

Big Scores Mark First Day of NRBC Open Classic Prelims


By the 50th draw in the Open Classic, a 226.5 to set the bar for the rest of the day's competitors. By the time the 121 runs completed, 14 runs were a 225 or above, with Cade McCutcheon and Varsity Blu (Wimpy Chic x Flo N Blu Boon) taking the lead with a 229.5. The bay stallion was bred by Alpha Quarter Horses LLC, and is owned by Frank and Susan Costantini, Rick Clark and Brent Clark, and Joe Wolfe. McCutcheon leads the Level 4 headed into Day Two's runs.

In the Level 3, Brandon Brant and Dainty Little Spook (Smart Spook x Dainty Little Step), bred by Brooke Wharton and owned by Sydney Friedman, took the lead with a 223.5. The Level 2 high score of the day was a 222 from Luca Fappani riding Joetta and Don Bell's Dream On Whiz (Magnum Chic Dream x Ms Sassy Whiz), bred by Hill Country Reiners, LLC. Christina Croston-Boyes rode Spooked Starlight (Smart Spook x FS Lena Starlight), bred by Diane Beckman and owned by White River Ag Products Inc., to a 218 to take the lead.

The Prime Time Open Classic high score of the day was from Bosque Ranch Performance Horse's Setting Off To Town (Gunners Tinseltown x Setting Off Smart), bred by Rosanna Sternberg, shown by Craig Schmersal to a 226.5.



The Open Novice Horse saw Tracer Gilson ride Loren Booth's stallion Up To Code (Electric Code x Darlins Not Painted), bred by Tom McCutcheon, to a 222. In the Open Chrome Cash, Trevor Dare and Julio Mora Hernandez's stallion Gangsta Sixtysix (Inferno Sixty Six x Rush N Cat), bred by Lorenzo Lotti, took the top score of the day with a 227.

The Open continues through Thursday, with the Finals on Saturday, April 22. Follow the results at nrbc.com and watch the live feed at equinepromotion.com. 

Finalists' Positions Set at NRBC Markel Insurance Non Pro Draw Party

Markel Insurance threw one heck of a celebration with the Non Pro Draw Party last night on the course of the Ford Arena.

Frank Costantini, Senior Director of Western Disciplines for Markel, has been dedicated to promoting reining – both through Markel and through his service and leadership in a multitude of reining industry organizations.

He said, "Markel has been a long-time sponsor of the NRBC and the Non Pro Draw Party for many reasons. If the Open Riders are the heart of the reining horse, the Non Pros are its soul. That's why we at Markel always felt the need to give recognition to all segments of the reining horse industry and through the encouragement of the Board of Directors of NRBC, we were able to channel our efforts into the Non Pro Draw Party."

Adding a bit of fun to the draw was the giveaway of a pair of boots from Anderson Bean. Costantini drew a draw position out of a cup, and whoever drew that number received the boots. In the end it was Draw 21 from the first section of finalists, Don Bell, who won the boots.

Thanks to Frank Costantini and the entire Markel Insurance Team for a great party. 🐎



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SG Frozen Enterprize Leads NRBC/Clark's Pump N Shop Sire Awards

With the completion of the Non Pro Classic preliminaries, the first money earned in the 2023 NRBC was recorded and the Clarks Pump N Shop NRBC Top 10 Leading Sire Awards program is off and running.

Throughout the show, the foal earnings for each sire are being tracked, and the first Top 10 list of sires for the Classic has been tabulated.

Leading so far with \$16,675 in earnings is SG Frozen Enterprize, owned by Silver Spurs Equine. SG Frozen Enterprize is the sire of In My Glory Days (out of Gunners Glory), who, with Kelsey Price, won the Novice Horse Non Pro division, finished third in the Level 4 Non Pro prelims, and topped the L3 and L2 prelims. He also sired Frozen Dancer (out of Pale Faced Dancer), who placed in the Novice Horse Non Pro with Sarah Cunningham.

Just behind is Spooks Gotta Whiz at \$13,443. Spooks Gotta Whiz had 10 horses win money in the Non Pro preliminaries, including TR Baby Blues (out of Spooks N Sparks), ridden by Kim Muehlstaetter, who finished second in the Level 4.

At the end of the show, the final Top 10 Sires will be recognized, and the representatives of the stallions will be presented with commemorative crystal trophies. The traditional blue crystal vases will continue to be awarded to the sires of the champions in all divisions.

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Top 10 Sire Awards Current Standings - 4/19

- 1 - SG Frozen Enterprize
- 2 - Spooks Gotta Whiz
- 3 - Gunnatrashya
- 4 - Gunners Special Nite
- 5 - ARC Gunna Sparkya
- 6 - Smart Spook
- 7 - Boom Shernic
- 8 - Shiners Voodoo Dr
- 9 - Whizkey N Diamonds
- 10 - Magnum Chic Dream



Join Us for the Matt Mills Reining Horses Open Draw Party!

The preliminary round concludes this afternoon, and the Open Finals positions will be drawn during the Matt Mills Reining Open Draw Party tonight.

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Congratulations to Wednesday's Winners from the Super Duty Arenas!

Novice Horse Non Pro L3 & L2 Champion

Gavin Warren & Lil Ruf Maggie

Gavin Warren entered the Novice Horse Non Pro to work on his mare, Lil Ruf Maggie, after a penalty in their Non Pro Classic run, but the 7-year-old mare by Magnum Chic Dream and out of Ruf Lil Jessie had other plans. The pair topped the Level 3 and Level 2 divisions with a 144 to take home the wins.

"Last year was a learning year with us getting to know each other, but it worked out well and we placed in some derbies," said the 20-year-old from Franktown, Colorado. "She has a habit of taking one foot out so we work on our stops a lot. The run was really, really good [today]. We minus-halfed a stop in the derby and that took us out of it, so I entered this to make another run."

Though Warren didn't plan to "run the wheels off" his mare, entering the class worked out in his favor.


"Her stops were there this time and she felt good in the circles. I was really happy about that," he said. "Her turns and her circles are her strengths; she winds up and goes."

With the NRBC's move from Texas to Tulsa, Oklahoma, the Warren's were finally able to enter the event.

"Before, it was too far of a drive for my horses to go down, and when it moved, it was a lot easier," he said. "It was really nice to be able to have another class as a backup [to the Derby], and it worked out."

Warren thanks his mom and his dad Devin Warren, who is his trainer, and



everyone at the barn that has given him encouragement. Up next for Warren is the Best Little Derby in the West in Nampa, Idaho, as he and Lil Ruf Maggie continue to get together in the show pen. 

Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 Champion

Adele Cunningham & Trash Enterprises

Adele Cunningham's 146 to top the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 was two-and-a-half points higher than second place, and the 17-year-old

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from Weatherford, Texas, can chalk that up to trusting her horse in the pen. The 2018 mare Trash Enterprises (Gunnatrashya x Magnums Enterprise), called "Marla," recently came back to Adele's show string.

"I've had her since her 3-year-old year. I just started riding her again; I had given her to my sister," she explained. "She was very calm and there with me today. I knew I could trust her on her circles, and she was with me the whole time. My plan was to be calm, trust her and don't pick on her too much."

Adele rides with trainer Josh Tishman, who she thanked, along with her mom and the entire Tishman barn, for their support. The NRBC's supportive community is one of the reasons Adele likes to compete at the event.

"The NRBC is always a great show with a community of great people you can show with," she said. "I'll show Marla in the Youth and other slate of Novice here. My goal is to get through a run without being too picky on my horses." 

Rookie Level 1 & Level 2 Champion Owen Deary & Gunnarickashay

Owen Deary and Gunnarickashay (Gunnatrashya x Rondas Tio), owned by Jody L. Puno Puno Performance Horses LLC, have large shoes to fill. The pair proved they are up to the challenge after winning the Rookie Level 1 and Level 2 marking a 73.

"He is amazing, he has been in our program for a very long time. My dad showed him in the [NRHA] Futurity and the Derby, and did very well on him," Owen said.

Owen has ridden "Ricky" since December of 2022 and has qualified for The Run For A Million. The winner's circle is a familiar place for the duo;

Toyon Ranch Rookie Free-For-All Kicks Off at NRBC



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A day of ancillary classes filled the Sunday Arenas at the Ford Livestock Complex at Expo Square in Tulsa, Okla., on April 19 at the NRBC.

Rookie reiners paid no entry fees to compete, thanks to the Toyon Ranch Rookie Free-For-All. The Pilot Point, Texas-based premier reining breeding facility paid all entry fees and judges fees for Rookie contestants at the NRBC, the second year the incentive has been offered.


Returning to the Rookie slate is the Yellowstone Rookie Shootout, a special Finals on April 21. The first qualifying round for the Rookie Shootout took place in conjunction with the rest of the Rookie classes yesterday, with the second round running today.



they are just coming from the Cactus Reining Classic with a win.

"I am hoping to go to The Run For A Million and show to the best of our ability," Owen said.

Owen is set up for success with the help of the Puno's and dad, Casey Deary, as well as Luca Fappani helping him prepare to show Ricky. Owen

gives a special thank you to everyone involved with the success the pair has had and all that are involved." 

Prime Time Rookie Champion Kent Ray Taylor & Xtra Wimpys Catalyst

When asked to describe Xtra Wimpys Catalyst, known as "Zorro" (Wimpys Little Step x Im Not Blonde), Kent Ray Taylor says the horse speeds

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“I fell in love with Zorro and I bought way more horse than I probably should have bought for my first horse, but I love him and he has taken good care of me,” said Taylor.

He purchased the horse a year-and-a-half ago and Craig Schmersal helps the pair prepare for the reining, as Taylor also spends his time intensively competing in all-around AQHA events.

“I would absolutely like to thank the sponsors of the class, I think it is amazing, entry fees are paid by Toyon Ranch. Thank you to those folks, it was much appreciated,” Taylor said.

Taylor and Zorro qualified for The Run For A Million at the Cactus Reining Classic, which was his goal for the year. He plans to attend the NRHA Derby next.



Awards Protocol for Super Duty Arenas

Awards for 1st and 2nd in each division will be presented in the arena following class.

All other awards can be picked up at the Awards Office located next to the Mustang Arena.



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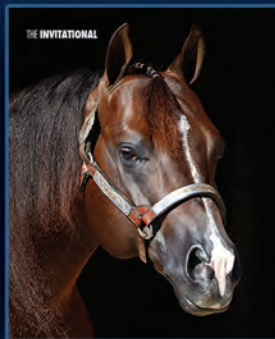
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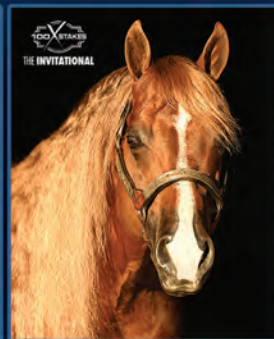
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Toyon Ranch Rookie Free-For-All Makes Reining Fun For Everyone

Toyon Ranch will continue to sponsor the rookies at the NRBC, under the headline Toyon Ranch Rookie Free-For-All. Thanks to Toyon Ranch owners, John and Nancy Tague, Rookie riders can compete at the NRBC without having to pay entry fees or judges fees!

The Tagues are glad to continue to advocate for the rookies because they realize that boosting this fundamental membership level is good for the growth of the entire industry.

“It is always worthwhile to experiment with what might grow our sport and engage new participants. The response has been terrific, and we will know for sure in a few years if it makes a difference,” John said.

“We feel that this promotion is a great way to encourage participation in rookie classes. Of course we hope these rookie members will continue their reining careers as they grow in experience and skill,” said NRBC Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Cody. “So many Non Pro members began their careers in the Rookie classes; it is a great place to get new people involved in the sport of reining.”

The Tagues have been committed patrons of the reining industry for years. They have served on various boards and committees, along with strongly backing the grassroots members of the National Reining Horse Association. John added, “I think we, as reiners, should be the most welcoming discipline riders can choose, and this is a tangible way of doing just that. The NRBC has always been one of our very favorite events. We loved Katy, and like the Tulsa facility just as much. The community, itself, just makes it a great place to show no matter where it is held.”

They have long funded the Toyon Ranch Rookie of the Year North American Affiliate Championship held during the NRHA Futurity. In 2022, they began the Toyon Ranch Rookie Free-For-All at the National Reining Breeders Classic. That was such a hit that they continued it at the 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel.

Toyon Ranch is located in the heart of horse country in Pilot Point, Texas. Focusing on breeding and raising the finest prospects the reining industry has to offer, they have accumulated an exceptional band of broodmares with over \$4 million in combined show and produce earnings along with thirty Big 4 champions. The mares are crossed on the industry’s top stallions in an effort to create the highest quality and most diverse group of reining prospects every year.

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National Reining Breeders Classic

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The Run For A Million Rookie Qualifier (1)

Both slates of the Rookie class are The Run For A Million qualifiers. The top five move on.



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1. Morgan Rose Hobson riding Trendsetter (Spooks Gotta Whiz x Timed To Shine) owned by Ann Patridge marking a 71.5, the pair won The Run For A Million Rookie.
2. Joy Deary riding Chicadundreamin (Magnum Chic Dream x Goody Goody Dun Drop) owned by Nancy Stillwell marking a 71.
3. Lexi LaCoate riding Concealed Carry (Gunner x Miss Tinseltown) owned by David Silva, Sr. marking a 70.5.
4. Susannah Rose riding Xtra Gotta Step (Wimpys Little Step x Gotta Git Dun) owned by Susannah Rose marking a 70.
5. Lydia Menossi riding Wimpy Little Tejano (Wimpys Little Step x Tejana Chic) owned by Lydia Menossi marking a 70.





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Amit Harlev didn't hesitate to cross the Atlantic Ocean to compete against the top Non Pros at the National Reining Breeders Classic. The Kfar Neter, Israel, rider showed two horses in the Non Pro Classic preliminary, and while she didn't make the Finals, her determination to improve as a competitor isn't diminished.

"It's really fun and really competitive to show in the United States. It drives you to be better, improve yourself and your horse, and to work harder," she said. "I am very competitive and I like riding, it is fun for me. [This show] is really fun; it is my first NRBC but not [my first show] in Tulsa. I think this facility is amazing. This is a big show! I wasn't nervous, but excited. I have done my best, but I was hoping to make the finals. I was half a point [out]. Maybe next time!"

Harlev, who has ridden reining horses since she was 10 years old, has been involved with horses her entire life. In Israel, her family first started in cutting horses. While they are not promoting cutting in Israel any longer but instead compete in Italy in the event, they continue to breed horses and look to bring a higher-level of competition to their country.

In Israel, it is required to join the army at age 18, and in 2022, following her time serving her country, Harlev and her boyfriend and fellow reining horse competitor, and trainer, Barak Gibori, enacted a plan to bring her to the U.S. Gibori's friend and fellow trainer Yonathan Baruch was the logical person to help usher Harlev into competition in the states.

"Barak and I grew up together, we are like family, so he sent her to me," said Baruch. "I think it is super exciting, from a Non Pro standpoint, to show here. They watch them on TV, then they get to be on tv doing those big competitions. It can be a ton of fun, but it is not easy to get on a plane. She's been coming once a month for 16-17 hours, and that is a lot of commitment. You have to love it. Competition here is second to none. We've been all over the world and competed all over the world, and this level of competition is the highest in the world."

And, Harlev does love it. Her competitive nature drives her to make the 16-to-17-hour one-way flight from Israel to Texas monthly in order to practice with her two horses, Gunna Be Pretty (Gunnatrashya x Whiz A Pretty Spook) and Missy (Colonels Shining Gun x Little Yankee Chic). Her first shows with Baruch in the U.S. were the 2022 Red Bud and the NRHA Derby. At the end of the 2022 show year, Harlev captured a NAAC reserve championship on Gunna Be Pretty.

"We were really proud of her there [at the NAAC]," Baruch said. "She showed Missy at the Cactus [Reining Classic] and she qualified for The Run For A Million there. Two horses to show is always better than one from a standpoint of practice. You get better faster [showing two], three is too much, one is too little, but two helps you divide the pressure without exhausting yourself."

At the NRBC, Harlev showed Gunna Be Pretty to a 210.5 in the Non Pro Classic, missing the L1 finals by a half-point. A penalty in a lead change earned she and Missy a 206. Harlev is already looking forward to her next event.

"My goal is to be the best Non Pro ever, but that isn't an easy goal; it's wildest dreams," she said. "At first, I was pretty nervous [at these big shows] even though I didn't expect it. The next show I'll do is the Red Bud and Derby, and I qualified for the Run For A Million in Vegas, then back to Tulsa for the 100X."



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Prime Time Rookie Res.

Paul SImonson & Smart And Tuckered (Smart And Shiney x Tucks Miss Fritz)

Novice Horse Non Pro L3 Res.

Novice Horse Non Pro L2 & L1 Co-Res.

Jose Vazquez & Cash Her Up (Lil Joe Cash x Wind Her Up Juice)

Novice Horse Non Pro L2 & L1 Co-Res.

Brianna Anthony & Mega Starshine (Mega Watt Shine x This Stars Trouble)

Novice Horse Non Pro L2 Co-Res.

Rylee Justus & Twhized Sister (Spooks Gotta Whiz x Make It With A Twist)

NRBC Open Champions

2022

Trevor Dare
Jerseys Baby Driver
(Yellow Jersey)
Janice Laney

2021

Jason Vanlandingham
A Vintage Smoke
(A Sparkling Vintage)
Diane Mesmer

2021

Dany Tremblay
Tinker With Dreams
(Tinker With Dreams)
Diamond Dub Quarter
Horses

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Patriot
(Smart Spook)
Diane Mesmer

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(A Sparkling Vintage)
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2018

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2017

Andrea Fappani
Chic Dreamin
(Magnum Chic Dream)
Silver Spurs Equine

2016

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Not Ruf At All
(A Sparkling Vintage)
Vaughn Zimmerman

2015

Andrea Fappani
Frozen Enterprize
(Frozen Sailor)
Silver Spurs Equine

2014

Martin Muehlstaetter
Blue Collar Tag
(Whiz N Tag Chex)
Shaunda Ruckman

2013

Thiago Boechat
Wimpynneedsacocktail
(Wimpys Little Step)
Xtra Quarter Horses LLC.

2012

Shawn Florida
Spooks Gotta Whiz
(Spooks Gotta Gun)
Michell Anne Kimball

2011

Shawn Florida
Shine Chic Shine
(Smart Chic Olena)
Amabile & Strusiner

2010

Craig Schmersal
Boom Shernic
(Boomernic)
Boom Shernic Syndacate

2009

Andrea Fappani
Cromed Out Mercedes
(Custom Crome)
Rancho El Fortin

2008

Shawn Florida
Wimpys Little Chic
(Wimpys Little Step)
Arcese Quarter Horses

2007

Andrea Fappani
Custom Legend
(Custom Crome)
Steve Simon

2006

Shawn Florida
Einsteins Revolution
(Great Resolve)
Wagner & Vandorp

2005

Dell Hendricks
Hit The Lights
(Grays Starlight)
Adair Reiners

2004

Dell Hendricks
Reminic N Dunit
(Hollywood Dunit)
McQuay/Silva

2003

Dell Hendricks
Reminic N Dunit
(Hollywood Dunit)
McQuay/Silva

2002

Dell Hendricks
Starlights Wrangler
(Grays Starlight)
Sally Broten

2001

Tom McCutcheon
Smartest Chic Olena
(Smart Chic Olena)
Terry Owens

2000

Duane Latimer
Conquistador Whiz
(Topsail Whiz)
George Shirfrin

1999

Tim McQuay
Miss Tinseltown
(Great Red Pine)
Dave Silva

1998

Dell Hendricks
Mr Boomerjac
(Boomernic)
Rancho Oso Rio

NRBC Non Pro Champions

2022

Taylor Zimmerman
Shining On Ruf
(Not Ruf At All)

2021

Mandy McCutcheon
JLosa
(Arlosa Whiz)

2020

Indy Roper
Spooks Show Time
(Spooks Gotta Whiz)

2019

Mandy McCutcheon
Party Nite
(Gunners Special Nite)

2018

Jose Vazquez
Like Shiner
(Smart Like Juice)

2017

Jack Meadows
Chicsdreamofdiamonds
(Magnum Chic Dream)

2016

Sarah Lynn Locker
Heavy Duty Chex
(Nu Chex To Cash)

2015

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2014

Mandy McCutcheon
Ms Whiz Dunit
(Topsail Whiz)

2013

Ron Thompson
Taris Dreamer
(Magnum Chic Dream)

2012

Mandy McCutcheon
Always Gotyer Gunsup
(Colonels Smoking Gun)

2011

Shaunda Rai Ruckman
Rufanicki
(Lil Ruf Peppy)

2010

Kim Dooley
Country Custom
(Custom Crome)

2009

Jose Vazquez
Wound By Juice
(Smart Like Juice)

2008

Mandy McCutcheon
I Spin For Chics
(Tangys Classy Peppy)

2007

Mandy McCutcheon
Rawhides Banjo
(Dunit Rawhide)

2006

Mandy McCutcheon
Rawhides Banjo
(Dunit Rawhide)

2005

Wendy Latimer
Diamonds For Chics
(Hickory Chic Olena)

2004

Lance Griffin
Whiz N Tag Chex
(Topsail Whiz)

2003

Lance Griffin
Whiz N Tag Chex
(Topsail Whiz)

2002

Mandy McCutcheon
Don't Miss This
(Missin James)

2001

Josh Hattig
Steadys Dude
(Steady Tradition)

2000

Marc Wagman
Tougher Than The Rest
(Custom Crome)

1999

James Morgan
Hesa Smart Chic
(Smart Chic Olena)

1998

Keith Crawford
Rowdy Yankee
(Smart Chic Olena)

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**Non Pro Chrome Cash Co-Champion
Kim Muehlstaetter & TR Baby Blues**

Kim Muehlstaetter purchased TR Baby Blues (Spooks Gotta Whiz x Spooks N Sparks) in the middle of his 3-year-old year, the now 4-year-old earned his keep trying to win the Chrome Cash Incentive here at the NRBC. The pair are also Level 4 Non Pro Classic finalist.

“I think it is so nice that the APHA is now adding money to the reining and I’ve noticed a lot of reiners are interested in their horses being double registered in the American Paint Horse Association, too,” Muehlstaetter said.

Going into the Finals Muehlstaetter plans to keep everything the same for the 4-year-old, and to show him clean and keep him consistent.

“What I love most about that horse is that he has a great mind. He is very forgiving, very kind,” Muehlstaetter said. “He comes out and he tries to please you every day.”

The next show on the radar for Muehlstaetter and TR Baby Blues includes the NRHA Derby and from there the 100x Tulsa Reining Classic in August. 



**Non Pro Chrome Cash Co-Champion
Allison Thorson & Surprizedya**


Allison Thorson and Surprizedya (Gunnatrashya x Dun With Surprises), owned by Thorsport Inc., not only made the finals in the Non Pro Classic in Level 2 and 3, but also tied for first in the Chrome Cash.

“The Paint Horse Chrome Cash Incentive is a great incentive for people to register their horses that are capable,” Thorson said. “It is another division that people can enter in.”

Thorson has futurity horses coming up that she plans to double register in the American Quarter Horse Association as well as the American Paint Horse Association.

“We like to register whatever our horses are eligible for,” Thorson said. “It shows how diverse the breed is in paint horses. They’re not just rail horses, showmanship horses, or horses that can handle a trail obstacle, they can do reining as well.”

Thorson is a social person and loves trying new restaurants, but realizes reining horse shows are about riding, showing and having fun, as well as exploring new cities, like Tulsa. The added bonus of earning a check in this incentive is one benefit to enter.

“I thank American Paint Horse Association for offering the Chrome Cash Incentive and definitely the Schmersal team for all the hard work and thoughts and training, and also my family,” Thorson said. 



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