

# NCHA WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Daily Chatter

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## James claims 2 buckles Nuttall and Ternan Youth Champs



Andrea James, 19, Daniel, WY, won the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro championship with 222 points on *Annies Smart Lady*, the horse she also rode as reserve champion of the Senior Youth.

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WAYNE HODGES &  
OUTLAW CONVERSIONS  
and  
ROO HIDE

The use of a new  
Wayne Hodges & Outlaw  
Conversions Trailer  
will be awarded to the owner,  
who must be over 18, of the  
highest scoring horse during  
the NCHA Western Nationals.

A Roo Hide Saddle  
will be awarded to the  
highest scoring rider  
(any age) during the  
NCHA Western Nationals.

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on Friday, May 9

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Annies Smart Lady's swan song performance for Andrea James won the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro title yesterday for the college freshman rider. On Sunday, James had shown 6-year-old Annies Smart Lady as reserve champion of the Senior Youth Finals.

"That's probably the best run I've ever had on her," said James, who scored 222 in the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro. "She's pretty laid back, but she always tries her hardest and never gives up."

James, who attends the University of Montana in Billings, rode the Ill Be Smart daughter as reserve champion of last year's Western National Senior Youth division. Her father, Steve James, also showed Annies Smart Lady this week in the finals of the \$3,000 Novice

and \$10,000 Novice divisions.

Soon after Steve and Andrea get back home to Daniel, Wyoming, Steve will load Annies Smart Lady up again and deliver her to her new owner in Utah.

"That's why we tried to show her as much as we could here," said James. "We knew that she would be gone."

Cheri Raftery scored 218 points as reserve champion in the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro riding Little Checotah.

"This was kind of a fairy tale," said Raftery, who received her mare as a twenty-fifth wedding anniversary gift from her husband, Scott. On Sunday, May 4 the Rafterys celebrated their twenty-seventh anniversary.

"I came hoping to have a cham-

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### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$10,000 Amateur - 1st go-round  
\$2,000 Limit Rider - FINALS

*Team Roping*

### WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$20,000 Non-Pro - 1st go-round  
\$10,000 Amateur - FINALS

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### THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

\$50,000 Amateur - 1st go-round  
\$20,000 Non-Pro - FINALS

*Buffalo Ranch Party*



Left to right: Fallon Nuttall, Red Lodge, MT, winner of the Senior Youth with 224 points on Shortys Blue Boy; Lane Ternan, Roberts, MT, champion of the Junior Youth with 222 points on Badgers Danny Dry; Shannon McCoy, Burke, SD, reserve champion of the Junior Youth with 219 points on LL Playgirl.



Cheri and Scott Raftery with Cheri's 25th anniversary present, Little Checotah, reserve champion of the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro under Cheri.

pionship title or reserve because my daughter has won it and my husband has won reserve," said Cheri Raftery, who will also show Little Checotah in the \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro.

The Rafterys' daughter, Heather, won the 2005 Senior Youth division on Lil Commando, the horse that Scott would show as reserve champion of the \$3,000 Novice in 2006.

"Jimmy Kemp bought her and did well at some aged events with her," said Raftery of Little Checotah, a 7-year-old daughter of Teninas First. "She's so feisty and little, my husband says that we're both just like two little Jack Russell terriers."

## Youth champions

Fallon Nuttall, 17, Red Lodge, MT, scored 224 points on Shortys Royal Blue to win the Senior Youth championship.

"It was fun," said Nuttall. "I always had trouble in the finals, until last year."

The high school junior's father, Will Nuttall, won championships in last year's \$3,000 Novice and \$10,000 Novice divisions riding Playin Playgun for Switchback Cutting Horses.

In 2007, Fallon rode Zig Zag Cat as reserve champion of the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro. She will also show 5-year-old Shortys Royal Blue, by Bet On

Me 498, later this week in the Non-Pro division.

Lane Ternan, 15, claimed the championship of the Junior Youth with 222 points on Badgers Danny Dry.

"That was by far my top run," said Ternan. "I've never had a 222. But I've always had good luck with him."

Ternan acquired 12-year-old Badgers Danny Dry, by Badgers Little Star, three years ago, when he first started riding cutting horses.

"He was a stud and not a very good horse at the time," said Ternan. "But my trainer, John Dublin, fixed him up and got him working good. Now he's one of those horses that if you get good cattle, you know you can get a run on him. But I have to give a lot of credit to

John Dublin for helping me and sticking with me."

Ternan is a freshman at Red Lodge High School, where his father, Rex, is the principal.

Shannon McCoy, 14, Burke, SD, scored 219 points to earn the Junior Youth reserve championship title. McCoy, who has been showing for four years, rode LL Playgirl, a 5-year-old daughter of Lenas Telesis.

"This was my first time to score 219," said McCoy. "She had hard stops and that's what I think got me up there."

Shannon's mother, Margaret, also rides and is showing in the \$50,000 Amateur and the Non-Pro divisions later this week.



## You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

Adrienne Allen .....	Winterville, NC	Bailey Patterson .....	Spearman, TX
Christopher Bates .....	Alvardo, TX	Gene Phillippi .....	Ludington, MI
Jim Bozeman .....	Idalou, TX	Carol Rhodes .....	Kirbyville, TX
Patricia Burkett .....	Baton Rouge, LA	Betty Schack .....	Tolstoy, SD
Johnny Cox .....	Republic, MO	Jim Schaeffer .....	Paul, ID
Guy Crump .....	Alvin, TX	Sarah Schuler .....	Bakersfield, CA
Steve Decker .....	Farmersburg, IN	Pete Shauf .....	Gainesville, TX
Rick Dubay .....	Fort Gratiot, MI	Teresa Shaver .....	Bandera, TX
Gary Frazier .....	Lakeland, TN	Jim Shelton .....	Powder Springs, GA
Larry Galyean .....	Henderson, TX	Margaret Smith .....	Carson City, NV
Michelle Hacker .....	Gainesville, TX	Menda Street .....	Tavares, FL
J J Keuken .....	Netherlands	Mark Stucks .....	Burleson, TX
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