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Good friends Kimberly Chamberlain, left, and McKenzie Dunning. Dunning won the Non-Pro championship and Chamberlain was reserve champion of the \$10,000 Novice.

\$50,000 Amateur

The main thing Terrye Kemp had on her mind immediately before the \$50,000 Amateur Finals was stirrups.

"I was worried because in the first go, I blew both stirrups on the third cow," she explained. "I was just hoping this time not to lose a stirrup and make it through."

Riding As Smart As Einstein, as the next-to-last rider in the first bunch, Kemp kept both feet firmly in the stirrups and scored 222.5 points for a win.

"He's really strong and he's going to make you sit deep and push hard," Kemp pointed out.

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Canadians Rule

Caught Me Lookin claims Open title
Mia Doc Freckles Open Reserve
Dunning wins Non-Pro with 227



Sandy and Gerry Hansma with *Caught Me Lookin*, who scored 225 points under Gerry to win the Open Western National Championship.

Defending Open Champion Gerry Hansma had his mind made up before he rode to the herd, second in the second bunch of the Finals, on his six-year-old stallion *Caught Me Lookin*.

"I wanted to really go out and win it," he said. "The draw makes a big difference. We were able to cut some good cows."

"It felt real good today," he added. "I asked him hard in a couple of spots and he took it well. I've been a little tentative in the aged events, where you think of the dollars a little bit and if you don't win, there's a good check a little deeper down."

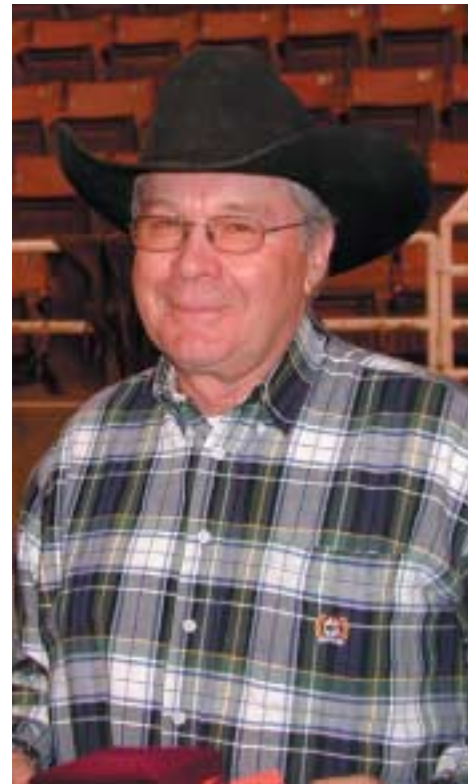
Hansma and his wife, Sandy,

who live in Alberta, Canada, have competed successfully on *Caught Me Lookin* in limited age events. Sandy recently rode him to tie Carl Gerwien for reserve in the Suncoast Futurity Classic. Gerry rode the stallion's dam in reining competition.

Last year, Gerry won the Open division in Ogden on LL *Playing Leopard*.

Mia Doc Freckles, a homebred owned by Bill and Elaine Speight of Alberta, Canada, and ridden by Bill Speight, scored 221 to place as Open reserve champion. "He's got lots of grit," said Speight of the gelding who was Canadian high point Open Champion last year.

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Left to right: McKenzie Dunning, winner of the Non-Pro division with 227 points aboard Short Willy; Bill Speight, reserve champion of the Open division with 221 points on Mia Doc Freckles. Below: Shelley Williams and friend.

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Non-Pro Champion

McKenzie Dunning, of Scottsdale, AZ, and her new horse, Short Willy, haven't wasted any time getting acquainted. Last December, McKenzie purchased the six-year-old Shorty Lena son for \$25,000 at Western Bloodstock's Futurity Sales.

"He was a stallion and we gelded him," said Dunning. "We didn't know how he would take to being a gelding, but I'm a big fan of geldings. Now he's totally sweet."

Riding next-to-last in the first bunch, Dunning cut for shape and marked a scorching 227 points. "There were 33 seconds left, when I went in for my third cow and I just wanted to get through with nothing bad," she said. "It seemed like I was on that cow for a long time. I just kept thinking buzzer, buzzer, buzzer."

Dunning, 24, a middle school substitute teacher, was \$20,000 Non-Pro Reserve World Champion in 2002, on LB Texas Twist.

\$10,000 Novice Non-Pro Champion

Canadian Carl Gerwien waited as long as he could before he rode to the herd in the \$10,000 Novice Non-Pro Finals,

then he unleashed homebred Play Mia CD for a 225-point winning run.

"The cattle were running and wild for the person right before me, so I waited as much as I could until they settled," Gerwien explained. "It worked out well and he felt really good, doing his thing."

Gerwien and Play Mia CD also claimed the Non-Pro reserve championship with 224 points.

"He's a good one," said Gerwien of the five-year-old CD Olena son. "He's been a finalist pretty much wherever I've gone."

Gerwien, who with his wife, Julia, runs a cattle operation, uses his show horses for cattle work at home. He also breeds his stallions, including Play Mia CD, at two.

"If they're bad as twos, when they're breeding, and they're nasty, they don't stick around very long," he explained. "They're gone. They're geldings."

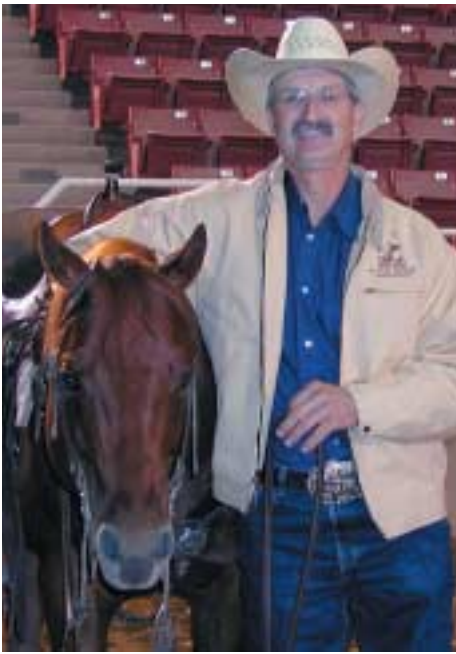
There was no in between for Kim Chamberlain, of Skull Valley, AZ during the Finals. Chamberlain drew first in the Non-Pro division and dead last in the \$10,000 Novice Non-Pro.

She lost a cow in the Non-Pro Finals, but scored 223 points in the Novice Non-Pro to place as reserve champion.



"I'm so proud of my horse because he's really green and I haven't really shown him that much," Chamberlain said of six-year-old Jazzy Chance, who she acquired when he was two. "My mom did a lot of work with him and she did a good job."

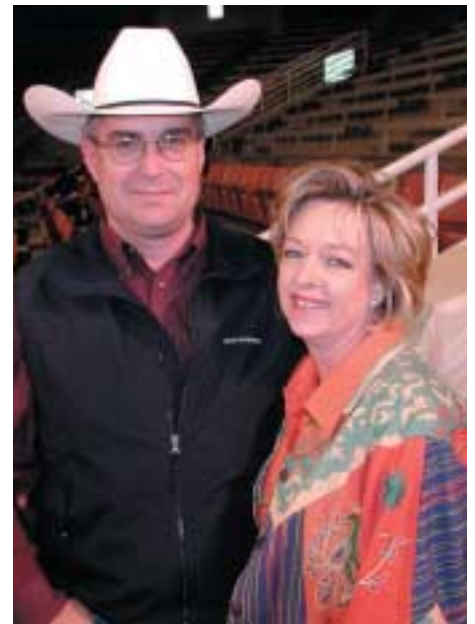
Chamberlain's mother, Patsy, split fifth and sixth in the Non-Pro Finals riding Bits N Hickory. Kimberly won the Western National Junior Youth division in 1995, and was Non-Pro and \$50,000



Left to right: Carl Gerwien, \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro champion and Non-Pro reserve champion on Play Mia CD; Terrye Kempe, \$50,000 Amateur champion; Barbi Madgwick, \$50,000 Amateur reserve champion.



From left, Steve Williams of the Utah CHA, AQHA director Ken Cochrane, and Becky Dunning of the Arizona CHA. Arizona CHA won the AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge and a check for \$7,500 at the Chevy Trucks/NCHA Western National Championships. The Utah CHA was second, and received a check for \$5,000. Points were tallied for affiliates based on their members participation and excellence at the show. The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge awarded a total of \$27,000 at Ogden this year.



Above: Dave and Tisa Brian. Dave, NCHA Manager of Shows, was in Ogden on the couple's 25th wedding anniversary, last Tuesday, so Tisa flew out from Texas so they could be together.


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Amateur champion in 2000!

“The cows looked they were going to run and be tough. The worse the cows are, the better he likes it.”

Kemp, of Weatherford, TX, was 1999 NCHA Rookie of the Year riding Smart As Einstein; her husband, Jimmy, a Non-Pro Hall of Fame rider, showed the As Smart As A Fox son as reserve champion of the 1999 Western Nationals Non-Pro division.

Barbi Madgwick, of Castaic, CA, rode Spinnies Star Olena to place second in the \$50,000 Amateur Finals.

“I can always count on him,” said Madgwick of the gelding she imported from Australia and who carried her as \$10,000 Amateur champion in 1998 and \$20,000 Non-Pro reserve champion in 2001. “It took him a while to sort things out after being on the other side of the equator. But he’s good as gold, now.”


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