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Megan Newlon & Langtrees CD

NVRHA's First Diamond Medal



**Cody Hendrickson &
Meranda Wood Nickel
Earns Legend Award**

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WHAT LEGENDS ARE MADE OF

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| 2010 DOCS SECOND BEST | 2013 STARLIGHT DILLION |
| 2011 LITTLE BELL PEPPER | 2013 LANGTREES CD |
| 2011 WHISKEY STIC CHIC | 2015 UNBRANDED |
| 2012 LIL BIT O BADGE | 2017SLJ RUBY SLIPPERS |
| 2019 LANGTREES CD - NVRHA FIRST DIAMOND METAL WINNER | |

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Letter From Our President 2020

Moving our National Championship Finals to Lincoln, Nebraska was a risky venture. Having a history of successful Finals in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Phoenix, Arizona, there was a strong resistance to change. With no Affiliate in Nebraska, the old addage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" was weighing heavy on the board. When we considered the strong support the Northern Lights Affiliate had given the finals over the years, despite a two day drive to attend, NVRHA took the chance. Well it turned out to be a good decision!

The event at the Remington Event Center was a great success. Attendance was higher than the average of earlier Finals. The facility was excellent and everyone seemed to have a great time. A huge thanks goes out to Brian _____ for being our Nebraska on-site manager. Without Brian's and the South Central Affiliates support, the Event would not have been as successful. Additionally, the Remington staff went out ot their way to help make the event a success. The future is bright for our NVRHA Finals in Lincoln, Nebraska. I encourage those of you who didnot attend to come join us this fall.

Another first for NVRHA in 2019 was the establishment of the Medal Series

Level of Achievement Award. This Award provides horses which have earned the prestigious Legend Award a new higher level of achievement to pursue. Little did we know that we had a horse that would earn the Award during the first year it was offered. Congratulations to Megan Newlon and Langtrees CD on this superb accomplishment. Megan purchased Langtrees CD from Shane Bangerter of Dodge City, Kansas, who started Langtrees CD in NVRHA and rode him to become the Associations 9th horse to earn the Legend Award.

Speaking of high levels of achievement, our 13th Legend Award was presented to Cody Hendrickson and her great horse Meranda Wood Nickel at the 2019 Finals. Congratulations Cody! The Northern Lights Affiliate has certainllly grabbed the spotlight in the last several years, earning our last four Legend Awards. It looks like they may also have another one on 2020, as Carlos Osario from Madison, Wisconsin is knocking on the door.

NVRHA's entry into the National Ranch and Stock Horse Association is providing a great opportunity for our members to showcase their skills. In the 2019 Championship Show, fourteen NVRHA

members had 36 top - ten finishes and four class wins. This event held at the fabulous Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma in June of each year will no doubt see many of our top horses and riders in the future. Earlier NVRHA members blazed a winning trail at the AQHA Championship in the past, winning three Reserve Championships, a Championship and numerous Top Ten.

Gena and I were clinicians at the 5th Annual NVRHA sponsored Veterans Benefit Ranch Horse Roundup in Colorado Springs last summer. A new milestone was reach when the net contributions over the first five events topped \$50,000 which is used "Helping Our Vets". Our sponsorship partner,the Kit Carson Riding Club has done a phenominal managing this event!

NVRHA's basic foundation of "Fun and Education" continues to raise the bar in member achievements. We must never allow these two building blocks to be degraded! That's the way we want it and it sets the stage for even greater accomplishments in the "BRIGHT FUTURE !"

Jay Henson
NVRHA President

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Thanks Bill

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About half of our original NVRHA Founders are still actively supporting our organization, keeping it moving forward. One of those unsung hero's is Bill Hauschildt of Ramah, Colorado. Bill and wife, Lisa were active in the Association in the early days of the Association. Bill never rode in events due to health problems but was very active in the background, making things work, while Lisa participated.

He has been a Board Member from day one, always helping out. As time progressed, Bill took on Management of the National Finals when it was held at Norris Penrose Event Center. Participation often did not cover the costs of this expensive venue. Bill made the Event a big success. When the Event went into the red, he made up the difference.

He has been the Business Manager consultant of NVRHA since its founding, advising both the current and past President on perplexing issues! One of which was office management in which he offered the use of his Colorado Springs business' front office, as NVRHA could not afford the overhead of its own independent office. This has been a "God Send"! Nine to five telephone response, use of office equipment, and most of all, part time employment of one of his most trusted secretaries, Robin Mercer, to serve as secretary of NVRHA.

Robin's performance in this function has been stellar. Keeping track of points, managing the Awards program, becoming familiar with NVRHA issues, providing knowledgeable response to member inquiries, and many other duties.

Bill solved the office delemia for NVRHA and has stepped up



NVRHA FOUNDERS: Bill Hauschildt second from left. Left to right: Gena Henson, Bill, Dave Currin, Jay Henson, Jeff Barnes, Charlie and Donna Stewart

many times to sponsor NVRHA initiatives when funds were tight. NVRHA would like to thank this Founder and Friend of NVRHA. He has been a real Hero!

THANKS BILL!

NVRHA AWARDS FIRST DIAMOND TO MEGAN NEWLON AND LANGTREE CD

The Medal Achievement Award Series Initiated in 2019

Over the first thirteen years of NVRHA, over 800 horse / rider teams have participated in the NVRHA events. During this period, thirteen teams have earned the prestigious Legend Achievement Award, an average of about one a year. Upon achieving the Legend, riders have invested much time, money, and training and the horse has just reached a level where he or she has the potential for higher levels of achievement. Additionally, the potential for many years of enjoyment for the rider remains. The Medal Achievement Award Series was adopted by the NVRHA to provide a goal for these horses and riders to climb the ladder of excellence.

The Medal Award series consists of five levels (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond). Championship Points earned on the horse by multiple riders and owners are used to determine Award Levels. Medal Awards will be presented to horses having been awarded the "Legend" Award, that have earned 90 Championship Points in four of the five classes (Ranch Riding, Ranch Cutting, Ranch Trail, Working Ranch Horse, Ranch Conformation).

The Bronze Medal will be awarded to the Legend horse first earning 90 points in any of the five classes. The Silver Medal will be awarded to the Legend horse having earned a Bronze Medal and earning 90 points in a second class. The Gold Medal will be awarded to the Legend horse having earned both a Bronze and Silver

Medal, and earning 90 points in a third class. The Platinum Medal will be awarded to the Legend horse having earned a Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal; earning 90 points in a fourth class. The Diamond Medal will be awarded to the Legend horse having earned a Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Medal and a total of 450 Championship points.

Medals will be awarded annually at the National Finals Awards Banquet as they are earned starting with the Bronze Medal and progressing to Diamond Medal. Championship Points counted towards Medal Awards may be earned in any NVRHA Division (Youth, Novice Amateur, Limited Amateur, Amateur, and Open). All Championship Points earned will be counted regardless of owner, rider,



MEGAN'S MENTORS AND TRAINERS: Left to right Jay and Gena Henson- Channing Hawks. LANGTREE CD, MEGAN NEWLON, Vicki Newlon (Megan's Mother)

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Megan Newton's Story

NVRHA's First Diamond Metal Winner



LANGTREES CD

Ridden by MEGAN NEWLON awarded
The DIAMOND MEDAL
by Vicki Newlon and Dave Currin

As a kid growing up in Southwest Kansas, Megan has never been without horses in the barn. As a toddler, she played in dirt at team pennings in Hooker, Ok. progressing to the Pickard Arena Jr. Rodeo. As a 4 year old, she competed in various events including barrels. She rode a big 15.3 solid paint gelding, Dunning.

By the time Megan was 5, she started Team Sorting along w/ junior rodeos on Docs Promotion, AKA "Doc". He was just 7 years old but worth his weight in gold! In 2007 (Megan only 6 yrs. old), Megan and Doc were hi - point youth team sorter in Finney County, Kansas.

During one summer, Megan wanted her ears pierced so she made a deal with her mom. If she ran her barrels in less than 25 seconds, she could get it done. Normally she ran 28+ seconds, so mom thought it was a safe bet. Well, she scorched a 24 second pattern and coming home she was grinning ear to ear. Although Doc was great on barrels — performace events at the county fair didn't go so well, so Megan went to Channing Hawks for help.

Channing Hawks found a paint mare, Mr. Shezasilverzipper, AKA Stevie. Stevie and Megan started off in walk trot classes during the open summr shows. At the end of their 1st summer, they tried showing at a South Central Stock Association (SCSHA) weekend show. The pair won their walk - trot horsemanship class and that got her hooked! The following summer they went to all the SCSHA shows w/ Channing building a solid foundation for the future.

After 2 years with Stevie, Megan moved up to Sheik Royal Delux, AKA Roy Bob. 16.2 hands, Roy Bob was a gentle giant. In 2013 they won the Intermediate All Around at the Kansas State Fair. Their favorite events were showmanship, equitation, horsemanship and English pleasure. Megan and Roy Bob were a team for five years until the tragic loss of Roy Bob to cancer. Megan rode several horses in AQHA Youth over the next few years, but never found the right one.

In 2017, Megan purchased Langtrees CD, AKA Willy, an NVRHA Legend Award winner, from Shane Bangerter and her Versatility Ranch Horse adventure began. Her sophmore winter was spent learning to



ride versatility, working the flag, roping and working cattle. Sucess came quick for the Megan / Willy team as they were High Point Honor Roll Youth Limited at the 2017 National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance World Championship Show. In 2018, Megan and Willy won the Kansas State Fair Senior Alll Around in her last 4 - H State Fair Show.Megan and Willy won the NVRHA Limited

Novice Youth Division in both 2018 and 2019.

While her achievements in the horse world have been distinguished, she has also excelled in 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA President both her Junior and Senior years in High School and many other awards). Megan is now a Freshman at Oklahoma State University.



Meranda Wood Nickel

Ridden by CODY HENDRICKSON Awarded THE LEGEND AWARD

by Deb Martin

Like many of us, Cody's love for horses began at a very young age. Her early riding experiences were limited to 'dude ranch' horses, walking down a well-worn trail. Cody desired to have a horse of her own and saved every dollar she had to buy her first horse when she was 13 years old. Alaq, was the 5-year-old Arabian she sought to make her own. Not an especially good choice for an inexperience rider, but Cody learned a lot from that horse. Despite having spent many years of her youth working around horses, it wasn't until she got a job working for a reining and cutting horse trainer at the age of 21 that she realized how inexperienced she really was.

Four years later, Jersey (Meradas Wood Nickel) came in to Cody's life when her fiancé Steve bought Jersey as an engagement gift. Steve wanted to go horseback riding in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming for their honeymoon. Cody had come to favor the cow-horse type from her experience riding reiners and cutters - Jersey fit the cow-horse type. As a five-year-old, Jersey had been given a good start but had no experience in the show pen.

So when Cody decided to give National Versatility Ranch Horse Association a try it was a new experience for both her and Jersey. Cody never had a desire to show until she was introduced to the laidback atmosphere the Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association had to offer. Their first show together was in June 2015. She has been hooked ever since. While Cody started out riding in the Open division because of her earlier career

experience warm-up riding for a professional, after her marriage to Steve she focused only on her own horses and joined the growing group of supportive and challenging Amateur division riders. In Cody's wise hands, plus continued NVRHA education, the best of Jersey's natural talent in the world of Versatility was brought out. Others have spent eight to ten years before earning their Legend Award status. Cody and Jersey accomplished this amazing goal in only four years.

The 2019 show season proved to be very exciting for Cody and Jersey as they connected at a higher level. As with any good dance partner, it is important to know when to anticipate and when to just relax and let the magic of the versatility dance unfold. Anyone can see, Jersey is a great minded, eager to please mare with a very forgiving nature. Cody has really embraced the supportive environment and excellent clinicians that are part of NVRHA. She loves that "natural high" that comes from an awesome run in the show pen where both horse and rider are in sync. Cody stated, "My sense of accomplishment that we have improved as a team and performed to the best of our abilities is better than any ribbon. I credit our success to the amazing horsemen and horsewomen in NVRHA".

Cody is also a team player when not riding Jersey. She serves as a member of the Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association Board. Her dynamic leadership is demonstrated when it comes to hosting mini-clinics and convincing sponsors to support NLVRHA. She has handled the management of

ribbons and year-end awards and has also taken on the huge task of filling the NLVRHA affiliate treasurer role. What makes Cody so successful in the arena is her attention to detail and follow through, and she brings that same focus to the many tasks that helps the NLVRHA organization be successful. By giving back to NLVRHA, she helps make it possible for new people to find and get just as hooked on NVRHA as she is.

It is true what they say when giving gifts...the good deeds always come back to you. Cody has decided to let her husband Steve take the reins with Jersey so he can make his own mark in the NVRHA world. Steve, a professional farrier, has been a wonderful support to Cody at so many of the events he attends. From his



countless hours volunteering in the cattle handling pen to important tasks such as flat tire changing, tarp setting up, gate opening and closing to running for supplies, he's done it all with humility and a smile. It will be fun to cheer Steve and Jersey on to their next level. Cody also plans to continue in NVRHA by starting one of her new horses. Everyone in the Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association is very proud of Cody and her many achievements. We all are excited to stay tuned to watch this fine horsewoman and her next prospect continue to forge another new trail on the NVRHA journey.

CRITERIA FOR EARNING THE LEGEND AWARD

Horse must accrue
a minimum of 40
Championship Points in
four of the five Versatility
Ranch Horse Divisions
(Ranch Conformation,
Working Ranch Horse,
Ranch Cutting,
Ranch Trail, Ranch
Riding) and earn a
minimum of 200
Championship Points.



Superior Ranch Horse

Level of Achievement Award

To achieve the Superior Ranch Horse Award, a horse must earn 40 Championship Points in any of the five classes (Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Working Ranch Horse, Ranch Cutting or Ranch Conformation). An award may be earned in each class. Points may be earned by multiple owners.

Kay Cornelius – Vice President Sales at Niman Ranch – a meat company based in Denver CO. 4th generation family farmer/ rancher at Coyote Ridge Ranch in LaSalle CO.

Kay Cornelius grew up on a diversified crop and cattle ranch in Eastern South Dakota. She was active in 4-H with horse and livestock projects and was an integral part of the family ranch. She attended Colorado State University and received a BS in Animal Sciences and a MS in Meat Science.

Since 1993 Kay has worked in the meat industry her entire working career. For the past 12 years she has been working with Niman Ranch – whose focus is on supporting small family-owned farms and ranches raising cattle, pigs and lambs. Her team works with world-renowned chefs, specialty retailers across the entire US. She loves Niman Ranch because of their primary focus on preserving the livelihood for family farmers while also producing a product that is highly desired by chefs and gourmet retailers.

Kay is married to Hampton Cornelius and they have a 19 year old son. Together they are part of the family cattle ranch in Eastern Colorado called Coyote Ridge Ranch. They raise registered Herefords which they market to commercial cattlemen as well as other purebred breeders in Colorado, across the US and even internationally. Their cattle herd is known nationally as one of the pre-eminent sources for Hereford genetics. One of their most noted accomplishments has been to breed and raise the 2008 Supreme Champion bull “CRR About Time” and “CRR Catapult” – both have gone on to be two of the most widely used bulls in all

of the Hereford breed. The family ranch has produced cattle that have won national awards at all the major livestock shows in the U.S. Most recently they were awarded the 2020 Champion Pen of Three Hereford Bulls at the prestigious National Western Stock Show in Denver CO. This is the 6th time they have garnered that award – more than any other Hereford cattle breeder in the U.S.

One of the unique aspects of their ranch is all work is done using horses, not motorized vehicles. And even more unique, this ranch has chosen to use strictly mares – most of which have been sourced from Harrell Mackenzie Quarter Horses in Baker City OR – an AQHA Heritage breeder.

Kay started riding in NVRHA events in 2012. While she had a lifetime of riding experience, she was a VRH novice and had never performed reining patterns, cutting or any other NVRHA events. The NVRHA clinics and schooling competitions provided a way to improve riding skills at a pace that worked for her. She believes NVRHA clinics and competitions makes a more versatile ranch horse. She loves the cow work the best and “tolerates” Ranch Riding. She has accomplished much with HR Playin Dori – her favorite horse. But she has also competed on two other mares who are sisters – Avery’s French Doc and Autumn Like Frost. The best part of all is that she has gained life-long friends through NVRHA events. Kay has served on the board of CoVRHA and NVRHA for several years. When she’s not riding on the ranch or competing in NVRHA events, she and her family love to take the mares on pack trips and elk hunts into Colorado wilderness areas.

Meranda Wood Nickel

Working Ranch Horse | Ranch Cutting | Ranch Conformation

Exhibited by Cody Hendrickson

When Steve (Cody’s husband) bought Meranda Wood Nickel for an engagement gift and the two went to the Bighorn Mountains on their honeymoon, little did Cody know that six years later she and her horse would earn the prestigious NVRHA Legend Award. Steve and Cody run a horseshoeing business, working out of a thirty acre farm in Minnesota. Both are avid horsemen that made a great team working with horses every day.

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AR Especial

Working Ranch Horse | Ranch Cutting

Exhibited by Carlos Osario

Carlos and his wife Kelly are both accomplished riders in NVRHA. They hail from Madison, Wisconsin where they manage several businesses, to include a fabulous restaurant, a transition school for foreign students, a cheese factory and a large horse boarding facility. They were introduced to NVRHA by on the Parelli ranch in Florida. Over the last eight years, they have hosted NVRHA events, usually two a year, at their beautiful horse facility in Brooklyn, Wisconsin.

Carlos purchased AR Especial from Parelli and was a frequent visitor to his ranches in both Florida and Colorado. During Carlos’first NVRHA National Championship, he won the Amateur Ranch Riding Class. That was just a start, as he and AR Especial have worked their way to the top, culminating in the Legend Award at the 2019 NVRHA National Finals. Carlos and AR Especial will be honored as the fourteenth Legend at the 2020 National Finals.



DLB Smart Blue Bars

Working Ranch Horse

Exhibited by Sue Eisenman

Sue grew up on a dairy and beef farm in Minnesota. Growing up, her favorite chore was checking pastures five miles from home on a horse purchased from a local horse jockey. It didn’t take her long to get there and back. She always wanted to be a “cowgirl” and her dream was fueled by her first job as a wrangler in the Yellowstone Park, which began a love affair of the mountains and wide open spaces. She rarely misses a NVRHA event. In her words, “I now know the pure joy that comes with learning horsemanship and advancing our skills.

She has owned DLB Smart Blue Bars (LW) since he was a weanling and uses him extensively on cattle drives in Wyoming and park trips to the Rockies. LW and Sue have earned their NVRHA Superior Ranch Horse Champion, Superior in Working Ranch Horse and are well on the way to the Legend Award, since their introduction in NVRHA in 2011.

SLJ Ruby Slippers

Working Ranch Horse

Exhibited by Stephany Siitari

Stephany’s horse experience began as a ten year old in Maryland riding *Geronimo*, a black mustang stallion. In the early days of the Northern Lights Affiliate, Stephany purchased SLJ Ruby Slippers(Juice) as a two year old and began her “Journey to the Legend.” Two years later, after much hard work, the team won the NVRHA Novice Championship at the National Finals, the teams first major award. In 2017, they were reserve high point Year End Champion in the Amateur Division. Regretfully, last year, Stephany lost her beloved “Juice.”

In Stephany’s words — “Juice was a girls, girl ! She loves to have her mane brushed, to be scratched all over, and have her picture taken — she always greets me with a whinny and just hates it when the trailer leaves without her — oh such a long face ! All in NVRHA mourns with Stephany on the loss of this very special LEGEND!

Ranch Horse



Golden H Mister T ridden by Alecia Hines

Alecia is a farmer, bookkeeper, tow truck driver, and jack - of - all trades. She started showing horses at nine years old, in jumping, showmanship, English and ranch classes. Alecia earned two World titles on home raised horses and many other achievements in the Palomino Association, 4H and Future Farmers of America. She loves starting colts and roping.

She started Golden H Mister T and first exhibited him in NVRHA in the Collegiate Division. He and Alecia have earned numerous hi - point awards culminating in the Supreme Ranch Horse Championship. T is now being ridden by Emily Lappgard in the Novice Division in 2019, where he was Reserve Year End Champion.



Lil Red Jolena ridden by Sandy Perry



Electric Element ridden by Jan May

Langtrees CD ridden by Megan Newlon

Megan is currently a college student at Oklahoma State University, studing Agricultural Communication and Animal Science. She grew up around horses and was active in 4H, competing in rodeos and team sortings. In her sophmore year of high school, she got Langtrees CD (Willy), an NVRHA Legend and a whole new horse adventure began. She progressed rapidly in all the classes even though she had very little prior experience in cattle events. Langtrees CD (Willy) was very accomplished when Megan began riding him, having earned the Legend Award with Shane Bangerter. In Megan’s first year on Willy, she took him to a whole new level. The team was Youth Year End Champion, Youth Limited National Champion and Ranch Horse Supreme Champion. In 2019, she



repeated her Youth Championship of 2018 and earned the highest honor in NVRHA, THE RANCH HORSE DIAMOND METAL.

Meranda Wood Nickel ridden Cody Hendrickson

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Eds Parr Leo Belle ridden by Samantha Hager

Samantha Hager (Sam) grew up with horses showing Quarters and Paints in showmanship, western pleasure and english pleasure from a very young age. She became interested in working cattle about six years ago. Eds Parr Leo Belle was purchased essentially unbroken by her husband for Sam to pursue her new passion. She accepted the challenge of turning her into a Versatility horse and with Brad Weller and Jay Henson’s help has been very successful in her six year journey to the Supreme Championship honor.

Supreme Champion

Freckles N Firearms ridden by Jessie James

Jessie is a GSI Specialist for a pipeline company in southwest Colorado. It’s a long drive for her to get to NVRHA events, but she makes them because of the attraction to Versatillitiy Ranch Horse. Having become bored with single eventing, she and her horse Oily have excelled in NVRHA because of the variety of classes. Freckles N Firearms (Oily) is very special to Jessie as she raised him. He is by Sweetshot Playgun out of Jessie’s show mare My La Tee Dah. He has overcome his size of16-2 hands and excelled in NVRHA, finishing his Ranch Horse Championship in 2018 and his Ranch Horse Supreme Championship in 2019. Jessie credits this accomplishment to his heart and try.



Freckled Rico ridden by Matt Clark

Matt hails from southwest Kansas. He has been a rancher all his life, using horses to doctor and move cattle. He rode saddle bronc and bareback at Little Britches Rodeos in his youth and later in PRCA, retiring from rodeo in 2002. In his words — “ I enjoy the NVRHA classes where I can showcase my horse in events that he does everyday on the ranch.”



Matt purchased Freckled Rico in 2016. Matt and Rico, a nineteen year old gelding, were tenth overall at the AQHA World Show in 2019 and fourth overall in NRSHA. In 2019, they earned the NVRHA Ranch Horse Reserve High Point in the Limited Division and the NVRHA Supreme Ranch Horse Championship.

Ranch Horse



MAGIC DANCE MAN RIDDEN BY KELLY MESSERA



EL RAY
CONQUISTADOR
RIDDEN BY CINDY
ABSHIRE



SMARD CHIC MAGNET RIDDEN BY CONNIE BRASER



LANGTREES CD RIDDEN BY MEGAN NEWLON



OLENA LIL WRANGLER RIDDEN BY ANNE SHAFER



MERENDA WOOD NICKEL RIDDEN BY CODY HENDRICKSON

Champion



LITTLE LITO OTE RIDDEN BY STEPHANY SIITARI



BOOGER LITTLE FANCY FARICY RIDDEN BY LISA BUTLER



GALLOS SMOKIN TARI RIDDEN BY EMMA ALVEY



FRECKLE N FIREARMS RIDDEN BY JESSIE JAMES



EDS PARR LEO BELLE RIDDEN BY SAMATHA HAGER



PISTOL PACKIN PICASSO RIDDEN BY JUDY PARSONS

Most Improved Rider



Connie Brase riding Smart Chic Magnet

Connie grew up with horses at Lamar, Colorado and enjoyed supporting three daughters through 4-H and FFA. She taught Math and English for twenty seven years, completed her Masters Degree in Mental Health, and is now counseling in substance abuse.

Smart Chic Magnet by Chic Please and Connie made a great team during her first five years in NVRHA. Unfortunately, Connie lost him last spring at age eighteen. She is now riding a new six year old, Mr. Made Wright in Novice, excited to begin climbing the achievement ladder in her journey to riding excellence.



Dandy Bright Rawhide and Paulette Marshal

Paulette is a Real Estate Broker, who has been active in NVRHA since its founding. She has ridden five horses in NVRHA, making three Supreme Ranch Horse Champions and winning the Year End High Point in the Amateur Division in 2015 and the Limited Division in 2017.

Dandy Bright Rawhide, obtained from the Hashknife Ranch in Watrous, New Mexico at six months old, is a full sister to Paulette's 2015 saddle winner. Paulette evented her in two Novice classes in 2018 and won the COVRHA buckle series in the Limited Division in 2019.

A potential future Legend in the making.

NVRHA as a Family Affair

By Kelly Krueger

The Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association's annual year-end awards banquet is always a good time for winners, participants and guests. But the celebration for 2018 included three individuals that really stood out, not only because they all took home buckles, but because they are all family: Grandmother, Mom and Son. It isn't often that you can celebrate three generations of champions the same evening in NVRHA. Ann Goebel (Novice Champion), Hanna Hartman (Novice Reserve Champion) and Levi Hartman (Youth Champion) made that happen this year. How did an entire family find their way to NVRHA? I spoke with Hanna and discovered the path that led them to all those buckles.

Hannah has a long history with horses. She started riding when she was 6 and became competitive in western pleasure as a teen. At age 16 she got her first barrel horse, switched gears and went on to collegiate level rodeo. Ann was known as the "Ultimate Show Mom" and was there to support Hannah at every turn. Having grown up with horses on the farm, she understood her daughter's passion. But when Hanna left for college, her pleasure horse remained at home. Ann used that opportunity to start riding again and even began to compete.



After college, Hanna took a long break from horses. But in 2016 she was ready to jump back in. She wanted a more rounded "do-it-all" horse this time around. The search led her to the Diamond-McNabb ranch horse auction in Wyoming. She purchased a nice gelding there and was eager to find a discipline that would suit his talents. By then, Ann had already purchased a ranch horse of her own (also a McNabb horse) and was keen to help find a job for both equines. Versatility Ranch looked like the perfect fit. Mother and Daughter came to their first NLVRHA event in the fall of 2016. Not only was Hanna hooked... but her Mom was too. Deciding she needed a more competitive horse, Ann stepped up to one with some cutting training a few months later. And don't forget

Levi. He was only 6yrs old in 2016, but he had a pony at home and was listening closely when his Mom and Grandmother returned, talking all about the fun they had at the clinic and events. He may just have hatched a plan to join in with his pony (Batgirl) the following year.

In 2017, Levi attended a single NLVRHA event, showing his pony in some "modified classes" before the youth program was officially created. Not only did he have fun, but everyone watching appreciated his enthusiasm and the effort that he put forth. His classes were crowd favorites. But Levi wanted to try even more in 2018. With the creation of the NVRHA Youth Program, new opportunities and new goals appeared on the horizon. With great care a new horse was found for him and 17 year old "Last Dance to Cut" (aka "Snow White") joined the family. Levi (now age 8) and this big, gentle appendix mare make the kind of pair not easily forgotten and are very entertaining to watch. "Snow White" approaches new challenges calmly, taking the utmost care of her rider. In turn, Levi lavishes her with praise and affection. Just let your eyes stray over the crowd when they are in the arena, everyone's focus is on them and the smiles and cheers are many.



When asked what Hanna thought of NVRHA's Youth Program, she was quick support it. "It is just amazing. It has given Levi a chance to grow, try new things and advance his riding skills. It motivates him to practice at home too." With a pause, she added "I think he inspires the adult riders and he is inspired by them." I couldn't agree more, as I am one of those riders inspired by his pure joy, enthusiasm and the genuine love for his horse. Watching Levi reminds me of what we all strive to achieve, those moments of utter bliss felt between horse and rider.

While I had her on the phone, I couldn't miss the opportunity to ask Hanna, "Just how competitive does the family get when everyone is at the show together?" Hanna laughed and said that Levi simply loves all the cattle events. But his favorite thing is to pen his cow, then watch while his Mom and Grandmother try. If they don't quite get it done... Levi is the first to tease and razz them!



Docs Shiney Pistol and Mike Beakley

Wish to thank the following people for making our initial season in NVRHA a success:

- » Jay & Gena Henson
- » Dr. Tom Wendel DVM and staff
- » Mr. Lonnie Aragon - Farrier
- » Mr. Rich Schubert - Total Equine Feed

A special THANK YOU to Penny Beakley for taking care of everything at home while I was off having fun.



Year Ed Champions

YOUTH NOVICE



2018

- 1st - Bonnies Tari ridden by Jessica Dekker
- 2nd - Gallos Smokin Tari ridden by Emma Alvey
- 3rd - Dual Cutters Doll ridden by Aneka Normandie



JESSIE DEKKER AND BONNIES TERI



ANEKA NORMADIE AND EMMA ALVEY



EMMA VALEVY AND
GALLOS SMOIN TARI



2019

- 1st - Bee A Captain ridden by Grace Douglas
- 2nd - Bets Smart Lena ridden by Morgan Eskam



GRACE DOUGLES AND BEE A CAPTAIN



MORGAN ESDAM AND BETS SMART LENA

Year Ed Champions

LIMITED YOUTH



2018

- 1st - Langtrees CD - ridden by Megan Newlon
- 2nd - Olenas Meranda - ridden by Savanah Smith
- 3rd - Mr Made Wright - ridden by Brice Bagley



MEGAN NEWLON AND LANGTREES CD

2019

- 1st - Langtrees CD - ridden by Megan Newlon
- 2nd - Gallos Smokin Tari - ridden by Emma Alvey



MEGAN NEWLON AND LANGTREES CD



SAVANAH SMITH AND MEGAN NEWLON



SAVANAH SMITH AND OLENAS MERANDA



EMMA ALVEY AND GALLOS SMOKIN TARI

Year Ed Champions

NOVICE DIVISION



2018
HIGH POINT - Kelly Preisser
 Riding Ka Ray
RESERVE - Vicki Benson
 Riding Rey Star
THIRD - Janel Opeka Riding
 Endeavors Magic



VICKI BENSON AND KELLY PREISSER



KA RAY



REY STAR



ENDEAVORS MAGIC

2019
HIGH POINT - Roxanne Burton riding Masked Merader
RESERVE - Emily Lappegaard riding Golden H Mister T
THIRD - Michael Beakley riding Docs Shiney Pistol



MASKED MERADER



DOCS SHINEY PISTOL



GOLDEN H MISTER T



Year Ed Champions

LIMITED DIVISION

2018
HIGH POINT - Sandy Perry
 Riding Lil Red Jolena
RESERVE - Debbie
 Raymond Riding Chexy
 Bar West
THIRD - Jessie James
 Riding Freckles N
 Firearms



DEBBIE RAYMOND, JESSIE JAMES AND SANDY PERRY



LIL RED JOLENE



CHEXY BAR WEST



FRECKLES N FIREARMS

2019
HIGH POINT - Lisa Butler
 riding Boogers Little Fancy
RESERVE - Matt Clark riding
 Freckled Rico
THIRD - Judy Parsons riding
 Pistol Pakin Picasso



PISTOL PACKIN PICASSO



BOOGERS LITTLE FANCY



FRECKLED RICO



Year End Champions

AMATEUR DIVISION

2018

HIGH POINT - Cody Hendrickson riding Merandas Wood Nickel



RESERVE - Shane Bangerter riding Lil Bit of Chic



2019

HIGH POINT - Carllose Osorio riding AR Especial



RESERVE - Sue Eisenman riding DLB Smart Blue Bars



NVRHA National Finals 2019

The 12th Annual NVRHA National Finals was held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska on Sept. 20 -22, 2019. This was the fourth location at which the Finals was held. The Inaugural Finals was held in 2008 at the Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Other locations include Pheonix, Arizonia and Elbert, Colorado. The Lincoln, Nebraska location was selected because of its centralized location between the NVRHA's Affiliates and the exceptional facilities available.

The Event was well attended and very professionally executed. The South Central Affiliate did an exceptional job as the Event Manager. NVRHA would like give a special thanks to Brian Duer, who served as our on - site organizer and manager. The outlook is bright for future Finals at the Lancaster Event Center, which has expansive facilities and excellent staff to handle future growth.



LANCASTER EVENT CENTER: Lincoln, NB



NVRHA'S WORLDS CREATED HORSEMAN

2018 CHAMPION
Katie Kirsh riding
TRR Lil Shining Polo



2018 RESERVE
Shane Bangerter
riding Lil Bit of
Chic



2019 CHAMPION
Megan Newlon riding
Langtrees CD

2019 RESERVE
- Katie Kirsh
riding Gallo Del
Morado



National Finals Champions

YOUTH DIVISION



JESSICA DEKKER

2018 NOVICE

Champion - Jessica Dekker riding Taris Bonnie

Reserve - Morgan Eskam riding Bets Smart Lena

2019 NOVICE

Champion - Morgan Eskam riding Bets Smart Lena

Reserve - Grace Douglas riding Bee A Captain



MORGAN ESKAM

LIMITED

Same horse and rider were Champion and Reserve both years

Champion - Megan Newlon riding Langtrees CD



MEGAN NEWLON



NAOMI JOHNSON

National Finals Champions

NOVICE DIVISION

2018 CHAMPION

Sarah Johnson riding Moores Shining Star



2019 CHAMPION

Roxanne Burton riding Masked Merada

2018 RESERVE

Emily Lappegaard riding Golden H Mister T



2019 RESERVE

Michael Beakley riding Docs Shining Pistol

National Finals Champions

LIMITED DIVISION

2018 CHAMPION

Jessie James riding
Freckles N Firearms



2019 CHAMPION

Lisa Butler riding Boogers Little Fancy

2018 RESERVE

Debbie Raymond riding Chexy Bar West



2019 RESERVE

Matt Clark riding Freckled Rico

National Finals Champions

AMATEUR DIVISION

2018 CHAMPION

Cody Hendrickson riding Meades Wood Nickel



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Carlos Osario riding A R Especial

2018 RESERVE

Shane Bangerter riding Lil Bit of Chic



2019 RESERVE

Sue Eisenman riding DLB Smart Blue Bars

Warrior Vet Ranch Horse Roundup

HELPING OUR VETS



CONTRIBUTIONS EXCEED \$50,000

NVRHA and KIT CARSON RIDING CLUB of Colorado Springs partnered together for the past five years to put on the annual RanchHorse Round Up - Healing Our Military Vet Event. 100% of net proceeds go to nonprofits offering programs supporting our military and their families.

Proceeds are split between the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Club, YMCA / Camp Shady Brook, the Remount Foundation, and Home Front Cares. Camp Shady Brook and Remount give summer camp priority to children of fallen / injured soldiers. Remount provides equine therapy, family trail rides, and Home Front Cares provides grants to qualified military families.

Over \$52,000 has been raised over the last five years. In 2018, \$11,354.58 was raised and monies were awarded at the NVRHA National Finals Banquet. In 2019, \$12,900.00 was raised.



Kit Carson

Riding Club, founded in 1944, provides the facility and planning for the event. Jim Armstrong and his sixteen committee members meet regularly from January through the event execution, insuring every detail is attended. The Kit Carson Club organizes both a silent and live auction as well as other fund raising activities, providing a major component of funds raised. About thirty riders participate in the event with their registration fee donated to the event proceeds. Entries close early and there is always a waiting list.

NVRHA provides clinicians and judges for the event. These volunteer professionals hold clinics in Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Working Ranch Horse and Ranch Cutting. The current president of NVRHA, Jay Henson and his wife Gena, both accomplished Professionals, have served as Clinicians for both the inaugural event and the most recent. Jeff Barnes, one of NVRHA founders,

has served as cutting clinician at three of the five events. Other clinician / judges include Lavert Avent, Dave Dillman, Channing Hawks, Rita Lauby (twice), Jack McComber, Rich Sarah, Donna Stewart (twice), Brad Weller (twice), and Frank Ybarra.

A very meaningful part of the event is the Grand Entry, where participants, volunteers, and guests ride or walk into the arena as the names of those honored and remembered are read. It was a solemn, yet sweet melding of the reality of the price paid by our military and their families, along with a depth of patriotism and unspeakable gratitude when considering the sacrifices paid on our behalf. The Grand Entry is followed by Presentation of the Colors by the El Paso County's Mounted Patrol.

At the NVRHA Finals Banquet during the donation ceremony, it was gratifying and inspiring to hear from each of the nonprofits as to how the funds from one year would be utilized. The Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Club would help at least three warriors with post dramatic stress, traumatic brain injury, or loss - of - limb attend rehabilitation programs. YMCA / Camp Shady Brook - in conjunction with Camp Corral - will sponsor five children of fallen or injured soldiers attend a one-week horse camp. The Home Front Cares will give emergency grants to qualified military families to help keep people in their homes.

Kit Carson Riding Club would like to THANK all the volunteers and contributors who made this phenomenal event and its resuting contributions to our Warrior Vets possible. A very special Thanks goes to the Warrior Vet Ranch Horse Roundup original founder, Mickey Althouse. Throughout the program, "Mickey has been the glue that held the program together and made it successfull."

"It is in the small things we do together that can be of meaningful help to those who saw it their duty to



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NVRHA and NRSHA

NEW ALLIANCE, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Newfound alliance challenges NVRHA members to take their skills to the next level.

Pioneering minds and concentrated efforts between the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association (NVRHA) and fellow ranch horse organizations across the nation led to the development of the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance (NRSHA), which was founded and formally introduced into the equine industry in 2018.

NVRHA is a founding member of NRSHA along with five other like-minded groups including the East Coast Stock Horse Association (ECSHA), Oklahoma Stock Horse Association (OkSHA), Stock Horse of Texas (SHTX), Western States Versatility Ranch Horse Association (WSVRHA), and lastly, the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA).

“The alliance was developed to preserve and promote ranching traditions and heritage through competitive ranch and stock horse events, highlighting the versatility of the ranch and stock horse including its innate ability to handle livestock on a national level,” stated the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance explaining the objectives behind the organization.

They wanted to form a national championship show for the members of the alliance partners to compete against one another in order to give riders an opportunity to take their skills to the next level.

“The 2020 NRSHA National Championship Show will be held June 23-28 at the legendary Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma in conjunction with the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championship Show, AQHA Ranching Heritage Challenge Finals, and AQHA Level 1 Cattle Championships,” NRSHA stated.

The Lazy E Arena is commonly known as one of the most distinguished arenas and home to annual prestigious events. Competing at the NRSHA National Championship Show allows riders to share the dirt with many elite competitors in a phenomenal facility. During the show, three outstanding arenas run concurrently in addition to the crafty, authentic outdoor courses where the trail classes are held.

Classes offered at the NRSHA National Championship Show include Ranch Reining, Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail, Ranch Cutting, and Ranch Cow Work. These classes mirror those hosted at NVRHA events; however, the NRSHA National Championship Show separates the reining and the cow work classes unlike NVRHA’s ‘Working Ranch Horse’ class. Additionally, Ranch Conformation will not be held at the show due to several alliance

partners not offering the class in their own organizations.

NRSHA division assignments correlate directly with NVRHA as well in order to provide a competitive environment suitable for every rider. Competition divisions include Open, Amateur, Limited Amateur, Novice Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth, and Novice Youth.

“In order to qualify to compete in the 2020 NRSHA National Championship Show, a rider must show in at least three events hosted by NVRHA or any other alliance partner between March 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020. Qualifications are based on the horse and rider pair in all divisions except the Open division, where qualification is based on the horse only. The qualification season for the 2021 NRSHA National Championship Show will begin on March 1, 2020 and conclude on February 28, 2021,” NRSHA stated.

NVRHA members have boasted incredible performances at the NRSHA National Championship Show in the past and only look to increase those numbers in the future. During the 2019



THE LAZY E ARENA, HOME TO THE NRSHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: Morgan Eskam and Bets Smart Lena were named 2019 Novice Youth NRSHA National Champions in the Novice Youth Ranch Cow Work. Pictured Morgan Eskam.

Championship Show, NVRHA was represented by 14 members which together contributed to four class winners and 36 top 10 finishes.

The National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance is providing innumerable opportunities for riders of all levels to take their skills to the next level through the National Championship Show; the National Versatility Ranch Horse Association is honored to be a part of The Alliance and challenges members to take advantage of the opportunity set before them and reap the incredible experience of the elite event.

Cori Atteberry

2018 HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

by Paulette Marshall

You could say Cori Atteberry is the NVRHA. She attended the very first NVRHA event at T Cross Ranch in September 2007 and has attended every Colorado event, some in Kansas, New Mexico, Arizona, and every National Finals since then!

From that first event she has made it her mission to better her horses and her horsemanship and to be involved in the association in such a way to help all NVRHA members have a better experience.

When the COVRHA was formed in 2011, she was a founding member and has constantly served on the board in numerous capacities, including president. She has also served on the NVRHA board from 2012-2018 and her accomplishments there included creating and updating the current web site and revitalizing the NVRHA office management procedures.



CORI RIDING TWO WATCH: NVRHA Performance Champion, Ranch Horse Supreme Champion, Superior Working Ranch Horse earning a total of 157 Championship Points.

The Office is a critical component of NVRHA and when it moved to its current location in Colorado Springs, Cori volunteered to assist in its start up. She developed standard operating procedures which allowed Robin Mercer to solve many significant problems in it operation which had hampered NVRHA as it evolved. Cori adapted the Point System to a Digital Format and has insured it accomodated rule changes for the Open



CORI RIDING RAWHIDE TRAIN ON HER WAY TO NVRHA RANCH HORSE CHAMPION

and Youth Divisions— a major revision and accomplishment. This has been a God Send for the Organization!

When it comes time for an NVRHA National Finals Event, you can be sure that Cori is working in the background to make sure all details are attended to. She has trained many in the use of the Digital based Score Tabulation which significantly speeded Awards presentation at the end of Events. This process was reduced from as much as an hour to as little as 20 minutes. Cori , THANK YOU!

Cori grew up in a ranching family living on ranches in Idaho and Montana. She and her younger twin sisters had several horses and learned at a young age about spending hours in the saddle moving cattle from



CORI GREW UP RIDING ON THE FAMILY RANCH

here to there. She rode her horse “Monte” in lots of 4-H competition and in 1986 was Miss Livingston Roundup – a rodeo queen! She’s a team roper too.

She has ridden a total of 5 horses in NVRHA (including that one that bucked her off in the trail class at that very first event...) Like all of us, Cori started on the horse she had, and then sought to be better and have a better horse. Blondie was a bit too fast in the ranch riding, but she could really run and stop in the reining and is now her husband’s #1 calf roping horse.

Two Watch (or Timex, as we called him because we knew someday he’d be a Rolex) had some cutting training and Cori rode him for several seasons achieving the Performance Horse Champion. Cori and



MISS LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO QUEEN RIDING MONTE

Timex showed us all about getting it done in the WRH class, roping that cow time and again.

In 2014, the Hashknife Ranch, from Watrous NM, donated a 2 yr old filly to the COVRHA year end auction. In lively auction bidding, Cori’s husband, Merlyn won out and Cori now has Rawhide Train (aka Cricket). Cori thinks Cricket has what it takes to make a champion ranch versatility horse – we’ll all be watching her achieve great things with Cricket.

An NVRHA Horseman of the Year demonstrates participation, achievement and volunteerism – Cori has given all that and more – thank you Cori!

Jay and Gena Henson

2019 HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR



When you think of Jay and Gena being honored as Horsemen of the year, it's such an understatement. "Horsemen of the Decade" or even longer would be a more accurate title. They helped build the foundation for NVRHA, spending many, many hours formulating the founding principles and rules. Having lived their entire lives on the Ranch, they were grounded in the Ranch Horse tradition, which made them a key player in NVRHA's success. They instilled this knowledge passionately into NVRHA and have continued to do so over the years. Many a novice rider has shown up on their doorstep and later became a top NVRHA rider as a result of their guidance and tutoring. In fact, ten of the fourteen current



NVRHA Legends were trained and/ or sold by W-H Training Stables.

After the first seven years of NVRHA, Jay stepped up at a critical time and took the reins as President. His leadership over the next five years was stellar. He held firm on founding principles, keeping the Association headed in the right direction. He established NVRHA as a key partner in the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance, making NVRHA a prime player on the world stage. He elevated the National Finals into a topnotch horse event after it's move to Lincoln, Nebraska establishing a bright future for the event. Both he and Gena volunteered to be judges and clinicians at both the first and the most recent Warrior Vet Ranch Horse Roundup, which has raised over \$40,000 for Vets and their families dealing with disabilities. Their day to day passionate support to NVRHA and its members has been key to the NVRHA's success.

Being selected as Horseman of the year is one way NVRHA says "Thank You" for support to NVRHA. In Jay and Gena's case, it's Thank You for close to eighteen years of support at the VERY HIGHEST LEVEL.

by Alecia Heinz

The National Versatility Ranch Horse Association was made with the purpose of showcasing and preserving the working ranch horse in American life. As many of us have come to know, there are a few standard rules to showing in our club and those rules are certainly never allowed to be forgotten:

1. Peetchur horse. Praise is critical in horse training, and at times is even more important than correction.
2. Git thur. Time can never be wasted when working a cow. You are either in position, or your behind.
3. Carry on. Ranch life can be darn hard sometimes, and in the end, as long as you keep going, you will eventually get to your destination.

If you had a certain southern drawl going as you read those lines, then you know exactly what part of the United States I'm referring to. One of the biggest gems that belongs to NVRHA resides in southwest Kansas, where the wind blows and a couple buffalo wander around. This year's Horsemen of the Year are Jay and Gena Henson.

Jay grew up on a ranch in New Mexico, and has plenty of ranchy stories from his youth. He can tell of many life lessons learned from backing his horse into a hot wire fence and getting run amuck by colts and calves, just to have his dad throw him back in the saddle



and ask "d'ya lern anythin'?". Of course, learning new things is just what Jay likes. Ask him about how many hobbies he has had over the years: training dogs, leather working, rawhide braiding, mecate making, bit making.... I bet there isn't much that he hasn't looked into. Horse training was his interest, and he packed up the day he graduated to go work for a horse trainer.

Gena grew up fast, graduating high school at 16. She attended college in Goodwell just because she could and took 5 outside horses with her. Horse training was all she has ever wanted to do. Gena was raised in the horse show spotlight, breaking her own horses at a young age and keeping them honest. It was all good practice for what she was going to be dealing with when she married Jay. They met at a horse show in their youth, and rumor has the first date happening at the Clovis Horse Sale in New Mexico. Not sure how they figured out who paid the tab. They seemed to get along, and got married at the ripe old age of 19. Some might have called 'em young and dumb, especially when overindulging at the circus next door to the futurity (ok, it was Jay) but we must appreciate all the youthfulness that these two old farts still bring to NVRHA events. It is this youthful exuberance that has made one of the biggest impacts for our growing organization.

The Henson's have shown and won at every level of horse competition, and in a large variety of associations. Wisdom comes with having seen it all, and yet they are still just as positive and chipper as they were the day before. It is infectious and they have

developed quite the crazy following. You can belong to the group no matter where you are from, or how far away you originate. Just come spend Mother's Day weekend at the ranch, get adopted and don't forget to call periodically.

Life at the Henson's place is usually pretty simple. Coffee in the morning, ride 'til noon. A quick blessing over the Schwan's man who provided dinner. Riding more in the afternoon or doing whatever odd

jobs could be done in the current day's temperatures. Weather can vary drastically every 24 hours in SW Kansas, so you usually have to make the best of it. Family time is in the evenings with a good drink and you can bet there's a lot of fun in that mix.

So how did these 2 folks come into our club? What came first, the chicken or the egg? To be honest, we are all here because of them. And Dave Currin, of course. The men came up with the crazy ideas, and Gena kept them grounded enough to make sure it all worked. Over a five year period prior to NVRHA's founding in 2007, all 3 dedicated many long hours helping formulate the class descriptions, divisions, inventing rules, judging criteria and clinic development. New Start events were numerous in the early days and Jay and Gena set high standards for ranch event clinicians and judging practices. Jay took the reins as NVRHA President in 2014 and worked very closely with AQHA during the founding of NRSHA, establishing NVRHA as one of the key partnered associations.

I'm sure they could have a climate controlled arena by now for all the free clinics they've given to new starts and free help given to their 'crew' at shows just because they can. Days of travel and tanks of fuel spent on road trips to nowhere just to help

somebody out. There's also been a lot of cash spent on the necessary booze and cigarettes after watching all of us bafoons run around on horseback trying to hear their worn out voices hollering something about those rules I mentioned before. After experiencing my own weekend as a clinician back in 2013, I asked how they put up with all of us amateurs. I got the response "That's why we smoke, and that's why we drink." Needless to say, I apologized profusely after that experience for anything I had ever done to them as clinicians. Never take a good clinician for granted, and don't forget the booze!

However, I will be adamant, there is not a chance we could ask for a better team to guide us forward. The Henson's each have their specialties, and as luck would have it, a ranch horse has to have it all. Jay says every horse trainer has a knack for something, and then builds on that knack. He has the innate ability to get about any horse to stop, and Gena is the ruling queen of flying lead changes. I can vouch, both of them are excellent teachers with the goal of helping you and your horse get better.

If you are new to the NVRHA, or you're looking for a trainer/clinician/friend/family, then this year's Horsemen of the Year combo couldn't get any truer. Jay and Gena Henson neither one have lived a day without a horse, and they know the world turns around that inside plant foot. It takes a level head and a steady foot pace. You can go faster or slower, and some of both is best. A little rigidity in the hock to hold yourself grounded but softness is still required to make the world go 'round.





Colorado Versatility Ranch Horse Association

2019 COLORADO BUCKLE SERIES WINNERS

2020 SCHEDULE

APRIL 18-19
COLORADO KICKOFF
Delayed due to COVID-19
to be rescheduled

MAY 23-24
**MEMORIAL DAY
ROUNDUP**
Latigo Event Center
Elbert, CO

JUNE 13-14
**EASTERN PRAIRIE
SHOWDOWN**
Lamar Community
College
Lamar, CO

JULY 11-12
**MID SUMMER
RENDEZVOUS**
Latigo Event Center
Elbert, CO

AUGUST 15-16
**COLORADO
COWHANDS**
Kiowa, Co

SEPTEMBER 6
FINALS WARM-UP
Latigo Event Center
Elbert, Co

OCTOBER 10-11
FALL GATHERING
Latigo Event Center
Elbert, Co

Northern Lights Versatility Ranch Horse Association

2018 YEAR END AWARD WINNERS



YOUTH NOVICE: Levi Hartman and Last Dance to Cut



NOVICE AMATEUR:
Ann Goebel and
Randy Blue Sue



LIMITED AMATEUR:
Lisa Butler and
Boogers Little
Fancy



AMATEUR: Carlos Osorio and AR Especial



OPEN: Katie Kirsch and TRR Little Shining Palo



HORSE PERSON OF THE YEAR
2018 Lisa Butler
2019 Ann Goebel

2019 YEAR END AWARD WINNERS



YOUTH NOVICE:
Lydia Johnson and
Moore Shining Stars

YOUTH LIMITED:
Naomi Johnson and
Moore Shining Stars



NOVICE: Hanna Hartman and Playboy C3



LIMITED AMATEUR: Lisa Butler and Boogers Little Fancy



AMATEUR: Cody Henderson and Merandas Wood Nickel



OPEN: Kelly Messara and Magic Dance Man

2020 SCHEDULE

MAY 23-24; Brooklyn, WI.
Canceled due to Covid19, being rescheduled

JUNE 13-14; River Falls, WI

JUNE 23-28; Guthrie, OK

JULY 11-12; River Falls, WI

AUG 1-2; Hinckley, MN

AUG 28-30; Hinckley, MN

END OCT. 2020 FALL RENDEZVOUS



2020 SCHEDULE

MAY 7-10
W - H RANCH
RENDEZVOUS
CLINIC AND DOUBLE
COMPETITION

Hugoton, KS
Being rescheduled
due to COVID-19

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CLINIC AND
COMPETITION
Norton, KS

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NOVICE YOUTH
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LIMITED YOUTH
MEGAN NEWLON
NOVICE AMATEUR
EMILY LAPPEGARD
LIMITED AMATEUR
JUDY PARSONS
OPEN
JESSICA HUMBARGER

**2018 DIVISION
WINNERS**
NOVICE YOUTH
CAMDEN WILSON
LIMITED YOUTH
MEGAN NEWLON
NOVICE AMATEUR
KIM WILSON
LIMITED AMATEUR
ANNA SHAFER
AMATEUR
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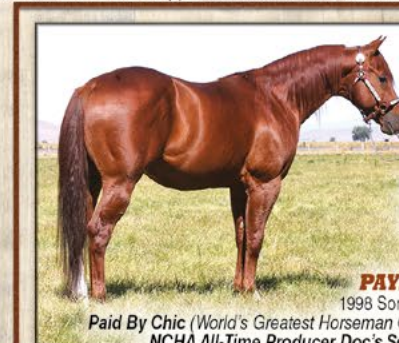
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