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Layne licks \$10,000 Amateurs Peterson prevails in \$2,000 Limited Rider



\$10,000 Amateur champion Philip Layne, Park City, UT, scored 219 points to win the Finals on Duals Moonstruck.

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

\$20,000 Non-Pro FINALS

7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PCCHA & NWCHA Party

Comfort Suites
Dinner & Live Band
Door Prizes

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro
1st go-round

Open - 1st go-round

Steak Fry Lunch

Events Center

Hosted by Ogden/Weber
Chamber of Commerce &
Weber Economic Development

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Non-Pro - 1st go-round

\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro
FINALS

\$50,000 Amateur
FINALS

Philip Layne just barely made it to the \$10,000 Amateur Finals with a score of 213.5 in the go-round. But the 16-year-old Park City, UT high school student made the most of his last run.

Riding Duals Moonstruck, by Dual Pep, Layne scored 219 points in the Finals to beat Melissa Dassel by half a-point.

"I just went in there and tried to get them all cut," said Philip, who was reserve champion of the \$2,000 Limited Rider division

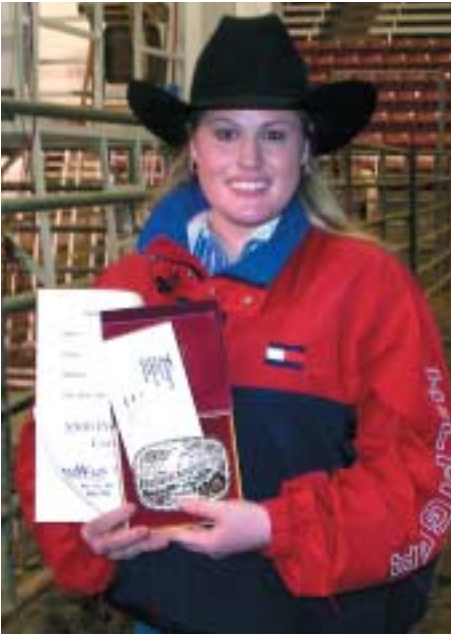
in 2003 on Tamulenas Cookin, the gelding he rode to qualify for Thursday's \$20,000 Non-Pro Finals.

Philip, who purchased Duals Moonstruck from Deena Adams, keeps his cutting horses at Buffalo Ranch in Farmington, UT.

"The Buffalo Ranch has helped me a lot," said Philip, who moved to Park City with his mother last summer from Aspen, CO.

Melissa Dassel, 23, San Juan Bautista, CA, rode the bubble to

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Left to right: Melissa Dassel, reserve champion of the \$10,000 Amateur with 218.5 points on Doctor Freckle Echol; Mandy Peterson won the \$2,000 Limit Rider championship with 221 points on Uno Smart Alex.

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the Finals, where Doctor Freckle Echol was up for the challenge.

“My horse was working awesome,” said Dassel of her 16-year-old gelding. “The wilder it gets the better he gets.”

Dassel placed third here last year

aboard Doctor Freckle Echol, in the \$10,000 Amateur.

“I went one step better this year,” said Dassel. “Maybe next year will be even better.”

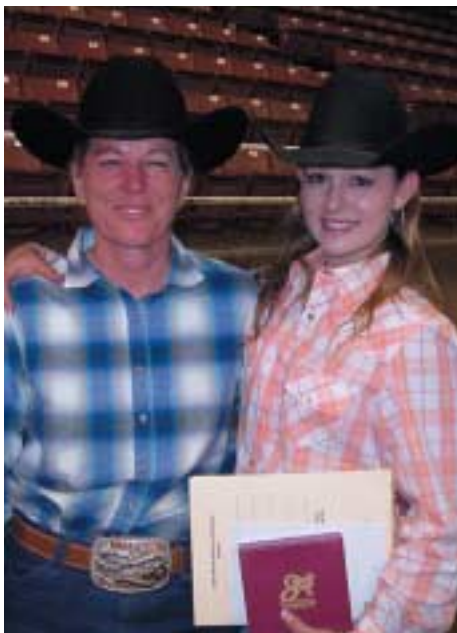
A business college student, who helps out with her family’s propane



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Left to right: Kathy and Kelly Germany — Kelly was reserve champion in the \$2,000 Limit Rider on Peppymint Lace; Ron Faris placed third in the \$2,000 Limit Rider with Mia Doc Freckles; the Team Roping event was a hit at Hadlock Arena on Monday (photo by Kim Cook).

business, Dassel was introduced to cutting through high school rodeo. She purchased Doctor Freckle Echol eight years ago from another high school rodeo competitor.

“He’s been my only cutting horse,” she said. “My brother cut on him and made the High School Rodeo Finals in New Mexico. But I don’t let too many people ride him. We’re a team. He’s a great horse. A real weekend warrior.”

\$2,000 Limited Rider champions

Mandy Peterson came to Ogden armed for battle and on Tuesday, riding limited age event competitor Uno Smart Alex, Peterson won the \$2,000 Limited Rider championship with 221 points. Kelly Germany placed second with 218.5 points on Peppymint Lace.

“I didn’t expect to mark that high,” said Peterson. “It was a blur. I have a horse good enough to do it, but I have to be a good enough pilot to get there.”

This is the first National Finals for Peterson, 27, a former barrel racer who turned cutter a year ago, when she met her fiance, trainer Seth Kirchner. Now Peterson, a former Minnesotan, helps Kirchner run his cutting horse operation in Clarinda, IA.

“I always liked cutting, but didn’t know anyone that did it,” said Peterson.

“Now all I have are cutting horses. I don’t have barrel horses, anymore.”

Peterson earned her trip to the National Finals aboard Miss CD Skeet; she purchased Uno Smart Alex, a six-year-old and the earner of \$14,000, at the NCHA Futurity Sales last year.

As a rider about to graduate from the \$2,000 division, Peterson’s advice to beginning cutters is to buy an older horse.

“Do not try to learn on a young one,” she said. “Miss CD Skeet was solid as a rock. If I did something wrong, she just ignored it and kept doing what she was supposed to do. She was definitely my best teacher.”

Peterson also finished ninth in the \$2,000 Limited Rider NCHA World Top Ten standings for 2005.

Kelly Germany, 17, Wilton, CA, also claimed her first National Finals buckle on Tuesday.

“I was a little nervous going in, but I think I showed her as best I could,” said Germany, who rode nine-year-old Peppymint Lace, by Peppymint Dry.

“She’s kind of a hot mare. She takes a lot of loping. But if you can put up with her, she’ll usually get you through a good run.”

Kelly’s mother, Kathy Germany, also qualified for the Finals, but lost a cow as the last rider in the first set.

It was Kathy who inspired Kelly to try cutting, when she was 13.

“Mike and Luke Bakey have helped

me immensely,” said Kelly. “I didn’t know how to ride, when I first came to them. They’ve brought me a long ways.”

Luke Bakey raised and trained Peppymint Lace and showed her to win the Ogden Futurity.

Ron Faris, Gresham, OR, placed third with 217 points aboard Mia Doc Freckles.

“I didn’t do particularly well yesterday and I’m just glad I had a chance to redeem myself,” said Faris, who owns a sheet metal business in Portland, OR.

“I recently acquired my gelding and he’s been a great animal. He carried me through.”

Faris purchased his 12-year-old gelding from Kevin Combs, who rode Mia Doc Freckles as a Non-Pro finalist here three years ago.



**“We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give.”**

Winston Churchill





NYCHA Youth Team Cutting second-place winners from last weekend — Cutters of Oz Too: Shannon McCoy, Bridget Weander, Ashley Meyers, and Lindsey Weander.



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