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Cover: Black Chex Cash was the NRHA Reserve World Champion in Novice Horse Levels 1, 2, & 3 in 2023. (Photo courtesy of Kim Niven)

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FEATURE STORY

REINING'S BEST KEPT SECRET **BLACK CHEX CASH**

Black Chex Cash's story is one of hard luck to good fortune. It's a story of a horse that showed early on that he had the talent and temperament to be a great show horse. Unfortunately, he was unable to show the world what he could do as a youngster due to soundness issues, but when his bones caught up to his abilities, reining enthusiasts everywhere couldn't help but notice how he shined!

"Vader," as he is known in the barn, is owned by Tim Anderson & Kim Niven, and the striking stallion grabs attention wherever he goes. Black with just a bit of white, he is big and powerful. He is a son of the great NRHA Million Dollar Sire Big Chex To Cash and out of the well-known Blazing In Black, then owned by Craig & Ginger Schmursal. His full brother, Cashing Black Chex, was third in the 2015 NRHA Futurity with Craig Schmursal, and with Schmursal's daughter, Addisyn, he also won the The Run For A Million Rookie Championship in 2019. Two years later, Cashing Black Chex carried 10-year-old Logan Flaherty to the 2021 Rookie of the Year title.

Vader's diagnosis prevented him from being shown for the first few years. His hocks were fusing, and the decision was made to turn him out and allow it to happen naturally. He grew up outside waiting to see what his future would be.

Anderson always thought highly of Vader and never lost faith in him. "Blazing In Black and Big Chex to Cash is a supercross, very consistent. I'd take another one in a heartbeat," he said. "After the success with Cashing Black Chex, I had a breeding to Big Chex To Cash, and I convinced Craig and Ginger to re-breed Blazing In Black to him. Black Chex Cash was the result. The people who started him as a two-year-old at the Schmursal's said that he was one of the best



two-year-olds they had ever started."

Anderson moved Vader to All-Time Leading Rider Andrea Fappani's facility and decided to watch Vader closely to decide if he could go back into training. When it was determined that he was sound enough, Vader started back to work and picked up right where he left off; he was still extremely trainable and talented. His hocks held up, and he was able to get into the show ring for the first time as a six-year-old. Erik Caddeo, Andrea's assistant at the time, showed him a few times that year.

The decision was made to move Vader to the Non Pro arena with Kim. "I got along really well with 'Moonshine' [Cashing Black Chex], his full brother," Kim said. "My trainer, Marco Ricotta, helped get Vader ready for me, and I showed him a little bit before we took him to Idaho last June. They were offering so much money in the ancillary classes there at the

TKO World Premier Reining show, and I was excited about showing him there. Unfortunately, I didn't keep up my end of the deal in the show pen, and we didn't do very well. However, there was \$10,000-added in each of the three levels of the Novice Horse Open classes, and he had virtually no earnings, so I had Marco enter him!"

Ricotta's previous experience working with Fappani early in his career meant he was well- equipped to show Vader. They scored a 222 and won all three levels. "It was incredible to watch! We had no idea Vader was capable of what we saw in Idaho that day," Kim admitted. "It was so much fun, and all of a sudden, we knew that we had a show horse on our hands. That horse had not shown to that capacity, ever, until Marco got on him and just did it."

After witnessing the partnership in Idaho, Kim passed the reins to Ricotta for the rest of the year. "After we saw what they could do, it was fun to just let Marco go with it and have a good time and let Vader shine."

Although the year was halfway over before Ricotta began showing for a World Title, he and Black Chex Cash made up for the lost time by collecting Lawsons. Through the remaining six months of 2023, they showed 11 times in the Novice Horse Open events and

won 10 times.

They finished the year with Reserve World Titles in all three levels of the Novice Horse Open and added nearly \$30,000 to the \$636 in earnings that Vader started the year with.

Ricotta's favorite thing about Vader is his great mind. "He's an eight-year-old stallion and you never hear him talking. He is always gentle and kind. Everybody would like to have a barn full of horses just like him."



FEATURE STORY

2023 NRHA WORLD CHAMPIONS ARE ANNOUNCED

Photos and Story Courtesy of NRHA Media

After a rigorous season of competition spanning the globe, the National Reining Horse Association concluded 2023 by honoring the horses, riders, and owners who earned one of 16 NRHA World Championships.

“These riders demonstrated unwavering commitment to their equine athletes, the sport, and its rich traditions,” said NRHA Commissioner Billy Smith.

A ceremony to honor the 2023 NRHA Top Ten will be held at the 2024 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel June 11–26 in Oklahoma City.

This event will also acknowledge the Top 20 Professionals, Top 20 Non Pros, and Top 20 Owners along with the Top 10 in the following divisions: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Prime Time Non Pro, Novice Horse Open Level 1–3, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1–3, Youth 13 & Under, and Youth 14–18. Members from around the globe are invited to join us in the celebration.

Congratulations to the following 2023 NRHA World Champions:

Open

Horse: CSG Piggiemove
Rider: Lukasz Czechowicz
Owner: Katarzyna Roleska



Location: Zglobice, Poland

Intermediate Open

Horse: Katies Whizzn Gun
Rider: Valerie Siegel
Owner: Sharon Gelhaus & Valerie A Siegel
Location: Wilsall, Montana

Limited Open

Horse: Hope N A Prayer
Rider: Liam Sykes
Owner: Teddy & Summer Gerrald
Location: Horatio, Arkansas

Rookie Professional

Horse: Big Niccy
Rider: Palmer Barnett
Owner: Celeste Elizabeth Golland
Location: Baroda, Michigan

Non Pro

Rider: Nikolai Stiller
Horse: Hollywood Gunrunner
Location: Bergheim, Germany

Intermediate Non Pro

Rider: Ashley Weaver
Horse: Platinum Per Se



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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Location: Morgan, Utah

Limited Non Pro

Rider: Jeremy Zangl

Horse: Moonstone Princess

Location: Pilot Point, Texas

Prime Time Non Pro

Rider: Lucinda Human

Horse: Made By Magnum

Location: Advance, North Carolina

Novice Horse Open Level 1, 2 & 3

Horse: Keep On Th Sunnyside

Rider: Peter DeFreitas

Owner: Carlton & Khris Crowe

Location: Gainsville, Texas

Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1

Rider: Mason McDowell

Horse: Xtra Fugged About It

Location: Enterprise, Oregon

Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2

Rider: Ashley Weaver

Horse: Platinum Per Se

Location: Morgan, Utah

Novice Horse Non Pro Level 3

Rider: Stephanie Porath

Horse: Gunna Be Expensive

Location: Idaho Falls, Idaho

Youth 13 & Under

Rider: Lily Forzani

Horse: Annies Custom Pistol

Location: Crossroads, Texas

Youth 14-18

Rider: Reed Selner

Horse: JL Pistol Pete

Location: Plymouth, Indiana

The full list of the 2023 NRHA Top 10 Standings are listed [here](#).

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If you need financial help go to ReinInCancer.com!



Rein in Cancer is able to help cancer patients because of the generosity of the people in the horse world.

Thanks to their participation and donations, people who desperately need a boost can get it quickly, with very little red tape.

Thanks to everyone who has given of their time and resources. It means so much to so many! Our next fund-raiser is at the SWRHA Futurity on October 27. Don't miss the annual Rein In Cancer DOG RACES!

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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

SG FROZEN ENTERPRIZE RECOGNIZED AS NRHA \$2 MILLION SIRE

Photos and Story Courtesy of NRHA Media

With an unwavering commitment to excellence and a legacy defined by exceptionalism, SG Frozen Enterprize has consistently showcased immense talent and athleticism, passing down his abilities to the next generation of reining athletes. His progeny's outstanding performances across various competitions have been a testament to his enduring legacy and have resulted in the stallion achieving recognition as the newest National Reining Horse Association \$2 Million Sire.

Marco Franchini was the mastermind behind SG Frozen Enterprize's pedigree. The 2009 stallion is by Frozen Sailor and out of RS Rose SJ. After achieving success in Europe, "Iceman" was eventually brought to the United States and purchased by Silver Spurs Equine, who still owns the phenomenal sire today.

During his career in the show pen, Iceman amassed nearly \$275,000 in NRHA lifetime earnings (LTE) with three NRHA Professionals at the reins: NRHA All-Time Leading Rider Andrea Fappani, Thiago Boechat, and Mirko Midili. His top win came with Fappani during the 2015 National Reining Breeder's Classic, where the duo took the Level (L) 4 Open Championship. He went on to compete in the World Equestrian Games before finally retiring to the breeding shed full-time.

The stallion produced his first foal crop in 2015. Since then, he has sired 200 NRHA money-earning offspring who have consistently displayed the same unparalleled skill, finesse, and competitive spirit that define their illustrious sire. Two of those offspring played key roles in helping Iceman cross the \$2 million mark at the 2023 NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championships: Froze (out of Electric Cha Ching) and Savage Love (out of Miss Whizzletown). Together, the two equine athletes added nearly \$130,000 to their sire's



earnings when Allison Thorson and Thorsport Inc.'s Froze were crowned CINCH L3 Non Pro Futurity Champions and CINCH L4 Non Pro Futurity Reserve Champions, and Marco Ricotta and Savage Love (owned by Marco and Jenny Ricotta) earned 3rd place in the L3 Open Futurity and 9th place L4 Open Futurity.

SG Frozen Enterprize's top-earning offspring include:

Icecube (out of Taris Designer Genes) owned by Teton Ridge Ranch, bred by Rancho Oso Rio LLC, earning \$176,759

Ice Face (out of Dun Painting My Face), owned by Haras Bellini Inc., bred by Hickory Creek Ranch LLC, earning \$143,732

Whizzicle (out of Miss Whizzletown), owned by Diane Yoder, bred by Jenny Ricotta, earning \$118,229

Savage Love (out of Miss Whizzletown), owned and bred by Marco & Jenny Ricotta, earning \$84,510

PS Whiz On Ice (PS A Whizzzen Chic), owned by Cadence Eger, bred by Patsy Shutz, earning \$75,445

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VHH TRAINING TIP

by: Stevie White

ABBY LENGEL – MAINTAINING COLLECTION

Originally from Eastern Colorado, Abby began taking reining lessons from Drake Johnson at the age of nine and immediately became hooked on the sport. It wasn't until she turned seventeen that she had saved up enough money to purchase her first reining horse and pay the way to her first NRHA event. Lengel trained her own non-pro horses under the guidance of Drake.



In the non-pro divisions, she accumulated earnings of over \$72,000 before becoming an open rider in 2014. Abby began working for Casey Deary on January 6th, 2014, and worked on the Deary ranch for five years before going out on her own on January 2019.

Since then, she has been a finalist at every major event, shown and placed 6th in the first The Run For A Million, and starred in The Last Cowboy. She was a co-champion in the Level 4 Tulsa Reining Classic Futurity twice: 2020 and 2021. Through such accolades, her earnings have increased to more than \$583,000.

This video provided by our partner, Virtual Horse Help, Lengel was still working for Casey Deary as she explained how to maintain collection in a horse's body.



THE ETERNAL RIDE

JASON VANLANDINGHAM - NRHA TWO MILLION DOLLAR RIDER



Jason Vanlandingham is one of the most respected riders in the reining industry. While his resume for the show pen is impressive, he's also known for his faith and regularly fills in to share the Word of God during events.

Jason is a regular contributor to WorldWide Slide, and has been sharing a unique devotional each issue for more than two years.

Find prior episodes at WorldWideSlide.com



INDUSTRY NEWS

SWRHA Year-End Champions and Reserves to Receive Custom Skyline Buckles & Pocketknives

Each year, Southwest Reining Horse Association members accumulate points for year-end titles by showing at SWRHA-approved events. After the year closes, members are rewarded for the points they gained at the annual SWRHA Party of Champions to be held for this year's champions on February 9, 2024, at the White Horse Steakhouse at the Oak Meadow Ranch in Valley View, Texas.

Each year-end champion will receive custom Skyline Silversmiths trophy buckles, and the reserve champions will receive uniquely engraved Skyline Silversmiths pocketknives.

The officers of the SWRHA board of directors understand how hard members work to reach these accomplishments and are proud of the awards that the association can offer. SWRHA President Jennifer Anderson said, "We are so thankful for all our members and appreciate all their support. We strive to make each year better and are so glad we can offer such nice year-end awards along with an amazing venue to have our banquet as a thank you to any member that wants to come."

The first-place champions who will be receiving Skyline trophy buckles are:

Adam Miller & CCR Smart Chic – Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional

Linda Sawyer & Spooksgottaprettyboy – Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Prime Time Non Pro, Masters Non Pro

Richard Pokluda & KR Ruffee Ann – Novice Horse Open Level 1

Peter DeFreitas & Keep On The Sunnyside – Novice Horse Open Level 2, Novice Horse Open Level 3

Mindy Gray & Flinns In First – Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1

Kary Key & Spookadeous – Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 3



Christine Loper & A Ruf Spook – Rookie Level 1, Prime Time Rookie

Angelina Widmoser & Spooks Golden Tune – Rookie Level 2, Youth 14-18

Corene Mueller & Dun Gotta Turbo Chic – Ride & Slide Open Level 1, Ride & Slide Open Level 2, Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 1, Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 2

Lily Forzani & Annies Custom Pistol – Youth 13 & Under

Trista Huckstep & Lil Star Stepper – Green Reiner Level 1

Tiffany Fisk & Steppin Up Spook – Green Reiner Level 2

Joseph Trautman & Smart Whizard Spook – Short Stirrup

The reserve champions who have earned the custom pocketknives are:

Justin Mathison & Shes Reddy On Line – Open

Rhea Pole & Sparkys Shining Doll – Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Non Pro

Hunter Mericantante & Moonstone Princess – Rookie Professional

Jeremy Zangl & Moonstone Princess – Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro

Belinda Black & Spooks Smoken Chex – Prime Time Non Pro, Masters Non Pro, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2

Peter DeFreitas & Keep On The Sunnyside – Novice Horse Open Level 1

Josh Murphy & TL Tuck Your Gun – Novice Horse Open Level 2

Rhea Pole & Leavetherestspooked – Novice Horse Open Level 3, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 3

Lindsey McCutcheon & Lil Jo Bahn – Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1

Courtney Hammit & Ruff Spook – Rookie

Level 1

Angelina Widmoser & GT Dun Good – Rookie Level 2, Youth 14-18

Tiffany Fisk & Steppin Up Spook – Prime Time Rookie

Colton Harper & Cashin Malibus Chex – Ride & Slide Open Level 1

Garrett Lazaro & Bavarian Sniper – Ride & Slide Open Level 2

Rusty Gray & Strawberryshortcakes – Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 1, Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 2

Ireland Lawler & Docs Tinseltown Chic – Youth 13 & Under

Janice Lynn Thomas & Our Special Nite – Green Reiner Level 1, Green Reiner Level 2
Kayleigh Harper & Smilin Gangsta – Short Stirrup

To qualify for year-end awards, participants must have paid SWRHA memberships in good standing and compete at SWRHA-approved shows.

SWRHA Year End Champion Saddle Recipients Announced

Beginning each January, Southwest Reining Horse Association members show at SWRHA-approved events held throughout the year and accumulate points for year-end titles that are awarded annually at the SWRHA Party of Champions to be held for this year's champions on February 9 at the White Horse Steak House in Valley View, Texas.

Prior to 2022, only Prime Time Non Pro competitors were in the race for a saddle, meaning that Linda Sawyer would have been the sole saddle recipient for her efforts on Spooksgottaprettyboy; however, in 2022, Bob's Custom Saddles stepped up to provide nine more saddles for year-end champions. That sponsorship allowed the following champions to also receive saddles this year:

Adam Miller on CCR Smart Chic for Open and Intermediate Open Championships

Linda Sawyer on Spooksgottaprettyboy for Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro and Prime Time Non Pro Championships

Lily Forzani on Annies Custom Pistol for Youth 13 & Under Championship

Angelina Widmoser on Spooks Golden Tune for Youth 14-18 and Rookie Level 2 Championships

Christine Loper on A Ruf Spook for Rookie Level 1 and Prime Time Rookie Championships

The generosity didn't stop there, because, earlier this year, Scot Pennington added three more saddles to the lineup, meaning that Adam Miller on CCR Smart Chic will get one

for his Rookie Pro title, as will Tiffany Fisk for topping the Green Reiner Level 2 mounted on Steppin Up Spook, and Corene Mueller for rising above the rest in the Ride & Slide Non Pro Level 1 on Dun Gotta Turbo Chic.

Soon after, Mark and Kyla Archer donated a saddle to the Green Reiner Level 1 year-end champion in the name of their Warm Up Series Shows in Waco, Texas. This sponsorship means that Trista Huckstep will also win a saddle for the points she earned on Lil Star Stepper.

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The SWRHA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the breeding, training, and exhibition of the reining horse. Founded in 1984, the Southwest Reining Horse Association has been a leader in creativity. It holds the claim for the creation of the very first stallion service auction and the Ride and Slide class. Recently, it has hosted other innovative classes like the Rookie Challenge and the Masters and Platinum Shootouts. With imaginative fundraisers like the SWRHA Boot Camp, and SWRHA Trainers Calendar, the SWRHA has grown into one of the top affiliates of the National Reining Horse Association. For more information about SWRHA, visit the website at [SWRHA.com](https://www.swrha.com).

INDUSTRY NEWS

RHF Elects Board Members and Officers

The Reining Horse Foundation Board of Directors has elected new officers and Board members. Tim Anderson of Milbank, South Dakota, was re-elected to serve a two-year term as president of the nonprofit charitable arm of NRHA. Rick Clark of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, is the new vice president, and Nancy Tague of Pilot Point, Texas, is the new Secretary/Treasurer. Under new Bylaws approved in 2023, as vice president, Clark will be automatically nominated for the office of president for a two-year term beginning in 2026.

Patrick Flaherty of Scottsdale, Arizona, Jamie Walters of Laguna Beach, California, and Billy Williams of Aubrey, Texas, were re-elected to serve their second, three-year terms on the Board. Under RHF Bylaws, the officer and board member recommendations were reviewed and approved by the NRHA Board of Directors at its November meeting. All the positions take effect beginning January 1, 2024.

“What excites me about having been part of the successful leadership of RHF is how far we have come and how far we can possibly go,” said Anderson. “I appreciate those who have dedicated their service to helping us move the organization forward, and I look forward to the next two years.”

The RHF Board meets via conference call at least quarterly. There are working committees to advance the work of the Foundation and make recommendations to the Board. Generally speaking, directors are eligible to serve two consecutive full, three-year terms before retiring for a minimum of one year. Officers may continue to serve while on the Executive Committee.

Retiring from the Board after serving since becoming a Distinguished Director in 2016 is Loren Booth of Orange Cove, California. Booth later served as an officer on the executive



committee and as vice president.

RHF Board members are responsible for meeting the duty of care, loyalty, and obedience accepted as well-established principles of nonprofit governance. They support the organization's mission to care for and honor the reining community. In practice, they facilitate fundraising for the growing RHF, develop and execute the organization's strategic plan, and give attention to core programs.

Anyone interested in serving on the RHF Board should contact Nancy Tague, the Nominating/Governance Committee chair, or RHF Executive Director Leslie Baker at rhf@nrha.com.

For more than two decades, members of the equine community have been doing good things through the RHF, which has supporters from around the world. Core programs include the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund, which provides financial relief to reiners enduring major hardships; youth scholarship and leadership development through the



National Reining Horse Youth Association; and perpetuation of the sport's history through the NRHA Hall of Fame. For more information or to give, visit reiningfoundation.com.

SWRHA BANQUET

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INDUSTRY NEWS

National Reining Breeders Classic Announces New Schedule for 2024

The reining industry's oldest and most successful stallion incentive program, the National Reining Breeders Classic, has been led since the beginning by the same core group of directors and officers. Over the past 27 years, these far-seeing individuals have brought new and innovative ideas to the reining world – concepts that have gone on to become part of the reining culture, like the Prime Time division and the Short Stirrup class.

Founding Board Members Tom McCutcheon, Tim McQuay, Pete Kyle, and Dell Hendricks, along with the NRBC Officers, have remained focused on creating and growing an event that would pay substantial money to Derby-aged horses – an innovative idea in 1998.

The NRBC led the industry in expanding the age for horses competing in derbies to ultimately include 4,5,6, and 7-year-olds, and was the first aged event to advance and award 30 places per division. The overall direction has been sound, and the NRBC has paid out nearly \$28 million in 26 years.

In 2023, when the NRBC moved to the Built Ford Touch Livestock Complex at Expo Square in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the show saw drastic growth, breaking entry records and setting an all time high for the number of stalls at 1,645, a 33% increase over the previous year.

NRBC Secretary-Treasurer Cheryl Cody noted, "It was wonderful growth for the show, but some of our days were really long. Our challenge was how to stay ahead of those numbers."

Long, exhausting days were not true to the long-held NRBC tenant of having a show that gave exhibitors time to prepare and compete on their horses without working round the clock. The landmark 2023 show bore little resemblance to the original event that lasted four days in one arena and offered every entertaining option from a Mariachi band to special receptions, reiners roping, golf, and a



slew of fun activities.

Since last summer, the NRBC group has worked to find a solution to usher in a new era in NRBC history. It begins with extended days. The NRBC will take place April 16-27 in 2024 – four days longer than last year's event. The first week of the show will feature the Non Pro preliminaries and will culminate in the Non Pro Finals on Saturday, April 20.

There is news for the Non Pro Classic for 2024 as there will be a Masters Non Pro division from which the top 10 will advance to the Finals.

After the conclusion of the Non Pro Finals, the stage will be set for the Open prelims and the Open Finals will be held on Saturday, April 27.

One older staple of the show returns in 2024 – the NRBC Town Talk – set for the afternoon of Thursday, April 15. This venue was created years ago to provide owners and exhibitors with the opportunity to give their opinions about the show, any changes, and upcoming new directions.

NRBC President Tom McCutcheon said, "We want to hear that feedback as we go forward. One thing that riders have asked me over the years is for more time between the Open goes and the Finals. We are glad to give them two days for that in this new schedule and I'm excited to hear everyone's feedback."

There is more news. The Yellowstone Rookie Shootout returns to the show for the seventh year, Thursday, April 25. Joining the Shootout lineup will be a new Masters Shootout, a

Platinum Shootout, and a Green Reiner Shootout. Riders qualify for all the shootouts in ancillary competitions earlier in the week.

Keeping a reining event relevant in today's ever-changing competition landscape remains job one. NRBC Vice President Colleen McQuay noted, "The reining world has a new reality and managing the numbers is a challenge. For us,

it's about going back to the mindset of when we were pioneers and doing what is best for the horses and the industry. We never know if a new formula will work but we can't be afraid to try new things."

For information on the NRBC program and show, visit the web site at www.nrbc.com or call 580-759-3939.

The 2024 American Performance Horseman Athletes Announced

Five of the National Reining Horse Association's most accomplished professionals will compete for \$1 million in prize money at The American Performance Horseman (TAPH) presented by Teton Ridge.


The top five riders who qualified to represent the reining community are NRHA \$8 Million Rider Andrea Fappani, NRHA \$2 Million Rider Brian Bell, NRHA \$4 Million Rider Casey Deary, NRHA \$2 Million Rider Cade McCutcheon, and NRHA \$3 Million Rider Jason Vanlandingham.

These NRHA Professionals will join the top five riders from the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) and National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) to compete for a \$1 million payout in a first-of-its-kind competitive exhibition format.

"This is an event that's showcased in the same venue as Major League Baseball's World Series. Let that soak in," said Billy Smith, NRHA Commissioner. "It's a rare and splendid opportunity to tell our story to a worldwide audience."

The American Performance Horseman debuted in 2023 and was the largest event of its kind. In 2024, TAPH will again join The American Western Weekend on Friday, March 8th, 2024, at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.

For more information and to purchase tables or tickets, please visit americanrodeo.com.



REINERS

2023 FINAL RESULTS

1	ANDREA FAPPANI	\$726,385
2	BRIAN BELL	\$478,984
3	CASEY DEARY	\$468,893
4	CADE MCCUTCHEON	\$388,999
5	JASON VANLANDINGHAM	\$375,984

6	LUCA FAPPANI	\$376,833
7	DANY TREMBLAY	\$316,021
8	FERNANDO SALGADO	\$294,888
9	KOLE PRICE	\$281,531
10	TREYOR JAMES	\$239,271

ONLY EARNINGS AND TOTALS INCLUDED IN STANDINGS

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Notes related to other year-end standings and rankings lists:

The reiners selected will be the top five NRHA Professionals determined by total 2023 earnings in NRHA Categories 1-10 and does not include nominator incentives. TAPH will utilize a modified version of an NRHA pattern. Earnings for the event will be recorded in NRHA as Category 11 money.

NRHA Top 20 Professionals, Non Pros, and Owners lists for 2023 will be published on nrha.com/results. (These include Category 11 earnings.)

NRHA World Title Top 10 Standings for 2023 are published on nrha.com/results

At present, the ReinerSuite team is testing the 2024 Eligibility Tool so it can be released by the second week of January

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