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Non Pro Futurity Finals Gonsalves Goes For It!

Jessica Gonsalves from Millsap, Texas has been a favorite standout all week in the Non Pro Futurity riding My Dads A Cat (WR This Cats Smart by High Brow Cat X Bodee Got Smart by Bodee Boonsmal). The sorrel gelding was first in the 1st go round out of 29 entries tying with Carl Gerwien on WS Catty Lil Taz. In the 2nd go round, out of 22 entries, she scored a 216, but retained the lead with the highest composite score. Being a local favorite because she used to live in the Paso Robles area, and her parents, George and Sue Hearst proudly looking on, the crowd was waiting for her to continue her winning ways. Out of the 8 finalists, Jessica was dead last in the draw. With Bonnie Martin of Las Vegas riding Ginger Smootie to a 218 as the 4th horse out, the pressure mounted. Bonnie sat on the back fence watching and knowing that all of the horses behind her were really good. As luck would have it for Bonnie, Jessica going last in the herd pulled out all the stops and came out ahead with her blazing 222 run to clinch the Championship and a check for \$11,133. Still shaking as she walked out of the arena, Jessica was all smiles. She said, "It feels awesome!" She talked a little while about how she used to live here, moving here as a senior in high school. She met her husband of 16 years, Gary Gonsalves, when he was training in Paso Robles. The pair eventually moved to Millsap, Texas and started raising their



Champion Jessica Gonsalves on My Dads A Cat

two kids, son Garrett, who is now 13 years, and daughter Gentry who is 10. Jessica said that she took a break from showing for about 10 years while raising their kids. She got the itch again to show, and this is her 1st Futurity victory. The funny thing is that Jessica didn't even know she would be here to show this horse. Gary bought My Dads A Cat in the 2nd go round, and Jessica got on a plane to come and ride him. He also made the Finals of the \$200,000 Limited, but they thought he needed a day off. That was a good decision, as he came back fresh in the Futurity finals. Future plans include giving the colt a couple of months off. Both she and Gary plan to show him some more and as Jessica says now... "I'll share him."

Bonnie Martin from Las



Vegas still claimed the Reserve Championship of the Non Pro Futurity riding her good horse Ginger Smootie, and collecting a check for \$10,049. My Lil Lucky Duck ridden by Mary Kate Huntsberger of Paso Robles made a strong showing as well and earned 3rd Place and a check for \$8,424.

Congratulations to all of the Non Pro Futurity winners!

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Non Pro Cutting Stakes Finals Champion – Mary Ann Rapp

The Non Pro Cutting Stakes Finals were held Sunday afternoon with 9 finalists. The original field of entries included 33 horses vying for the top spot, who are all 4 year old progeny of the elite PCCHA Subscribed Stallions. The 33 were whittled down to 12 horses in the second go round, from which Donna Flanigan on This Cats Cool (WR This Cats Smart X Smoken C Starlight) had emerged the leader, with Shrimp Shack Shooter (Smooth As A Cat X Awesome Autumn, by Smart Little Lena) and Mary Ann Rapp right behind her in the combined go round scores. In the Finals, Donna Flanigan marked a 216 on her horse, which left some room for someone to mark higher. 3 horses later, Mary Ann Rapp and her Shrimp Shack Shooter woke up the crowd with her 220 marking. This was enough to overtake Flanigan's lead and take charge of the Championship for a sweet paycheck of \$12,412. Mary Ann stayed in the arena to watch the rest of the horses and even help Cody Hedlund pick some cows for his run. Mary Ann is married to trainer Phil Rapp and they now live in Weatherford, Texas, although Mary Ann used to be a

California girl growing up in Sloughouse in the Sierra foothills. She said that Phil grew up in Napa, and they both moved to Weatherford in the fall of 1992. By the fall of '93, they were dating and the rest is history. Mary Ann and Phil have a darling 5 year old daughter named Emma. Besides raising Emma, they also raised Shrimp Shack Shooter who was conceived as an embryo transfer. Congratulations to Mary Ann and her family!

Lisa Hewitt on Olenasdualyfeather (Cats Red Feather by High Brow Cat X Olenas Dualy by Dual Pep), who had been scoring well in earlier runs was second to last and marked a 219.5 to win the Reserve Championship and a check for \$11,249. Lisa, who is an Australian transplant into Weatherford, Texas was ready to ride today, as she said she "got run over pretty good yesterday." This made her mad and she vowed not to do that again. She credited Clint Allen, saying, "He does a really good job with her." She also thanked her helper Tegan Still, who warms her up.

Donna Flanigan still collected a cool \$10,086 for her 3rd Place award in the Finals.



Mary Ann Rapp rides Shrimp Shack Shooter

\$50,000 Amateur Classic/Challenge CD Headlight in the Spotlight!

After the crazy excitement of the Open Finals on Saturday night, the cutters were a little more subdued and the parking lots were beginning to clear of trailers and motor homes. Sunday started with the \$50,000 Amateur Classic/Challenge of 11 riders on 5 and 6 year old horses. Spookys Smarty Rey (Dual Rey X Spookys Smarty Pants by Smart Aristocrat) was the first to go and scored a neat 217. Tom Bailey, of Carbondale, Colorado, is the retired Wall Street whiz turned rancher/cutter, who owns Iron Rose Ranch. Gary Gonsalves trains for him, and Tom puts a lot of stock in Gary. It has paid off, as Tom won the \$200,000 Limited 5/6 go on his other horse, Shesa Spooky Pepto at this show and has garnered his share of awards.

The next horse in the herd was the sorrel gelding CD Headlight (CD Lights by CD Olena X Peppico Lena by Peppy Lena San) ridden by Stephen Silva of Atascadero, CA. CD Headlight marked a 217. He waited through the next 9 horses to see the results of his effort, and lo and behold he

emerged the reigning 2011 Champion \$50,000 Amateur Classic/Challenge and Tom Bailey became the Reserve Champion. Steve works with trainer Morgan Cromer, the now 2011 Open Futurity Champion, and he said that Morgan bought the horse for him. He has been in the finals of every aged event he has entered, such as the Texas Super Spectacular. Steve has only been cutting for about 2 years, but he used to show reined cow horses. He grew up in Brawley, CA. and is now a live-stock feed broker. Of his work he said, "It's been a blast." He particularly wanted to thank Morgan and her crew of Jake Pinheiro and Lindsey Milner. Steve picked up a check for \$2,626. On top of that he also won the Amateur Finals for \$2,238 and the Gelding division for another \$2,120. Way to go Steve!

Tom Bailey's paycheck for the Reserve Championship of the \$50,000 amateur classic/Challenge was \$2,444, plus he won the Senior Division for \$2,513.



CD Headlight ridden by Stephen Silva

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Junior Youth Finals Brandon Westfall – A Chip off the Old Block!



Brandon Westfall with Smartest Peanut Yet

The Junior Youth Division held on Sunday contained 5 miniature cowboys and cowgirls all under the age of 13. Brandon Westfall, riding a great little horse named Smartest Peanut Yet showed the big boys how it's done by marking a 219 and winning the Championship. Brandon is the son of trainer Russ Westfall and Non Pro rider Janet Westfall. Obviously cutting is all in the family! Brandon received a scholarship for \$750. He is quite the showman, and you can see him every day in the show pen on a horse and helping out his parents. Brandon won on the

same horse last year in the Junior Youth Finals, and if he keeps up the high marks and his winning ways, he'll be beating the pros in no time! He said that Peanut is a "good horse and easy to show." The 11 year old 5th grader wants to be a trainer when he grows up just like his pop.

Christopher Brennan took the Reserve Championship with a 218 run on Miss Pepnic, and received a scholarship for \$500. Third place was awarded a scholarship for \$250, and it went to Jessie Garfinkel riding Masitas Little Oak.

Senior Youth Champion Chrissy Madgwick



Smarty Hicat Annie ridden by Chrissy Madgwick

The Senior Youth division consists of up and coming cutters between the ages of 14 through 18 years. The \$1000 scholarship for the Champion of the Senior Youth division was earned by Chrissy Madgwick with a scorching score of 221 riding Smarty Hicat Annie. Chrissy showed as the 8th rider out of 11. Chrissy lives in Lake Hughes on a ranch and grew up on a horse. She started cutting when she was 6, and began showing at the ripe old age of 8 years. She currently attends West Ranch High School in Valencia. She said that she was showing Nancy Crawford's horse and that Morgan Cromer was instrumental in letting her show her. Morgan is her mentor and Chrissy seems in awe of her. She said that instead of partying after winning the Open Futurity Championship on Saturday night, Morgan went and worked Smarty Hicat to ready her for Chrissy's work

on Sunday. She said of her run, "It was a blast. I picked out cows with Morgan and those were the cows I ended up getting. It was fun."

A score of 217 was posted by Annie Spurr riding Really A Reynor to claim the Reserve Championship of the Senior Youth division. Annie earned a scholarship of \$750. Annie lives in Shandon, CA on a ranch and has been riding her whole life which includes high school rodeos. She is currently attending Cuesta College, so her scholarship will really come in handy.

Third place in this division and scholarship for \$500 was given to Jessica Cardon riding Suddenly A Smart Chic with a score of 215.

\$200,000 Limited Classic/Challenge Finals Wacky Whacks the Competition

Erin Bimat rides a horse with a funny name...they call him Wacky for short. Now, of course, there are lots of horses with funny names in the PCCHA, but Erin says there is a reason for the name. Goofy name or not, Smokin Cat Wacky (WR This Cats Smart by High Brow Cat X Bobs Smokin Spook, by Bob Acre Doc) is a Champion with Erin showing in the \$200,000 Limited Classic/Challenge Finals and a smokin' score of 222. The pair collected a check for \$6,222. Erin felt like they had a good day saying "he felt really ready in the way he pre-staged. He was calm the whole time, and sometimes he can get a bit

jumpy. We happened to get really great cows...there is a lot of luck in it." This is Wacky's last aged event, and Erin thought, "It is a good way to go out!" Just in his 6 year old year, besides this win, Wacky also was the Reserve Champion in March at the PCCHA show, and he won in Idaho. Earlier as a 3 year old he won the Gelding Stakes with Tim Smith riding and made the Finals of the PCCHA Futurity.

Jaelyn Sleeman riding This Isa Stray Cat, took the Reserve Championship of the \$200,000 Limited Classic/Challenge with a score of 219.5 and a check for \$5,724.



Erin Bimat rides Smokin Cat Wacky

\$50,000 Amateur Futurity Finals Aloha! Hawaiian, Alex is the Champ

Right across the road from the famous Parker Ranch office on the Big Island of Hawaii, you'll find Alex Penovaroff at his ranch when he isn't on the road showing cutting horses. Born and raised in Hilo, Alex now has a 20 acre horse operation, while his 2 daughters now run the cattle ranches. He is in the infrastructure supply business (municipal type water, sewer, drainage) and has only been riding cutting horses for about 5 or 6 years. "Apparently Alex used to be involved with the Snaffle Bit Futurity "for a long time," and all of his horses are bred at the Ward River Ranch. Alex flew over to California to show and end up winning the \$50,000 Amateur Futurity Finals with his score of 215, collecting a check for \$2,756. 1st out in the herd, Alex showed I Aint No Bum Check to Tommy Manion.

laxed, perhaps thinking that his score would not hold up. He said smiling, "finally found an acorn." Gavin Jordan trains for him. He said that "you've gotta be with someone who has a non pro program. He (Gavin) is an instiller of confidence." I Aint No Bum Check is out of a mare who was a finalist at the Snaffle Bit Futurity and his granddam won the Snaffle Bit according to Alex. His sire is Im Counting Chex. While here at the show, Alex sold I Aint No Bum Check to Tommy Manion.

The Reserve Champion was Nicole Carson of San Clemente, CA on Hes A Catsanova (Hes A Peptoboonsmal, by Peptoboonsmal X Too Good Cat by High Brow Cat). Nicole marked a 211 for a \$2,513 payout.

3rd Place went to Bill Wietzke of Eugene, Oregon riding Terracat, with a score of 207 and a check for \$2,262.



I Aint No Bum Check ridden by Alex Penovaroff

Wrapping It Up

Clark Miller Hall of Fame/Sportsmanship Awardees Krista Ellis & Megan Madgwick



Left - Krista Ellis (l) and Megan Madgwick (r) are presented the Clark Miller Hall of Fame/Sportsmanship Award for their involvement, leadership, and enthusiasm in providing esteem to the cutting horse sport among youth.



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