

# Daily Chatter

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## It was Widows night Bingo for Rogers and Eastburn

**Widows Intentions  
will ride in style**



Austin Shepard stands in for Jim Langdale, owner of Widows Intentions, the highest scoring horse at this year's Wayne Hodges & Outlaw Conversions/NCHA Eastern National Championships. Langdale won one year's use of a brand new, deluxe 3-horse slant load horse trailer compliments of Wayne Hodges Trailers.



*Widows Intentions, owned by Jim Ragdale, Quitman, GA, scored 225 points under Austin Shepard to win the 2005 Eastern Open National Championship. Dan Irey, with Wayne Hodges and Outlaw Conversions, presents the winner's trophy, to Shepard. Shepards son Cade, 4, holds the champion's buckle, and Stacy Shepard hold's Cade's sister, Caylee, 3 months.*



Widows Intentions claimed the Open crown tonight with 225 points under Austin Shepard. The six-year-old gelding's sire, Widows Freckles, also won the Eastern Nationals Open championship (in 2002) under Shepard. Widows Intentions is owned by Jim Langdale, Quitman, GA, who shows the horse in limited age event competition.

This is the third time in the past four years that Shepard, who also won in 2003 on Uno Dos Sev-

entyseven, has earned the title.

"I could have cut the same three cows on a lot of horses and marked a good score," noted Shepard, after today's run. "But not a score like that. He made something out of the situation.

"He's exceptional. He broke his pelvis this time last year and we had to lay him up for six months.

"I've had him since he was two and he's my favorite horse

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Left to right: Randy Chartier and Michael Eaton. Chartier won the Open reserve title on Montana Night Star, owned by Eaton, of Danville, IN; Lori Rogers, Malakoo, TX, claimed the Non-Pro championship with 219 points on All Night Bingo.

that I've ever had and probably always will be."

Montana Night Star, ridden by Randy Chartier for Michael Eaton, Danville, IN, scored 219 points for the reserve championship.

"The cows were tough right off the bat, but I thought that was in my favor," said Chartier. "When a cow stays right there in the well with her, it really shows her expression.

"I knew she could handle the physical ability," said Chartier of the seven-year-old daughter of Tina Bars Peppy. "She makes a guy like me look pretty good."

Chartier's wife, Kelle, finished third in the Non-Pro division on Mates Little Playboy.

**Non-Pro champions**

Lori Rogers, Malakoff, TX, claimed the Non-Pro Eastern National championship with 219 points riding All Night Bingo. It was her second time to win the title. In 2003, as Lori Amaden, she and All Night Bingo scored 228 points to top the field.

"I really didn't think I was going to win it," said Rogers, who qualified with 214 points and drew sixth to ride in the first bunch. "The last time I won it, I was the last to ride. So I know it isn't over until it's over."

All Night Bingo, a 14-year-old gelded son of Bingo Hickory, is the only horse Rogers has shown; her title win on him in 2003 was her first major event championship.



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

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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| Randall Aldridge .....    | Killen, AL      | Don Mullins .....      | New Ulm, TX        |
| Bob Aupers .....          | Holland,        | Dave Myklegard.....    | Boise, ID          |
| Monty Bruce.....          | Carpenter, IA   | Dusty Nelson.....      | Ringling, OK       |
| Eddie Chance .....        | Pueblo, CO      | Sara Nielsen .....     | Willmar, MN        |
| Karalynn Chase .....      | Bakersfield, CA | Sage Nix.....          | Hico, TX           |
| Rissa Collins.....        | Gainesville, TX | Sterling Nix .....     | Hico, TX           |
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| Claire A Lindus.....      | Mancos, CO      | Marnie Tidwell .....   | Shawnee, OK        |
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| Lance Mitchell.....       | Paragould, AR   | William Wilson .....   | Canada             |
| Dennis Moreland .....     | Weatherford, TX |                        |                    |



Left to right: Jimmy Williams, Columbus, MS, was Non-Pro reserve champion with 217 points on Creeks San Gin; Kelly Eastburn, New Smyrna Beach, FL, won the \$10,000 Amateur championship with 219 points riding Little Bingo Hickory; Leslie Kenney, Dawsonville, GA, was reserve champion in the \$10,000 Amateur aboard Sunny Rey Solano.

“He’s a great one,” said Rogers of her gelding. “I had nice cows this time, but they weren’t exceptional. And I was tense this morning because I was the first to go. I didn’t show to the best of my ability, but it wasn’t his fault.

Jimmy Williams, Columbus, MS, scored 217 to take reserve, as the eighth rider in the second bunch.

“My guys had some good cattle picked and it all panned out just right,” said Williams, who was riding Creeks San Gin, by Creeks San Badger.

Last year, Williams and the nine-year-old mare, who he purchased from trainer Allen Crouch, qualified for the Finals in three divisions here.

“I’ve had a big time on her,” said Williams. “She is a fun little horse to ride and she can do the whole deal.”

Williams, 53, who owns an electrical contracting business in Columbus, began cutting five years ago.

“It’s a pretty good event for me,” he said. “You can take a pretty bad day

and go get on a horse and stay on there 15 or 20 minutes and a lot of that goes away.”

**\$10,000 Amateur champions**

Kelly Eastburn 19, won the \$10,000 Amateur division with 219 points aboard Little Bingo Hickory, an 11-year-old gelded son of Bingo Hickory that she shares with her stepfather, Michael Hickox.

“It was a lot of fun,” said Eastburn, who was the tenth rider in the first bunch. “My horse was right where he needed to be. He’s been good all week. We just needed to step it up a notch and we did.

“He gives me a lot of confidence. When the cows run, he gets better and better.”

Kelly, a student at Daytona Beach Community College, has been a youth finalist at the Summer Spectacular, but this is her first major title. Both she and Michael Hickox work with trainer Ted

Sokol.

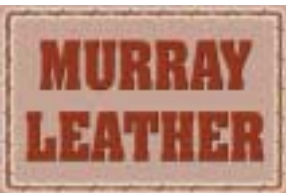
“I think Ted has been in the corner for every single run that I’ve ever had,” said Kelly, whose mother, Erin Hickox, also cuts.

Leslie Kenney, Dawsonville, GA, scored 216 points as the first rider in the first bunch and waited through 26 more runs to learn that she was reserve champion.

“I was glad I went first,” she said. “We had fresh cows and I got it over with.”

Kenney rode Sunny Rey Solano, a six-year-old gelded son of Dual Rey, for her win. Kenney and her husband, Eric, have been cutting for just over a year; they work with trainer Todd Gann. Eric won the \$20,000 Non-Pro division at the Augusta Futurity two months ago.

“Todd is an awesome trainer and a great teacher,” said Leslie. “If it weren’t for him, I wouldn’t have made it.”



# AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge Scores

The AQHA/NCHA Affiliate Challenge brings a “team” concept to the Wayne Hodges/Outlaw Conversions NCHA Eastern National Championships. The top 10 scoring affiliates at this show will earn cash awards totaling \$27,000 from the American Quarter Horse Association.

The program is designed to reward participation as well as excellence, with points awarded as follows:

- 10 points Enter and Show in a Class
- 25 points Make the Finals of a Class
- 25 points Place 3rd - 10th in the Finals of a Class
- 40 points Reserve Champion of a Class
- 50 points Champion of a Class

Here’s a look at the final scores:

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CHA .....	1,645	ARKLAHOMA CHA .....	135
FLORIDA CHA .....	1,630	RIVER CITY CHA .....	125
ONTARIO CHA .....	790	WHITE RIVER CHA .....	125
HEART OF DIXIE CHA .....	750	SALT CREEK CHA .....	120
MID SOUTH CHA .....	630	WEST CENTRAL TEXAS CHA .....	120
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CHA .....	580	DOUBLE EAGLE CHA .....	100
OHIO CHA .....	560	SHINING M CHA .....	85
SOUTHEAST CHA .....	555	BRAZOS VALLEY CUTTERS .....	80
EAST TENNESSEE CHA .....	540	RED RIVER CHA .....	80
SOUTHEAST TEXAS CHA .....	535	CENTRAL TEXAS CHA .....	75
LONE STAR CHA .....	430	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHA .....	70
KENTUCKY CHA .....	425	SOWEGA CHA .....	70
OIL BELT CHA .....	410	BLUE BONNET CHA .....	65
CHISHOLM TRAIL CHA .....	380	NEW MEXICO CHA .....	60
GREAT LAKES CHA .....	365	NORTHEAST CHA .....	50
WEST POINT CHA .....	345	KANSAS CHA .....	45
ROSE COUNTRY CHA .....	340	MID STATE ILLINOIS CHA .....	40
INDIANA CHA .....	330	FOLLY MOON CHA .....	30
GATEWAY CHA .....	325	NORTHERN PIEDMONT CHA .....	30
STATE OF MISSOURI CHA .....	320	BEEF EMPIRE CHA .....	20
LONGHORN CHA .....	315	CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHA .....	20
LOUISIANA CHA .....	305	CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA CHA .....	20
MAGNOLIA CLASSIC CHA .....	275	PENNSYLVANIA CHA .....	20
WATEREE CHA .....	270	ARIZONA CHA .....	10
NORTHEAST LOUISIANA CHA .....	235	C S CUTTERS .....	10
AREA 18 CHA .....	230	LIVE OAK CHA .....	10
GEORGIA CHA .....	210	NEVADA REINED COW CHA .....	10
SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA CHA .....	205	NORTH TEXAS CHA .....	10
WEST TENNESSEE CHA .....	205	OZARK MOUNTAIN CHA .....	10
BLUEGRASS CHA .....	195	RIVERBOATS CHA .....	10
ACADIAN CHA .....	170	SAN ANGELO STOCK SHOW & RODEO .....	10
NUECES CANYON CHA .....	170	SOUTHERN OKLAHOMA CHA .....	10
WALLER CHA .....	150	SOUTHWEST OHIO CHA .....	10
EAST COAST CHA .....	145		

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