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219s top first day Shepard and Rapp lead Classic Challenge

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge

Open 1st go-round, cont. - 8 sets

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Junior Youth Go-round

(Youth in Watt Arena)

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge

Open 2nd go-round

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Youth Go-round

(Youth in Watt Arena)

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Classic/Challenge Non-Pro

1st go-round - 9 sets

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Senior Youth Go-round, cont.

(Youth in Watt Arena)

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Classic/Challenge Non-Pro

1st go-round - 4 sets

Followed by

Junior Youth - FINALS

Senior Youth - FINALS



Sam Shepard, left, and Phil Rapp, right, tied with 219 points each for the lead in yesterday's Classic Challenge first go-round competition. Shepard was aboard Playful Ricochet for Marvinne Ranch; Rapp rode Miss Reycine, owned by his wife, Mary Ann.

A high score of 219 wasn't the only edge Phil Rapp and Sam Shepard had on yesterday's competition. Rapp, who earned 219 points on his own horse, Miss Reycine, also marked dual 215-point scores on CD Boonsmal and Frecklesarein-style.

Shepard also scored 215 on Thomas E Hughes, owned by his daughter-in-law, Stacy Shepard.

Together with Roger Wagner, who marked 217 and 216, respectively, on Pet Squirrel and Dont Hick Up for Jim Vangilder, the men garnered 10 out of the day's top 17 scores.

Meanwhile, Clint Allen and Wood I Never, champions and co-champions of last year's NCHA Super Stakes and Derby, earned 218.5 points for Wrigley Ranches.

"I appreciate my wife letting me show her horse," said Rapp, referring to Miss Reycine, who Mary Ann Rapp had purchased from non-pro Robert Graves in the spring of 2007.

While Mary Ann has won the biggest part of the Dual Rey daughter's \$100,608 in earnings, Phil most recently showed the

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Left to right: 2007 NCHA Super Stakes champions and NCHA Derby co-champions Clint Allen and Wood I Never, owned by Wrigley Ranches, earned 218.5 points, yesterday's second-highest score; Roger Wagner scored 217 and 216 on Pet Squirrel and Dont Hick Up, respectively, owned by Jim Vangilder.

mare to third place in the South Point Classic.

"She's been a lot of work, but the good ones are all a lot of work," said Phil, who had trained Miss Reycine for Graves.

"I just love her," said Mary Ann, who rides the 6-year-old mare later this week. "She's hard to ride because she really drops her front end and rockets through there. But I'm glad (Phil) talked me into buying her. I did a lot of work on her myself. I made her my project and we kind of became a team."

Phil Rapp shows 5-year-old CD Boonsmal, by CD Olena, for Ray Baldwin of Fort Worth. Most recently, Baldwin rode CD Boonsmal as reserve champion of the Breeders Invitational Classic Non-Pro Limited and as a Non-Pro finalist at the same event, where Rapp placed sixth in the Open.

Frecklesareinstyle belongs to John Kratzer, Santa Fe, CA. Tim Smith rode the 6-year-old Docs Stylish Oak daughter to win the 2008 Pacific Coast Derby 5/6-year-old division.

Last to first

It was to their advantage that Sam Shepard and Playful Ricochet drew last to work in the first set of cattle.

"It wasn't the ideal draw, but the cattle actually got a little better deeper into the set," Shepard said. "We also managed to cut all three cows that we liked and they were good. That's the



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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Five riders scored 216 points yesterday, including, left to right: Eddie Braxton on Cats Dual Olena for Jarrett and Shannon Callahan; Andy Sherrerd on Echos From The Past for Cowan Select Horses; and Phil Hanson riding Little Silver Belles for Julie Clarke. Braxton also scored 241.5 with Peponitas Huggs, owned by William Nix.

key to having a good run in this kind of competition.”

Shepard purchased 5-year-old Playful Ricochet as a yearling because of her dam, A Genuine Playgun, that Shepard had trained. A Genuine Playgun was half-sister to Desire Some Freckles, who Shepard rode as champion of the 2001 NCHA Classic Challenge.

In 2006, Shepard sold the by Smart Lil Ricochet daughter to Marvine Ranch, but she has never been out of his barn.

“She’s the only horse in probably the last ten years that I actually broke myself and started on cattle,” Shepard noted. “From the beginning, she wanted to please, but she was terrified of cattle. So I decided I was just going to take my time. Sometimes, if one is afraid of cattle and you make a big issue out of it, you make it worse.

“Sometimes a four-year-old, she’d get scared of the herd behind her and watch them. But in the last six or eight months, she’s really matured and kind of gotten over that.

“If you ever get one like that, it seems like the same fear (of cattle) also gives them so much intensity.”

Shepard pointed out that Copaspepto, also owned by Marvine Ranch and trained and shown by Tag Rice as champion of six major events, including the the 2007 Super Stakes (where he tied with Wood I Never and Clint Allen), was also afraid of cattle.

“They’re not afraid of the one you’re working, it’s the herd behind them,” he pointed out. “That’s why I’d rather draw deeper in the herd on her, because the cattle stay back more and aren’t moving around as much.”

Shepard also drew last to ride in the fourth set on Thomas E Hughes, owned by his daughter-in-law, Stacy. The 5-year-old son of High Brow Cat has earned over \$150,000 under Sam, Stacy, and Stacy’s husband, Austin, who will be aiming for a Triple Crown win on High Brow CD during the NCHA Derby.

Most recently, Thomas E Hughes, named after a friend of former owner

Kenny McLean, won the Cotton Stakes Classic Open with Austin and the Non-Pro with Stacy.

“He’s been fun to show and easy to train,” said Shepard, who started the colt for McLean. “I showed his mother, too. You know you’re getting old when everything you show is out of something you used to ride.”

Wood I Never

Five-year-old Wood I Never is just \$3,125 shy of \$300,000 in earnings.

She’s been exceptional,” said Clint Allen, who rides the Zack T Wood daughter for Julie Wrigley, Weatherford, TX. Wrigley most recently rode Wood I Never to place in both the Open (5th) and Non-Pro finals of the Western Horseman Cup, and will ride her here later this week.



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