



\$3,000 Novice Champion Little Dirty Dancer

effort.

When it came to finding a mount for this year, it made sense for the family-oriented Taylor to pull one from her very own support unit, showing her dad's Somebody Smart gelding, Somebody's Mojo.

"My dad was very busy with his job and was going to turn Mojo out for this year. I got along with him great, he was still eligible for the 3k Novice Non-Pro so Jason and I decided I should start out the year and see how it went," said Taylor.

When the year began out successful, it became apparent that Taylor and Mojo would continue to make a great team, picking up checks and dominating the ranks as the months rolled on.

"My horse was so consistent. Between July and October, we were able to get a check every run we made," said Taylor. "What made it so special are the great runs I had on really tough cattle. Mojo just seemed to get better and better as the year went on."

Having such a successful year was not easy, but as Taylor pointed out, when the cards are right and the desire is there, anything can be done.

"You may drive all night from Arizona, get home at six in the morning, take a shower, throw your kids in the bath, drop them off at school and head to work for the day, but if you dedicate yourself to it, adjust your priorities for a year, and have a great support unit, it can be done."

\$10,000 Novice Non-Pro Horse Champions: CD Olena Peppy and Norman Clark

When it came to hauling this year, things managed to fall together nicely for

Norman Clark and his CD Olena gelding, CD Olena Peppy. Having recently retired and finding more time to compete, Clark made the decision to look for more opportunities to show on the weekend level.

With this in mind, Clark began, with the help of trainer Chubby Turner, to look for a horse to compete with at these weekend shows.

"Helen and I were in Fort Worth watching our grandchildren show at the AQHA Youth World Finals and Chubby Turner was helping me find a horse to show on weekends. Chubby had seen CD in South Dakota at a clinic he was putting on," explained Clark. "I liked CD from the first time I saw him. He is small and built perfect for a cutting horse."

Paired with the gelding who now has over \$100k in earnings, Clark looked toward showing on a more regular basis, but never committed to hauling.

"I decided early in 2007 that since I retired and had more time to ride, if I could find a good horse, I would show at more weekend shows. I don't know when we decided to haul. We were successful in Arizona in January and February and we just kept going," said Clark.

Such a decision managed to work out well for the pair, who clinched the title this year in style. However, as Clark pointed out, it was not a one-man show for him.

"I had a lot of good helpers that were there for me all year," recalled Clark. "I can honestly say that it didn't matter what state we were in, there were four people who did all they could to help me win. Some of whom I only met this year."

Senior Youth and Senior Youth Super Horse of the Year Champions: Ryan Denier and Sweet Payote

It is not often someone can win a year-end championship their very first year of hauling. But for Senior Youth Champion, Ryan Denier, that is exactly what happened.

Paired with Senior Youth Super Horse of the Year, Hickoryote mare, Sweet Payote, Denier was able to push to the top of the competition, racking up several Circuit titles along the way.

"The best thing about Pay is that she is constantly improving with age. We have been able to grow together. When she makes a mistake, it's really easy to fix her," said Denier.

Starting out the year with the simple intention of hitting the qualifying shows for the prestigious PCCHA Best of the West Youth cutting in Paso Robles, Ca, Denier saw how well he was sitting in the year-end standings and decided to go for it. It was a decision that paid off as he earned a total of 112 points to secure the title.

"This was the best year of my life. There is no better honor than winning the Senior Youth Champion for the PCCHA and Senior Youth Super Horse all in my first year of hauling," he said.

Part of a cutting family, Denier has spent the past year going down the road with both parents and his brother, Brandon, who was able to secure the Youth Rookie of the Year title. Grateful for his parent's support, Denier also is thankful for everyone who helps to make this industry what it is.

"In general, I would like to thank all the sponsors, everyone who has ever let us lay up at their ranch, the turn back help, and anyone else that has given me a word of wisdom," said Denier.

Junior Youth and Junior Youth Super Horse of the Year Champions: Chrissy Madgwick and Corina Oak

For young cutter Chrissy Madgwick, cutting runs in the blood. Coming from a cutting-enthusiast family, the youngest Madgwick has spent her entire life in the saddle.

"I've been riding all my life, and I've been cutting for three years," said Madgwick. "Horses mean everything to me."

Now paired with mare Corina Oak, by Doc's Oak, who holds handfuls of Futurity champions and over \$70k in earnings, Madgwick looks to continue in the cutting arena.

"This year, I won the youth scholarship cutting in Paso Robles. I was so excited, it was my first big championship. In the future I would love to do well in the Best of the West Youth Invitational," she said.

With such a successful year under her belt, Madgwick gives a large chunk of credit to her horse, Corina, who also was Junior Youth Super Horse of the Year.

"I am very grateful to my older sister for letting me show her mare. Corina is one of those horses I can bring out at a larger scholarship cutting but I can still trust to hold tough cattle at a smaller, club cutting," said Madgwick. "I love how well our per-

sonalities fit together."

In the beginning of the year, Madgwick had no intentions to haul, and was even oblivious to where she sat in the standings.

"I remember the night that my mom finally decided to tell me where I was in the standings. I was so surprised that I almost fell out of my chair," she recalled.

However, once she was aware of how she was sitting in the standings, with the support of her parents, Madgwick began to haul for the title. But for as successful as her year was, Madgwick does have some favorite memories.

"It was really special the first time I went to a circuit with all my second moms looking out for me and my trusty friend, Wheeling Lightning. Being on the road without my parents and my sisters gave me a chance to be responsible and really learn to take care of a horse on the road," said Madgwick. "It was such a great experience."

Youth Rookie of the Year: Brandon Denier

The Youth Rookie of the Year Award is given to the youth having earning the most points during the year's competitions who started out the year with less than 30 PCCHA youth points and \$500 in lifetime earnings

This year, the recipient is Brandon Denier, Junior Youth Reserve Champion and brother of Ryan Denier, Senior Youth Champion. Having earned 106 points throughout the year, Denier and his partner, Son of a Doc mare Doc's Emily Ann, topped the competition by a forty point spread.

This was the young cutter's second year of competition and first official year with PCCHA. Having such success, however, he attributes partially to having such a warrior of a mare.

"At the ripe old age of twenty-seven, Emily still has the heart to cut. I couldn't ask for a better horse," he said. "My favorite thing about Emily is that she always makes up for my mistakes. I can always count on her, because she's such a solid horse."

A newcomer to cutting, it is safe to say that Denier is securely hooked.

"I love cutting. My horse means the world to me. I have been watching my older brother ride for years now, and knew it was something I wanted to do also."



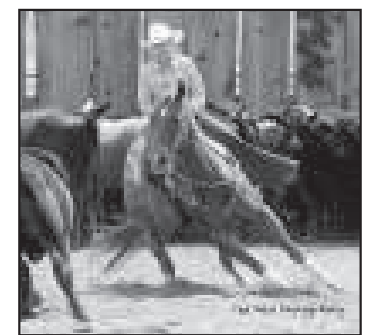
\$10,000 Novice Non Pro Champion CD Olena Peppy ridden by Norman Clark



Youth Rookie of the Year Brandon Denier



Senior Youth Champion Ryan Denier riding Sr. Youth Super Horse of the Year Sweet Payote



Junior Youth Champion Chrissy Madgwick riding Super Horse of the Year Corina Oak