

# Daily Chatter

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## Shutout for Hedlund, Pinkston scores 222



Cody Hedlund and his mother, Landy, were all smiles, after Cody won the World Finals of the \$20,000 Non-Pro division to secure the 2005 NCHA World Champion title.

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### AQHA Welcome Reception

American Quarter Horse at the Ambassador Hotel

Friday, February 17  
6:30 p.m.



Cody Hedlund, a 15-year-old high school student from Acampo, CA, scored a triple in the \$20,000 Non-Pro World Finals to clinch his standing as 2005 World Champion with \$21,885.

"I was feeling some pressure," said Cody, who came into the World Finals with the lead. "Lisa (Taylor) was right on my heels in the first go-round."

But Cody won the first go-round with 222.5 points, took the second with 224, and the third with 218.5.

"It was a blast," said Cody, who noted that his father, trainer Rock Hedlund, advised him to "just go down there and cut clean, and not try to chase anything in the corners."

Cody rode Shut Up And Cut, a 10-year-old gelding sired by Slip

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**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- Junior Youth - 2nd round
- Senior Youth - 2nd round
- Junior Youth - Finals
- Senior Youth - Finals

**MONDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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

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**TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- \$2,000 Limit Rider - 1st round
- \$10,000 Novice - 2nd round
- \$10,000 Amateur - 2nd round



Left to right: Suzanne Rodoni-Silverberg, Soquel, CA, nailed down the \$50,000 Amateur World Championship with \$39,003 and tied for fourth in the final round with 215 points aboard High Style Travalin; Lisa Taylor, Pilot Point, TX, who rode SR Shortening in the World Finals, is \$20,000 Non-Pro Reserve World Champion.

**On top of the Word**

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Down Lena. The horse was given to him by his parents as a Christmas present in 2004. His mother, Landy, also rides the gelding in non-pro competition.

“His nickname is Hotshot and he lopes really fast when he’s fresh,” said Cody, who marked 226 points at the National High School Rodeo Finals in Gillette, WY and is ranked fourth among 2005 NCHA Senior Youth World competitors.

Rock Hedlund was \$3,000 Novice World Champion in 2003 aboard Little Bitty CD, and Reserve World Champion the same year and in the same division on Flites Riata Doc. His mother was \$20,000 Non-Pro World Champion in 1998.

**\$20,000 Non-Pro Reserve Champion**

As a relative newcomer to cutting, Lisa Taylor, who began showing less than two years ago, had no aspirations for a title at the beginning of 2005. But when she found herself in second place, she just kept going.


“Cody was hard to catch because one of his checks would be like three of mine,” noted Taylor, who this week rode SR Shortening, the horse who had carried Lisa’s husband Pat Taylor to win the 1997 NCHA Super Stakes Non-Pro title. “I’m just proud to be here because Cody’s so good.”

Taylor, who is from Pilot Point, TX,

held her rank as Reserve World Champion with \$13,614 and placed third in the World Finals with 212.

**\$50,000 Amateur Champion**

Suzanne Rodoni-Silverberg won the \$50,000 Amateur World Championship with almost a \$10,000 edge over Reserve

  
**“The beginning is always today.”**  
*Mary Wollstonecraft*



**You say it's your birthday!**

*These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.*

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Left to right: Lica Pinkston, Alice, TX, won the \$50,000 Amateur final round with 222 points and finished as Reserve Champion in 2005 standings; Michael Carlyle, Weatherford, TX, finished the year ranked third in the \$50,000 Amateur division; Jenna Napier, Bakersfield, CA, rode Chelo Choice to collect the highest combined purse (\$5,666) in the \$50,000 Amateur go-rounds and Finals

Champion Lica Pinkston.

“This was a goal that we had set,” said Rodoni-Silverberg, who depended on long-time friends Ginger and Chubby Turner for guidance. “I wanted to focus on aged event horses, but everybody told me that to really learn the sport and step up as fast as I could, I needed to spend a year hauling.”

Rodoni-Silverberg, who lives in Soquel, CA, kept her gelding, 1995 NCHA Non-Pro Futurity champion Brigapep, in Texas, where she focused on the \$50,000 Amateur division, while she also rode High Style Travalin on the West Coast. Last year, Rodoni-Silverberg and trainer Scott Weis both qualified the mare for the finals of the Super Stakes Classic.

“That was my team,” said Rodoni-Silverberg of her horses. “Between the two of them they have about \$500,000 in earnings by now.”

Riding Peppy Zack, Lica Pinkston, Alice, TX, won the final round of the \$50,000 Amateur with 222 and claimed the Reserve World Championship. She had been in a close race all year with Michael Carlyle, who finished third in World Championship standings.

“Last year was just my second year to show and I started out just trying to get myself seasoned,” noted Pinkston, who also earned the title of 2005 Rookie of the Year and qualified for the \$10,000 Amateur World Finals.

“Michael (Carlyle) is very tough competition and we were close down to the end.”

Jenna Napier, 15, of Bakersfield, CA, earned the highest purse from the \$50,000 Amateur Finals on Chelo Choice. Last year, in her first trip to the World Finals, Jenna qualified for the Finals and placed among the Junior Youth Top 15.



James Kenney, 91, passed away on February 9, just 10 days short of the NCHA Open World Finals, which he had planned to attend. His stallion, Bobs Hickory Rio, ridden by Boyd Rice, has a formidable lead in Open competition. Kenney, an NCHA Hall of Fame member, succumbed to complications from a fall at his home on February 3. Ranked among NCHA Open Top 10 in 1958 and 1959 aboard Joe’s Last, and again in 1966 on Jose Uno, Kenney won the 1968 Futurity on the Jose Uno daughter Uno Princess.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, February 13 in Del Rio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the James L. Kenney Memorial Fund which will benefit NCHA Charities.



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### Special Events during the World Finals

- Horseman for Christ church service - 6:30 a.m., Sunday, February 12, VIP Room
- Participant Appreciation Dinner sponsored by Coors - 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, Rex Baxter Building. Please pick up tickets at the show office.
- AQHA Welcome Reception - 6:30 p.m., Sunday, February 17, Ambassador Hotel



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