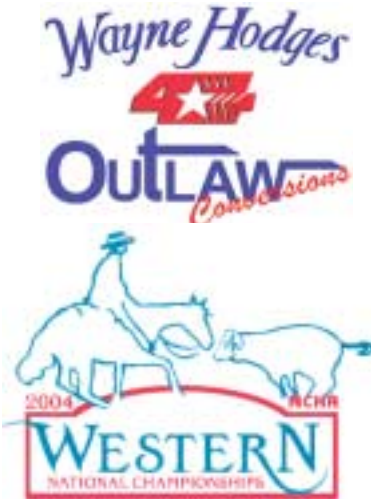


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Searle sizzles

Else captures \$2,000 Limit crown



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THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$50,000 Amateur - 1st go-round
71 entries • 5 sets

\$20,000 Non-Pro FINALS

PCCHA & NWCHA Party

7:00 p.m. to Midnight
Dinner, Live Band & Door Prizes
Comfort Suites

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Novice/NP - 1st go-round
65 entries • 5 sets

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

Steak Fry at Event Center
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Non-Pro - 1st go-round
67 entries • 5 sets

\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro FINALS

\$50,000 Amateur - FINALS

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

NON-PRO FINALS
OPEN FINALS

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It didn't take long for scores to mount in the first bunch of the \$10,000 Amateur Finals. Michael Carlyle led off the set with 211 on Magnalight, followed by Jan Daley with 214 on Tango Badger. Tyler Weyer upped the ante with 216 on Lenas Spicy N Hot, but it was Lola Searle, the fourth rider, who set the bar with 219.5 points, a score that wouldn't be topped.

"This was an awesome bunch of cows today and I had a good draw, too," said Searle, who also qualified for yesterday's \$2,000 Limit Rider Finals, where

the cattle were not as workable. "Sometimes I get nervous, depending on the cows. I had been a little bit short coming to the right here, but I knew as long as I got him over there, he was going to be just fine."

Searle rode Hickory Valentine, a 7-year-old gelded son of Doc's Hickory, who she purchased last year.

"He had won about \$1,200 when I bought him, so we're both getting seasoned," said Searle, who began cutting several years ago at the urging of her husband,

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Left to right: Ryan Else won the \$2,000 Limit Rider division with 218 points aboard *Playboy Money*; Tyler Weyer claimed the reserve championship in the \$10,000 Amateur on *Lenas Spicy N Hot*; Erica Rubalcaba was reserve in the \$2,000 Limit Rider on *Two Much Style*.

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Rhett. “He’s not a very big horse, but he’s got a huge heart. He’s a Hickory, so he takes a lot of loping, but then he gears right down.”

Rhett Searle also qualified for the \$20,000 Non-Pro aboard *Hickory Val-*

entine.

Tyler Weyer, 17, didn’t need to pick his cattle to earn the reserve champion title, with a 216-point performance. “I just cut whatever stayed up there on top,” said Tyler, a senior from Columbus, Montana, who plans to attend



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“We tire of those pleasures
we take, but never
of those we give.”

John Petit-Senn



Left to right: Shane Plummer, who placed third in the \$2,000 Limited Rider with 215 points on Sue You; Jan Daley, aboard Tango Badger, scored 214 points in the \$10,000 Amateur Finals to tie for third with Melissa Dassel (right) on Doctor Freckle Echol, and Jim Armstrong, riding Smokin Smarty Pants.

auctioneering school next fall. “My first cow was real soft; I had a good, easy run on my second cow; and my third cow was really strong.”

Tyler rode Lenas Spicy N Hot, who had carried James Hooper as a finalist in the 1992 NCHA Non-Pro Super Stakes. The 17-year-old gelded son of Doc O’Lena, also carried Tyler to place among the Top Ten of the Senior Youth last weekend, and to rank among the Top Ten in the \$10,000 Amateur and Senior Youth World Championship standings, last year.

\$2,000 Limit Rider

Ryan Else didn’t let his late draw as the next-to-last rider in the first bunch fluster him in the finals of the \$2,000 Limit Rider. “I was a little nervous,” admitted Else, “but I just tried to take my time on my cuts, so I would be clean and in the middle.”

Riding Playboy Money, Else kept to his task in the center of the working area for a 218-point winning performance. Erica Rubalcaba, who had ridden early in the first bunch, earned the reserve championship with 216 points; Shane Plummer was third with 215. Else and Plummer both marked 215 in the go-round; Rubalcaba scored 217 to tie for the second highest score in the go-round.

Else, 23, grew up on a ranch in eastern Montana and has worked on ranches most of his life. It wasn’t until last year, however, that he started show-

ing cutting horses. Currently he works for trainer Mike Wood in Scottsdale, Arizona. Wood won the \$10,000 Novice championship earlier this week on Nina Get Your Gun.

“I started showing about six months before I went to work for Mike,” Else explained. “I ride some horses for him and he’s helped me a lot with showing horses.”

Playboy Money, by Freckles Playboy, belongs to Else’s grandfather, Matt Crawford, Hamilton, Montana. “I like the Playboys a lot,” said Else. “He’s easy to keep. I don’t have to lope him much and he comes and does his job every day. He’s really solid. It isn’t very often that he has a bad day.”

Erica Rubalcaba found herself fielding traffic as the third rider in the first bunch. But she and her mount Two Much Style steered clear for a 216-point run.

“It was chaos,” Rubalcaba said. “Cattle were everywhere, in front of me and behind me, and one ran out. I didn’t know where it came from.

“My first cow was not the one I wanted, but I went with it and it made my horse work. The second cow was one that I wanted and it was a nice, soft one that let my horse get down in the middle and do things.”

Two Much Style, by Docs Stylish Oak, is owned by trainer Gary Martin, Terrebonne, Oregon. Rubalcaba, 21, who has been showing since she was 10, works for Martin’s Juniper Ridge

Ranch and won the 2004 Northwest CHA’s \$2,000 Limited Rider division on Two Much Style.

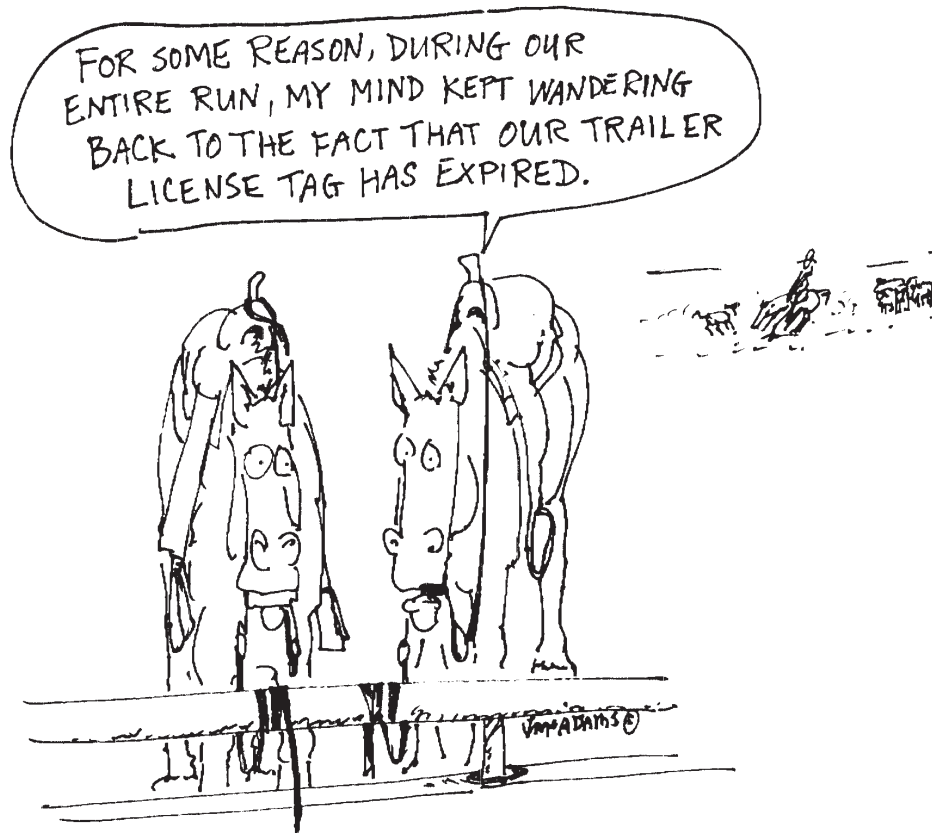
“He felt really focused the whole time (during the finals),” she said. “He is nice and solid and hit those stops. I’m proud of him.”

Shane Plummer, Farmington, Utah, enjoyed the mantle of reserve champion for a short time, yesterday, before Rubalcaba’s score was adjusted to 216. But Plummer was pleased with his 215-point performance and third-place ranking.

“The cattle were really tough in the first bunch and I was a little worried,” said Plummer, who was the third rider in the second bunch. “But Greg Smith said there were some good cattle in there and I didn’t worry after that. I cut the ones they told me to cut. I couldn’t have done it without (my helpers).”

Plummer, who manages family-owned Buffalo Ranch in Farmington, home of TR Dual Rey and Laredo Blue, began showing in 2004. His mount is Sue You, by Cash Quixote Rio out of Meradas Little Sue. Sue You also carried Ashley Smith as reserve champion of the Senior Youth division last weekend. Ashley’s father, trainer Greg Smith, works for Buffalo Ranch, which also Meradas Blue Sue, Sue You’s half-brother by Duals Blue Boon.

Shane’s father, David Plummer, split eighth and ninth in the \$10,000 Amateur Finals aboard Goran, and was also a finalist in the \$2,000 Limit Rider.



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