

# SlideStreet Journal

April 18, 2025

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

### **Ford Truck**

Arena Open to Non Pro Finalists Only

### **Super Duty Indoor**

9 a.m. - Nov. Horse Non Pro L1, L2, L3 [1]

### **Central Park Hall Arena**

8 a.m. - Nov. Horse Open L1, L2, L3 [1] (Sect. 1)



### **Head Shots Needed**

Non Pro Finalists must come to the Media Room no later than 3 p.m. today for head shots for the draw sheets.

### **Deadline Reminder**

Noon Today for:  
Green Reiner L1 & L2 [1]

Don't forget that to be eligible to advance to the Rios Family of Brands Green Reiner Shootout, you must enter BOTH slates of classes.

Also, Teton Ridge is doing a random drawing for a giveaway from ALL Green Reiner [1] contestants, so make sure to get entered!

# Emma Vanlandingham & Diamond Handz

## Top Non Pro Prelims

The Non Pro preliminary round of the NRBC wrapped up Thursday evening, and the 220+ field was whittled down to the top 30 (plus ties) in the Level 4. Those riders will all compete on Saturday, April 19, in the clean-slate Finals, where the winner will be presented with a check for \$50,000!

Although she might be one of the youngest competitors entered in the Classic this year, Emma Vanlandingham once again proved she has what it takes to compete with the best in the sport. During the second section, she piloted Diamond Handz (Dun It For Whizkey x Princess N Pearls) to a 220.5. That score held through the rest of the round, and during the Markel Non Pro Finals Draw Party, Emma was presented with a check for \$7,771.

When asked if Vanlandingham's age adds pressure to her performance in the arena, she answered, "I feel probably the same pressure as everybody else that's going into this because we all have to compete against some of the best riders in the non-pro and really in our whole industry. I get to compete against people that I've looked up to my whole entire life, so it's not really much pressure – it's just excitement to get to go do that with so many great riders."

Diamond Handz, a 5-year-old gelding, was bred by Mark Smith and is owned by 2Star Investments. He's one of two horses Vanlandingham will show in the Finals on Saturday evening.

The scores needed to advance to the Finals were:

- Level 4 – 215
- Level 3 – 213
- Level 2 – 212
- Level 1 – 210
- Prime Time – 213 (with handicap)
- Masters – 212.5 (with handicap)



The Preliminary round leaders were:  
**Level 4 – Emma Vanlandingham & Diamond Handz**  
(Dun It For Whizkey x Princess N Pearls) – 220.5  
Owned by 2Star Investments | Bred by Mark Smith

**Level 3 & Level 2 – Chandler Winard & Whoz Joe Daddy**  
(Lil Joe Cash x Miss Sunshine Annie) – 220  
Owned by Chandler Winard | Bred by Bahn QH



**Level 1 — Nicole Deary & Dun It For Whiz**  
(Dun It For Whizkey x Indians Gunalena) – 217  
Owned by Casey Deary | Bred by Calvin Burger

**Prime Time & Non Pro Chrome Cash —  
Kim Muehlstaetter & Smoky Mountain Rein**  
(Spooks Gotta Whiz x Sprats Electricspark) – 220  
Owned by Kim & Martin Muehlstaetter | Bred by  
Texas Horsepower Ranch LLC

**Masters – Julie Ridgeway & Ghostface**  
(Pale Face Dunnit x Surpriseinadarkalley) – 217.5  
(with handicap)  
Owned by Rolling Hills Ranch | Bred by Story Book  
Stables

**Non Pro Novice Horse —  
Kylie Warn & What A Surprise**  
(Walla Walla Whiz x Surpriseinadarkalley) – 216.5  
Owned by Deer Creek Farms | Bred by Story Book  
Stables

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found at NRBC.com.



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# Kylie Warn & What A Surprise

## Novice Horse Non Pro Champions



The first champion of 2025's NRBC has officially been awarded, and Kylie Warn is walking away with \$6,480 in her pocket.

More than half a million dollars will be awarded this week to Non Pro competitors alone, an unprecedented amount in NRBC history, and Warn is the first to get a piece of the pie.

Warn piloted What A Surprise, owned by Deer Creek Farms, to the 216.5 to clinch the title. The 5-year-old stallion is by Walla Walla Whiz and out of Surpriseinadarkalley.

Bred and raised at Story Book Stables, Warn bought him as a yearling and has had him ever since.

"He is just a really nice horse. He's super easy to get ready to show. He was a little green when I showed him

last year, so he just kind of spent the winter getting more seasoned and getting more broke, and he feels great," Warn said.

This is roughly Warn's fifth visit to the NRBC, and the facility itself plays a big part in her consistent return.

"I love the show pen. These are some of the best pens to show in. It's well run, it's fun – it's a great show," Warn said.

Warn specifically thanks her husband and barn crew at Deer Creek Farms, but she also credits What A Surprise for the Non Pro Novice Horse win.

"I've had him for so long. He's just the coolest horse I've ever had. I love this horse, and it's more that he deserves to have this."



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# MILLION DOLLAR RIDER

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# APHA Chrome Cash Champion

## Kim Muehlstaetter & Smoky Mountain Rein

Kim Muehlstaetter and Smoky Mountain Rein are the pair taking home the Non Pro Chrome Cash title.

The Chrome Cash is an incentive program that provides riders on American Paint Horse Association registered horses an additional cash bonus. With her 220 scored run in the Non Pro Chrome Cash, Muehlstaetter pocketed \$2,265.

Smoky Mountain Rein is a five-year-old gelding by Spooks Gotta Whiz and out of Sprarts Electricspark and bred by Texas Horse Power Ranch. Muehlstaetter and her husband, Martin, bought the gelding as a three-year-old.

“Martin had him in training, and he’s just been a really consistent horse. Especially his four-year-old year, he really just rose to the top when he was in pressure situations... He seemed like the more pressure he had, the better he got. That’s kind of what I always look for in a show horse – one that enjoys it and likes the challenge of the big classes,” Muehlstaetter said.

With just over a million dollars in lifetime earnings, Muehlstaetter has seen plenty of success in the reining pen, but she couldn’t have clinched this win, or her many others, without her support team.



“(I thank) My husband, Martin, for all this help and support with him (Smoky Mountain Rein) and getting him to where he is today. And just our whole family, the whole staff at Muehlstaetter Performance Horses. I couldn’t do it without all of them. Everyone behind the scenes, grooming and getting them ready – there just is so much work that goes into it that there’s no way we could do it without the whole team behind us,” Muehlstaetter said. Muehlstaetter has been intentional in the show pen leading up to the 2025 NRBC.

Muehlstaetter was excited for the added money from the American Paint Horse Association Chrome Cash Program. Stating “I think it’s great help to promote the American Paint Horse Association and promote paints in the reining. It’s just good for everybody.”



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# Markel Non Pro Draw Party Recognizes and Rewards Finalists

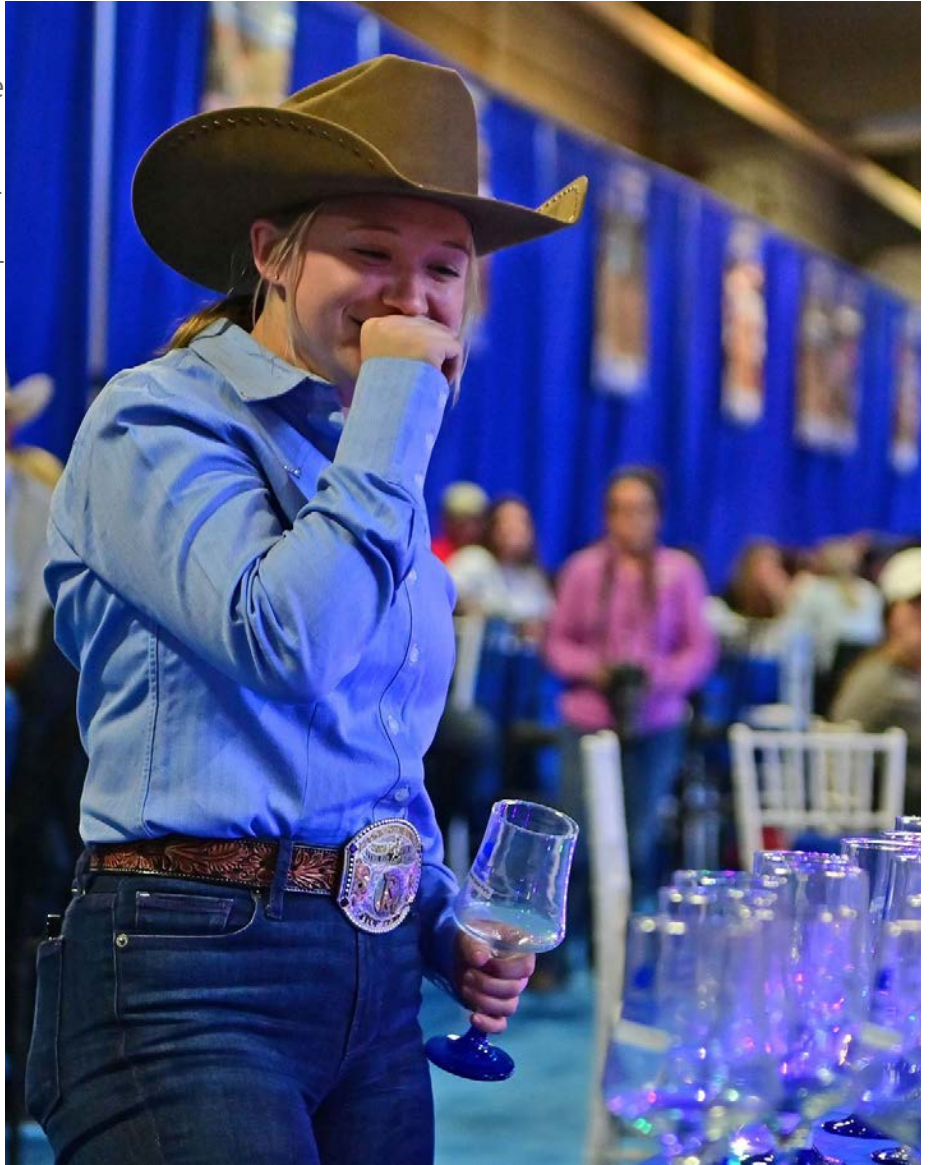
The 2025 National Reining Breeders Classic Markel Non Pro Finals Draw Party is the springboarding event of the Non Pro Classic Finals set for Saturday.

Advancing to the Finals is an achievement in need of celebrating, and it's one best celebrated among fellow competitors and peers – and the Markel Non Pro Draw Party is just the place to do that.

Hosted by Markel Insurance, a time-honored sponsor, the Draw Party recognized the prelim riders advancing to the Finals. All Finalists learned their draw numbers for Saturday and were awarded commemorative wine glasses to mark the occasion. The commemorative wine glasses give competitors a tangible keepsake to remember reaching both the pinnacle of the prelim competition and attending the NRBC.

These competitors will return to the Ford Truck Arena for the Non Pro Classic Finals Saturday, April 19. Level 3, 2, 1 and Prime Time & Masters will begin at 8 a.m, and level 4 will begin at 3 p.m.

If you yourself are a finalist and did not get your headshot done for draw sheets, please come by the media office no later than 3 p.m. today.







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# First Official Press Conference of 2025

## Held in Ford Arena

The 2025 NRBC is an event the reining industry eagerly anticipates. For months, participants have been counting down the days until the NRBC was within reach. In addition to the ambiance and world-class competition, the time spent at the Built Ford Tough Livestock Complex at Expo Square is rooted in innovation, celebration, and fellowship.

One of the events that showcase these qualities in the most authentic form is the NRBC press conference. The first was held in the Ford Arena following the Non Pro Classic Preliminaries. Announced by NRBC announcer Brian Lookabill, the high scorers in each level of competition—including the PrimeTime and Masters—took a seat in front of the gathered press for questions.

Present at the press conference were Emma Vandalingham, leader of the Level 4 Non Pro Classic; Chandler Winard, leader of the Level 3 Intermediate Non Pro Classic and Level 3 Intermediate Non Pro Classic; Alicia Deary, leader of the Level 1 Non Pro Classic; Kim Muehlstaetter, leader of the Prime Time Non Pro Classic; Julie Ridgeway, leader of the Masters Non Pro Classic; and Kylie Warn, leader of the Non Pro Novice Horse.

Preceding the Markel Insurance Non Pro Draw Party, both livestream viewers and event attendees were able to learn more about the riders who climbed their way to the top of the prelims.

Deary shared how her top spot in the Level 1 Non Pro Classic on Dunit For Whiz is one she views in a special light, especially considering how immersed into her personal life the gelding is.



“My husband bought him for my birthday, and I said I want to share him with my kids... We’ve been able to enjoy him... I have not had this much success (before). This is the best I’ve ever done in my little horse life,” Deary said.

Ridgeway also shared the connection she fosters with her horses, Ghostface.

“I feel very blessed to have my horse... I got Ghostface at the end of last year. I was fortunate that Brenda Joyce sold him to me... I loved him when he was two, I loved him when he was three. So when I had an opportunity to buy him (at) the end of his four-year-old year, I immediately did so, and I feel very grateful to have him,” Ridgeway said.

That connection shared between horse and rider isn’t just limited to Deary and Ridgeway and is one all Non Pro leaders experience.

For more inside scoops, stay tuned for the press conferences after the conclusion of the Non Pro Classic Finals, Open Classic Preliminaries, and Open Classic Finals.





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