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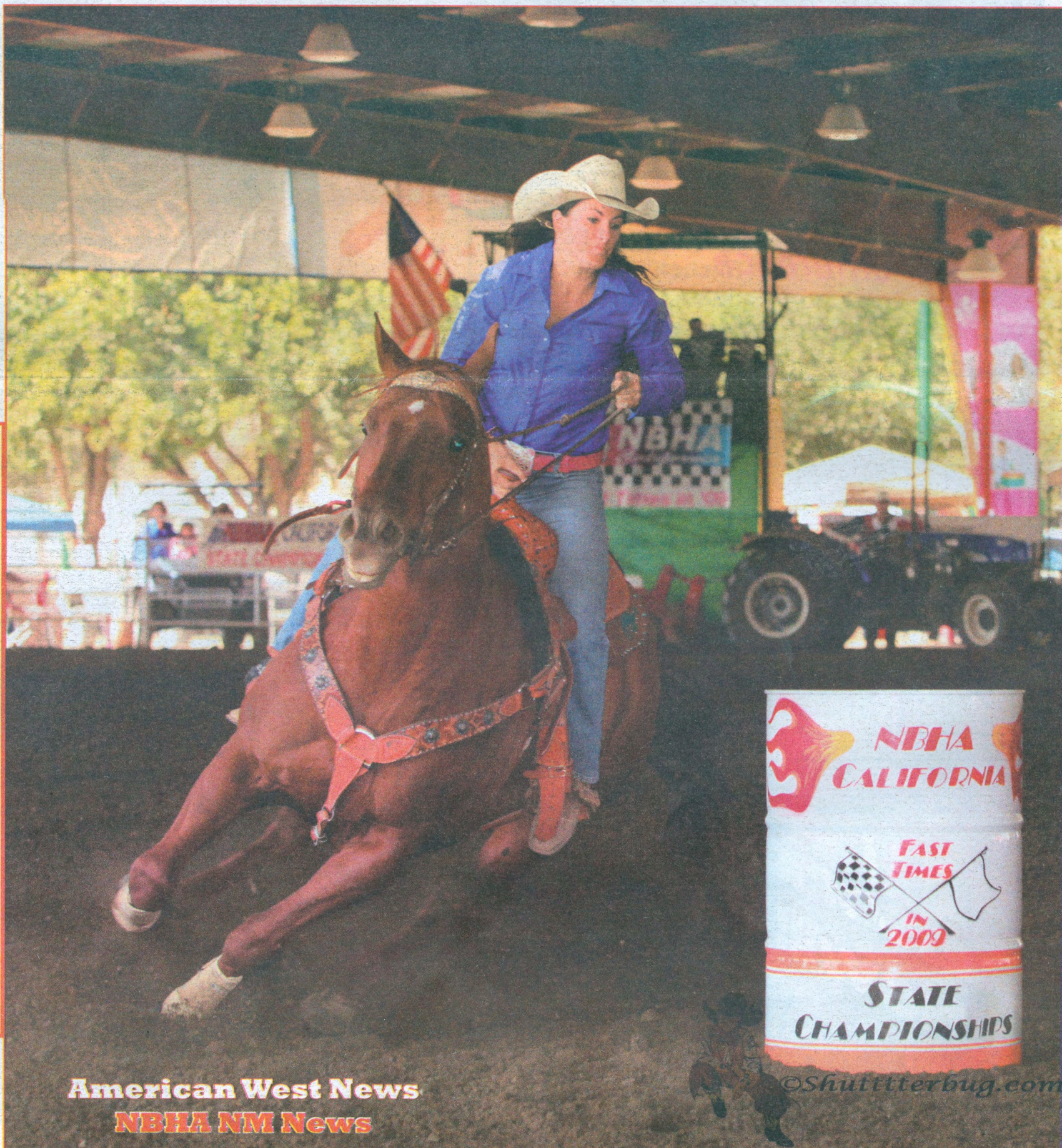
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Tuck Runs *Fast Times* in '09 at NBHA California State Finals

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The California State NBHA Finals has 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 October 8th thru the 12th. 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 buckles given out to each division winners 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-coming 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 held Thursday which also included a \$300 added Pole Bending. The "CA NBHA donated \$2000 to help fight breast cancer" says 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 for the entire weekend. There were 164 entries in the TEWP race and Tuck's money winning run stopped the clock at 15.187 which netted her \$524. Tuck's gelding "In the Sky Bar" is out of Pie in the Sky and out of cow horses on the dam side," says Tuck. 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 district 17's Lacey Berunen riding Moonlight McCue winning \$225.00

Tuck Crowned 1D Average Champion

The Open Race had almost 350 entries each day and were sponsored by: Ventipulmin, Cart-a-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 pays 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 of '09 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." 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," said Tuck.

Pamela Bailey on Doc Shastas Playbob aka Bob from Escalon, CA 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 six years old and has only been running barrels for one year. I call him Bob the wonder horse." Bob is by Bob the Nailer and by Colonel Freckles, AQHA Hall of Fame.

The 3D Average Champion Cassie Howell who was riding a horse that has had a streak of State wins 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 eight years old and won the 3D saddle last year. He is consistent and personable and he tries his hardest every time," said Howell. The 4D Average saddle went to Heather Gibson riding Buggin Moon aka "Timer" a sorrel gelding. "This is her first year running barrels." She giggled with excitement and said "I just started him half way thru the season." Heather came from district 17 Sunland, California.

McWhorter 1D Youth Saddle Winner

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

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," said Conklin.

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 twelve year old appendix quarter horse which Branch says, "I bought 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 which goes back to Three Bars and by Times Great Flight.

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Pee Wee winners - Morgan Pelowski, Gracie Mann, Haley Harison, Marissa Rosenberg



Bailey Tuck - 1D Open average champion.



Pamela Bailey - 2D average Champion.



Cassie Howell - 3D Open average champion.



Hanna McWhorter - 1D Youth average champion.



Alyssa Conklin - 2D Youth average champion.



Jaycie Branch - 3D Youth average champion..

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Kelsie Scheinert from Camarillo, riding her four 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!" said Scheinert. 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 Average Winner**

1D buckle winner Linda Vick riding AR Will He Tell

2D buckle winner Amy McClung riding SF Tom Slick

Futurity Results Fri. 1D

1st 15.056, \$309, Linda Vick riding AR Will He Tell

Futurity Results Sat. 2D

1st 16.085, \$124, Amy McClung riding SF Tom Slick
2nd 16.086, \$82, David Lawson riding PayCzeck

Futurity Results Sat. 1D

1st 15.232, \$185, Linda Vick riding AR Will He Tell
2nd 15.841, \$124, Kelly Hoffman riding

Freckles

Futurity Results Sat. 2D

1st 16.367, \$124, Amy McClung riding SF Tom Slick
2nd 15.509, \$82, Stephanie Schulman riding Cooper

Futurity Results Sun 1D

1st 15.317, \$142, Linda Vick riding AR Will He Tell
2nd 15.895, \$109, Kelly Hoffman riding Freckles

Futurity Results Sun 2D

1st 16.434, \$95, Kayla Ingram riding Cowmans Playboy
2nd 16.760, \$53, Jan Duquette riding Zipped Ta Fame

The **Pee-Wee Championship** and 1D Saddle winner was Marissa Rosenberg from Santa Rosa with an average time of 54.355 riding "Calinda" a 26 year old brown mare. Rosenberg is 6 years old and has been "riding since she was two, 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 from

Tehachapi, who is 7 years old. Mann has been riding for three years on her 14 year old horse "Ty". The 4D Champion Pee-Wee Saddle winner was six year old Morgan Pelowski of O'Neals, CA with an average time of 80.119. Pelowski was riding her mother's 14 year old sorrel mare "Amber" and began riding horses when she was three years old.

McClintock Wins Senior Buckle Average 2D: Suzanne Koch 3D: Pattie Mackie 4D: Julie Thomas.

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 1st 17.407 \$129.00 Darla Frye on Im A Doc Image (CA20) from El Cajon, 2nd 17.430 \$99.00 Crystal Hale on Kash (CA17) from Acton, 3rd 17.669 \$72.00 Wanda Walterscheid on Jonathan Sierra (CA18) from Rancho Cucamonga, 2D 1st 18.208 \$162.00 Barbara Patton on Tubby Tivio (CA19) from Hemet, 2nd 18.252 \$108.00 Marcie Wooster on Just That Black (CA13) from Chowchilla 3D 1st 18.451 \$99.00 Trudi N Bordi on Deck the Bully (CA12) 2nd 18.680 \$76.00 Jacque McNeil on Horse (CA15) 3rd 18.760 \$55.00 Kristen Elbeck on Sinder (CA08) from Concord 4D 1st 20.993 \$120.00 Tina Bird on Heeza Ultra Cool (CA11) from Bakersfield 2nd 21.613 \$80.00 Stacie Martinelli on Chicken Little (CA07) from Petaluma.

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Kelsie Scheinert - 4D youth average champion.

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State director, Susan Eskander would like say THANK YOU too all of our wonderful volunteers.