

Spring Fling NRCHA Show Apr 30- May 2, 2010

Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CO

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The historic stone barns and tree lined streets of the Colorado State fairgrounds provided the perfect setting for the Spring Fling cowhorse show Apr 30-May 2 in Pueblo, Colo. "It was our first year to have this show and we are really happy with the attendance," said Darren Miller, Blue Sky Shows Ltd. "We offered green horse classes for reined and fence work, and reining warmup class. We hope to increase the added money for the derby divisions next year."

Miller won the open derby riding Shiner Bock Nic for owner Todd Thieszen, McCook, Neb. He and the 5-year-old buckskin gelding by Night Time Shiner out of Diggers Diamond Nic scored 213.5 points to earn \$864 in all.

Utah cowboys Brady Weaver and Brandon Buttars each scored 213 points to earn open derby paychecks. Weaver marked 73 points to win the high score in the fence work and claim the reserve champion title riding Shine By Frosty Nic. The 4-year-old mare is by Shine By The Bay out of a daughter of Smart Lil Pepinic, owned by Bob Riding of St. George, Utah.

"I wish that I could come to more shows in Colorado, but it's a long drive," said Weaver of Enterprise, Utah. "We made the trip because it was a good weekend for a show. It is prior to the entry deadline for the NRCHA Derby in Paso Robles, Calif., and a chance to show at this location prior to the Sagebrush Slide in June. The Blue Sky group are experienced in putting on shows, everything is well organized and there is no wasted time."

Cody Crow won the limited open derby division riding Wendy Fleener's mare, Dizzy Miss Dixie Cat. "She was started as a cutter by Justin Finney, and this is the first approved cowhorse show for her," said Crow. Fleener purchased the 4-year-old mare from Alex Kanger. EJ Laubscher was reserve champion in the limited open derby riding Rhoda Rein's gelding, Cat Smooth. The four-year-old brown colt is by Smooth As A Cat out of Haulasquall.

Holly Marsh, Gillette, Wyo., won the non pro derby riding Drifter Jewel Olena. She marked high scores in the herd and reined work to score 210 points and earn \$539 in all. John Keller rode his Soula Jule Star gelding, Soula Nova, to reserve honors, marking the high score in the fence work to score 205 points and earn \$373 in all.

Donathon Archuleta, Alamosa, Colo., won the 10-entry amateur derby division riding his new gelding named Fourth and Ten. He scored 211 points to earn \$160 aboard his bay roan Boonlight Dancer nicknamed "Pinky." Archuleta is a top youth rider, and this was his first time to show in a derby event. He gained a quick understanding of his new young horse, having just purchased the 4-year-old from Jimmie Paul two weeks prior to the show. Bill Tointon, Longmont, Colo., was reserve champion in the amateur division riding his ranch raised horse, Cinnabars J Jay.