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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Ford Truck

Open Riding for Open Classic Entries

Super Duty Indoor

8 a.m. - Rookie L1 & 2, Prime Time Rookie/Yellowstone Rookie
Shootout Round 1/TRFAM Rookie Qualifier Level 1 & 2

Central Park Hall Arena

8:30 a.m. - Ltd., Prime Time, Masters, and Legends Non Pro
World Reining Prime Time Non Pro Qualifier
Warm Up Class



*National Reining
Breeder's Classic*

The Power of Two

Muehlstaetter Claims Two NRBC Titles

Kim Muehlstaetter & Smoky Mountain Rein

Non Pro Level 4 & Prime Time Champions



Those filling the stands of the Ford Truck Arena and watching the NRBC webcast were on the edge of their seats as Kim Muehlstaetter went head to head against Jessica Keller in the Level 4 Non Pro Classic Finals.

When Muehlstaetter and Keller tied for the lead in the Finals with matching scores of 219.5, they opted for a run-off, where Muehlstaetter came out on top with a new score of 221.5 – the highest awarded thus far at the 2025 NRBC.

Aboard Smoky Mountain Rein, Muehlstaetter packed away \$52,000 between her nail-biting performance and Prime Time Non Pro Classic Finals win.

Smoky Mountain Rein, a 5-year-old gelding by Spooks Gotta Whiz and out of Sprats Electricspark, bred by Texas Horse Power Ranch and owned by Muehlstaetter, certainly rose to the occasion of the run-off. “I just rode him the same like I did for the Prelims. I rode him the last couple days, and he was

good. So when he’s good, I just try to get in and get out and leave him alone and leave him fresh. I don’t try to keep doing maneuver after maneuver,” Muehlstaetter said. “He rode really good last night, and warming up today for the finals was the best he had felt all week. I just had that one point underspin that was pilot error in the finals, and I really didn’t think I’d get another chance to go again and fix it... I knew the horse could do it, I believe in that horse, and I just had to fix myself.”

While she and Smoky Mountain Rein were the ones in the arena to pull off the 221.5 score, Muehlstaetter doesn’t think it would be possible without the people standing outside of it. “I just thank everyone behind the scenes—the whole crew here at Muehlstaetter Performance Horses—and my husband (for) staying up, watching me ride until midnight last night... My daughter and just everybody behind the scenes. I couldn’t do it without all these guys.”

Jesse Boyd & Gunna Be First Non Pro Level 3 Champion



Staying true to his name, Jesse Boyd and Gunna Be First took the win in the Level 3 Non Pro Classic Finals and fifth place in the Level 4 Non Pro Classic Finals with a 218 score, bringing home a cumulative check of \$27,000.

Gunna Be First is by ARC Gunnabeabigstar and out of Arc Wallas First. The 7-year-old stallion is bred by William G Newman Jr and owned by Unhitched Partners.

Boyd had one primary goal in mind for the Finals – clean.

“(In) the Prelims, (we) were a 218 also. We just tried to be super clean... I’ve struggled with penalties in the turns, and we just wanted to be very clean and have no penalties and put a good run together. So that’s what we did.”

Specifically, Boyd thanks his wife, Sierra, mentors, Tish and Andrea (Fappani), and everybody at the barn or at the show here with him to help make this win possible.

While Boyd has made the NRBC Level 4 Finals in the past, this was his first time winning it.

“Last year, I won the Level 2 here (and made the Level 4 Finals), and that was my first ever Level 4 Finals, and this was my second Level 4 Finals, so my horse loves this arena, and we love this facility. The NRBC staff has done a great job with it... They make it easy for you to compete here, and it’s just a lot of fun.”

Enter by noon today for tomorrow's ancillary classes

Jacob Zimmerman & Gunnersspecialdunit

Non Pro Level 2 Champions



Jacob Zimmerman and Gunnersspecialdunit are not to be forgotten in the bustle of Saturday's Ford Truck Arena winners.

With a score of 217.5 in the Level 2 Non Pro Classic Finals, Zimmerman will be cashing in a total of \$10,000.

Gunnersspecialdunit is a 5-year-old gelding by Gunners Special Nite and out of Shining Lil Dunnit, bred by Mary Jansma and owned by Vaughn Zimmerman.

"It was really good – he was right there with me the whole time. This was actually the second time I've ever shown this horse, so I was super happy with it. The first run I couldn't quite get the stops I wanted, but the second run it came together," Zimmerman said.

When asked who he'd like to thank for the Final's win, Zimmerman replied, "The whole McCutcheon crew, everyone – Cade (McCutcheon), Debbie Brown... She's been a tremendous help for me. She is always there when I need her."

While this may just be the start of Zimmerman and Gunnersspecialdunit's partnership, a Level 2 Non Pro Classic Finals Championship reflects a team on the path of even more titles.

**Sunday April 20 at 1pm Riders Meeting
in the Ford Truck Arena**

Courtney Chown & Maeihaveanother Non Pro Level 1 Champions



The Level 1 Non Pro Classic champion has been crowned, and Courtney Chown and Maeihaveanother are walking away with the title.

The team qualified in the 23rd spot, but Chown and Maeihaveanother came back with a vengeance to grab the win in the Finals with a 215 score. "My run qualifying was not quite as good as I was hoping for, but looking back, I'm thankful I drew up the first day so that we could work out some kinks," Chown said.

Maeihaveanother is by Spooks Gotta Whiz and out of Mega Maggie Mae. The five-year-old gelding is bred by William Rhoads and owned by Chown.

"Kole (Price) had him so prepared for me, and I've never done a run in pattern so I was a little nervous about that, but I actually really liked it, and he couldn't have been better for me... It was really fun."

While Price played a large part in preparing Maeihaveanother for this year's NRBC, Chown doesn't limit the trainer's help to just this week and considers the barn at large the backbone of her success.



Nicole McDevitt & I Shine At Night

Non Pro Masters Co-Champions

With a score of 216.5 (including handicap), Nicole McDevitt and I Shine At Nite secured a share of the Masters Non Pro Co-Championship. The California duo also posted strong finishes across several other divisions—Top 5 in the Prime Time, Level 1, and Level 2, and 11th in Level 3—for combined earnings of \$8,225.

The win was especially meaningful after a tough break at the 2024 NRBC, where McDevitt and her gelding made the Level 4 Finals but received a zero for an extra spin.

“Today I was really working to have four solid stops,” McDevitt said. “I nailed my first one, and all my other stops were great, so I was really happy about that.”

I Shine At Nite, a 7-year-old gelding by Gunners Special Nite out of Shiney Enterprise, was bred by McQuay Stables and had career earnings approaching \$100,000 before this year’s NRBC. He’s no stranger to the spotlight, with wins and placings at major events, including The Run For A Million. McDevitt has owned him for the past three years.

“He’s just a great horse,” she said. “He’s better than I am—he’s a Level 4 horse—but I can rely on him. He’s great, and I love him. It’s his last derby year, so I’m going to take him to all the big events, and then I’m keeping him. He’ll probably go to The Run For A Million again, this time with my trainer, Erik Caddeo.”

McDevitt, who has been riding with Caddeo for the past year, credited him for helping her get to this point. “He gives me great advice. I haven’t been with him that long, but I couldn’t be here without him,” she said.



She also made a point to thank those who support her behind the scenes. “I thank my husband for being so patient with me leaving all the time and having to take care of things,” she said. “And I also thank Kelly Tillman, a friend of mine in Scottsdale. I fly there once a week, and she is kind enough to let me stay with her.”



Happy Easter!

Frederick Christen & Gonna Outbid U

Non Pro Masters Co-Champions

With a score of 216.5, Frederick Christen and Gonna Outbid U take the shared win in the Masters Non Pro Classic. The seven-year-old gelding is by Wimpys High Bid and out of Msdreamy. The gelding is bred and owned by Christen himself.

While Christen had to fly back home following his run and wasn't available for an interview, we congratulate him on his Masters Non Pro Classic Co-Champion.

Clark's Pump & Shop Leading Sires

With the conclusion of the Non Pro Classic at this year's National Reining Breeders Classic, the standings in the Clark's Pump-N-Shop NRBC Top Sire Award saw a few notable shifts.

Since 2023, the NRBC has tracked the earnings of stallions with offspring competing in the Classic events. In partnership with Clark's Pump-N-Shop, the event recognizes the sires whose progeny make the biggest impact in the show pen.

Leading the list after the first week of competition is Spooks Gotta Whiz, with \$126,757 in earnings. Several of his offspring picked up checks during the Non Pro competition, including Smoky Mountain Rein, who captured the Level 4 Non Pro Championship.

Sitting in second place is Shiners Voodoo Dr, whose offspring have earned \$46,160, followed by Gunnatrashya in third at \$42,388.

The current Top 10 Sire Standings are:

- Spooks Gotta Whiz – \$126,757
- Shiners Voodoo Dr – \$46,160
- Gunnatrashya – \$42,388
- ARC Gunnabeabigstar – \$30,610
- In Like Flinn – \$26,196
- Inferno Sixty Six – \$25,838
- Gunners Special Nite – \$24,868
- Magnum Chic Dream – \$23,599
- Dun It For Whizkey – \$19,763
- The Kids Gotta Gun – \$13,974

With the Open Classic Prelims kicking off Monday, expect these rankings to shift again as more money is awarded and top horses step into the arena. Final standings will be updated following Saturday's Open Finals.

Clark's Pump-N-Shop, the sponsor of the Top Sire Award, operates nearly 70 convenience stores across Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, and Florida. Founded in 1976 by John W. Clark, the company is now co-owned by his sons, Rick Clark and Brent Clark.



Jessica Keller & Moonlite Tonite

Level 4 Non Pro Reserve Champions

In the Level 4 Non Pro Classic Finals, Jessica Keller and Moonlite Tonite laid down a tremendous performance in the showdown against Kim Muehlstaetter.

While Muehlstaetter topped Keller's score of 219.5 in the run-down by 2.5 points, Keller's reserve championship win in the Finals earned her \$26,000.

"That's what I go by generally – how much gas I have in the tank, how much horse I have. And most of the time I figure in who I'm running against," Keller said in the press conference following the tie-breaker when asked how to make the decision of a run-off.

Moonlite Tonite certainly had enough gas in the tank, turning in the same score he did in his original Final's run. The 5-year-old stallion is by Gunatrashya and out of Moonlite Chex and bred and owned by Hilldale Farm.



"His mother is Moonlite Chex, and she is a full sister to Heavy Duty Chex that my sister-in-law won the NRBC on twice."

With a successful family history in the NRBC, it's no surprise the team has shined so bright this week at the NRBC in the form of a reserve championship.





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Double Up

April Gentry Wins Green Reiner Level 1 & 2

As a first time NRBC pair, April Gentry and Alpha One-specialnite have clinched the Green Reiner Level 1 & 2 class wins with a score of 73.5.

Alpha Onespecialnite is by Gunners Special Nite and out of One Last Corona. Owned by Gentry and bred by Tom McCutcheon, the 8-year-old gelding has life-time earnings just surpassing \$100k.

"I'm new to the reining. I come from the all-around world, and he's just an 8-year-old gelding that's teaching me and (has) got all the talent in the world. I just have to figure out how to put it all into place," Gentry said.

As a newcomer, Gentry is grateful for the mentorship given through riding with Kole Price. "This barn is amazing. Kole has put a lot of hours into bringing my all-around skills to the reining world... It's just absolutely so fun to be here because they're so supportive and encouraging."

This year is Gentry and Alpha Onespecialnite's first NRBC experience – and a great one at that. "He's a real thinker, and he's super talented. And so he's been super fun to get to show and learn on... It's our



third time in the pen together."

Third time in the pen together or not, Gentry has now picked up two wins.

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Nutrena Cornhole Tournament Fun That Shouldn't Be Missed

It's not too late to enter the NRBC Nutrena Cornhole Tournament, starting at 2pm on the SOUTH CONCOURSE of FORD ARENA. The entry fees benefit Rein In Cancer and the champion duo will each take home a custom set of NRBC/Nutrena Cornhole boards. It's sure to be a good time, so make sure you get signed up!

Classic Connection

Austin Roush



Operating out of Oklahoma, Austin Roush is a trainer who sees not only the horses and clients as pillars of his program, but also the assistants he hires – especially considering that being an assistant is what springboarded his career in the industry.

“I’ve done it my whole life. My grandpa used to train horses, and I grew up riding. When I graduated high school, my grandpa got me a job working for Sam Smith, so I used to work for him,” Roush said.

After several years of working under various professional trainers, Roush started his own program. Now, Roush is in the position to bring assistants on board.

“I like teaching people how to train horses, especially the two-year-olds – teaching two-year-olds how to understand and learn how to do things and train their brains. And that’s what I focus a lot on with assistants Marcus (Miller), Kaleb (Nicholson), and Garrett (Cooper) at home, teaching horses how to think

and figure things out so they can do it on their own.”

Roush believes that the time spent in the saddle working for another trainer is pivotal to one’s personal training foundation. “Learn what you like from certain programs, and go learn from other people... I think it’s important to go work for different people – but you need to stay for a couple years to really figure things out. You don’t just learn it all in a year,” Roush said.

At this year’s NRBC, Roush is competing in the Open Derby. He brought 16 horses and additional hands beyond his own to not only help, but show. Giving his assistants the opportunity to be in the ring is one he values. “I think you get lost in training sometimes at home, especially for those who haven’t shown a lot. There’s things that we want to feel good at home, but then when you go show, it might not make a difference. And I feel learning to show helps your training at home because you’ve got to focus on the bigger picture.”

Sunday Easter Events

~10 am Church service in Ranger Arena ~Easter Egg Hunt at Noon in the Vendor Hall
~2pm Nutrena Cornhole Tournament on the Ford Arena Concourse

Classic Connection

Courtney Chown

Courtney Chown from Pilot Point, Texas, is no stranger to the show arena, however, this is her first time competing at the NRBC. She has ridden and shown pleasure horses all of her life, but that all changed a year ago this past Christmas. That's when she began riding reiners with longtime friends, Kole and Kelsey Price.

Courtney purchased her horse, Maelhaveanother, just before the Congress last year. A short time later, she entered the reining pen for the first time, competing in the Rookie and Green classes. This year, she's adding to her reining resume with a spot in the Non Pro Classic, just a few months after first derby ride at the Florida Classic.

"Honestly, I never imagined I'd be doing this," Courtney admits. "Life's kind of crazy. I always thought the derby was too fast for me. The futurity would have been more my style - I'm all about correct, simple, and pretty. So, I never thought I'd be competing in derbies."

Courtney is enjoying learning how aspects of her pleasure horse background translate into reining and is excited about expanding her skillset to become a better horseman. She's looking forward to showing at the NRBC and will be showing Maelhaveanother, "Ronald," a five-year-old gelding sired by Spooks Gotta Whiz and out of Mega Maggie Mae.

Courtney is also grateful to Kole and Kelsey for their support, saying she couldn't be riding in the reining pen without them.



Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 Champion

The Super Duty Arena is officially in full swing at the 2025 NRBC, having awarded two champions thus far. After scoring a 72, Kelsey Price and The Slim Reaper are the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 Champions, winning \$280.

The Slim Reaper is a four-year-old stallion by Spooks Gotta Whiz and out of Gunner Be Custom. The stallion is owned by Price and her husband, Kole, and bred by Rodion Cantacuzene Jr.

"We bought him last fall. He was a little green last fall, so we decided to hold him back from the futurity and take the winter and just get him more broke. So we're using this show, the NRBC, to show him in some Novice classes to get him more seasoned, get us both more confident in the pen together as a team," Price said.

Although The Slim Reaper is not yet a seasoned veteran in the pen, he performed like one. "We walked in, and he was the

same horse in the pen as he was outside, so that's always a really good feeling. He was there for me the entire time. I just wanted a real easy, confidence building run, and that was it."

Price said she has the best team and thanked her husband, customers, farrier, veterinarian, and whole Price Performance Horses crew for the unwavering support.



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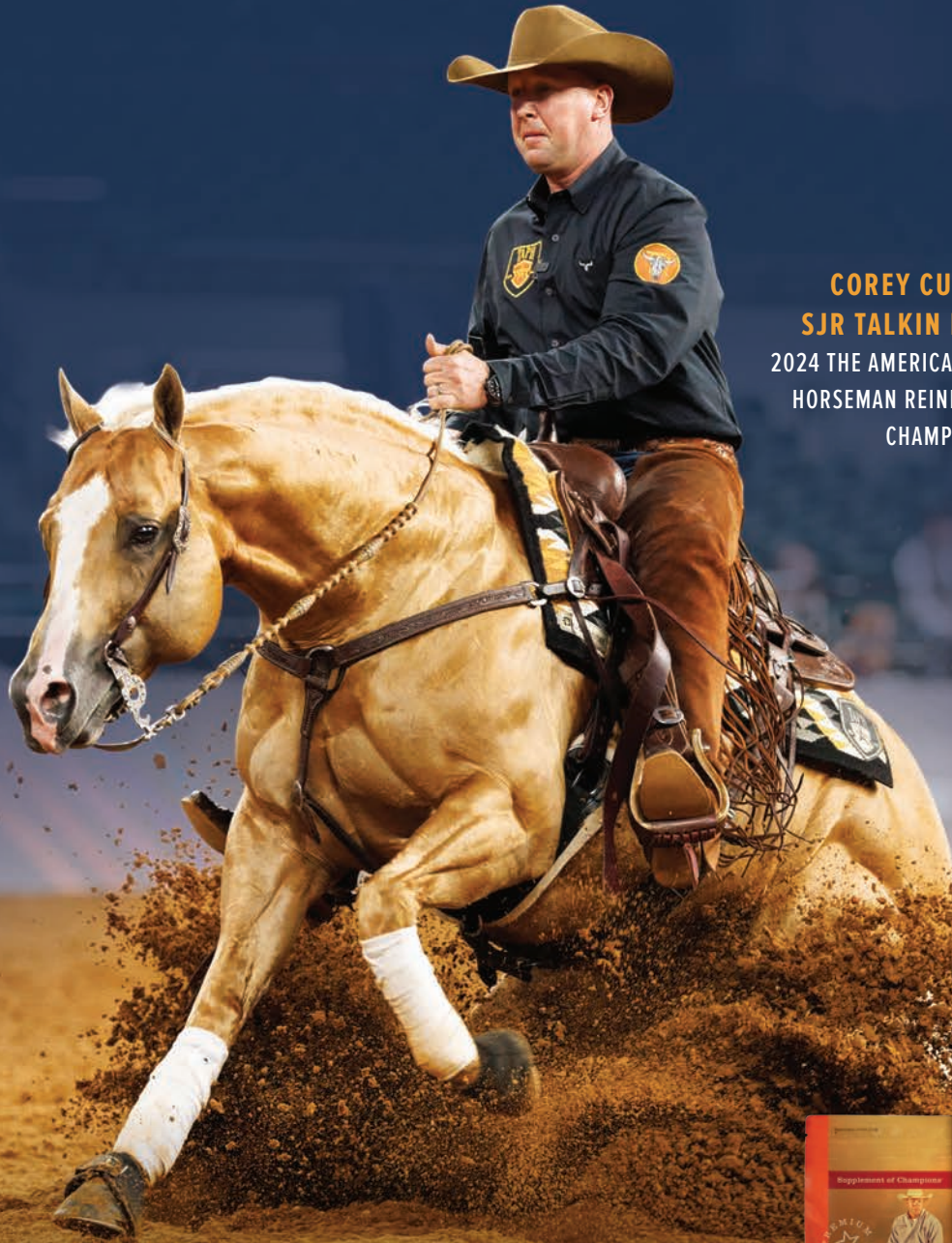
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