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Devries and Faris tie Azinger and Randall also champs



Jessica Devries, Alberta, Canada, and Ron Faris, Gresham, OR, tied with scores of 220 as co-champions of the \$10,000 Amateur division. Devries rode Lucky Powder and Faris was aboard Mia Doc Freckles.

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As a joke, Sandra Azinger, who drew first to ride in the \$20,000 Non-Pro Finals, told her help that she was going to ride into the herd and set the bar. And that is just what she did, with a 217-point performance on Rolladaker, a 13-year-old mare that Azinger calls Rolly.

"Rolly takes really good care of me," said Azinger, who was reserve champion of the \$10,000 Amateur at last year's Western Nationals. "She has taken me to a new level."

Azinger, 57, had shown Paints and Pintos in pleasure and halter, before she learned to cut five years ago. Her first mount, Kaena, carried her as reserve amateur champion at the Pinto World, after Azinger had shown just eight times.

Rolladaker was the horse that Azinger showed to qualify for the NCHA World Finals this year.

"I show maybe one weekend a month," said Azinger, who is from Hot Springs, SD. "I'm your real weekend cutter and I've accomplished way more than I ever dreamed."

Gary Hansen, a retired business owner from Duluth, MN, scored 215.5 points on Kit Duals Altissimo to earn the \$20,000 Non-Pro reserve championship.

"I was a little worried about the cattle, but I had very good help," said Hansen, who scored on the bubble with 209 pointed in the go-round and drew deep in the first set of the finals.

Hansen had raised and shown

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

PCCHA/Comfort Suites Party

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Open - 1st go-round
Non-Pro - 1st go-round
\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro - FINALS
\$50,000 Amateur - FINALS

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**OPEN FINALS
NON-PRO FINALS**

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Left to right: Terry Randall, Scottsdale, AZ, \$2,000 Limit Rider champion with 221 points on Cats Curly Kitty; Sandra Azinger, Hot Springs, SD, \$20,000 Non-Pro champion with 217 points on Rolladaker; Gary Hansen, Duluth, MN, \$20,000 Non-Pro reserve champion riding Kit Duals Altisimo.



Lane Ternan, Roberts, MT, Junior Youth champion and reserve champion of the \$2,000 Limit Rider on Badgers Danny Boy.

reining horses before he turned to cutting three years ago. He purchased Kit Duals Altisimo last year through Sean Flynn.

"I have four cutting horses and she's the best one," said Hansen. "She's very forgiving and a big stopper."

Hansen was a finalist this year in the \$20,000 Non-Pro at the NCHA World Finals. He was a finalist for the first time in Ogden last year in the \$3,000 Novice/Non-Pro, and shows again this week in the \$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro.

\$10,000 Amateur

Jessica Devries and Ron Faris were the high-scoring riders with 221 points in the \$10,000 Amateur.

"It was a little scary," said Devries, 19, who drew first to work in the second set. "But it was better than in the Youth where I drew last. My horse has been working awesome all week, so I was totally ready for this run."

Devries discovered cutting at a rodeo four years ago. Since then, she has been a High School Rodeo finalist and, last year, won the Youth championship and the \$10,000 Amateur finals in Canada. She purchased her 8-year-old gelding, Lucky Powder, two years ago. "He tries his best every time and

every time we go out there, we do better," said Devries, who just graduated from Olds College and begins work as a veterinary medical receptionist next Monday.

Business owner Ron Faris, Gresham, OR, put his dream of showing on the back burner until three years ago, when his children were through college. Two years ago, he qualified for the Western Finals \$2,000 Limit Rider and placed third on Mia Doc Freckles, the gelding that carried him as a champion on Thursday.

"He's a great horse and I'm just starting to get along with him," said Faris. "He's really solid. I need one that will ignore a lot of my mistakes. But the more I stay out of his way, the more successful I've been."

\$2,000 Limit Rider

Terry Randall, Scottsdale, AZ, scored two firsts yesterday: his first 221-point

run and his first major win.

"She was on fire and it was fun," said Randall, who also won the go-round with 219 on Cats Curly Kitty. "The cattle were tough and she just covered them."

Randall had never been in a saddle until six years. "I always wanted to be a cowboy from the time I was ten and never had a chance," he said. "So I learned to ride and cut at the same time."

Lane Ternan, 15, will be taking a lot of hardware home to Roberts, MT. Riding Badgers Danny Dry, Ternan won the Junior Youth championship last weekend, and claimed reserve in Tuesday's \$2,000 Limit Rider Finals.

"I'm pretty proud of my horse," said Ternan of his 12-year-old gelding. "But if it weren't for my grandma and grandpa, Joanne and Clinton Gillette, I wouldn't even be doing this. They help me foot the bills."



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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