

Daily Chatter

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“I couldn’t have done it without my helpers.”



Western Nationals helpers, left to right: Robin Hays, Wylie Frashier, Scott Amos, Gerry Hansma, Vince Bellon, Will Nuttall, Teddy Johnson, Mike Wood, Scott Rafferty, John Paul, Joe Jones, Luke Bakey, Dan Manning, Jason Taylor. Not pictured are Todd Adolph, Joe Archuletta, Gordy Bray, Tim Denton, John L Dublin, Al Dunning, Jim Halligan, and Ray Smith.



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\$20,000 Non-Pro champions

Sometimes it’s the little things that count. Like half a point. That was Aaron Hughes’ margin over Rhett Searle, when scores were confirmed for the \$20,000 Non-Pro Finals.

Riding Amazing Acre, as the fourth rider in the second bunch of cattle, Hughes cut three cows and marked 215.5 points.

“I just knew I had to go in there and have a clean run,” he said. “The cows were kind of raunchy, but it worked out.

“There was no way I thought 215.5 would hold up.”

Hughes, whose twin brother Daron was a finalist in the \$10,000 Amateur on Haidas Dry, has had Amazing Acre since he was a freshman in high school. Following this show — Hughes is

also riding in the Non-Pro division — the 14-year-old Bob Acre Doc daughter will be retired.

“She’s a best friend said Hughes, 24, who lives in Salem, UT. “I let a bunch of people ride her through high school. Fallon Nuttall and Paige Hadlock both rode her.”

Fallon was reserve champion of the \$3,000 Novice Non-Pro on Monday; Paige won the Senior Youth championship on Dee Acre Doc, also by Bob Acre Doc.

Rhett Searle, Vernal, UT, upheld what may become a family tradition with his reserve championship title.

On Tuesday, Searle’s wife, Lola, claimed the \$10,000 Amateur title on Hickory Valentino.

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Left to right: Aaron Hughes, Salem, UT, \$20,000 Non-Pro champion on Amazing Acre; Rhett Searle, Vernal, UT, \$20,000 Non-Pro reserve on Gimme My Sock; Lola Searle, \$10,000 Amateur champion on Hickory Valentino.

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body,” said Rhett Searle, who rode 7-year-old Gimme My Sock. “I was just trying to get my horse shown good.”

Searle purchased the gelded son of Dual Rey from Jim and Mary Jo Milner, at last year’s NCHA Futurity Sales.

“I’ve only shown him about ten times, but I sure like him,” noted Searle. “Jeremy Barwick had been riding him and I just needed him slowed down a little for my pace.”

\$10,000 Amateur champions

Normally, Lola Searle, Vernal, UT, would have been apprehensive about her draw as the first rider in the \$10,000 Amateur Finals. But she had seen enough of the cutting this week to be content with her position.

“I drew first last year and it kind of went all to heck really fast,” she recalled. “But the way the cattle have been this year, the higher up in the herd that you draw, the better it is.”

Searle scored 217 points riding Hickory Valentino for the championship win, her second in three years (she also captured the title in 2004) aboard the 9-year-old gelded son of Doc’s Hickory.



“I knew if I went in and got up out of there and gave myself plenty of room that he was going to do his part,” she added. “It just worked out great and he was right on the money.”

Searle, who works for the Vernal school district human resources department, purchased Hickory Valentino three years ago, after finding a ‘For Sale’

ad for him on the Internet.

“He’d been for sale for three or four years,” she noted. “I was told that no one could get along with him. He’s got his little deals. He hates to sweat. The more he sweats, the more he flips his tail.

“But he’s one of those horses that are right there for you every time. I’ll probably never have another one like him.”

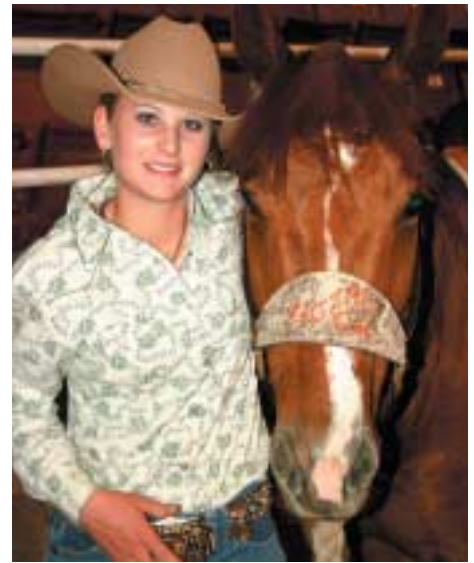

“Never answer an anonymous letter.”
Yogi Berra




You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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Left to right: Sandra Azinger, Hot Springs, SD, \$10,000 Amateur reserve champion on Rolladaker; Austin Keys, Hailey, ID, \$3,000 Novice Non-Pro champion on Attract A Dual; Fallon Nuttall, Red Lodge, MT, reserve in the \$3,000 Novice Non-Pro on Zig Zag Cat.

Sandra Azinger, Hot Springs, SD, scored 215 points to claim the reserve championship.

“It was very exhilarating,” said Azinger of her win. “I almost came off more than once. The horse that I am riding, I’ve had her for less than a year, and I’ve been cutting for just four seasons. So I am just psyched.

“My regular help wasn’t there and that’s scary when you come to a show like this. But Todd Adolph helped me and he’s phenomenal.”

Azinger was riding 13-year-old Rolladaker, by Smart Peppy Doc.

“She can just about do it without me

on her — which she almost got to do today,” noted Azinger, who didn’t begin riding cutting horses until she was 50.

“Sometimes I think I started a little too late,” she said. “But I’ve shown in a lot of disciplines and it’s the most exciting thing that I’ve done.”

\$3,000 Novice Non-Pro

Austin Keys, 19, Hailey, ID, scored 217 points on Attract A Dual for the \$3,000 Novice Non-Pro championship. Fallon Nuttall was reserve with 216.5 on Zig Zag Cat.

“The cattle had a lot more feel in them than in the first go,” Keys noted.

“We were just going for shape cuts, trying to find something that would look at me and stand in the middle.”

Keys drew first to ride in the second bunch, where Nuttall had drawn dead last.

“It didn’t bother me,” said Nuttall, a Senior Youth competitor and daughter of trainer Will Nuttall. “My horse does good, so I don’t worry about it.”

Nuttall placed fifth in the 2006 NCHA World Championship Novice Non-Pro standings riding the 6-year-old High Brow Cat gelding.

“He’s just been a good horse,” she said.

Current AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Standings (through 5/2)

Utah CHA	1,475	New Mexico CHA.....	200	Salt Creek CHA	30
Montana CHA	1,185	Minnesota CHA	170	Kentucky CHA	20
Central Utah CHA.....	1,160	Oregon CHA.....	170	Northeast Mississippi CHA.....	20
Arizona CHA.....	1,150	Palo Duro CHA	145	Saskatchewan CHA.....	20
Western States CHA	920	Cha Of Nebraska.....	115	Beef Empire CHA	10
Idaho CHA	725	Sundance CHA.....	105	Blue Bonnet CHA	10
Alberta CHA	690	Deep Fork CHA	85	Bluegrass CHA	10
Gold Country CHA.....	645	Southern Oklahoma CHA.....	80	Double Eagle CHA	10
Wyoming CHA	590	Kern County CHA	70	Muenster CHA	10
Nevada Reined Cow CHA	540	Brazos Valley Cutters.....	60	North Dakota CHA.....	10
Northwest CHA.....	495	Redwood Empire CHA	55	Oil Belt CHA	10
British Columbia CHA.....	400	San Diego CHA	55	Ozark Mountain CHA	10
Canadian CHA.....	390	Mid Valley CHA.....	50	Rose Country CHA.....	10
Cascade Cow Cutters.....	370	North Texas CHA	50	Southeast Texas CHA.....	10
South Dakota CHA	315	Chisholm Trail CHA.....	45	State Of Missouri CHA	10
Four Corners CHA Club	300	San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo	45	Wateree CHA	10
Iowa CHA	300	Longhorn CHA.....	40	Western Nevada CHA	10
Washington CHA	285	Pacific Coast CHA	30		



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