

Daily Chatter

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Langdale leads Non-Pros Wood Ya Wanna aces Open Wild Card



Jim Langdale, Quitman, GA, topped Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro action with a cumulative score of 432.5 on Widows Intentions, by Widows Freckles.

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

1st go-round
Super Stakes Classic Amateur
FINALS
Super Stakes Classic Ltd. Non-Pro

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round
Super Stakes Classic Amateur, cont.
Non-Pro Wild Card Go
FINALS
Super Stakes Classic Open

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round
Super Stakes Amateur **FINALS**
Super Stakes Classic Non-Pro

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

1st go-round
Super Stakes Open




He's been a pure blessing," said Jim Langdale, Quitman, GA, of Widows Intentions, who he rode to score 216 and 216.5 in the go-rounds and win the cumulative top score in the Super Stakes Non-Pro Classic.

The gelded son of Widows Freckles fractured his pelvis here during last year's NCHA Derby. Since his return to the show arena in January, with his trainer Austin Shepard, Widows Intentions has placed third in the Memphis Open Classic, was a finalist at the South Coast Open Classic, and Open champion at the Eastern National

Championships in Jackson, MS. Jim and Casey Langdale welcomed their first child, son Pate, into the world on January 30, this is Jim's first show since he won the the NCHA Amateur Futurity on Red Money Merada last December.

"He's an amazing horse," said Langdale of Widows Intentions. "I got him when he was four and I did so much better than I was supposed to. I'd been an amateur cutter and I'd won less than \$18,000, when I bought him. I've won a lot of money on him for a beginning rider."

Langdale was 2004 Super



Left to right: Sandy Bonelli won the second go-round of Classic Challenge Non-Pro competition with 218.5 points on her 2004 NCHA Futurity Non-Pro champion and 2005 Super Stakes Non-Pro reserve champion Midnight Rondeevous; Karen Hansen, pictured with her husband Dan, had the second highest cumulative Non-Pro score of 432 on Woody Be Lucky; Chad Bushaw, riding Shortys Last Stretch, tied Kate Gaughan and Whittle Wed Boon with 217.5 points—the second-highest score in the second round.

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Stakes Classic Ltd. Non-Pro reserve champion on Widows Intentions, who has NCHA lifetime earnings of nearly \$250,000.

Diamond on a halfshell

It was a blessing in disguise, when Beau Galyean blew a tire as he left Will Rogers Memorial Center on Friday. The non-pro competitor from Ardmore, OK had been looking for an opportunity to ask Jim Johnson for the hand of his daughter, Ashley. So far, he hadn't been able to get Jim alone to ask for his blessing, and the flat tire gave him the excuse that he needed.

"I called Ashley and asked her if she could send her dad to help me," Galyean explained. "When he got there, I was already putting the lug nuts on the spare and I told him, 'This wasn't really the reason that I wanted you to come.'


"He said he wondered if I couldn't change a flat tire. But he was happy for both of us and I knew the way it hap-

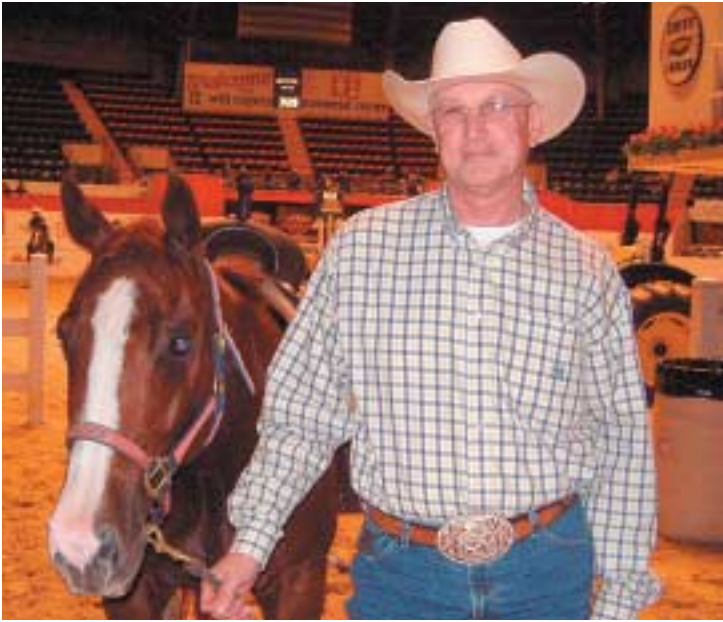


You say it's your birthday!

These NCHA members are celebrating their birthday today.

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| Zac Allen..... Coleman, TX | De Ann Johnson Winters, CA |
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"If you don't like the road you're walking, pave another one."
Dolly Parton



Among yesterday's top-scoring riders, left to right: Jim Vangilder, who rode Quintan Blue to score 216.5 points in the second go-round and tie Karen Hansen with 432 points in the Non-Pro cumulative standings; Beau Galyean, shown with his fiancée, Ashley Johnson, scored 217 points in the second round aboard Double Down Merada.

pened that it was meant to be.”

The next day, Galyean scored 210 on Double Down Merada to qualify for the second go-round of the Super Stakes Non-Pro Classic. That night, he popped the question at Sam and David's in Fort Worth.

After the Johnson and Galyean families and their guests were seated for dinner, the ladies were served appetizers in seashells. One-by-one, the women opened their shells and found them empty — except for Ashley, who found a diamond ring inside of hers.

“The whole restaurant was watching,” noted Galyean. “So I scooted back my chair and got down on my knee and asked her if she would marry me. She said yes and started crying and everyone in the restaurant began clapping.”

The next day, Galyean and Double Down Merada set the bar in the first set of the second go-round with 217 points.

“That horse has been so good for me everywhere I've been for the past six months,” said Galyean, who rode the Playgun gelding as the 2004 NCHA Futurity Limited Non-Pro champion. “In the first round he was too fresh, so I made sure we spent time loping him before his priority today. We got him just right mentally.”

Although Galyean hoped that his cumulative score of 427 would get him to the Finals, he was glad to have the new Wild Card round as a cushion.

“As good as the 217 was, sometimes it's not good enough,” he noted. “That's why this wild card is such a great idea.”

As a college graduate with a degree in fashion merchandising, before she met Beau three years ago, Ashley Johnson equated “cutting” with scissors, rather than cattle. The couple will celebrate the second anniversary of their first date on July 4; it was less than a year ago that Ashley rode a horse for the first time.

“The first horse I put her on was Double Down Merada,” Galyean recalled. “We went riding in the pasture and I made her jump a creek. She was broke into the Galyean way pretty fast and she's taken a hold. She's such a fast learner and she loves the horses.”

Beau is a third generation horseman. His grandfather, Kenneth, mentored Alice Walton of Walton's Rocking W Ranch; his father, Jody, is an NCHA Hall of Fame rider, and his brother, Wesley, won the 2004 NCHA Open Futurity aboard Spots Hot, a horse he raised and trained.

Handy in the stretch

As with Galyean, Chad Bushaw, Weatherford, Texas, was glad for the Wild Card. On Saturday, Bushaw had marked 212 points — a better than average score for that day — on Shortys Last Stretch. But Bushaw had to ratchet up a gear yesterday to assure a berth in

the Finals.

“(Saturday) was pretty rough down there and I was relieved to get him shown today,” said Bushaw, who scored 217.5 points on his gelded son of Shorty Lena. “I cut three good cows and held them in the middle of the pen and controlled the situation.”

Bushaw, who was reserve champion of last year's Super Stakes Non-Pro Classic on Badgers Playdough, raised Shortys Last Stretch out of Docs Handy Ann. The mare has produced the earners of nearly \$500,000, including Shortys Last Stretch's full brother, Shortys Crown, the richest stallion sired by Shorty Lena.

“This is the last colt out of her, so he's pretty special,” said Bushaw of Shortys Last Stretch. “He's really matured and gotten a lot stronger this past year. He feels like a horse that could go on and win, as opposed to just a finalist-type of horse. Hopefully that will continue.”

Four aces

Wood Ya Wanna, who won the first round of Non-Pro competition under Julie Wrigley, won the Open Wild Card with 223 points for Clint Allen and earned a slot in the Open Classic Finals. The remaining three slots were filled by Bowmans Cat Man, ridden by Tag Rice; Squeaky Cat, with John Mitchell; and Black N Beauty under Rodie Whitman.



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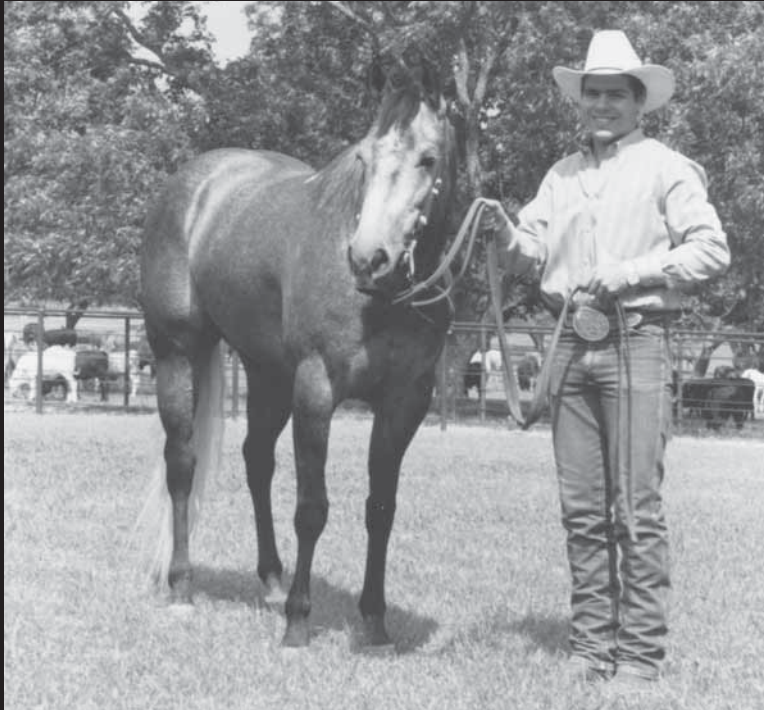
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