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**Southwest Reining Horse Association
Calcagnini's high-score held through section two of the Cardinal Reining
Horses & Lifeline Open Futurity Prelims**

Stefano Calcagnini and Annies Custom Pistol

Today's competition at the SWRHA Futurity, presented by Billingsley Ford, began at 8 a.m. in the Coliseum Arena with the second section of the Cardinal Reining Horses & Lifeline Open Futurity. Throughout the morning, the remaining 56 contestants were trying to earn a spot in the finals held on Saturday, Oct. 24, however no one could top Stefano Calcagnini and Annies Custom Pistol's 223 from section one.

"I've been training him since he was 2-years-old," Calcagnini said about Annies Custom Pistol. "He's very fun. He's a hard stopper and a very fast turner."

Following up behind Calcagnini's score was Tim McQuay and Woodys Toy Gun (Hollywoodstinseltown x Gunner Pearl). McQuay and the 4-year-old stallion, owned by David Silva Sr., scored a 221 and are also leading Level 3.

Taking the lead in the Open Futurity Level 2 with a score of 219 was Luke Gagnon aboard Dun Spooked Us (Smart Spook x Always A Dunit), owned by Janice Lynn Thomas, and in Level 1 Roberto Berti took the lead riding Double Down Shiner (Shine On Line x Wimpys Babe), owned by Mary Jansma with a 218.

Hollywoodstinseltown leads the list of sires of Open Qualifiers at the 2015 SWRHA Cardinal Reining Horses & Lifeline Open Futurity with four qualifiers. Just behind him are a trio of great sires with three each - Gunner, Gunners Special Nite and Smart Spook.

Gunnatrashya has two qualifiers and Magnum Chic Dream, Shine On Line, Hesa Loaded Gun, Wimpys Little Step, Spooks Gotta Gun, Cromed Out Mercedes and Shiners Voo Doo Dr have one each.

Congratulations to the stallion owners!

To make it back to the Cardinal Reining Horses & Lifeline Open Futurity finals held on Saturday, Oct. 24., it took a score of 216.5 or higher to make it in the Level 4, a score of 210 in Level 3, a score of 209.5 in Level 2, and a score of 205.5 in Level 1.

Casey Deary

Also at 8 a.m., the first ever second slate of ancillary classes began in the Ancillary Arena with the Novice Horse Open. There were 76 horse-and-rider teams but the sweet spot seemed to be earlier in the draws. Casey Deary and Magnum Starlights (Magnum Chic Dream x Starlights Sugarwhiz) were the tenth pair to enter the arena and scored a 73.5 to take the lead in Level 2.

"He's a horse that I won the Vegas Futurity on last year. He won the go-round this year at the NRBC and finished fifth there," Deary said about some of the 4-year-old stallion's accomplishments. "He's going to the AQHA World Show and so I just brought him here to school and he felt really good. He's a very talented horse and the maneuvers

that he does, he does really well."

Deary and Magnum Starlights garnered a \$447 paycheck for owner Antler Ridge Ranch. They also received a Pewter Trophy, Monogrammed Captain Chair, \$50 Cowboy Couture Gift Certificate, and a Thomas Moore Tote with a Gift Certificate.

Jared Leclair

For the first time ever, the SWRHA also awarded buckles to the Circuit Champions of each level. Capturing the Novice Horse Open Level 2 Circuit Championship was Jared Leclair and SDP Gold Bullion (RC Fancy Step x SDP Debbys Dream), owned by Robert and Robbin Thayn. They received a Benchmark Custom Buckle.

"It's really nice that the SWRHA does this and does the circuit awards," Leclair said. "I'm just fortunate enough to get one today."

Trent Harvey

As the 17th draw in the Novice Horse Open, Trent Harvey and A Chexy Lady (Gunners Special Nite x Nu Chexy) scored a 74 and set the bar for their Level 1 competitors. By the end of the class, their score held and they earned the Championship.

"It was real good," Harvey said about the win. "We just wanted to go in there to see what would happen before I went to the NRHA Futurity with her and obviously a 74 is a good feeling going into the Futurity. So hopefully I can repeat it two more times at the Futurity and go to the finals."

Harvey and A Chexy Lady, owned by Dave Roberts, garnered a \$455 paycheck and received a Pewter Trophy, Monogrammed Captain Chair, \$50 Cowboy Couture Gift Certificate, and a Thomas Moore Tote with a Gift Certificate.

Jimmy Van Der Hoeven

Staying consistent for two days in a row to earn the Novice Horse Open Level 1 Circuit Championship was Jimmy Van Der Hoeven and Reyba McEntire (Play Dual Rey x Bueno Cuervo Gold), owned by Casey and Kathy Hinton. The duo received a Benchmark Custom Buckle for their win.

"It's always nice to have horses that do well," Van Der Hoeven said. "She was really good. This is the second time I've shown him and the second time one handed, the first time was the first round of this class. She listened and was really good.

"I think it's always nice to get prizes," he added. "It's nice for owners as well because they see their horses do well, and they've put a lot of time and effort in just as well as the trainers do so it's great for them to get a reward, too.

Brent Loseke and Wimps Eye Candy

They say you "save the best for last" and although Brent Loseke wasn't the very last competitor, he was draw No. 31 out of 32 horse-and-rider teams and took the lead aboard Wimps Eye Candy (Wimpys Little Step x Tejana Chic) with a score of 72.5.

"This is a great day!" Loseke said as he picked up his awards. "I was happy with her all the way through her run. I

thought she did every maneuver really nice and she didn't get upset and she didn't get nervous, she just let me show her. It was fun. I was happy when I came out and no matter what the score would've been I would've been happy with her."

Loseke and the 5-year-old mare garnered a \$543 paycheck for owner Sally Tipton, and also received a Morrison Trophy, Monogrammed Captain Chair, \$50 Cowboy Couture Gift Certificate, and a Thomas Moore Tote with a Gift Certificate.

Massimo Tallone

As the 17th draw in the class, Massimo Tallone steered This Cats Stressin (Wr This Cats Smart x Stressin) straight to the winner's circle in the Intermediate Open and Rookie Professional when they scored a 72.

"It's only been a month that I've been riding this horse," Tallone said about This Cats Stressin. "This was the first time that I've shown him so I didn't really know what to expect from him. He's a really nice horse and I feel like this is just going to be the beginning for him. He's going to get better and better and we will see what the future holds for us."

Tallone and the 5-year-old stallion, owned by Terry Ranch, earned a paycheck worth a total of \$415 along with a Pewter Trophy, Award Plaque, two Monogrammed Captain Chairs, two \$50 Cowboy Couture Gift Certificates, and two Thomas Moore Totes with a Gift Certificate.

Sherry Sumpter

Sherry Sumpter and This Guns The Won (Gunners Indian x Spin Some Magic) returned in the second slate of the Novice Horse Non Pro to once again claim the top spot, this time with a score of 73. Sumpter and the 4-year-old gelding that she co-owns with her stepdaughter Ginger Dwyer, garnered a \$261 paycheck.

Along with a check, the duo also received a Pewter Trophy, Monogrammed Captain Chair, \$50 Cowboy Couture Gift Certificate, and a Thomas Moore Tote with a Gift Certificate. They were also the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2 Circuit Champions and received a Benchmark Custom Buckle.

Capturing the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 Championship was Lynda Weaver and Spooks Got Game (Spooks Gotta Gun x Chics Wicked Witch) with a score of 72.5. The duo also placed second in Level 2 and, in total, garnered a \$357 paycheck. Weaver and the 5-year-old stallion, owned by Belar Farms, also received an Award Plaque, Monogrammed Captain Chair, \$50 Cowboy Couture Gift Certificate, and a Thomas Moore Tote with a Gift Certificate.

Jessicah Keller and Shiney Duchess (Shining Spark x Starlight O Lena) claimed the Novice Horse Non Pro Circuit Championship by placing consistently in both slate one and slate two. Keller and the 6-year-old mare, owned by Hilldale Farm, received a Benchmark Custom Buckle for their efforts.

The action continues in Ardmore, Oklahoma, with ancillary classes at 7 a.m. followed by the Scottsdale Western World Non Pro Futurity. For the live Internet feed of the action, compliments of Waltenberry Videography, go to www.swrha.com.

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