

Daily Chatter

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TODAY'S ACTION



Last year's Youth Team Cutting was a hit with kids and adults, alike. Look for more of the same Saturday, following regular Youth competition.

Entries at all-time high

Eleven percent increase over last year



Lee Gandy, last year's Western National Senior Youth Champion, and Sanjo Sam, were all smiles after earning the reserve championship at this year's Eastern National Championships.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 am

Senior Youth - 1st go

Junior Youth - 1st go

Senior Youth - FINALS

Junior Youth - FINALS

Youth Team Cutting

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 am

\$3,000 Novice - 1st go

\$10,000 Novice - 1st go

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 am

\$3,000 Novice - FINALS

\$2,000 Ltd. Rider - 1st go

\$10,000 Novice - FINALS

CHEVY TRUCKS



This marks the seventh year for the Chevy Trucks/NCHA Western National Championships in Ogden. Since its inception in 1996, entries and purses have steadily increased — this year's event offers a total purse of \$230,228. This year also finds contestants from as far east as Virginia making the trip to Utah.

The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge, which was initiated last year, has been responsible for an increase in entries at both the Eastern and Western National Championships.

The program, which distrib-

uted \$54,000 directly into NCHA affiliate clubs across the country, has been a great success. In its first year of existence, entries at both the Eastern and Western National Championships rose nearly 6 percent.

"The support of the AQHA through the Affiliate Challenge program has bolstered the NCHA Weekend cutting experience on many levels," said Dave Brian, NCHA Manager of Shows. "Not only have entries at the Eastern and Western increased, but cutters have also created new affili-

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This week's contenders include, left to right, 2002 Eastern National champions Rachel Johnson, \$50,000 Amateur champion and reserve \$20,000 Non-Pro; Jim Johnson, Non-Pro and \$10,000 N/NP reserve champion; Sutton Eddings, \$2,000 Limited Rider champion.

Thanks

When lunch time rolls around at the Chevy Trucks/NCHA Western National Championships, cutters have some people to thank for providing delicious meals. Hot, homemade lunches will be served to cutters and their families every day, in the Hospitality Room, thanks to the generosity and hard work of:

- Arizona CHA
- Canadian CHA
- Central Utah CHA
- Idaho CHA
- Las Vegas CHA
- Montana CHA
- Nevada RCH & CHA
- San Diego CHA
- Southern Oregon CHA
- Utah CHA
- Weber County Commissioners
- Wyoming CHA


**“It is not enough
for a man to know
how to ride; he must
know how to fall.”**


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ate organizations, which strengthen the association year-round.”

Since the program’s inception, the number of NCHA affiliates has grown, which in turn increased the number of cutters eligible to take part in the Affiliate Challenge during the Eastern and Western National Championships.

Brian said that this year the NCHA show department sent out 20 percent more invitations to competitors who

qualified for the Eastern and Western Nationals than the previous year.

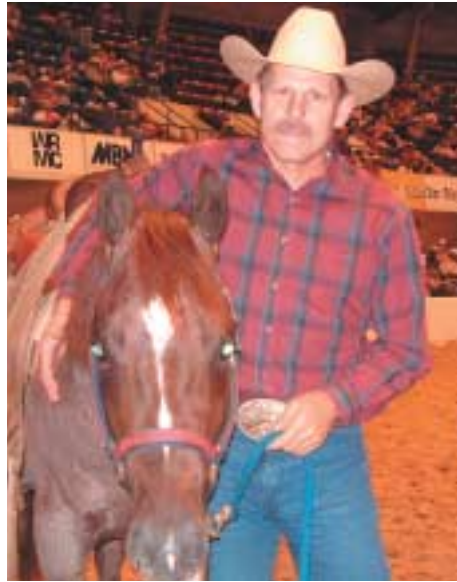
The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge brings a team concept to the NCHA’s Area Work-Offs. In addition to individual competition, all entrants in those shows also compete on behalf of their local NCHA affiliate organization. Points are awarded for both participation and excellence of performance. The top affiliate at each show is presented a check from the AQHA for \$7,500, with



You say it's your birthday!

*These NCHA members
are celebrating their birthday today.*

Missy Ashley	Marshall, TX	Dean Robert Passi	Stillwater, MN
Russ Carroll	Edna, TX	Clint Pooley	Justin, TX
Art Davis	Valparaiso, IN	John Rademacher	Morris, IL
Megan Dietmal	Germany,	Phill Sappington	Hackleburt, AL
Kimberly A Gerrity	Hollister, CA	Karlene Minnich Schlegel ...	Lehighton, PA
Nikki Gordon	Elbert, CO	Beth Smith	Rogersville, MO
Ronda Hall	Loco, OK	Grant Cooper Smith	Fairfield Bay, AR
John Migliore	Visalia, CA	Monte Strusiner	Northbrook, IL
Celine Harache	France,	Matt Sullivan	Avon Park, FL
Ernest Harper	N Little Rock, AR	Tina Thomas	Arcadia, FL
Lisa Hefley	Little Rock, AR	Walter Turner Jr.	La Mesa, CA
Foster Johnston	Wilburton, OK	Phil Vasser	Natchez, MS
Vicky Lowrance	Pueblo, CO	Ashley Virag	Canada,
Myron Mead	Lorane, OR	Nicholas Von Gal	Ramer, AL
Wayne Meyers	Canada,	Charles Walker	Salinas, CA
Kit Moncrief	Fort Worth, TX	Jason Williams	Maben, MS
C A Montague	Vicksburg, MS	Tim Wood	Georgetown, TX
Debbie Nabors	Cypress, TX	David Younts	Nobleilles, IN



Left to right: Toby Crow, recent winner of the NCHA Super Stakes Ltd. Open; Wayne Czisny and 2002 Eastern National \$10,000 Novice champion Allmytroublesareover; Tom Dvorak, recent open finalist, on Dually Lil Pep, in the NCHA Super Stakes.

money also awarded to the next nine high-scoring affiliates.



Jamie Sokol 2002 NCHA Eastern National Senior Youth champion.

Jamie Sokol, of New Smyrna Beach, FL, won the Senior Youth Championship at Jackson, MS, in March, and has come West to take on 27 other Senior Youth on Saturday. Among the competition are Jamie's cousin, Courtney Sokol, who was last year's Junior Youth champion in Ogden; Rachel Johnson, 2001 Senior Youth champion in the Eastern Nationals; as well as Lee Gandy, Western Nationals defending champion.

Saturday's Junior Youth competition, with 46 entries, includes Kade Smith, of Hailey, ID, last year's reserve champion.

AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Standings

Arizona CHA	540	Washington CHA	60
Utah CHA	490	British Columbia CHA.....	50
Wyoming CHA	460	Lone Star CHA	50
Montana CHA.....	390	Panhandle CHA.....	50
Northwest CHA.....	320	Beef Empire CHA	40
Central Utah CHA.....	300	Big Country CHA	40
Idaho CHA	290	Live Oak CHA.....	40
Alberta CHA	260	Waller CHA	40
Las Vegas CHA	250	Bluebonnet CHA.....	30
Nevada Reined Cow CHA	250	Brenham CHA	30
South Dakota CHA	250	Four Corners Cuttinghorse Club.....	30
Western States CHA	220	Kansas CHA	30
Pacific Coast CHA	210	Mississippi CHA.....	30
Southern Oregon CHA	210	Muenster Cutting Horse Assn.....	30
Canadian CHA.....	200	Redwood Empire CHA	30
Oregon CHA	200	Area 18 CHA	20
New Mexico CHA.....	180	Cowtown Cutters	20
San Diego CHA	170	Iowa CHA	20
Cha Of Nebraska.....	160	Kern County CHA	20
Oklahoma CHA.....	150	Oil Belt CHA	20
North Texas AQHA CHA.....	140	Southeastern Oklahoma CHA	20
Gold Country CHA.....	120	Wateree CHA	20
Longhorn CHA.....	120	Brazos Valley Cutters.....	10
Cascade Cow Cutters.....	110	East Coast CHA	10
Minnesota CHA	110	Florida CHA	10
Double Eagle CHA	70	North Texas CHA	10
Central Texas CHA	60	Northern Illinois CHA.....	10
Land & Cattle Co CHA.....	60	Southern Oklahoma CHA.....	10



**Can you identify this former NCHA
Western National Finals Champion?**

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HORSE
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The American Quarter Horse Association, located in Amarillo, Texas, is the world's largest equine breed registry.

Through their Strategic Marketing Alliance, NCHA will be acknowledged as the authority for cutting competitions and the AQHA will be acknowledged as the foundation breed which provides the bloodlines for the majority of horses used in NCHA competition. Both Associations will work together to actively promote the sport of cutting.

For more information on AQHA's programs and events contact AQHA at 806-376-4811 or visit AQHA's Web site at www.aqha.com.

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