

Daily Chatter

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Pinuelas \$10,000 Amateur champion

Lockhart claims reserve title

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$50,000 Amateur - 1st go-round
72 entries • 6 sets

\$20,000 NON-PRO FINALS
2 sets

7:00 p.m. to Midnight
PCCHA/NWCHA Party
Comfort Suites
Dinner & Live band

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Novice Non-Pro
1st go-round
75 entries • 5 sets

Open - 1st go-round
57 entries • 4 sets

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 NOVICE NON-PRO FINALS
2 sets

\$50,000 AMATEUR FINALS
2 sets

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

NON-PRO FINALS
2 sets

OPEN FINALS
2 sets

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Sunday, May 9**



Angel Pinuelas won the \$10,000 Amateur division with 219.5 points on Smart Little Kane.

Angel Pinuelas, a radiology technologist from Scottsdale, AZ, decided to reward himself with his first cutting saddle this week. "I've been showing in a reined cowhorse saddle for four years," said Pinuelas, who won the \$10,000 Amateur championship on Thursday with 219.5 points. "I thought it was time to go ahead and step up and buy a cutting saddle."

Riding fourth in the first set of the finals on Smart Little Kane, Pinuelas had a clear goal. "To make the finals was an accom-

plishment for me and I was going to go for it," he said. "It was all or nothing."

The first two cows Pinuelas cut were ones that he wanted, but the third cow was a questionable choice. "We weren't too excited about it," he explained. "But I knew I had to show the judges a good run and it shaped up, so I went ahead and cut it."

Fortunately for Pinuelas, who had 12 seconds left to work, the third cow was as good as the other two, and he was able to present a

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Scenes from Hadlock's Team Roping and dinner on Wednesday, May 5, at Hadlock Arena, including Paige Hadlock, above left on gray horse, and Walt Bowen, above right. Ross Hecox photos

strong finish. The win was his first in a major event.

"This is the beginning," he said. "It's all a learning process for me."

Pinuelas began cutting about four years ago, in order to improve his skills for reined cowhorse competition. He hooked up with Al Dunning and Mike Wood and fell in love with cutting. "When I went into Al's barn and started working with Mike, they just stepped up my game big time," he noted.

Through Dunning, Pinuelas purchased Smart Little Kane, by Smart Little Lena, as an eight-year-old who had not been shown for several years. "Mike thought for the price, he would be a good horse for me to learn on," said Pinuelas. "He was right. This was an excellent horse for me and I'm still

learning on him.

"We brought him out of retirement and started working him, and the next thing we know, he ended up being a really good horse. When you drop your hand, he's going to work those cows. There aren't many he can't handle."

Although Pinuelas qualified for the \$10,000 Amateur division at last year's National Championships, he did not advance to the finals. So he took Smart Little Kane home and gave him the summer off.

"I brought him back in September and started handling him a lot myself with Mike's help," explained Pinuelas. "This year he's been showing really strong. It's about the end of the show season in Arizona, so I'll put him away for the summer again."

This is Patricia Lockhart's first trip to the National Championships, as well. Riding 13-year-old Aachen, who she bred and trained herself, Lockhart not only finished as reserve champion of the \$10,000 Amateur division with 219, but she qualified for today's \$20,000 Non-Pro Finals and the first round of the Non-Pro division on Sunday.

"I had heard what a nice show this is and I decided that it was time for me to move up in my level of competition," said Lockhart, who works for Escalon Livestock Market in Escalon, CA.

Lockhart became interested in cutting horses in 1965, when her college roommate, Carol Ramsey, traveled to Texas to learn about the sport. Carol stayed in Texas and married Matlock Rose, and Lockhart went back to



Patricia Lockhart, of Oakdale, CA, was reserve champion in the \$10,000 Amateur.

California and took instructions from legendary horseman Don Dodge.

Over the years, Lockhart has participated primarily at the club level. "I'm not in the financial situation like some people who can go every weekend," she explained. "But I'm going to try to go as much as I possibly can, especially this year. And I'm going to come back to Ogden again next year for sure."



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These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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Arizona CHA..... 1,475	Pacific Coast CHA 195	San Diego CHA 30
Idaho CHA 1,125	North Texas Aqha CHA 155	West Central Texas CHA 30
Canadian CHA..... 1,025	Western Oklahoma CHA 135	Kansas CHA 20
Utah CHA 980	Four Corners Cuttinghorse Club. 125	Louisiana CHA..... 20
Montana CHA 925	Longhorn CHA..... 125	North Central Arkansas Semo..... 20
Northwest CHA..... 890	Southwest Oklahoma CHA..... 105	Northeast CHA 20
Central Utah CHA..... 580	Beef Empire CHA 85	Rose Country CHA..... 20
Wyoming CHA 515	Southeastern Oklahoma CHA 75	Western Nevada CHA 20
South Dakota CHA 490	Double Eagle CHA 65	Barn Church CHA..... 10
Oregon CHA..... 480	Panhandle CHA..... 65	Central Savannah Rvr Area CHA . 10
Nevada Reined Cow CHA 475	Mississippi CHA..... 60	Florida CHA..... 10
Washington CHA 450	North Mississippi CHA..... 55	Iowa CHA 10
Alberta CHA 345	Central Texas CHA 45	Live Oak CHA..... 10
New Mexico CHA..... 300	Mid State Illinois CHA..... 35	Mid-south CHA 10
Western States CHA 250	Bluebonnet CHA..... 30	Sowega CHA..... 10
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