

# \$335,000 in added money projected

*What a wonderful World it will be!*

The NCHA World Finals for the 2003 point year will open up a world of possibilities for competitors. Total added money estimated at \$335,000 and a total purse estimated at \$635,000 will be allocated among all of NCHA's 11 approved classes.

For decades, the top 15 open and non-pro cutters have been invited to the World Finals where top ten placings and even World Championship titles have been decided in the big-money showdown. Beginning in the new point year, cutters in all classes will share the glory and the opportunity of the World Finals.

"A new, improved World Finals format has been discussed for some time and our members crafted an innovative program at our convention last June," said NCHA Executive Director Jeff Hooper. "This new format will give every division their turn in the spotlight.

"The top 50 money earners from throughout the point year in each class will be invited, so the size of the show will make it very attractive to the host city as well as to potential sponsors.

"The increased opportunity to qualify should increase participation in weekend shows all year long as more and more grassroots cutters realize they have a very real shot at qualifying in their division."

All classes will include a non-working finals payout. The open and non-pro classes will feature four go-rounds plus the non-working finals payout. The remaining classes will feature two go-rounds plus the non-working finals payout. Both the junior and senior youth classes will have two go-rounds, plus points awarded in the non-working finals.

The 2003 World Finals will be held in January or February 2004. The NCHA staff have been negotiat-

## BIG PAYDAY

*Here's a look at the estimated added money and payout for the 2003 World Championship Finals to be held in January or February of 2004.*

Class	Added Money	Entry Fee	Maximum to Winner
Open .....	\$100,000	\$1,600	\$29,600
Non-Pro .....	\$100,000	\$1,600	\$29,600
\$50,000 Amateur .....	\$20,000	\$1,000	\$10,000
\$10,000 Amateur .....	\$15,000	\$800	\$7,800
\$3,000 Novice .....	\$25,000	\$1,200	\$12,200
\$10,000 Novice .....	\$25,000	\$1,200	\$10,000
\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro .....	\$20,000	\$1,000	\$10,000
\$2,000 Limit Rider .....	\$15,000	\$800	\$7,800
\$20,000 Non-Pro .....	\$15,000	\$800	\$7,800
Junior Youth .....	\$0	\$75	18 pts
Senior Youth .....	\$0	\$75	18 pts

**Total added money: \$335,000 • Total purse: \$635,000**

## More chances to win

Listed below is the money earned in 2001 by the 50th-ranked competitor in each class at the end of the point year. The new World Finals format will extend an automatic invitation to each of the top 50 contestants at the end of the regular season. If an invitation is declined, that will open a slot for the next competitor on the list. These figures, along with the projected purses shown in the table above, show that any of the 50 qualifiers would have the chance to make the top 10 if they did well in the World Finals.

Class	2001 Top 50	2001 Top 10
Open .....	\$6,011.81	\$21,721.56
Non-Pro .....	\$5,639.23	\$26,199.65
\$50,000 Amateur .....	\$3,227.12	\$10,092.32
\$10,000 Amateur .....	\$1,307.07	\$3,924.50
\$3,000 Novice .....	\$2,735.09	\$7,161.47
\$10,000 Novice .....	\$3,787.22	\$11,766.17
\$10,000 Novice/Non-Pro .....	\$3,424.86	\$11,715.84
\$2,000 Limit Rider .....	\$1,340.44	\$2,877.65
\$20,000 Non-Pro .....	\$1,199.91	\$3,142.83
Junior Youth .....		42 pts
Senior Youth .....		58 pts

ing with potential sites for the show and dates and locations should be announced soon.

The show's anticipated \$335,000 in added money will be generated by support from the host city and a

title sponsor—each expected to be run into six figures, plus a nominal \$2.00 premium added to entry fees collected at all NCHA-approved weekend shows during the point year. ★