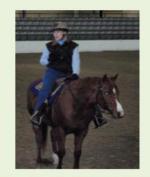
VRH Skill-Building Mini-Clinics: Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Roping - June 16 Trail Obstacle Clinic: June 23

VRH Skill-Building Mini-Clinics: Reining, Boxing, Cattle Work - July 7 Trail Obstacle Clinic: July 28

Down Home Clinic & Competition (with Training Classes): August 11 – 12 VRH Skill-Building Mini-Clinics: Ranch Cutting - August 19 VRH Mock Competition (Prepare for the NVRHA Finals): September 15 Trail Obstacle Clinic: September 16







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Date to be Announced Barnes Ranch Annual Benefit: 2012 Recipient is SaddleUp! Foundation 501c3 Therapeutic Riding Facility... Mini-Cattle Drive, Dinner, Auction and Tons of FUN

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