

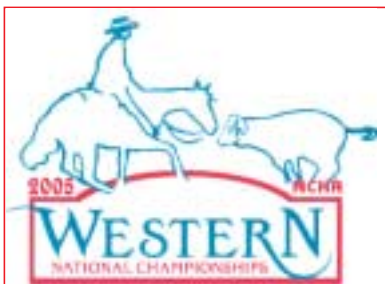
# Daily Chatter

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## Lee and Raftery Co-Champs Lane Ternan takes Junior Youth Zacks Little Lena claims \$10,000 Novice Olenas Dually CD tops \$3,000 Novice



### MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**\$2,000 Limit Rider - 1st go-round**  
46 entries

*Cutters' Team Roping & Dinner*  
*Hadlock Arena*

3:00 p.m. - Roping

5:30 p.m. - All You Can Eat Dinner

6:30 - Live Western Band

### TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**\$10,000 Amateur - 1st go-round**  
82 entries

**\$2,000 Limit Rider**  
**FINALS**

### WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**\$20,000 Non-Pro - 1st go-round**  
80 entries

**\$10,000 Amateur**  
**FINALS**

### THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**\$50,000 Amateur - 1st go-round**  
69 entries

**\$20,000 Non-Pro**  
**FINALS**



\$10,000 Novice champions, left to right: Will Nuttall, reserve champion on Flo Motion, and John L. Dublin, champion on Zacks Little Lena —Nuttall is holding Dublin's two-year-old son, John.

Good friends John L. Dublin, Columbus, MT, and Will Nuttall, Red Lodge, MT, have been battling it out all year on Zacks Little Lena and Flo Motion, and Sunday's \$10,000 Novice Finals was no exception.

Riding Flo Motion in the middle of the second set of cattle, for Switchback Cutting Horses of Red Lodge, MT, Nuttall followed Al Dunning, who had just topped competition with 217.5 on Lil Smokin Dynamite.

When Flo Motion lit the board with a gritty 222-point performance, Zacks Little Lena had yet to cut. Although he had drawn dead last in a testy herd, it proved to be the right spot.

"In a way it's tough, but in a way it's good because you know what's going on," said Dublin, who marked 223.5 on the seven-year-old son of Zack T Wood, owned by John and Alexander Spizziri, Franklin Lakes, NJ.

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Left to right: Senior Youth co-champions with 219 points each — Lindsey Lee, 16, Hamilton, MT, riding Tico Montana, and Heather Raftery, 20, Green Valley, AZ, on Lil Commando; Lee Ternan, 13, Roberts, MT, scored 215.5 points on Badgers Danny Dry to win the Junior Youth championship.

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“Will (Nuttall) is a very good friend of mine,” he added. “He wins one week and I win one week. It’s been a great rivalry.”

Dublin trained the Zacks Little Lena and placed 15th with him in last year’s

\$10,000 Novice World standings.

“He is a great horse,” said Dublin. “You don’t say that very often about a horse. I trained him, but I also messed him up early on and he let me fix him. That’s why I think he’s a great horse.”

Zacks Little Lena and Dublin won



## You say it's your birthday!

*These NCHA members  
are celebrating their birthday today.*

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		Rick Williams ..... Corydon, IA



Left to right: Sadee Smith, 10, Hailey, ID, Junior Youth reserve champion on Instant Bucks; Tom Campbell, \$3,000 Novice champion with 219 points on Olenas Dually CD, owned by Dennis Bacon, Big Timber, MT; Al Dunning scored 218 points as reserve champion of the \$3,000 Novice aboard Lectric Brakes for Cindy Watkins, Prescott, AZ;

the go-round with 221 points.

The Spizziris do not cut themselves, but own a ranch in Montana, where they enjoy their horses.

Flo Motion, a seven-year-old sired by Mr Peponita Flo, was a limited age event champion in Idaho under Nuttall.

"We got tested pretty good," said Nuttall of his Finals performance. "He's been an honest, hard-knocking horse all along. He's seven this year, so he's going to go on and become a weekend warrior."

### **\$3,000 Novice champions**

Tom Campbell was pleased with his score of 219 points on Olenas Dually CD, in the middle of the first bunch of the \$3,000 Novice Finals. But he was surprised to find he had won the championship.

"I didn't think it would hold up at all," said Campbell, who won the \$5,000 Novice in 1996 on Oleta Playgirl. "The cattle didn't honor the horses very good. You just had to survive with what you had."

Olenas Dually CD, by CD Olena, is owned by Dennis Bacon, Big Timber, MT, who is showing two other horses here in the \$20,000 Non-Pro, as well as in both amateur divisions.

Al Dunning scored 218 points on Lectric Brakes midway through the second bunch to claim the reserve championship.

"He's a good, solid horse and on tough cattle, he can run and stop and handle them," said Dunning of the Lectric Playboy son, owned by Cindy Watkins, Prescott, AZ. "That wasn't an optimum herd, but I thought I cut the best cows that were left."

Dunning purchased the six-year-old gelding, who had been shown by Phil Rapp at the NCHA Futurity, at the 2004 NCHA Futurity Sale for another client, who wound up selling him to Watkins.

"I gave quite a bit for a gelding, but he's been a really nice horse," said Dunning. "He's really paid off."

Watkins placed third on Olena Dually CD at the AQHA World Show and won the 5 & 6-year-old amateur division at the Cutting by the Sea in Temecula this year.

Dunning also placed third aboard Lil Smokin Dynamite, owned by Ben Herman, in the \$10,000 Novice, and split sixth on Stars Miss Fancy, also owned by Herman.

### **Senior Youth champions**

Lindsey Lee, Hamilton, MT, and Heather Raftery, Green Valley AZ, each scored 219 points to become co-champions of the Senior Youth.

"I didn't think I was going to be first," said Lindsey, who immediately followed Heather's run. "I just kind of blocked it out."

Lindsey, 16, who has been cutting

since she was eight, rode her father's horse, Tico Montana, who has been Horse of the Year in Montana for the past three out of four years.

Heather, 20, a sophomore at the University of Arizona, rode Lil Commando, raised and trained by her father, trainer Scott Raftery.

"It's exciting to do really well on him," said Heather. "This is my last year (in the Youth) and it's amazing because I haven't done well here before."

Scott Raftery rode Lil Commando, whose barn name is Spider Man, to split fifth and sixth with 215 points in Sunday's \$3,000 Novice division.

### **Junior Youth**

Lee Ternan, 13, from Roberts, MT, wasn't bothered by his draw as the next-to-last rider in the Junior Youth Finals.

"I thought it would be okay," said Ternan, who scored 215.5 points on Badgers Danny Dry to win the championship. "I got them cut clean and it worked out okay."

"This is my first year doing this," he added. "My horse has been a dream for me. If it wasn't for him, I don't think I'd be here."

Sadee Smith, 10, Hailey, ID, was reserve champion with 214.5 points on Instant Bucks.

"He does his job so I don't have to do anything," said Sadee, the daughter of trainer Greg Smith.



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