

Breaking News

Partial Dispersal Sale at Babcock Ranch

Jim Babcock, who has 40 years of experience breeding quality performance horses, has a group of consignments that he is excited to offer to the public at partial dispersal sale at Babcock Ranch, Valley View, Texas, at noon on Oct. 15. Among the consignments are stallions Trashadeous, Captain Nice and Lucky Little Lena.

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■ GALA'S BLOG

In her new blog, Gala Nettles suggests (with humor) that perhaps it's time for judges to judge NCHA Triple Crown events via live feed on the Internet.

■ TULSA ARIAT CLASSIC

At the Tulsa Ariat Reining Classic this week, see Stacy Westfall and Roxy compete, as well as all the members of the U.S. Reining Team that's headed to the World Equestrian Games this month.

■ CUTTIN' IN KLAMATH

Hallie Cat, a 3-year-old mare competing at her first limited-age cutting, and Steve Schlesinger, 31, Lockeford, Calif., dominated the Futurity Open finals at the Fort Klamath Ranch Festival.

■ FROM THE NEWS DESK

See the lists of horses consigned to the Jack Waggoner/Susan Waggoner and Buffalo Ranch dispersal sales.

QUARTER HORSE NEWS

The staff at *Quarter Horse News* will be taking time off during the Labor Day holiday. The next *QHN Insider* will be sent the week of Sept. 13, 2010.

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WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2010



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Smart Little Lena Euthanized



Smart Little Lena, 31, one of the cutting world's all-time leaders as a performer and as a breeding stallion, suffered a stroke and was humanely euthanized at his longtime home in Aubrey, Texas, at 11 a.m. on Aug. 30, according to his handlers.

Shareholders in the Smart Little Lena Syndicate received e-mail notices the same afternoon from Robin Levison, the syndicate's secretary, stating the horse's longtime veterinarian, Dr. John McCarroll, Equine Medical Associates, had examined the horse. The veterinarian decided to euthanize Smart Little Lena so the horse would not suffer.

Tommy Manion was breeding manager for Smart Little Lena during most of his life. He said it was a sad day at Manion Ranch, adding the 1979 stallion had not been himself for a few days.

"For about the last week, he'd been having a little problem with his balance," Manion said. "Then this morning [Aug. 30] he just apparently suffered a stroke. We immediately called Dr. McCarroll.

He's always been his attending veterinarian. He came up and did everything he could for him. He thought it was definitely irreversible."

Asked about Smart Little Lena's place in history, Manion said, "I think he created an indelible image in our industry. He sired champion reining horses, champion cutting horses, champion working cow horses. And I don't think anyone will dispute the fact that he'll go down as the greatest broodmare sire there's ever been."

Smart Little Lena (Doc O'Lena x Smart Peppy x Peppy San), bred by Hanes Chatham, Pilot Point, Texas, also carried his career-long trainer and rider, the late Bill Freeman, Rosston, Texas, to the first Triple Crown in National Cutting Horse Association history in 1982 and 1983. Smart Little Lena earned \$743,275 as a cutter, No. 4 all-time, according to *Equi-Stat* records. He still holds the record for most money earned as a 3- and 4-year-old cutter, \$643,275, and he remains the NCHA's second-leading sire. —MT

DAVID HACK

Out 'N' About



Still at it! Shown here with the Bill Horn Derby Open Champion Peter DeFrietas, Vic Gilson (right) won his first NRHA trophy in 1987, aboard the wonderful Mr Feelin Good.

Taking the lead from her husband, professional Chip Stewart, and daughter, Kate, a successful youth and non-pro rider, Karen Stewart showed in the DRHA Green Reining.



The hot spot in Dixie was the video review area and that's where we found Mark Rafacz coaching Javier Melo, aboard his Heza Bantie Rooster.

It certainly was hot in Dixie, but how cool was this? Shown here with Brad Kelsall, Randy Fowler (left) judged the show with his daughter, Shannon. All three did a great job!

Jamie Bissell enjoyed watching tune-ups with Dr. Dan Pikes and his dad, Dan Pikes Sr.



(Left) In this case, it's "like daughter, like mother." Renee Choate was inspired to rein after watching

her daughter, Layla, compete. They both ride with Jason Torpey, Princeton, Ky.

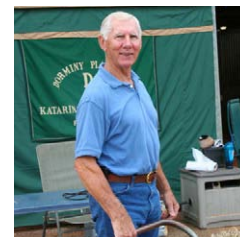


Erin Hedman took a well-deserved break, but not for long. Lots to do in Perry!



Dixie Doin's

Reiners gathered in Perry, Ga., for the Dixie Reining Horse Association Summer Sliding Classic, held Aug. 13-15. The show featured the Bill Horn Derby, Dorminy Plantation Futurity, full slate of NRHA-sanctioned classes plus a slate of classes for the green reiners. There was a lot to do in Dixie! —PF



Kenny the Boston Terrier gives a high five to Jonathan Gauthier, who won the Bill Horn Derby Level 2 and Level 1 on Carla Brown's Top Prize Prince. (Right) "Take my picture before I get dirty," said Wayne Norris as he pushed a wheelbarrow full of hay toward the barn area.



(Left) Zack Yates, 13, only started riding six months ago, but he entered and showed John Fincher's Wimpys Chex Mix in the DRHA Green class.



Lil Bit Reckless

Queen of Fort Klamath Horses

Lil Bit Reckless, a 6-year-old mare bred and owned by husband-and-wife cutters Russ and Janet Westfall, Los Olivos, Calif., won a Classic/Challenge Open title at the Fort Klamath Ranch Festival with Russ on Aug. 24 with a 226 to earn \$8,450, then placed sixth in the Non-Pro Classic/Challenge with Janet on Aug. 27 to earn \$2,143.

With the twin wins, Lil Bit Reckless (CD Royal x Trouble Lynn 495 x Smart And Trouble) earned \$10,593 and became the Fort Klamath Ranch Festival's all-time top-earning horse. The mare, a career winner of \$146,527 including her most recent performances, earned \$35,171 in Fort Klamath, Ore., the past three summers, according to Equi-Stat records.

The talented and versatile horse did not compete in Fort Klamath as a 3-year-old because she was in training with Russ Westfall for her debut at the 2007 National Cutting Horse Association Futurity. She competed for the first time in Fort Worth during late fall of 2007 and made the

NCHA Futurity Non-Pro semifinals with Janet Westfall.

Lil Bit Reckless and Russ Westfall won a Classic/Challenge Open title at the 2009 Fort Klamath event with a 224.5, while the horse and Janet Westfall also finished sixth last year in the Non-Pro. In 2008, Lil Bit Reckless finished as a Reserve Champion in both the Derby Open and Derby Non-Pro with her co-owners sharing those rides.

Janet and Lil Bit Reckless won a Classic/Challenge Non-Pro title at the 2009 El Rancho Futurity in Rancho Murieta, Calif., last September with a 224 to earn \$9,000.

Until Lil Bit Reckless passed him this week, 1995 gelding Travalano (Travalena x War Lano Missy x Doc's Solano) had earned more money than any horse at the annual Fort Klamath events with combined earnings totaling \$26,066. Travalano and Tim Smith won the 1999 Ranch Festival Futurity Derby Open title with a 224. Smith also won the Classic/Challenge Non-Pro with him in 2001 with a 224.5.

Prior to their success at the 2010



Janet Westfall and Lil Bit Reckless won the Classic/Challenge Non-Pro at the Mebane Ranch Festival Aug. 27 as the mare earned another \$7,676.

Fort Klamath Ranch Festival, formerly known as the Mebane Ranch Festival and before that as the Northwest Cutting Futurity, the Westfalls already ranked as the annual event's top all-time owners. Horses

owned by the Westfalls and ridden by them in Open and Non-Pro events earned \$136,969 through last year. Horse owners Canyon Creek Ranch, Bonsall, Calif., ranked second with \$82,951. —MT

Fort Klamath Ranch Festival

All-time Money Earners		
Horse	Owner	Money
Lil Bit Reckless 04M (CD Royal x Trouble Lynn x Smart And Trouble)	Russ & Janet Westfall	\$35,171
Travalano 95G (Travalena x War Lano Missy x Doc's Solano)	Canyon Creek Ranch	\$26,066
Tangys Classy Peppy 90S (Peppy San Badger x Tangy Lena x Doc O'Lena)	Art & Sandy Haskins	\$24,582
Smokes Little Remedy 04S (MR Southern Smoke x Smart Little Remedy x Smart Little Lena)	Peter Spadoni	\$22,309
High Style Travalin 99M (Travalena x SR High Style x Doc's Hickory)	West Coast Cutting Horses	\$22,116

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NOW Is the Time

When you purchase an item, a lot of decisions precede your purchase. The manufacturer had to decide to make the item, and the store had to decide to stock it.

In a similar way, horse breeders are beginning to decide which mares will be bred to which stallions in 2011 for a foal in 2012. If you are going to have mare(s) bred next breeding season, develop a marketing plan before you make these genetic decisions.

In developing your marketing plan, get the facts first. Is there a real demand for your type of horse? How strong is the market? What age and training must the horse have before it is really marketable?

The cost of keeping a horse until it is 4 years old may be too expensive to realize a profit. If you cannot train the horse yourself prior to selling it, a professional trainer may cost more than the horse will sell for.

Profit may not be the only factor to consider in your marketing plan. Promotion of your mare(s) and stallion(s) and personal pride of accomplishment as a breeder are acceptable goals. But you will need a sound marketing plan to realize these objectives.

START YOUR BREEDING DECISIONS NOW

We have all heard efficiency experts advise us to plan, plan, plan. Well, mare owners must begin planning now for the 2011 breeding season. Before listing potential stallions for each mare, you need to review the objectives of your horse breeding program.

Nowadays, buyers want horses that do something – cutting, reining, reined cow horse, etc. Buyers are willing to pay for well-trained horses.

Before selecting stallions for your mares, you must critically evaluate each broodmare. Mares that have produced good performance horses in the past are likely to do so again.

Mares should be structurally sound, with good feet and legs and quiet dispositions. Some conformational defects can reduce a horse's performance potential.

Select stallions that will sire foals from your mares that will become good riding horses in one of the popular events. The most important factors to consider are the performance records of the stallion and his foals. A stallion that has sired one world champion out of 100 foals is not as good statistically as one that sired six second-place and 10 third-place horses in championship classes from 75 foals.

BIOPSY BARREN MARES NOW

Barren mares are a great disappointment to all breeders, especially for owners who have just one or two mares. And they are also a serious economic loss to the commercial horse breeders. What can you do?

Your veterinarian can perform several procedures to aid in determining why your broodmare is not pregnant. This information can help you decide what approach to use in getting her in foal next spring.

Get a uterine biopsy of your barren broodmares as soon as possible, so you can make necessary management decisions regarding them this fall. Do not biopsy pregnant mares as this could cause abortion.

KEEP OR CULL THAT BROODMARE?

The first step in deciding whether to keep or cull a broodmare, is to pregnancy check broodmares bred this year, since you need to first consider barren broodmares.

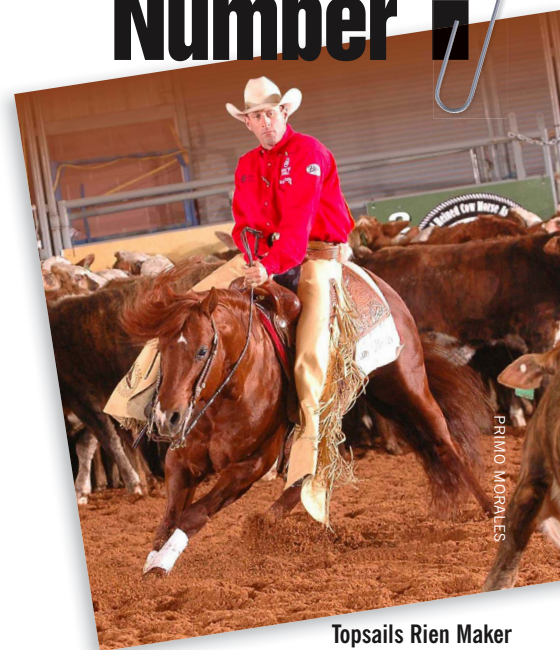
Some factors you must consider are: Will it be economically feasible to keep an open mare for another two years before she'll have a foal to wean? What about the mare's breeding record? What about an older mare that had a foal but is open?

Two major factors to consider are the mare's long-term breeding record and her production record. If she had foals in three of the last four years and consistently produced high-quality foals, especially moneymakers, she is worthy of keeping.

– *Dr. Frederick Harper, equine specialist*

In The Know

A New Number 1



Topsails Rien Maker and Russell Dilday

It's official – Topsails Rien Maker has become Equi-Stat's top money-earning reined cow horse, overtaking the previous No. 1, Chics Magic Potion.

Topsails Rien Maker (Topsail Cody x Jameen Gay x Toby Gay Bar), shown exclusively as a reined cow horse, now has **Equi-Stat** earnings of \$289,855. Chics Magic Potion (Smart Chic Olena x Remedys Magic Potion x Remedys Reply) was retired in the fall of 2009. According to **Equi-Stat**, he earned \$280,150 in cow horse money and another \$34,571 in reining.

Topsails Rien Maker – nicknamed “Slider” – is co-owned by Kevin Cantrelle and his trainer, Russell Dilday. Dilday has shown the 11-year-old stallion since his futurity year. Their career highlights include back-to-back NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman Championships in 2008 and 2009, plus the NSHA World's Richest Stock Horse Championship in 2008. The 2008 season was the most productive for Topsails Rien Maker. He earned \$74,204 that year.

Read more about Topsails Rien Maker in the upcoming Oct. 1 Reined Cow Horse issue of *Quarter Horse News*. —PF

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Keep the Faith

Rey Jays Award began his training with Shawn Florida, Springfield, Ohio, and it was apparent from the get-go that this son of Lenas Horizon out of One Cuttin Chic had talent. "That is one great horse," Florida said.



Rey Jays Award and Peter DeFreitas

However, due to two serious surgeries, Rey Jays Award was not shown as a 4- and 5-year old. Most people would have given up on this colt, but that wasn't going to happen. He was bred and raised by Monica Watson at her Double Run Farm, Leland, N.C.

This year, Watson put Rey Jays Award in the talented hands of her head trainer, Peter DeFreitas. Rey Jays Award, ridden by DeFreitas, won the Dixie Reining Horse Association Bill Horn Derby Open and Intermediate Open divisions in Perry, Ga., earning \$9,211 – after winning paychecks at the Seminole Hard Rock Reining Classic and Carolina Classic.

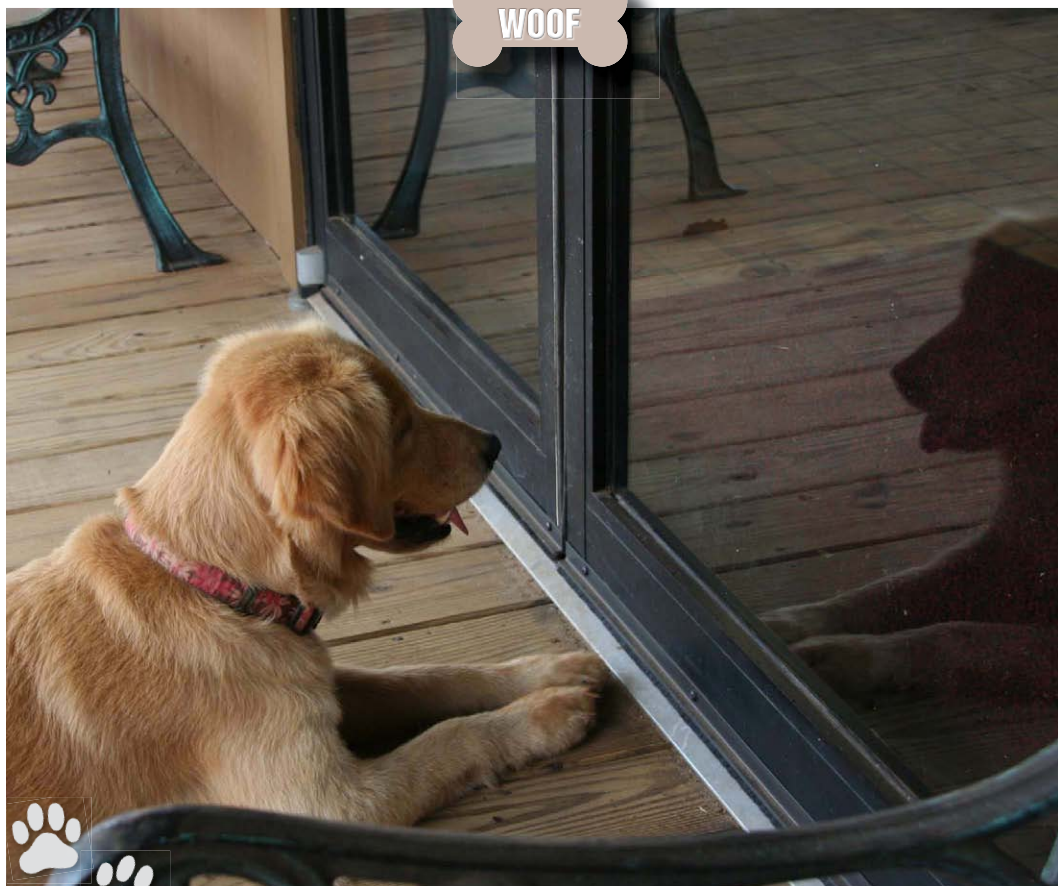
Watson was wise to keep the faith! —PF

I thought my cow was just perfect. I might buy him and take him home with me. It won't be to eat, either. He might have a place in the guest room. I was pretty darn pleased with that one.

— Chris Dawson, Whitesboro, Texas, Intermediate Open Champion at the Kalpowar Futurity in Ardmore, Okla., about his cow work draw with 2007 mare Katalena Whiz

Getting It Right: The Quote of the Week in the Aug. 23 *QHN Insider* was incorrectly attributed to Beau Galyean. It was his brother, Wesley Galyean, who said, "I was going for it to win – that's just the way I am," about riding NCHA Derby Open Reserve Champion Rascal Cats for owner Steven Feiner.

No Dogs Allowed



There were "no dogs allowed" in the restaurant at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Ga., during the Bill Horn Derby. That didn't stop Sydney, longtime companion of Shannon Rafacz, from keeping a watchful eye on her family at lunch time.

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\$566,750 Total paid to winners of the Ariat Tulsa Reining Classic from 2004-2009. Last year's event awarded \$122,050 – the show's largest ever.

\$13,154 Tulsa winnings posted by Ron Thompson, the show's leading Non-Pro rider.

\$71,162 Amount of Tulsa money won by Shawn Florida, the event's leading Open rider.

\$60,387 Total winnings posted by offspring of Smart Chic Olena, the event's leading sire.

PRIMO MORALES

Shawn Florida rode Whizs Chic A Dee, a mare owned by Arcese Quarter Horses, to the 2009 Ariat Tulsa Futurity Championship.

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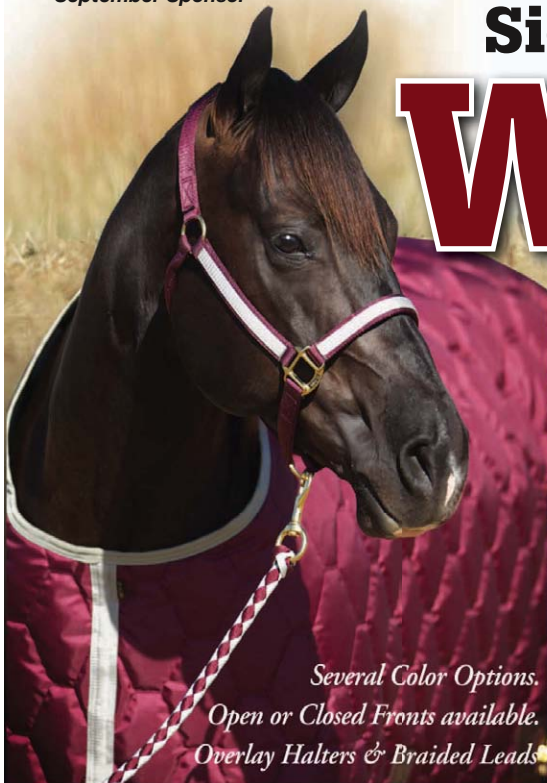
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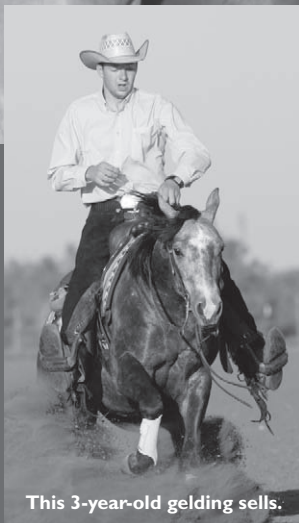
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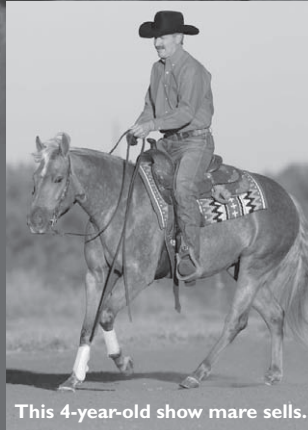
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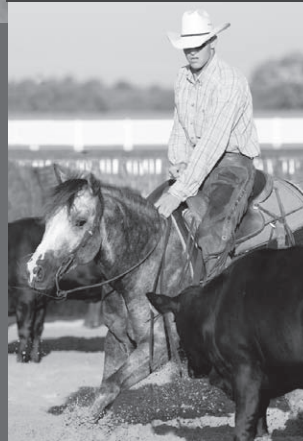


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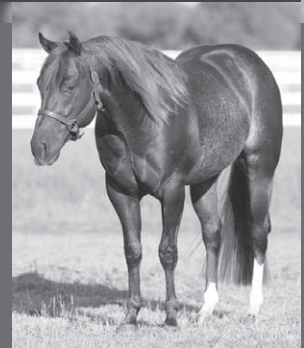


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