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Smart Play Who, Taylor, Bouget are champs

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Welcome Reception

American Quarter Horse at the Ambassador Hotel

Friday, February 17
6:30 p.m.



\$10,000 Novice World Finals winner Woody Be Tuff with owner, Jill Peacock and trainer, Don Crumpler. The son of Nitas Wood moved from 30th to 12th in the standings during the show.

\$10,000 Novice World Finals

Less than \$600 separated Smart Play Who, ridden by Don O'Brien, and Sprats Dualin Jewel, with Chubby Turner, at the beginning of the World Finals. Sprats Dualin Jewel, was on top of the standings through the first two go-rounds, but Smart Play Who caught her in the last round to claim the \$10,000 Novice World Championship.

Woody Be Tuff, ridden by

Don Crumpler for Jill Peacock, Wichita Falls, TX, claimed the World Finals with \$6,303, including a 225-point win in the third round.

"I've cut for 20 years and this is the first time I've ever hauled," said O'Brien, who rides Smart Play Who, by Smart Little Lena, for Dean Terry, DeSoto, MO. "It started out going well and we just kept going.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- Non-Pro - 1st round
- Open - 1st round

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- Non-Pro - 2nd round
- Open - 2nd round

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SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

- Non-Pro - 3rd round
- Open - 3rd round

Beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- Non-Pro - Finals
- Open - Finals



Left to right: Donnie O'Brien and Smart Play Who, owned by Dean Terry, won the \$10,000 Novice World Championship; Chubby Turner and Sprats Dualin Jewel took the Reserve Championship title of the \$10,000 Novice; Lisa Taylor is \$10,00 Amateur World Champion.

On top of the World

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“Chubby and I had a great race. It was a lot of fun. He helped me so much, you would have thought I was in a different division, instead of his. He was a little bit ahead, but yesterday, I was fortunate enough to pull away to where he was going to have to do something big tonight. And he ended up getting a bad cow.”

O'Brien has had seven-year-old Smart Play Who in his barn since the stallion was three and had been showing him in limited age events. He also qualified the horse for the Open Finals.

“He’s always been good and he was well seasoned because of the aged events,” O'Brien noted. “We were able to make a lot of hard runs that were consistent because of that, and he held up good.”

“My favorite thing about him is the way he stops and moves. He’s just like a Cadillac – comfortable to ride. And it’s hard for a cow to trick him.”

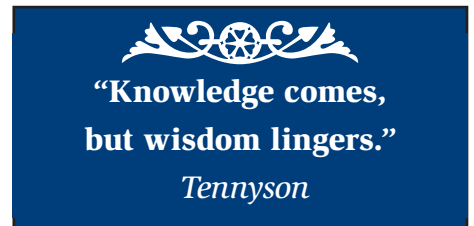
Turner was pleased for O'Brien. “He’s been right there helping me all the way,” he said. “I just want to congratulate him on the great job he’s done all year.”

Jim and Michah Staires, Catoosa, OK own Sprats Dualin Jewel; Michah purchased the Lenas Jewel Bars daughter for \$6,500 at the 2001 NCHA Futurity Sales.

“This has been a really good mare,”

said Turner. “She was pretty green when we started, but she’s a trooper now. She’s gritty for a little bitty mare.”

Sprats Dualin Jewel stood her ground in the third go-round, when a cow ran at her and kicked Turner in the leg.



You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

- Lindsey Adams Gainesville, TX
- Jason E Aron Bruce, MS
- Sharon Baker Fallbrook, CA
- Robert Trent Bell Brenham, TX
- Bill Benson Pasco, WA
- Brandon James Black Oakdale, CA
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- Penny Walsh Princeton, TX
- Steve Waugh Mooresville, NC
- Iris Welch Covington, LA
- Nikki Bentz Winslow Redding, CA
- Julie Zumwalt Bakersfield, CA



Left to right: Lynn Davis is \$10,000 Amateur Reserve Champion. Tammy Bouget is \$2,000 Limited Rider World Champion; Erin Robbins claimed the \$2,000 Limited Rider Reserve Championship.

Smart Play Who earned \$39,546.83 for her title; Sprats Dualin Jewel won \$37,500.93.

Woody Be Tuff came into the Finals ranked 30th in the \$10,000 Novice and will compete in the \$3,000 Novice, as well. But the five-year-old stallion, earner of more than \$52,000, has also been competitive in limited age event competition, most recently placing fifth with Peacock in the Memphis Futurity Non-Pro Classic.

"He's smart and he's got the ability," said Crumpler, who scored 216, 218 and 225 points, respectively, in the Finals. "He's the full package. He's the best horse I've ever been on."

Woody Be Tuff was bred by the Crumpler family and sired by their stallion Nitas Wood.

\$10,000 Amateur World Finals

Lisa Taylor, Pilot Point, TX, came to the World Finals with the lead in the \$10,000 Amateur division over second-placed Lynn Davis, but not by much.

"We knew it was going to be down to the wire," said Taylor, who was just \$500 in front of Davis going into last night's competition. "I was so nervous my knees were shaking," said Taylor. "I was just scared to death."

Taylor rode SR Shortening, a 13-year-old Shorty Lena gelding and former Non-Pro Super Stakes champion, to beat Davis by \$591. Last week, she had ridden the mare, owned by her husband Pat, to win the \$20,000 Non-Pro Reserve

World Championship.

"My little horse got kind of tired," said Taylor. "He made six runs and they were awesome. But he wasn't as good (today) as he has been."

It was Taylor's 16-year-old mare Visalena who carried her through most of 2005. "She got all the checks, except for six or eight," said Taylor, a western pleasure non-pro veteran, who has been cutting for less than two years.

The Taylor's have a son, Tyler, 2. Lisa, helps in the family-owned store, Paul Taylor Saddle Shop, and plans to begin riding her pleasure horses again this year.

"I think the hardest thing (to learn about cutting) was to let loose and not squeeze," she said. "I still squeeze. I squeezed my horse the whole time I was riding today."

Lynn Davis, Houlka, MS, didn't know he was at the top of his division until May, when Lee Garner, a former Non-Pro Word Champion, told him that he needed to start hauling.

"I didn't know what hauling was," said Davis, who rode six-year-old Show Biz Haida, by Show Biz Billy. "I'm real happy. Lisa deserved it. She had a good run. I'm just honored to be here."

Taylor won the Championship with \$13,462.22; Davis took Reserve with \$12,870.67.

Jody Hatchett, 18, Moscow, TN, won the \$10,000 Amateur World Finals with go-round scores of 221, 201 and 221, respectively. Riding Dox Diamond

Cash, a 14-year old son of Miss N Cash, Hatchett moved from 20th to eighth place in the year-end standings.

"I was really surprised," said Hatchett, who plans to enter college this fall. "I thought someone would beat me because I didn't place at all yesterday."

\$2,000 Limited Rider World Finals

Tammy Bouget, Branch, LA, and Erin Robbins, Montgomery, AL, ended the Finals as they had begun - ranked first and second. Vicki Jacobs, Paso Robles, CA, won the \$2,000 Limited Rider Finals, moving from fifth place to third.

"I didn't have any expectations whatsoever, I was just happy to be here," said Jacobs, who rode her own horse, FL Mighty Oak, a 10-year-old Doc's Oak son.

Bouget, a native of Canada and the wife of trainer Boe Bouget, has been showing cutting horses for two years. She rode 10-year-old WR Molly San Badger, by Haidas San Badger, in the Finals.

"I showed about eight different horses," said Bouget. "It was challenging, but fun. It really taught me to think and ride a lot better."

Robbins rode Our Little Dually, a Dual Pep daughter loaned to her by Julie Beasley. "This (second) is where I've been all year, so I'm completely happy," said Robbins. "Tammy is a very dear friend of mine. She did a lot more hauling than I did; she deserved it."



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Special Events during the World Finals

- AQHA Welcome Reception - 6:30 p.m., Sunday, February 17, Ambassador Hotel

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