

Daily Chatter

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Congratulations, Don and Jan Shugart!

Smart Dual Rey and Ronnie Rice score 221



Don Shugart, longtime official NCHA photographer, and his wife, Jan, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today (see page 3).

TODAY'S ACTION

There are only four bunches today, but none to be missed. Look for 2002 Futurity champion Tag Rice in the first bunch aboard Steves Nurse. Dennis Funderburgh, who was co-champion of the 1964 Futurity, is up on Santanas Playmate in the second bunch, and two-time Futurity winner Kathy Daughn rides in the second and third sets.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Open 1st go-round
59 entries • 4 sets

Thanksgiving Dinner
11:30 am to 2:00 pm
Backstage Club

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Open 1st go-round
134 entries • 9 sets

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - patio outside 3 Bars Saloon
95.9 The Ranch Concert

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Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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134 entries • 9 sets

5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - patio outside 3 Bars Saloon
95.9 The Ranch Concert

Two-time Futurity champion Ronnie Rice was a bit apprehensive as he rode to the herd on Smart Dual Rey, the fifth entry in the fifth bunch. The Dual Rey colt had been "a little wild" in the practice pen and Rice wasn't sure how he would react in the big arena.

But Rice and Smart Dual Rey looked like champs as they worked three cows to earn 221 points - the high score for the day. And the sorrel gelding gave the impression there is still plenty under wraps.

"It sure feels good to get that run through," said Rice, at the end of his performance. "He's got so much gas and it makes you a little nervous. You're afraid you're going to kick him by one."

Smart Dual Rey, by Dual Rey, out of a Smart Little Lena daughter, is a homebred owned by Jim Billbrey, of Conyers, Georgia. He was started at two by Gerald Alexander and Rice has been honing him on cattle since he was three.

"I think he's the best horse I've ever ridden up here," said Rice, who ranks fifth among cutting's all-time leading money earners. "Him and the horse I rode two years ago (Futurity champion San Tule Freckles) are the best two I've ever ridden here."

Many will remember that Tag Rice, Ronnie's son and partner, felt the same way about Chiquita Pistol before he won the Futurity

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TODAY'S MYSTERY PHOTO



The best caption for this photo will win a meal for 2 at the Ol' South Pancake House on South University Drive. Submit your answer in writing to Carolyn Crist in the Show Office.

The winner will be identified in tomorrow's Daily Chatter.

Yesterday's Mystery Photo, gleaned from the Frank Reeves Photo Collection at Texas Tech University, was 6-year-old Ken Welch on Old Bill, at Marion Flynt's ranch in Midland, Texas, back in the screw worm era. Greg Welch wins lunch for 2 at Joe's Crab Shack.



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Left to right: Two-time Futurity champion Ronnie Rice was the high-scoring rider yesterday with 221 on Smart Dual Rey, owned by Jim Bilbrey; Darren Simpkins marked 220 riding Reys Dual Badger, owned by S & S Partners; Austin Shepard rode Widows Intentions, owned by Robert and Debbie Middleton, to earn 219.

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- and ultimately the Triple Crown.

"It's been real hard to figure out just exactly how tired to get him," said Ronnie of Smart Dual Rey. "He's been a little spotty. One day he'll be real good and the next day, if I let him 'cow' too much, he'll come back and be a little wild. He's got a great big engine."

Yesterday's top three scores were earned by offspring of Dual Rey. Reys Dual Badger, ridden by Darren Simpkins for S & S Partners, of Houston, TX, and Twice As Reycy, ridden for Gail Holmes, of Longmont, CO, by Lloyd Cox, tied with 220 points.

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Shoppers note:
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Louisa May Alcott



**You say it's
your birthday!**

*These NCHA members
are celebrating their birthday today.*

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| Linda Moore..... Bowie, TX | |



Left to right: Bruce Morine scored 218.5 on Lenas Pink Stuff, owned by Duwayne Andresen; Brian Rusnak and Steve Kashuk, part of the ESPN crew on hand at Will Rogers yesterday to interview cutters for an upcoming special; ESPN cameras focus on two-time Futurity champion Kathy Daughn, who is on the mend and back in the saddle, after surgery to repair a broken leg.

Shugarts celebrate 50th today

Don and Jan Shugart are spending today like thousands of other days in Fort Worth. Don will be behind his camera under the judges' stands and Jan will be at their booth in the exhibit hall tending to business.

But today, as they celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the Shugarts feel that they have much for which to be thankful.

"My wife deserves a really big ruby with a big diamond in the middle of it for putting up with me for fifty years," said Don, who posted a sign in their yard proclaiming, "An old bear lives here with his honey."

"We've just been blessed," he added.

"Don told me when we got married that he was only going to get married one time," said Jan. "So I took him at his word. It's been a real good marriage."

The Shugarts, who have three children, 14 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, grew up in Fort Worth and were high school sweethearts.

"I was trying to fix him up with a girlfriend of mine," Jan remembered. "But we went out and I liked him."

Photography was a second career for Don, who had been in the textile business for 20 years, before he picked up a camera, in 1971. Jan retired from banking to help him with the details on the other side of the camera.

"We've had a really good run," said Don. "We're getting close to the end, but as long as we feel able to work and people will let us, we're going to continue. I think that's one reason we still feel young."

ESPN comes to the Futurity

Yesterday, a crew from ESPN was on hand to photograph and interview contestants for an upcoming special called "The Season of the Fan," celebrating ESPN's twenty-fifth anniversary.

"We're letting people know that ESPN is not just built on major sports," said Brian Rusnak, who hails from Long Island, New York.

95.9 The Ranch presents
Bret Graham
CONCERT
 Friday • November 28
 5:30-8:30 p.m.
The Patio
 outside the 3 Bars Saloon

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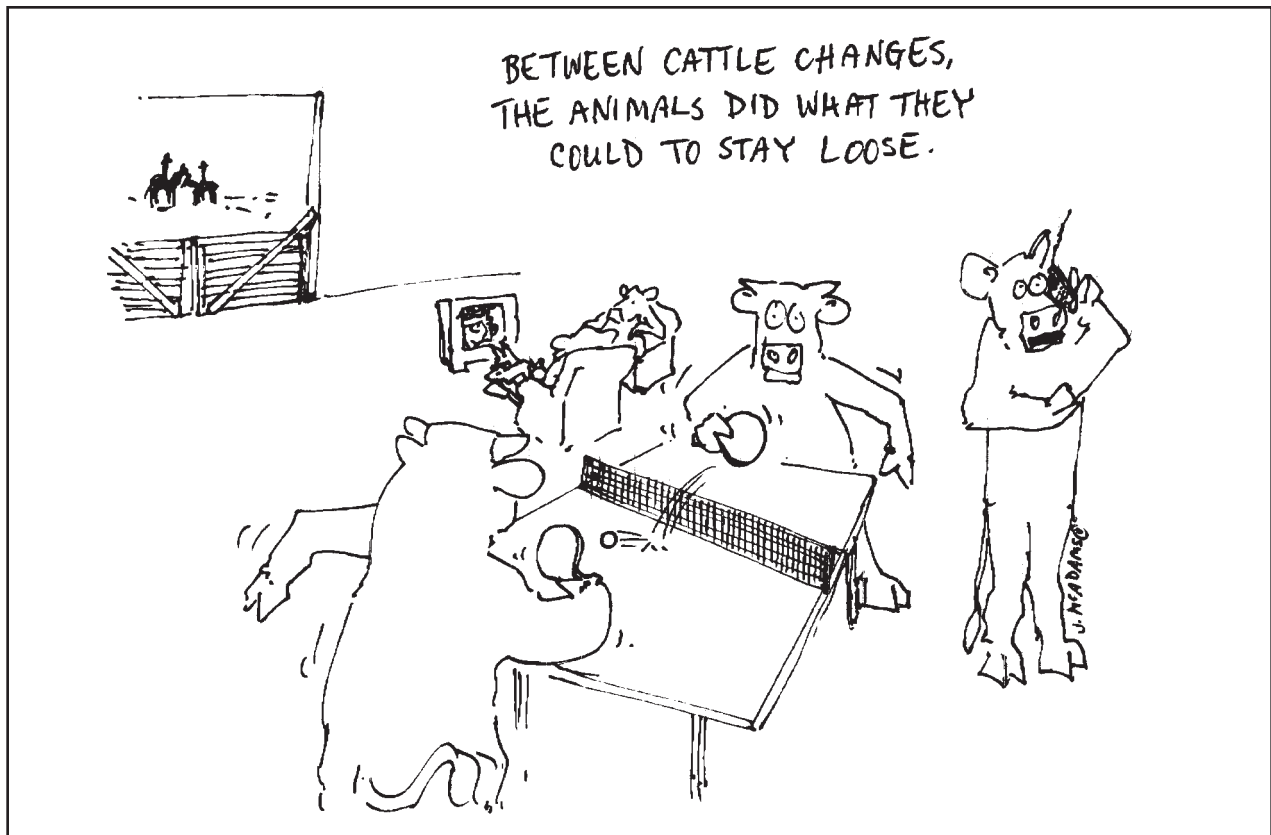
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