

2011 Colorado Futurity

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The Colorado Reined Cowhorse Association held their last show of the year, the \$20,800 added Colorado Futurity, Oct. 27-30 at the Douglas County fairgrounds in Castle Rock, Colo.

Haythorn ranch cowboy Matt Koch, Arthur, Neb., stole the show, dominating the futurity and derby divisions. He won the open and limited open futurity classes riding a red roan stallion, SDP Blue Blood (Laredo Blue x SDP I Got Good Genes x Dual Rey), that he and Craig Haythorn own together. He and "Reno" marked the high scores in the herd and fence work and tied for first place in the reined work, tallying 222 points to earn \$3,992 in all.

Koch also won the 10-entry Level 1 Limited Open futurity riding Shine Your Boots (Shiners Lena Doc x Bar Z Annie) for the Haythorn ranch to earn \$455 and the buckle.

Koch's fall hot streak began at the NRCHA's headline event, the Snaffle Bit Futurity, where he won the first-ever Level I futurity class riding SDP Blue Blood and the Limited Open hackamore class riding Above Da Best Tenino. He hurried back to the ranch to help out with the many fall chores, then drove to Gillette, Wyo., to show at their Oct.13-16 futurity. He had a top notch weekend there, winning the open and limited open futurity divisions on SDP Blue Blood and the Level 1 championship on Shine Your Boots.

Utah cowboy Brady Weaver made his drive to Colorado worthwhile, winning the reserve open futurity championship riding Gary Ewell's horse, Smartest Super CD, earning \$1994. He also won the 12-entry Novice Horse division riding Git R Done 191 for owner 191 Performance Horses, LLC. Jeff Veitch was reserve champion in the limited open futurity riding Fifth Avenue Lena for the Coal Creek Ranch and Darren Miller was reserve in the novice division riding his mare, Justa Fender Bender. Jason Patrick was second and third in the level 1 division riding his horses, Surely Leapn For Sugar and Can Kitty Dance.

Holly Marsh won the 3-entry non pro futurity with consistent 72 point scores in all three events riding OSR Playboys Hickory.

The derby division was another duel between Matt Koch and Brady Weaver. Koch claimed top honors in the open and limited open riding his horse, Above Da

Best Tenino. He was reserve champion in the limited open riding Haythorn Ranches' FF Black Moon. Weaver was reserve in the open derby and novice horse champion riding Gary Ewell's Boon Clowned Around. Darren Miller was reserve in the novice horse riding Lil Cooter Lena. Jill Cook won the level 1 derby aboard Pam Bailey's mare Lightin Dynamite. Brent Callahan was reserve champion for the Salt Fork Cattle Company riding Miss Montana Smarts.

In the non pro division, Jeremy Gugelmeyer won the non pro and amateur divisions riding ARC All Cash Please. Complete results are online under "show results" at www.coloradoreinedcowhorse.com

Two sets of ancillary horse show classes were well attended, with contestants intent on capturing CRCA year end awards and also moving up in the national standings. The club is awarding saddles for the first time this year at their Dec. 10 banquet in Castle Rock, Colo.