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NBHA STATE FINALS Submitted by Noel Cosca



Open 1D Champions, Bailey Tuck and In the Sky Bar, aka Spy

he California NBHA State Finals wrapped up with tough running champions climbing their way to the top. The spirited weekend was a celebration on a grand scale paying out a whopping \$80,474 payout and 2,076 competitive entries.

The NBHA exciting theme this year "Fast Times in '09" held true the entire weekend of Oct. 8-12. There were so many ways to have fun that weekend with over \$25,000 added in cash and award including \$500 added Senior and Youth races and \$200 added Futurity and Novice each day. The fantastic four days of fun included Dog Races, Pee-Wees, 50/50 4D, Silent Auction and Stallion Auction as well as trophy saddles and



Open 2D Champions, Pamela Bailey and Doc Shastas Playbob, aka Bob



Open 3D Champions, Cassie Howell and BF Red Bone, aka Redbone

buckles given out to each division winner in the Open and Youth. The California NBHA is dedicated to their young members and this year was no exception as four Pee-Wee saddles were awarded to deserving up-incoming riders.

One of the highlights for the weekend was the \$500-added Tough Enough to Wear Pink "TEWP"event, sponsored by Breeze E Ranch of Acton and BO-V Ranch of Tehachapi, which was held Thursday and also included a \$300-added Pole Bending. "California NBHA donated \$2,000 to help fight breast cancer" said Susan Eskander, the California state director from Chatsworth.

Bailey Tuck was able to sneak away with the TEWP win, which started off her lucky streak



Youth 1D Champion Hannah McWhorter



Youth 2D Champion Alyssa Conklin



Youth 3D Champion Jaycie Branch



Youth 4D Champion **Kelsie Schienert**

for the entire weekend. There were 164 entries in the TEWP race and Tuck's money-winning run stopped the clock at 15.187 and netted her \$524. Tuck's gelding, In The Sky Bar, is by Pie In The Sky and "is out of cow horses on the dam side," Tuck said. She was very happy with her run and wanted to dedicate her win to all women and families fighting breast cancer.

The 2D Average buckle went to Hannah McWorter on her mount PCR Can Peppy, winning a nice check of \$449 after stopping the clock with a 15.720. First in the 3D, with a 16.188, was Debbie Jacobsen on TF Starlit Montana winning \$300. The 4D TEWP buckle went to CA-17's Lacey Berunen, riding Moonlight McCue winning \$225.



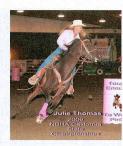
Senior 1D Champion Virginia McClintock



Senior 2D Champion Suzanne Koch



Senior 3D Champion Pattie Mackey



Senior 4D Champion Julie Thomas

Tuck Crowned 1D Average Champion

The Open Race had almost 350 entries each day and was sponsored by Ventipulmin, Carta-Corraland Breeze E Ranch, Acton. It came down to an all-or-nothing type of finish to win the Open average. Four top competitors were all within striking distance. The talented Bailey Tuck from San Luis Obispo took the Open Average Championship, riding her 13-year-old sorrel gelding, In The Sky Bar, aka Spy, and won her a beautiful new Shiloh saddle. Consistency paid off as Tuck clocked within the top four fastest runs all three days of competition with a 15.033, 15.187, and her 15.356. Tuck just graduated from Cal Poly State University in June 2009 with an Ag Business degree and has landed a job in San Luis Obispo.

"This is the biggest win I have had since the Spring Run in Ceres, where I was second in the Open," said Tuck. She has been riding her gelding for three and a half years, "prior to that Spy was a jumping horse for seven years and another person's trash is my treasure," Tuck said.

Pamela Bailey, on Doc Shastas Playbob, aka Bob, from Escalon, Calif., won the 2D Average saddle on her 9-year-old sorrel gelding. Bailey said, "Bob is all heart. He was a cutting horse until he was 6-years-old and has only been running barrels for one year. I call him Bob the wonder horse." Bob is by Bob The Nailer, by Colonel Freckles, AQHA Hall of Fame member.

The 3D Average Champion Cassie Howell,

who was riding a horse that has had a streak of State wins on BF Red Bone, aka "Redbone." Redbone is by On The Money Red who has a SI of 103 and is a leading barrel horse sire and by Assured To Pass, a stakes winner on the track.

"Redbone is 8-years-old and won the 3D saddle last year. He is consistent and personable and he tries his hardest every time," Howell said.

The 4D Average saddle went to Heather Gibson, riding Buggin Moon, aka "Timer," a sorrel gelding. "This is her first year running barrels," Gibson said. She giggled with excitement and said "I just started him half-way thru the season." Heather came from District 17, Sunland, Calif.

The 1D Youth Average went to 15-year-old Hanna McWhorter, riding her sister's 8-year-old, sorrel gelding, PCR Can Peppy, aka "Red," who is by Peppy San Badger, AQHA and NCHA Hall of Famer.

Fourteen-year-old Alyssa Conklin, from Aqua Dulce, won the 2D Youth saddle. She was riding 17-year-old Duelers Pistolero, aka "Easy." This is the second saddle she has won on her black gelding. "He's my best friend, very honest and he eats anything. I've been riding at NBHA shows for six years," Conklin said.

Thirteen-year-old Jaycie Branch from Bakersfield, won the 3D Average Youth saddle with Branch aboard. Branch was excited to win the saddle on her favorite horse. A 12-year-old appendix-registered Quarter Horse, who Branch says, "I bought him

from a friend as a 12-year-old before it went to a sale, and we just clicked. This was my first NBHA State Finals." Branch gives a lot of the credit to her black horse, Quest For Victory, who goes back to Three Bars and by Times Great Flight.

Kelsie Scheinert, Camarillo, Calif., riding her 4-year-old Magical Pep, aka "Lilly," won the 4D Average Youth saddle. She started her horse 1 ½ years ago and was excited to win a buckle in the Futurity, also.

"Lilly is just learning, she is ridiculous, kicking, bucking, hot, hot, hot!" Scheinert said. Lilly's breeding goes back to Reminic, sire of AQHA World Champions and Reserve World Champions.

In addition, the California NBHA hosted a successful Futurity with \$200-added money, sponsored by Hi On The Wine-Mello Ranch. The Hi On The Wine Futurity 1D Average winner was Linda Vick, riding AR Will He Tell. Amy McClurg, riding SF Tom Slick, won the Futurity 2D.

The Pee-Wee Championship and 1D saddle winner was Marissa Rosenberg, Santa Rosa, with an average time of 54.355 on Calinda, a 26-yearold, brown mare. Rosenberg is 6-years-old and has been riding since she was 2, and she loves her horse. Rosenberg would like to "thank her sponsors and good friends, Stacy Martinelli and Barbara Walker." The 2D Champion Pee-Wee saddle winner was Haley Harison, with a total average time of 62.995, who is 4-years-old and has only been running barrels since June. She was riding her 23-year-old, black mare, Sadie. The 3D Champion Pee-Wee saddle winner was Gracie Mann, Tehachapi, who is 7. Mann has been riding for three years on her 14-year-old horse, Ty. The 4D Champion Pee-Wee saddle winner was 6-year-old Morgan Pelowski, O'Neals, Calif., with an average time of 80.119. Pelowski was riding her mother's 14-year-old, sorrel mare, Amber. She began riding horses when she was 3.

The district members would like to thank the district directors for all the hard work they put in. California State Directors Race results went as follows: 1D - 1) 17.407, \$129, Darla Frye on Im A Doc Image (CA-20) from El Cajon, 2) 17.430, \$99, Crystal Hale on Kash (CA-17) from Acton, 3) 17.669, \$72, Wanda Walterscheid on Jonathan Sierra (CA-18) from Rancho Cucamonga; 2D – 1) 18.208, \$162, Barbara Patton on Tubby Tivio (CA-19) from Hemet; 2) 18.252, \$108, Marcie Wooster on Just That Black (CA-13) from Chowchilla; 3D -1) 18.451 \$99, Trudi N Bordi on Deck The Bully (CA-12), 2) 18.680 \$76, Jacque McNeil on Horse (CA-15), 3) 18.760, \$55, Kristen Elbeck on Sinder (CA-08) from Concord; 4D - 1) 20.993, \$120, Tina Bird on Heeza Ultra Cool (CA-11) from Bakersfield; 2) 21.613, \$80, Stacie Martinelli on Chicken Little (CA-07) from Petaluma.

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2,076 Entries - \$80,474 Purse

Open

Open 1D: 1) Bailey Tuck, In The Sky Bar, 45.569; 2) Linda Vick, AR Will He Tell, 45.605; 3) Rachael Ross, Jack Fork Billie, 45.616; 4) Susan McWhorter, Playin Cool, 45.888; 5) Hannah McWhorter, PCR Can Peppy, 46.618; 6) Loeghan Young, Peppys Little Dash, 46.667; 7) Janet Carlson, Peppy Go Bars, 46.674; 8) Jennifer Rosenberg, Financial Backer, 46.733; 9) Ashley Porter, Quanah O'Zena, 46.811; 10) Darleen Albes, Docs Delco, 46.981. Open 2D: 1) Pamela Bailey, Doc Shastas Palybob, 47.085; 2) Debora Akin-Townson, Me Sompin Fast, 47.123; 3) Charlene Jesperson, NF Frenchmans Bru, 47.147; 4) Jaclyn Wagner, Cinnamon Olena, 47.184; 5) Becky Hand, Galbriths Tidy Roan, 47.478; 6) Kelly Kutchera, You Could Be A Star, 47.694; 7) Payton Lopez, Jake, 47.716; 8) Debon Gibson, Cuttin For Kittin, 47.729; 9) Cheyanne Sanford, Dixie Darlin, 47.746; 10) June Rust, Sparquita, 47.771. Open 3D: 1) Cassie Howell, VF Redbone, 48.578; 2) Tiffany Hannan, Sanjos Milligan, 48.632; 3) Shelly Pelowski, Crystal Amber, 48.645; 4) Rhonda Pensinger, Go Dr Jani Jet, 48.964; 5) Amy McClung, SF Tom Slick, 48.696; 6) Nancy Loomis, Titans Super Slick, 48.730; 7) Debbie Jacobsen, TF Starlit Montana, 48.736; 8) Lauren Weightman, Casper, 48.739; 9) Alyssa Conklin, Azuer Credit, 48.750; 10) Suzanne Koch, Lil Sugar Bit, 48.766. Open 4D: 1) Heather Gibson, Time To Cut, 51.640; 2) Linda Stenerson, Go Go Gadget Freckle, 51.647; 3) Dana Connors, Six In Hand, 51,709; 4) Heather Heard, Krispy, 51.726; 5) Lori Carr, Marias June Gin, 51.759; 6) Shelly Pelowski, Skip King Chex, 51.835; 7) Becky Amio, Rene Dan Redman, 51.976; 8) Rachelle Dobin, No Mo Peppy, 51.078; 9) Sue Krause, Gypsy Ropin Review, 52.169; 10) Dana Ryan, Bust-A-Bo, 52.207.

Youth

Youth 1D: 1) Hannah McWhorter, PCR Can Peppy, 46.618; 2) Loeghan Young, Peppys Little Dash, 46.667; 3) Megan Hardt, Playin Cool, 47.065; 4) Samantha McCarley, Hustlin Doc Bar, 47.672; 5) Payton Lopez, Jake, 47.716. **Youth 2D**: 1). Alyssa Conklin, Azure Credit, 48.215; 2) Samantha McCarley, Winz Promissory. 48.555; 3) Cassie Howell, VF Redbone, 48.578; 4) Kindall Piper, Tuesday, 48.588; 5) Mandy Trammel, Kurtsy Mia, 48.812. **Youth 3D**: 1) Jaycie Branch, Quest For victory, 49.706; 2) Lacey Berunen, Moonlight McCue, 50.004; 3) lvy Davis, Stop That Red Jet, 50.046; 4) Carissa Jakee Burkhardt, Justa Char, 50.236; 5) Ayla Rizzom, Hef, 50.397. **Youth 4D**: 1) Kelsie Scheinert, Magical Pep, 53.035; 2) Christi Roberts, Jerrico, 64.109; 3) Charlie Armstrong, Dixie NR, 54.847; 4) Carly Osorio, Dusty NR, 55.595; 5) Rio Rizzo, Betty Boop, 55.621.

Senior

Senior 1D: 1) Virginia McClintock, Ima Smokin Bug, 46.989; 2) Debora Akin-Townson, Me Sompin Fast, 47.123; 3) Charlene Jesperson, NF Frenchmans Bru, 47.147; 4) Virginia McClintock, Snackhox Sugar, 47.907. Senior 2D: 1) Suzanne Koch, Lil Sugar Bit, 48.766; 2) Linda Stenerson, Shes A Cuti Cody, 48.871; 3) Jan Evanson, Pritzie Darn Good, 49.012; 4) Bart Eskander, Vested Fancy, 49.0077. Senior 3D: 1) Pattie Mackie, Do It With Muscles, 50.235; 2) Julieann Stewart, Pepito Washburn, 50.250; 3) Dina Loveall, Mama Speed, 50.633; 4) Cindy Roberts, Dinamite Tradition, 50.678. Senior 4D: 1) Julie Thomas, R Super Chief, 53.012; 2) Becki Gray, Dollars, 53.217; 3) Cheryl Parris, Smoken Easy, 53.615; 4) Sharon Sabaska, Chip NR, 54.602.

Novice

Novice 1D: 1) Shyla Finan, Shining Sensation, 50.017; 2) Katie Parker, 0 You Dunn It, 50.202. Novice 2D: 1) Lori Carr, Marias June Gin, 51.759; 2) JoAnna Brewer, JMB Heart Bar, 52.365. Novice 3D: 1) Kelsie Scheinert, Magical Parker, 53.092; 2) Selena Roberts, Carbon Copy Preacher, 53.191. Novice 4D: 1) Jennifer Becker, What A Nor Fleet, 56.874; 2) Tina Bird, Heeza Ultra Cool, 57.575.