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First Time's A Charm



Rusty Green rode As Shes Walkin Away to her first victory.

Last evening, As Shes Walkin Away became a champion with trainer Rusty Green in the saddle. Just as the Zac Brown song "As She's Walking Away" has topped the country music charts, so did the mare bearing the same name in the Reichert Celebration Signature 3-Year-Old Maiden Western Pleasure class. The

classy sorrel mare earned these top honors under three judges to win during her debut in the show ring, and collected \$6,143 in doing so.

The Maiden class was developed with the goal in mind of honoring a "true maiden" horse, acknowledging the fact that not all horses can or should be shown as two-year-olds. Therefore, the Reichert 3-year-old and over Maiden class celebrates those horses. According to Rusty Green, these classes are a vital part of the pleasure horse business. "This horse probably wasn't ready for this kind of stuff last year as a 2-year-old, mentally and physically," he said. "Now that we can save them all the way up until September. They don't have to show until their late 3-year-old year, it's just so much easier on them."

Green's customer, Vincent Arnona, just purchased the mare they call "Jewels" three weeks ago. Although it didn't allow much time for Green to get to know her prior to the Reichert, he said it didn't matter because she had such a solid foundation on her. Stemming from Scott Suggs' program, Jewels had already been exposed to the show environment when Arnona and Green purchased her. "She was good," Green said of how she reacted to the big Fort Worth show. "They had hauled her around a little bit. We'd hauled her some and we got here early.



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We try to spend all day prepping for these night classes. We bring the horses out two or three times a day and let them get used to the different atmosphere and try to ride them when there's a lot of stuff going on. She's been really good every day."

Green and Arnona had their eye on the mare last year and tried to buy her, but to no avail. While she might have needed more time at the point, Green said he knew then that she had the makings of a nice show horse. He was attracted to her movement and carriage, as well as her disposition. All of those attributes shined in the Will Rogers Coliseum on last night. "She just made herself at home," Green said, adding that he felt it was her movement and consistency that earned the big win. The mare's owner will show her again tomorrow night in the 3-Year-Old Limited Horse Non-Pro Signature class.

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Let's Get It RIGHT....

In Tuesday's issue, it was incorrectly stated that Cinch/Cruel Girl Jackets would be awarded to all NSBA Class Winners- it should have read that the jackets will be awarded to all NSBA Futurity Class Winners.



The Signature Harris Lounge Line Class story that ran in Monday's issue incorrectly referred to Skys Blue Boy (sire of this year's Champion, A Passing Cloud) as an Appaloosa stallion, when he is, in fact, a registered American Quarter Horse.

SELECTIVELY DUN WON!

Lisa Farrell and Selectively Dun back, Cross, and Canter Their Way to a Signature Win in Open 4-Year-Old Trail.

Selectively Dun is Lisa Farrell's own personal horse, a gelding by One Hot Krymsun. Farrell and her husband, Jim, trained the red dun that they had bought in the Reichert Sale two years ago. There are Stakes classes only for those horses that sell through the Reichert Sale, and the Farrell's have taken full advantage of those opportunities. "So, we keep coming back and showing him in all of the classes that he is eligible for because we purchased him at the sale," Farrell said.

Farrell, Durham, Con., and her husband have been training and helping amateurs and youth for 30 years, and Jim had been training before that, too. The Farrell's son, Matthew, has been showing this gelding too. "We mostly do trail, but all around stuff for amateurs and kids too," Farrell said. "I also have an 11-year-old showing him in English, and he did good for her. She used him in the team tournament."

Farrell is happy with his perfor-

mance, and felt that she'd had a good run this morning. "Yes, I did feel good about it. He's been very good all week for me, and he gives me everything he's got," Farrell



Lisa Farrell on Selectively Dun.

said. "He's been a project of ours, and every time I take him out, he tries to figure more out for me. He's just honest and sweet, with a quiet disposition, and that says a lot for me. If he'll do it for me, he'll do it for anybody."

The training on Selectively Dun has been easy according to Farrell, and they seem to really concentrate on each baby and their individual discipline. "We are just all about the babies and what they can handle. We start them in trail at two," Farrell explained, "and we try to do what's best for them, and build a strong foundation."

In training a trail horse there are different goals than for other disciplines, it seems the Farrell's have a good formula for getting it right from the start. "To me it relates a little bit to the hunters in that you need a pace and a track to get to the rails," Farrell said. "We don't like putting in too much pleasure, because it changes the step and the stride, and the

horse gets a little too scared to reach. We want it to look like it's in a flow mode. So, I'm a little paranoid about putting the pleasure in too deep, until they know more, are older, and can handle the pressure. This horse was real smart, real easy to train."

Lucky Finale in the Morning

Bruce Vickery and Leaguers Finale were the lucky ones Wednesday morning, bright and early. They won a saddle in the random draw within the Signature Open 4-Year-Old class, which started at 8 a.m. The horse and rider also took Reserve in that class, winning \$1,200 and a new saddle, that made for a good start to the day.

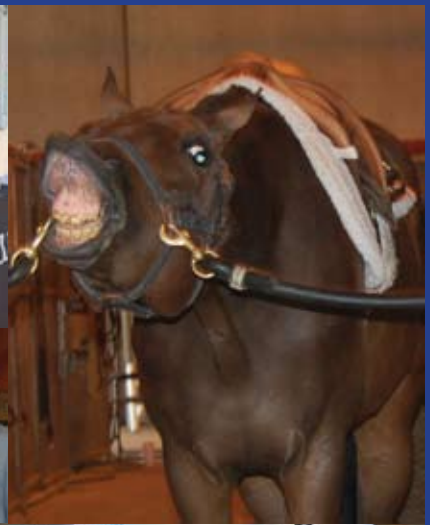
If Vickery has anything to say about it, the show can just keep on the course it's been traveling. "The show is going really well, we are having a good time."

Vickery has good news to report to the horse's owner, Artie Germain, Seattle, Wash., which is always what a trainer wants to do. "He did really well, he's still a little green and this is a tough course, so I was happy," Vickery said.



Bruce Vickery

AROUND THE SHOW...





Back In The Saddle



Jamie Zuidema with wife, Jamee, and daughter, Josie.

Following a tragic horse accident that left trainer Jamie Zuidema with a broken back, he was back in the ring for the first time Tuesday night. Six months ago Zuidema was faced with the possibility that he may never be able to ride again. The 34-year-old suffered a broken back when a colt flipped over on him and there was about a three-month window that could've have swayed his diagnosis either way. Two vertebrae in his lower back were broken and, had the fragments moved, Jamie would have been at risk for paralysis.

Fortunately, that didn't happen and a full recovery landed Zuidema back in the show ring Tuesday night for the Signature Color Limited Western Pleasure Class for the first time since the accident. "It feels good," he said prior of his performance. "It feels really good." Jamie was catch-riding Hot Poker Chip for his brother, Tim – a horse owned by Bobbie Sue Mcgaughlin. Tim said he felt like it would be a good match to get his younger brother going again



Steve Heckaman

in the showpen, and that Jamie being eligible for the Limited class was an added bonus. The pair finished sixth overall and earned \$1,210.

Like numerous trainers in the past, Zuidema was granted assistance from the NSBA Trainers Crisis Fund, which offers services to trainers and their families impeded by such accidents. The fund was established by trainer Steve Heckaman, who was involved in a car accident in 1997 that put him in a coma for several months. A few years after his recovery, Heckaman founded the fund while on the NSBA Board of Directors.

"A lot of the horse people were very helpful and very generous, and started fundraisers to help offset some of the medical expenses," Heckaman said. "I had insurance, but insurance doesn't pay everything. My medical bills ran up over \$1 million."

When Heckaman got back on his feet he researched similar funds that other associations had and formed one for the NSBA. The NSBA Trainers Crisis Fund has granted more than \$100,000 for those in need.

"Any time there is a catastrophe and you're the breadwinner in the family, the income is going to stop. Whether it's helping meet the deductible for the health insurance, whatever the immediate need is - the crisis fund is there to provide financial assistance."

The guidelines for those who qualify for the crisis fund are available on the NSBA website, but are also evaluated by a committee for approval.

"We look at every application on a case-by-case basis," Heckaman explained. We discuss the liability and their availability of any insurance or any additional income."

Had it not been for the Trainers Crisis Fund, Zuidema said he's not sure what his family would have done. The finances from the fund helped them pay their bills until he was able to start earning an income again.

"We didn't have any insurance," said Zuidema. "As soon as they found out, they were right there. They basically got us through it. They just made it happen."

THE SCOOP ON THE SHOPPING...



Been trying to find your favorite vendor? Not sure you've seen all the shopping spots? Fear not, we have the scoop. The simple answer is there is great shopping everywhere! The Brown-Lupton Building, Outside and On The Streets, The Watt Arena, the John Justin Concourse and Arena...and be sure not to forget the Exhibit Area in Trail Town in the Amon Carter Building! With well over 100 vendors selling their wares, there truly is something for everyone. It's not often that this kind of custom shopping is at your fingertips. Get a jump on that Christmas Shopping because this opportunity will be gone before you know it! See back page 8 for a complete list of this year's Reichert Vendors.



Lead Line Lady Cara



Cara Christensen and Goodand Tite

The adorable 4-year-old is an accomplished rider already. Last year, Cara Christensen was in the top ten in ApHC, and she showed in both the Appaloosa World, and the Paint World. She raked in tons of ribbons, according to her father and uncle. Cara Christianson's dad is Chad Christianson, and her

father's twin-brother, Shane, are both trainers who concentrate on the Paint and Appaloosa breeds. The Christensen's live in Whitesboro, Texas.

This could not bode well for the Easter Bunny, it has been discovered that he had a hand in Cara acquiring ownership of Goodand Tite, also known as Bosco. The Easter Bunny brought the 11-year-old, sorrel/overo paint gelding for Cara last Easter, with a little help from her dad.

Bosco does all of the events in Western riding, and now adds, 'professional lead line equine,' to his resume. Which, by the way, is very lengthy. The talented horse has 3,156 APHA points, 33 ROM's, 18 Superiors, one APHA Champion, two World Championships, and one Reserve World Championship, already to his credit.

Even with her petite stature, Cara can put his halter on, and take it off. Only because Bosco is very obliging, putting his head down so that she can reach him for these

procedures. Cara tries to brush the 15.3 hand horse that towers over her, but she can barely reach his belly. As a testament to the adult's trust in him, Bosco is very careful and doesn't move a peg, as Cara wonders around him with brushes, towel, and fly spray in her hands.

Cara can ride Bosco by herself, and has been known to put her dad on him and lead him around to practice, if you will, a backward lead line class. With this much independence and spunk at just four, she is likely to be the next horsewoman to be critically acclaimed in the near future.



Cara takes care of Bosco.

IT'S SALE TIME!!!

Reichert Sale Preview

The 2011 Reichert Sale preview is being held today in the John Justin Arena at 10a.m. During the preview, several round pens will be set for viewing of the more than 350 consigned horses that will run in order of hip number. It is not mandatory that Consigners showcase their sale horses in the preview, but it is highly encouraged. Any competitors that may have a conflict with showing and viewing of sale horses will be accommodated by the sale company. For questions, stop by the sale office located in the Richardson Bass building or call (817) 334-0675.

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