

Sagebrush Slide & Cowhorse Classic

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The Colorado Reined Cowhorse association hosted the annual Sagebrush Slide and Cowhorse Classic NRHA and NRCHA show June 2-6 at the historic Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, Colo.

The number of entries and the payout remained fairly steady from the 2009 to 2010 shows. The reining show attracted 411 entries and paid out \$29,763. The cowhorse show attracted 374 entries and paid out \$64,610. The AQHA special event hosted 126 reining and 59 cowhorse entries. Like other successful shows, the Sagebrush offers great entertainment value. A barbecue was held Saturday evening prior to the NRHA open derby class, hosted by Wilson and Susan Lyle, sponsored by Discount Tire Company. The great food and live music made exhibitors feel appreciated. A Calcutta was held at the barbecue to auction the open derby entries and raised \$3,300 for the youth fund.

“Another fun thing that Susan (Lyle) did for the cowhorse show was give ‘hard luck’ gift baskets for the lowest score without being a zero,” said Sarah Clymer. “The baskets were full of nice stuff, so everyone was teasing about trying to get one if they had trouble.”

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Robbie Boyce won the 27-entry open derby riding Mr. Playinstylish for Kit and Charlie Moncrief of Ft. Worth, Texas. The team won the herd and fence work portions and tied to win the reined work to earn \$6,552 in all. This is a repeat championship at the Sagebrush for the 5 year old stallion, who won last year with trainer Boyd Rice in the saddle. He is by Playin Stylish out of Tari Chic Gay.

Boyce was the high money winner of the show, earning \$10,503 riding 5 derby horses. He tied for the reserve championship in the open derby, scoring 430 points aboard Lyle Lovett’s mare, Nic It In the Shiney, earning \$2,548.

CRCA president Blue Allen won the 21-entry intermediate open derby and tied for the reserve championship in the open derby riding Mister Kat. Owner Jack Rosenbaum purchased the 4-year-old gelding last year from Karen Murray, both are clients of Allen. He is by Mister Dual Pep out of Smart N Katsi.

“This horse has been a good learning experience for me, as I have struggled after making the limited open finals on him at Reno,” said Allen. “I just wanted him to always be perfect everyday and so I picked on him too much. That frustrated him and so, I learned to relax him and get him back to feeling happy and liking his job.”

Chris Dawson rode Lenas Metermaid to the reserve intermediate open title for owner Jack Bogart. They also earned fourth place money in the open to earn \$3,463 in all. The 2006 mare is by Diamond J Star out of Toulouse Lena and had finished sixth in the intermediate open division of the 2009 Snaffle Bit Futurity.

Texas cowboy Zeb Corvin was a repeat champion in the limited open derby this year riding Lady Dox for Kim Reynolds’ Neo Villa Ranch, Amarillo, Texas. He won last year riding his horse, Ima Starlight Kid. His composite score of 425.5 points this year also earned him the \$5,000 novice horse open championship and a total of \$2,112 for his effort. Reynolds purchased the mare by Playdox out of Gay Lady Glo as a 2-year-old from the NCHA sale. Corvin and she won the limited open derby at the 2010 Circle Y Ranch event in San Angelo, Texas.

Robbie Boyce was reserve champion in the novice horse derby riding SCR Smart Jynna for his neighbors, Joe Paul and Shauna Nichols, Jacksboro, Texas.

“She is a good fence horse, so I just keep her clean in the herd and reined work,” said Boyce. “I have lots of mares in training, I think that is a trend. People have good options with owning a mare. This is the Nichols second reined cowhorse, we bought our ranch from them.”

It is a great pleasure when a horse keeps getting better the more that it gets trained and shown. Brothers Kyle and Chase Trahern are getting to enjoy that special kind of horse right now in their gelding, MH Bold Intentions.

Chase showed the bay gelding to win both the 11-entry non pro derby and the 17-entry amateur derby. Kyle was reserve champion in the limited open derby, their combined efforts added another \$2,015 to the horses current \$22,000 show record.

This special horse is by Bodee Boonsmal out of Freckles Docs Oak. Kyle Trahern was reserve champion in the limited division at the Circle Y Ranch derby, before winning the NRCHA Stakes limited open derby and placing third in the intermediate division.

Justin Hill was reserve champion in the non pro derby riding his 5-year-old mare, Cinnabars Lil Spark. She is by Hill's stallion Cinnabars Lil Lena out of Shiners Oakie Val and has lifetime earnings over \$18,000 to date.

Pam Bailey guided her mare, Quickinic Dual to win the 5-entry \$3,500 novice horse non pro class and reserve honors in the amateur derby class. She is by Mister Dual Pep out of Quickinici Lena.

John Keller was the reserve champion in the novice horse non pro division riding his gelding, Soula Nova. Kansas cowboy Matt Koch won the \$1,000 Limited derby riding FF Roan Sandy for Haythorn Land & Cattle of Arthur, Neb.

sassociation. "It is great to see the good horses and the amount of local entries here. It is a compliment to the CRCA all that they have done here to promote the cowhorse sport," said Lybbert. "They keep many volunteers involved and the show is very non pro friendly because they have multiple times to show and also school their horses."

Lybbert's comments rang true in statistical evaluation as well. While open entries were slightly down, area non pro entries, particularly in the amateur derby division, were up from 8 in 2009 to 17 in 2010. The show also enjoyed good participation in the Friday night non-approved limited class with 27 entries. The class attracts contestants from the reining show and connects everyone in a fun situation. Tad Knowles played great music, while volunteer judges Brad Lunk, Jeff Veitch and Chris Dawson officiated the contest.

Judge Marilyn Peters, Edmond, Okla., has shown at the Sagebrush for a number of years. "Its always fun here," said Peters.

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