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Scores started out high in the NRBC Open Finals and continued to build through the evening, along with the anticipation of the crowd, all waiting for that big run to topple all the previous scores.

That ride came to rapturous applause as Casey Deary and Down Right Amazing rode out of the arena to the sound of “The Circle of Life,” the song denoting a new high score at the NRBC.

When owner Deborah Good picked the name Down Right Amazing, she could never have predicted how right she would turn out to be. The seven-year-old son of Gunner, out of Good’s beloved mare Shesouttayourleague, added yet another major title to his already impressive string of championships with the second win in a row in the NRBC Open.

NRHA Four Million Dollar Rider Casey Deary piloted ‘Amazing’ to both of these wins, scoring a 227 for their second championship in 2024.

“There were a few places in there where I thought, ‘You know what, I’m not driving right now,’” Deary said of their run. “But then he just comes back and does his job like he always does. He’s an interesting animal. They’re not supposed to go that hard, that long, that many times, and just keep saying yes.”

“How could you wish for anything more than what he’s already given us?” Good agreed. “I just cried, because he’s my shepherd and he
keeps showing up to be Casey’s soldier.”

This $100,000 paycheck pushed Amazing, who was bred by Curtis Performance Horses, over $833,000 in show pen earnings–making him the one of the highest earning horses in NRHA history.

“As someone said, when he has a bad day, he’s third place,” Good said. “And he doesn’t have many bad days.”

Open Level 3 Co-Champions
Ruben Vandorp & Mr Farenheit
Gabe Hutchins & TR Designer Genes
Duane Latimer & CS Especially Moody

In an unprecedented three-way tie in the Open Level 3 Finals, Ruben Vandorp and Mr Farenheit, Gabe Hutchins with TR Designer Genes, and Duane Latimer on CS Especially Moody, claimed the co-championship with scores of 221.5, earning them each nearly $27,000.

Mr Farenheit, a 2018 stallion, bred by Peter Morgan, by Magnum Chic Dream and out of Wimpy Little Girl, was purchased by Vandorp and Max Morin as a yearling.

Of the stallion, Morin said, “He is the best horse I have ever ridden, and now I am just riding the wave and feeling so lucky.”

Due to extenuating circumstances, Vandorp had to leave the NRBC before he was able to celebrate that he had held his spot at the top of the leaderboard.

Gabe Hutchins rode TR Designer Genes, a homegrown horse he has been riding since her two-year-old year.

“She’s a very odd horse to be around, so you have to really know her and know how to work around her,” explained Hutchins. “She’s a really special show horse, and I knew this morning when I got her ready that she was ready for tonight.”

TR Designer Genes, who was named ‘Violet’ by Hutchins’ daughter, is a 2020 mare by Spooks Gotta Whiz out of Taris Designer Genes.

Continuing the theme of homegrown horses was Duane Latimer, who rode CS Especially Moody, a horse born and raised on XCS Ranch, where he is the resident trainer. His success in the Open Level 4 and the Prime Time earned him an additional $15,000.

“Tonight was a good run, but not a great one,” said Latimer. “I was happy with him, but I would like to be better next time.”

Making tonight’s championship even more special, is the breeding for CS Especially Moody. A 2019 stallion by Gunners Special Nite out of Judys A Little Moody– the stallions wins tonight, unofficially pushing Gunners Special Nite over the mark to become NRHA’s newest Seven Million Dollar Sire.

Each of these riders thanked their families, the horse owners, the grooms, assistant trainers, and everyone else who supported them behind the scenes to make such a championship remotely possible.
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Open Level 1 & 2 Champion
Marcelo Almeida da Silva & Strike Your Fancy

Marcelo Almeida da Silva claimed the championship of the Open Level 1 and Level 2 at the NRBC with an impressive score of 220.5.

Despite Almeida da Silva being relatively new to the scene of major reining events, he’s been competing in his home country of Brazil for 26 years, racking up a lifetime earnings of over $108,000.

“Everything was just a dream,” said Almeida da Silva. “It was just crazy that this turned into a real reality that I’ve been working towards for 26 years. I would keep looking online at these big shows and just dreaming that I could make it here one day.”

Almeida da Silva won the titles on Strike Your Fancy, a 2019 mare bred by Rosanne Sternberg and owned by Anwar Cantarero. The mare, by Inferno Sixty Six out of Designated With Shine, has a lifetime earnings of $15,000.

“When we got through our first stop, I felt she was with me, and I knew I could push her,” said Almeida da Silva. “She moves around so freely so I knew I could ask for a lot in the circles.”

Almeida da Silva thanked Nicole and Casey Deary for giving him the opportunity to be at the NRBC and to show the mare, and to Maria Luizafagundes for translating for him.

Prime Time Open Champion
Craig Schmersal & Slide Me A Lil Cash

Craig Schmersal and Slide Me A Lil Cash slid into a score of 225.5 to earn them the Prime Time Open title at the NRBC.

Slide Me A Lil Cash is a six-year-old son of Lil Joe Cash out of Myo Starlight, bred by Spence Bell and owned by Hickory Creek Ranch. Schmersal said the stacked competition in the NRBC finals means there’s no chance to breathe easy until after the final rider has made their run.

“It’s a long time to hold your breath when you’re showing, but I somehow manage it,” Schmersal joked. “I’m getting pretty good at it in my old age.”
Schmersal and Slide Me A Lil Cash took home $1,950 for their first place finish in the Prime Time, plus $21,666 for their sixth place finish in the Level 4.

He said he’s a fan of the new extended NRBC schedule because it allowed him to get more sleep.

“These old geezers like myself need our sleep,” Schmersal joked.

**2024 NRBC NON PRO CHAMPIONS**

**GINA SCHUMACHER & GUNNIN ADDY TUDE**

Laying down an electrifying run she wasn’t expecting, Gina Schumacher claimed the Level 4 Non Pro Classic championship at the National Reining Breeders Classic with a score of 222.5, on Gunin Addy Tude.

“A new scoring format, where the riders total score isn’t announced and the rider must wait to find out until they exit the pen and see a monitor, kept Schumacher on her toes.

“I was just walking out and thinking ‘I hope that’s enough,” said Schumacher. “I knew he felt great so I thought he should have gotten a good score, but I wanted to know for sure.”

Having piloted CS Nifty Sailor, a horse she’s previously had great success with, earlier in the night to a score that hadn’t secured her the championship, Schumachers’ confidence
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was lower than normal as she took Gunin Addy Tude into the pen.

“To not do anything wrong on my side is what drives me to do it good,” explained Schumacher. “I just hadn’t clicked with this horse and I hadn’t done as good before so I was just less confident and wanted to go in and do good.”

Gunin Addy Tude, a 2018 stallion by NRHA Eleven Million Dollar Sire Gunnatrashya out of Miss Lil Addy Tude, is what Schumacher described as a ‘kid in school that’s kind of a nerd’ due his quick-to-please, and easily worried personality.

The stallion was bred by Toyon Ranch and is currently owned by XCS Ranch.

This win in the Level 4 Non Pro Classic at the NRBC earned the pair an impressive $50,000 to add to Schumachers’ lifetime earnings of over a million dollars.

Schumacher elected to just thank everyone, stating there are just too many people who made the win possible to risk forgetting anyone.

Non Pro Level 3 Champions
Addisyn Schmersal & TA Dunit Redhot

In an impressive show of skill, 18-year-old Addisyn Schmersal claimed the title of the Level 3 Non Pro Classic champion at the NRBC with a score of 222.

Schmersal rode TA Dunit Redhot, a 2018 stallion, by Pale Face Dunnit out of Red Hot Walla. The stallion, who she describes as, “a stud who doesn’t act like it,” has been piloted by Schmersal since his three-year-old year.

“Every time I show, he gives it his all,” said Schmersal. “He is just a really special horse.”

Schmersal and TA Dunit Redhot are an impressive pair. Despite their young ages, Schmersal already has a lifetime earnings of over $230,000, and the stallion has more than $87,000. An additional $38,000 will be added to those numbers from winnings in the Non Pro Classic at the NRBC.

The stallion was bred by Tamarack Ranch and is owned by Hickory Creek Ranch.
**Non Pro Level 2 Co-Champions**  
**Lauren Love & Chexi Chic**

Lauren Love and Chexi Chic tied for the Non Pro Level 2 title at the NRBC.

Love and Chexi Chic, a 2018 mare bred by Alpha Quarter Horses, by Wimpy Chic out of Chexanicki, aka ‘Nicki,’ scored a 218.5 for a $15,750 payout across all levels. Love said this win is even sweeter because she bought the mare as a yearling, sight unseen, in an online sale, just based on her pedigree. She selected Nicki because of her dam, Chexanicki, who foaled the first reiner Love ever owned—and because she was a bay.

“I love bay horses,” Love said. “And I just got super lucky. I started her myself. My fiancé, Arnaud Ferret, helped me with her and helped get her ready to show. She’s kind of like the family horse now. This is very special because I love this horse so much and I’m glad she gets the recognition of winning something big like this.”

Her long history with Nicki means that Love knows the mare pretty well, which is a benefit to them both in the show pen.

“She’s kind of like my baby,” Love gushed. “It’s actually kind of surreal that I bought a horse that I’d never seen as a yearling. And then she’s become such a great show horse for me and such a great partner. She’s the reason I want to go to the barn every morning.”

Love’s upcoming plans for the mare include her being shown again in the Open Classic in the second week of the NRBC, with Ferret at the reins. To Ferret, she has just one piece of advice: “Just don’t screw it up.”

**Non Pro Level 2 Co-Champions**  
**Jesse Boyd & Gunna Be First**

Jesse Boyd, riding Gunna Be First by ARC Gunnabeabigstar out of ARC Wallas First, tied for the Non Pro Level 2 Championship with a score of 218.5.

Gunna Be First, a 2018 stallion bred by William Newman, is nicknamed ‘Justin’ at the barn, after the singer Justin Bieber—although the horse may not have a pop singer personality.
“He’s so easy,” Boyd remarked. “Just laid back. He doesn’t care about much and he’s super easy to be around.”

Boyd owns Elite Equine with his wife, Sierra Litrell. He’s been working at the Elite Equine spa trailer at the NRBC when he isn’t riding horses—and it’s a good thing, because Boyd isn’t the type of person that likes to sit around.

“I’ve been working a little bit in the mornings to help fill in and been getting up early and riding, then riding in the evenings and trying to get some sleep,” he said.

He and Justin earned more than $21,000 across all the levels for their run—not bad for Boyd’s first ever Level 4 finals.

**Non Pro Level 1 Champions**
**Olivia Cardi & CC Gun Show**

Eighteen-year-old Olivia Cardi slid into the Non Pro L1 Championship at the NRBC on CC Gun Show, a five-year-old gelding by Colonels Shining Gun out of Wimpys Eye Candy. Cardi calls this horse ‘Toffee.’

“He’s the sweetest in the barn,” she said. “He’s like a little puppy dog. We bought him at the Futurity from Cade [McCutcheon], so we’ve just spent time getting him together, and we had a bobble earlier this week, so it’s taken us a little bit of relearning our maneuvers. But it all came together in the end.”

She and Toffee put together a run worthy of a 217 score and a check for $5,000. For the 2019 gelding, bred by Sally Tipton, this win will push him over the $30,000 mark in lifetime earnings.

Cardi said the huge Ford Arena allowed her to properly show off her horse, noting “Having a big strided horse is great, so we could actually show off our circles and run them. It was so fun running down the pen and just letting him go.”

She thanked her family, as well as her trainer, Ben Beckett.
Non Pro Prime Time Champions
Monica Mathison & Girlz On Fire

Monica Hicks Mathison claimed the Non Pro Prime Time Championship and took reserve in the Non Pro L3 at the NRBC with a 219 for a $13,000 payday.

Of the PrimeTime division, Mathison said, “It’s great to have another division for us to be able to be champions in and to have something else to win.”

She called her mare, six-year-old Girlz On Fire by Inferno Sixty Six out of Gotta Git Ya Dun, a ‘unicorn’—a title the mare is all too aware of. The mare is homegrown, making it even more special.

“She’s the queen,” Mathison joked. “She is always happy, always very pleasant, very fun to be around. If somebody wants to come to the barn to ride, we put them on her. She’s so laid back, so easy.”

Reflecting the home-raised mare’s queen status, she’s called ‘Tyra’ at home.

“She’s very pretty, very model-esque,” Mathison explained. “She was named after Tyra Banks.”

Mathison thanked her husband, NRHA Professional Gunny Mathison, for his patient support all week, as well as her staff at Just Stitch It, who kept the booth running so she could show.

“I thank them very much,” she said. “All the crew at the barn, I mean, they’re great, they’re helpful. They keep everything going. So, all my friends, all the encouragement. I mean, this is fun to do. We’re like one big family, so it’s great.”

Non Pro Masters Champion
Andre De Bellefeuille & Snow Kiss

Aboard his homegrown gelding, Andre De Bellefeuille secured the Masters Non Pro Classic championship at the NRBC with a score of 219.

Snow Kiss, a 2018 gelding by Topsail Whiz...
out of Snow Gun, already had over $18,000 in lifetime earnings, but more importantly than the money to De Bellefeuille, was the gelding’s breeding.

Just days before leaving for the NRBC, De Bellefeuille lost Snow Gun, a horse he’d described as his pride, a gem, and a dream come true. For him, riding her offspring in the Non Pro Classic, just meant a lot to him.

“That mare really means something for me,” said De Bellefeuille, full of emotion. “She gave a lot of heart to all the horses she gave us, so riding these horses today from her meant a lot.”

This win in the Masters Non Pro Classic, along with their other top 7 placings, earned the pair just shy of $3,000 to add to their respective lifetime earnings. De Bellefeuille thanked his trainer, Mathieu Buton for helping him prepare for his runs and for keeping him positive, despite their teasing about differences in their French versus French Canadian cultures.

2024 NRHyA Art & Photo Contest
Deadline Approaching

One of the many benefits of being a National Reining Horse Youth Association member is the ability to participate in contests outside of the show pen. One of the most unique opportunities is the annual Art & Photo Contest sponsored by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Entries for this year’s competition are due May 10.

Not only do the winners of this contest earn a prize, but their artwork will also be displayed at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum during the 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel from June 11 to 23.

“We’re so proud of our partnership with NRHA, and we’re especially proud to host these NRHyA Art & Photo Contest winners here at the museum,” said Seth Spillman, Chief Marketing Officer at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. “It’s always a pleasure to see the work of this next generation of Western artists here at the museum.”

There are two categories, Photography and Mixed Media, in the age categories: 14-18, 13 & Under, and 10 & Under based on their age as of January 1.

Last year, nearly 40 entries were made in the contest.

“I love seeing the excitement on our youth members’ faces when they see their art on a wall next to industry professionals,” said Sara Honegger, NRHA Director of Marketing, who oversees the Youth and Affiliate programs. “This is such a special opportunity and I hope everyone will make time to go visit the display at the beautiful museum while they are in OKC in June.”

Entry forms for the 2024 NRHyA Art & Photo Contest can be found here. Entries will be accepted until May 10.
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NRHA Professional Gabriel Diano's passion for horses started early in life. He was raised surrounded by horses in the breathtaking countryside of Uruguay. With guidance from his father Jorge Diano, and grandfather Brigido Diano, Gabriel bought his first horse in 1991.

Diano won the 2008 Level 1 Derby and scored an incredible 230.5 to win the $25K Open class at the NRBC. 2010 brought him great fame in Brazil when he became the first reiner to win the triple crown there: the ANCR Futurity, ANCR Super Stakes, and ANCR Super Stakes. In 2014, Diano won the NRHA Futurity L4 Reserve Championship as well as championships in Levels 3 and 2. Through such wins, Diano has accumulated over $600,600 in NRHA Lifetime Earnings.

In this video, provided by our partner Virtual Horse Help, Diano demonstrates how he helps a horse that anticipates in the run down.
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
$4 Million Sires
Shiners Voodoo Dr & Jacs Electric Spark

The National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) is thrilled to announce that Shiners Voodoo Dr and Jacs Electric Spark have officially joined the elite ranks of NRHA $4 Million Sires. This prestigious achievement is a testament to their progeny’s outstanding quality and performance in NRHA-sanctioned events worldwide.

Shiners Voodoo Dr, affectionately known as “Voodoo,” has been a standout figure in the reining community, known for his exceptional athletic ability, captivating demeanor, and remarkable intelligence. His offspring have carried on his legacy, showcasing incredible talent and earning top honors at competitions, solidifying Voodoo’s impact on the sport.

During his career in the show pen, Voodoo amassed nearly $86,000 in NRHA lifetime earnings (LTE). His biggest win came during the 2012 NRHA Derby with NRHA $2 Million Rider Todd Bergen at the reins. The duo went home with the Level 4 Open Co-Reserve Championship and more than $38,000.

Bred by Rogers Heaven Sent Ranch and owned by Silver Spurs Equine, Shiners Voodoo Dr has sired champions and reserve champions across multiple NRHA categories, contributing significantly to the reining landscape. His influence extends beyond the arena, with offspring consistently exhibiting excellence and competitive spirit. Voodoo’s legacy is not only marked by his own success but also by the success of his progeny, which speaks volumes about the quality and future of reining.

Shiners Voodoo Dr’s top offspring include:

- Shiner On My Eye (Flashy Lil Step), bred by Empire Ranch, owned by Bob Santagata, earning $191,249 in NRHA LTE
- Warlocks Last Step (SDP A Lasting Step), bred by Adh-Mor Ranch, owned by Bosque Ranch Performance Horses LLC, earning $105,279 in NRHA LTE
- Doctor Voodoo (out of Dunit A Lil Ruf), bred by Ann Salmon Anderman, owned by Mike McFarlin, earning $96,363 in NRHA LTE
- Xtra New Pal Voodoo (out of Wimpys New
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Pal), bred by Ixtul Quarter Horses LLC, owned by Silver Spurs Equine, earning $81,894 in NRHA LTE

Shiners Voodoo (out of BR China Rose), bred by Patricia Creson, owned by V & V Syndicate, earning $75,354 in NRHA LTE

The late Jacs Electric Spark, sired by NRHA $4 Million Sire and Hall of Famer Shining Spark and out of Miss Hello Hollywood, continues to leave his mark on the reining industry through his exceptional offspring.

Jacs Electric Spark, a 1998 stallion bred by Sally Brown, enjoyed a successful show career himself, earning over $85,900 in NRHA LTE with rider NRHA Professional Troy Heikes, who owned the horse along with Sally Brown. Some of his career highlights include being a 2001 NRHA Futurity Open finalist and an NRHA Derby Open finalist multiple times.

Since his passing, Jacs Electric Spark’s influence has only grown. His offspring have consistently excelled in the reining pen, amassing over $4 million in NRHA LTE. Designed To Spark (out of Taris Designer Genes) is one standout descendant catapulting the sire to this milestone. The 9-year-old gelding, bred by Rancho Oso Rio LLC and owned by Arielle Hacking, has over $70,000 in LTE and was the fourth-place finisher in the 2015 NRHA Level 4 Open Futurity with NRHA Leading Rider Andrea Fappani at the reins.

Jacs Electric Sparks’ top progeny include:

- Electric Code (Hot Coded Candy), bred by Janice Free, owned by Lorenzo Lotti, earning $204,317 in NRHA LTE
- Ref Black Mamba (Metermaid To Order), bred by Cinder Lakes Ranch, owned by Saw Ranch LLC, earning $121,754 in NRHA LTE
- Holier Then Thou (out of Slylena), bred by Cam Essick, owned by Nicole McDevitt, earning $120,966 in NRHA LTE
- Electric Cha Ching (out of Kipper Lady Nic), bred by Haworth Family Partnership Ltd., owned by Silver Spurs Equine, earning $112,494 in NRHA LTE
- Mr Electric Spark (out of Sailin Rowdy), bred by Sebastien Poncin, owned by Foothills Farm, earning $102,711 in NRHA LTE

NRHA extends its heartfelt congratulations to the owners, breeders, and trainers connected to Shiners Voodoo Dr and Jacs Electric Spark. This achievement underscores the significance of exceptional breeding and training throughout reining, and the contributions to the sport by each of these elite sires will be celebrated for generations to come. We look forward to witnessing the continued success of their progeny in NRHA competitions around the world.
The 2024 NRHA European Futurity Offers the first NRHA Million Dollar Competition in Europe!

History will be made in Cremona, Italy, where the NRHA European Futurity will be the first event in Europe to guarantee $1 million in added money. Held during the Salone del Cavallo Americano on May 22–26, the event is supported by NRHA Hall of Fame Inductee Eleuterio Arcese in collaboration with the Italian Reining Horse Association, TFY, a select group of supporters, and the NRHA Nomination Program money. This event will be the first of its kind for Europe and create incredible opportunities for riders, breeders, owners, and fans.

Open to 4-year-old horses entered in the NRHA European Nomination Program, the first edition of the NRHA European Futurity was held in Kreuth, Germany, in 2009. At the time, the idea of offering a European Futurity was strongly desired by Arcese. “I always felt that hosting a big Futurity on the Old Continent was imperative. The 16th edition is coming up, and it needs to be special,” says Arcese. “The international reining stage today aspires to hosting big shows with large purses, and we must follow this trend, in particular in Italy, the country that through the years has made European reining grow. At the end of the show season last year, my goal was to put together a pool of sponsors that would allow us to offer $1 million Euro Futurity. They came on board, and now the dream has come true.” Making Arcese even prouder is the fact that the 2024 IRHA/IRHBA Derby and Futurity have increased the added money — the first to $305,000 and the second to $800,000 — bringing the total added money in the three shows to $2,100,000.

Arcese’s goal was also to bring together European purse supporters willing to sponsor the Euro Futurity over five years with all the money going to the purse. Mission accomplished. The following have undersigned with the 2024 event: NRHA Belgium, Roleski Ranch, NRHA Germany, Sabine Schmid, CS Ranch Management, 7 Heaven Reining Horses, BO Ranch, De Ceuster, AK Quarter Horses, AM Rising Star Ranch, Galaxy Quarter Horses, Midpoint Ranch, Rosanne Sternberg, Adrienne Speidel, Cardinal Hill Training Center LLC, Francesca Sternberg, NRHA France, Bouwmeester Reining Horses, NRHA Denmark, NRHA Sweden.

“This is our European Futurity and it is important that everyone invests in our event, no matter in which country the event is held. Hats off, and thank you to all those that joined forces,” he added. “As we look forward to welcoming all the participants to CremonaFiere, I ask that all riders prepare their mounts with extreme care, always respecting the horse and the sport. A big thank you to NRHA for always being by our side and trusting us.”

**APHA Chrome Cash brings $5,000 boost to Paint Reiners**

Once again, NRHA Alliance Partner American Paint Horse Association Chrome Cash is coming back to the 2024 NRHA European Futurity; the program will feature $3,000 in added money just for Paints! The Chrome Cash incentive program provides exclusive payouts to the highest-placing registered Paints in a specific slate of classes. In Cremona, the following will be offered:

- Open Level 4 Futurity Division- Category 6 Closed to Paint Horses- $1,250 Added
- Non Pro Level 4 Futurity Division- Category 6 Closed to Paint Horses- $1,250 Added
- Open Ancillary- Category 4 Breed Restricted to Paint Horses- $1,250 Added
- Amateur Ancillary- Category 4 Breed Restricted to Paint Horses- $1,250 Added

In order to participate:
- Horses must be registered with APHA or have registration pending with APHA. Both Regular Registry and Solid Paint Bred (SPB) horses are eligible.
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Many Ways to Win at the 6666 NRHA Derby Presented by Markel

The 2024 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel is approaching fast, and there are more ways than ever to enter a class customized to you and your horse’s skill level and goals.

In 2023, the event broke records with the highest payout in history—$1.57 million. Exhibitors will not want to miss the fun June 11-23 at the OKC Fairgrounds, as this year’s event offers the most added money to Levels (L) 3, 2, and 1 for both the Open and Non Pro compared to all other derbies!

The guaranteed payouts for champions are:

8 & Up Maturity
- L4 Open – $100,000
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- L2 Open – $20,000
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- Prime Time Open – $5,000
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To recognize the popularity of the 4-year-old Stakes division and to support its longevity, the NRHA Board added an additional $100,000 beginning in 2023, bringing the total added money of the Tamarack Ranch Open Stakes to $110,000 and $50,000 in the Colston Paving Inc. Non Pro Stakes.

Novice Horse Opportunities
Rick Clark and his brother Brent are the naming sponsors of the Clark’s Pump-N-Shop Open and Non Pro Novice Horse divisions, which are open to horses who have won less than $10,000 as of May 1. The Open division boasts $15,000 in added money, while the Non Pro features $10,000.

8 & Up Maturity
There will be an Open 8 & Up Maturity with $10,000 added to the Level 4 and $5,000 added to the Level 2. In the Non Pro, there is $15,000 added split across L1-4.

Rookies Compete for Free
Did you know the Toyon Ranch Rookie Free-For-All is happening at the Derby? NRHA Corporate Partner Toyon Ranch is paying all Rookie entry and judges fees! We can’t wait to see you in OKC.

$20,000-added Freestyle Reining presented by Oklahoma City Convention & Visitors Bureau
Have you watched this exciting competition from the stands and wanted to join the fun? Those interested in competing can send inquiries to Cheryl Cody at cheryl@pro-management-inc.com and include a video of any past freestyle performances.

$3,500-Added Para Reining Championship
The Para-Reining Championship, sponsored by Dechra and NRHA Corporate Partner Hart Trailers, will be held on Thursday, June 20, at the Jim Norick Arena after the Invitational Freestyle. The championship will include classes for grades two, three, four, and five. Find more information and the entry form here.

High Point Buckle Awards
High-point titles are among the many honors bestowed at the 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel in June. The winners are crowned based on points awarded by their placings in two ancillary slates. Those with the highest point total receive a buckle crafted by show sponsor Montana Silversmiths to commemorate their success.

APHA Chrome Cash
Open and Non Pro competitors have an opportunity to enter the American Paint Horse Association’s Chrome Cash with $2,500 added to each division. The entry form can be found here.

6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel Entries & Reservations
2024 NRHA Derby entries are due in office by May 15, and Ancillary entries are due in office by June 1. Stall Reservation Forms are due in office by May 16. To submit entries and reservations, visit nrhaderby.com/forms.