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Charities to Benefit from Spring Run Classic

Written by Noel Cosca

All proceeds from the **Spring Run Classic on April 17th to 19th** will be donated to charity. This should be a Peach of a Race! Held at the beautiful **Diamond Bar Arena** in Ceres, California. This fine event is adding youth scholarship awards. New for this year is the **Sherry Cervi West Coast Youth Championships**. The SCWCYC may reach \$3000 in scholarships by race day. In addition to the \$2500 added cash, two new saddles will be awarded. A big thank you goes out to these new donations in scholarship awards: Robert Falk Horseshoeing \$100 scholarship, Hardesty Sand & Gravel \$500 Scholarship, and PacWest \$250 scholarship bringing the total scholarship money to \$2650 so far.

Shane Parson and Family have worked tersely to produce this fine event which will benefit many local charities. This 4D barrel race has \$8,000 total added money with \$5,000 added first thru 10th place \$3,000 added to extended payout 11th thru 20th place, based on last years entries. The race will be webcast live and includes a real crowd pleaser the dog races.

The Sidewinder Futurity with \$7500 added both Saturday and Sunday is **Guaranteed to be a Peach of a Race, Bar None!** This futurity is sponsored by **Wawona Frozen Foods, Jud Little Ranch, and Thoro' Bred** horse shoes. The SideWinder Futurity has teamed up with the Beth Cooper Memorial race and will provide buckles to the 1D & 2D combined average winners. If you enter both futurities you have the opportunity to win this very prestigious buckle.

There have been some changes to the Diamond Bar Arena. They have built a new center entry gate which allows for a standard pattern and 100 foot stopping area. The children's fenced in safe play area has new fun play ground items. The tree shaded grass sitting area has many new picnic tables and benches. Lasers have been mounted over the barrels for accuracy and they will have men moving the barrels for each drag so it will be a lot faster. They will drag after every 3 runs. The race will be webcast and they will be selling filmed runs at a reasonable price. The photographer

for the event is Katie Tomasegovich of hoofandpicphoto@live.com with photos at a reasonable price.

Cactus Saddlery is making all the saddles for this years winners and is also on board as a new sponsor, be sure to let all of the sponsors know how much you appreciate their support. The race will also be co-sactioned by the **WPR, NSBRA, ACBRA & PacWest**.

Diamond Bar would like to thank their sponsors: Potter Ranch, Wawonna Frozen Food, Synergy Compete, Quality Nut, V V Enterprises, Stairs Ranch, S&S Tack, BAR ALE, Cactus Saddlery, Hughson Nut, Alldrin Brothers, Monshein Industries, Cal Grown Nut.

Diamond Bar Arena will host this years ACBRA Memorial Day Race May 22-24 and the Pac West Finals June 19-21st, where six horse trailers will be given away.

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Open division winners.

Jamie Cook riding Especial Minniehuna lead the race starting Friday night March 27th by winning the first go round with a 15.36 and she finished the BTM South race weekend in the same championship form. Cook won the 1D Average and took home \$1,920.97 for the weekend. Especial Minniehuna "Mini" for short is a five year old colt that Cook says "placed at all of the futurity races she entered last year but just started stepping up and got faster at the end." Cook, "feels like Mini has more and is not tapped off yet." Cook also wants to thank her sponsors Bar Ale and Synergy. She feeds the Mane Pellet milled by Bar Ale Products to all her horses which is a 12% alfalfa based pellet with mineral supplements including Selenium yeast and Biotin. Cook feeds the pellet in

place of hay for one feeding each day. She also supplements with Synergy vitamins, both Synergy and Bar Ale are BRN4D sponsors. Cook says that Mini "has a grasp of what he is doing and squeals in the warm up pen like a wild thing." Cook's other ride Triangle Ease "Sleezy" had a nice run to win the race on Sunday with a 15.247. Cook said "he was right there and she was happy with his run." C-T Productions adds \$3,400 added money and \$3,000 in average awards and had a total payout of \$24,000.00.

The 2D Average went to Joni Raper riding Skip a Doc Black Bart aka Bart. Raper's gelding is 12 years old and Raper said "she's pretty darn excited" to win the buckle. She remarked that her other horse also did well and was 5th in the 2D named Poco Bar Bingo aka Charlie who is a

13 year old rope horse she has been running for two years now. "Here at Tulare the ground is consistent, top or bottom of the ground, you just have to make a run." Raper came all the way from Gardnerville, Nevada and said "her family has such fun at Tulare, they stay with friends and the family gets to rope, golf and her girls five and nine years old get to swim."

Winning the 3D Average was Cindy Roberts who rides I'm Another Sunday a 17 year old gelding out of her breeding. Roberts raised her horse by breeding her thoroughbred mare to a paint horse. Roberts said, "she thought the awards were wonderful and that the BTM South team always makes sure that the ground is awesome and safe for both horse and rider."

Kathy Branco took the 4D Average

riding Tanguray Time a five year old gelding by Touch Down Dancer out of Treasure Times which is one of Kathy's mares that won the California Futurity Championship in 1991. Branco said, "The BTM South races are a lot of fun and they treat you good." Branco took home \$365.49 in the open race.

The complete average results are as follows; 1D 1st Jamie Cook Especial Minniehuna 2nd Kim Quinn Lillie 3rd Amy Winchester Wyatt 4th Gina Graham AR Special Cash 5th Bethany Unruh Jazzy Miss Tucker "pippy 2D 1st Joni Raper Black Bart 2nd Katie Lamaster Scooter 3rd Steve Quinn Little Bit 4th Jamie Cook Especial Wild Child 5th Joni Raper Charlie 3D 1st Cindy Roberts Im Another Sunday 2nd Carolyn Mendes Petra Can 3rd Brenda

Taber Tinky May Jet 4th Michelle Silva Hope Floats 5th Krysta Buchanan Bub 4D 1st Kathy Branco Tanguray Time 2nd Baylee Morell This Chip is It 3rd Mekayla Rocha Dorothy 4th Joan Harding Tule Seven Star

The fastest time of the weekend 15.127 went to a smokin run by Smokey's Jester ridden by Kristie Jensen and owned by Tokey Wightman. Tokey remarked that "he is a very neat horse." She would know since she rodeo'd for many years and qualified for the National Finals Rodeo in 1961 held in Santa Maria, California. Tokey was "the first GRA member to join in California." Tokey, "won the Sportsmanship buckle at the 61 NFR, where the champion barrel racer that year was Jay Mayo." There is still plenty of riding to be done by us older gals" Tokey reminded me because Mary Burger just won the rodeo at Houston.

Debbie Neeley had a good weekend riding her grey gelding Tie One On Angie aka Mailman out of White Tie. She bought her horse from the well known rodeo pick-up man Flint Hemsted. She has been riding her gelding for three years and also shows him English hunter under saddle. Debbie won the 3D on Friday and placed in other rounds which pocketed her \$533.13 for her weekend. Everyone loves the infectious way Debbie cheers for every runner, always encouraging riders and friends. "she loves the comradery of the crew at the BTM races."

Shelly Pelowski won the 3D Saturday riding Skip King Chex aka KC.

Pelowski's 9 year old buckskin gelding placed her in several go rounds and she pocketed \$525.48 for the weekend. Shelly has been riding KC for three years and said that "she has come a long way and feels like he is working well for her". She uses her horse on trail rides and working cattle. "KC used to be in the Riverside County Sheriffs Possie for a couple years and now she even gives lessons on him," said Pelowski.

Susan Davis riding Ruler "Ru" for short ran just out of the 1D payout on Sunday clocking a 15.496 on her big sorrel gelding. Sadly Susan lost her beautiful horse "Ru" after her run at the Oakdale Rodeo. The big gelding broke his pastern bone during his run in slack. We all want to give Susan our condolences for her loss of a great horse at the start of his rodeo career.

Saturday evening after the race there was another great pot-luck hosted by Steve Smart who entertained everyone with his guitar. Steve is the announcer at the races and everyone tells me they love his wide range of music. C-T Productions would again like to thank their crew and the BTM Sponsors: Silverlite Trailers, Silver Lining, Classic Equine, Linder Equipment, Boot Barn and Ariat Boots. Sunday Bit-n-spur gave a shopping spree away to a lucky contestant and Kayleen Deaver won the drawing. Bit-n-spur said that "there jeans are really popular right now." Silver Lining saleswoman Jackie Hagberg wanted to remind people about Infection Fighter and a new product Arthritis Cream. Jackie reminds us "to fix something before it is

broken." Julie Curry of Cowgirl Glitz said that the BTM races are very vendor accomidating for those who run a horse and have a booth. She has concho flip flops and hand painted sunglasses for spring!

The Silver Lining Spring Classic is the next BTM South race which will be held April 24-26 at the Tulare County Fairgrounds. This the last race of the scheduled BTM South season will have \$6,000 added Money and \$4,000 in Awards and Prizes including a Jerri Mann Saddle which will be awarded in a drawing between four average winners. There is also \$1,000 added in the futurity Saturday which is also WPRA Futurity Co-sactioned. The Open race is also co-sactioned with the WPRA, ACBRA and PacWest. Time Only's are just \$5 at the gate for one minute of practice. The Results from the Women's ProRodeo Association Co-Approved race are as follows:

TULARE, CA 3/27/2009 -

3/29/2009 1st Go

1. JAMIE COOK, 15.36, \$518.66
4. CAITLIN LOOMIS, 15.46,
\$290.42 5. KIMBERLI QUINN,
15.48, \$207.44 7. CHARLEEN
ORNELLAS, 15.52, \$103.72

2nd Go

1. KRISTIE JENSEN, 15.12,
\$580.782. LYNDEE STAIRS,
15.25, \$479.74 3. JAMIE COOK,
15.31, \$429.24 5T. JANELLE
ROBINSON, 15.37, \$227.24 6T.
KACI SHAFFER, 15.37, \$227.24
7. AMY WINCHESTER, 15.38,

\$126.24 8. ALANNA SING, 15.41,
\$100.99

3rd Go

1. JAMIE COOK, 15.24, \$528.89
2. JAMIE COOK, 15.38, \$444.24
5. GINA GRAHAM, 15.40,
\$211.54 7T. KIMBERLI QUINN,
15.42, \$52.88 8T. LYNDEE
STAIRS, 15.42, \$52.88

The Saturday Futurity Results

- Division I 1 Katie Mccaslan

Chopper 15.374 \$282.53 2 Ann

Scott Fallin For Fame 15.439

\$237.29 3 Lyndee Stairs Jettin

Bye 15.544 \$203.40 4 Dude

Overton Cash To Klash 15.729

\$158.19 5 Jerri Mann QK Czechs

N Raise 15.773 \$113.00 6 Charleen

Ornellas 3002C9 Shesa Smokin

Dandy 15.825 \$79.09 7 Lyndee

Stairs Fire Water Sliden 16.039

\$56.50

Youth Division I Results: 1 Alanna

Sing TLC Candy Coasters 15.417

\$84.16 2 Macy Devenport Scotty

Bar Do 15.730 \$56.10 Division II

1 Tayler Jacobsen TF Smokin Gun

16.067 \$75.74 2 Sara Honegger

2100C9 My Daddys Catty 16.145

\$50.48 Division III 1 Michelle

Silva Hope Floats 16.534 \$64.52

2 Jacquelyn Becker Camiseta Dry

"Chet" 16.752 \$43.00 Division IV

1 Cheyenne Szefflin John 18.472

\$93.5