

Blue Sky Turkey Day

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It was a show to remember, because the weather outperformed all predictions, and so did the horses!

Contestants dressed to face the cold. However, the ground was dry and the sun was shining at the historic Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa, Colo. On Nov. 8-9, 2008, for the Turkey Day Show, the culmination of the 2008 CRCA season and the first season of the High Five competition.

The danger of suffering the feeling of cold was still imminent, but all were prepared. Winds were calm, but competition fierce.

Jim Cook won the 10-entry open futurity riding Misters Miss Remedy for owners Pam and Todd Bailey of Golden, Colo. She is by Mister Dual Pep out of a daughter of Master Remedy.

"Nobody is showing to play anymore, everyone wants to win," said Cook. Scoring 73 points in the herd work, 73.5 points in the reined work, to take a lead for the overall title.

"I think that our judge, Jack McComber, did a good job. He spread the points out and was consistent in his decisions," said Cook, earning \$729 in all.

Despite dire predictions, the weather was even better for the Sunday show. The two day competition attracted 117 entries and paid out \$8616.00 in all.

Reserve futurity champion was Aaron Ralston riding Tazzy Jo Lena. Ralston and his wife, Meg, purchased the mare from owners, Jon and Abby Winkelried of the Marvine Ranch of Meeker, Colo. She is by Pepto Taz out of San Jo Linda. The Winkelreid's also own NCHA Horse of the Year, Copaspepto.

Despite the lack of entries in the Non Pro Futurity, Nebraska cowboy, Todd Thieszen, proved his merit by scoring 214.5 points to win the title. He rode his ranch raised buckskin gelding, Shiner Bock Nic. Sired by Night Time Shiner out of Thieszen's champion mare, Diggers Diamond Nic.

The derby events were also competitive, with 7 entries in both open and non pro divisions.

Tim Unzicker scored 222.5 points to win the open derby and hackamore class riding Magic Dog Ranch mare, Hailn Magic Diamonds. They placed second in the herd work to Jim Cook riding Von Freckle Nic. They won the reined and fence work to complete the victory.

Hailn Magic Diamonds was bred and raised by Jerry Peters' Magic Dog Ranch of Kiowa, Colo. The four year old mare by Shine Like Hail out of Thief of Hearts has earned over \$22,500 so far. She has indeed given a magic touch to her performance in the showpen.

"It is great to have a horse that wins money most of the time," said Peters. "It is satisfying to have watched her grow up and watch her be so inquisitive as a yearling. Seeing that become a winning trait is something to be proud of."

Reserve honors in the open derby and hackamore went to Jean Moore's black stallion, Shiny Black Shiner and rider, Darren Miller.

The true Cinderella magic story of the weekend show belonged to non pro derby champion, Gray Samenfink of Erie, Colo.

Samenfink posted a dismal 60 points in the herd work, so his trainer, Darren Miller, advised him to cruise his good mare, Lotta Hickory Smoke, thru the reined work.

"I just sat still and she made a great run," said Samenfink. "Then I drew a great fence cow, it was fast but had lots of honor and was easy to handle."

Todd Thieszen was right there with Samenfink, tying for the win at 207.5 points, but posting 6 points less in the fence work to earn the reserve title.

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We have many exciting shows scheduled for the 2009 season and invite you to join us!