



Rose's Legend Shines



Reys A Shine made up for lost time and opportunities at the NRCHA Derby.

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Carol Rose put a lot of planning into the breeding that resulted in Reys A Shine. Rose is directly responsible for four generations on the bottom of the 4-year-old stallion's pedigree, but she never planned to be listed as her homebred's owner at the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Derby in Paso Robles, California, June 15-20. Fate sometimes has its own plans.

Chris Dawson and Reys A Shine picked up the Novice Open title at the NRCHA Derby and earned a berth in the Open finals. Rose and Dawson both agree that the horse really earned the "novice" title.

"I'm just so proud because of all the circumstances that have happened around this horse," Rose said. "I thank Chris so much for the outstanding job. If it wasn't for Don Murphy and Guillermo Perez, this wouldn't have happened."

While most of the horses competing against Reys A Shine were preparing for a 3-year-old campaign, Reys A Shine's ownership was being disputed through the court system in a lawsuit stemming from Rose's dispersal sale. His competition is probably thankful that he spent a year making laps around the walker instead of chasing cows around the arena.

"For 15 months, this horse was tied up in litigation, and Don coached Guillermo to get him broke," Rose said. "He was not ridden from the day after my sale until March. From August until March, he just got on the walker and then from March until all his 3-year-old year to November, Guillermo rode him at least five or six times a week, and Don Murphy coached him. This is the horse's third horse show.

"I think this is the first horse that I've owned – that I still owned – that won a major event," Rose added. "I'm just so proud of Chris and Sarah and Chris' help at home. The best part is that Gabriel Gonzalez, who worked for me for 27 years, helped drive me out here, and he flew back to help me drive back home and help us prepare this horse. Gabriel is here to help us, and it's just thrilling to have him here."

Reys A Shine's maternal family goes back to Gay Bar's Gen, the dam of Genuine Doc and the mare Rose rode to win the National Cutting Horse Association's Non-Pro World Championship in 1967.

"It makes me very, very proud," Rose said. "It proves that there were some great horses sold in my sale and I don't know if it's fortunately or unfortunately, I got to keep some of

the greatest ones that I certainly didn't plan on [keeping]."

"I know he's an awful good horse, and we've just been trying to figure out how to get him at the shows as good as he's been at home – he's just so green," Dawson said. "We've been trying to work on that plan. He's real quiet and a good-minded horse."

Dawson showed the horse for the first time at the Sun Circuit in January, and he described him as acting like a 2-year-old.

"He's just gotten better every time," Dawson said. "He wants to be a really good show horse."

"He's just a wonderful, wonderful young horse," Rose said. "We are very excited about him – very excited. With the amount of training that he's had, he should be going to the [NRCHA] Snaffle Bit Futurity this year. We discussed a lot about how much pressure we thought that he could stand, and we just thought that we would let him tell us."

Reys A Shine can actually handle quite a bit of pressure and perform at the top of his class. The pieces fell into place at the Derby, and the stallion won the Open title with a composite score of 666.5 (219.5 herd/223.5 rein/223.5 cow).

Now Reys A Shine has a title, the winner's

NRCHA DERBY

Paso Robles, CA - June 15-20, 2015
347 Entries - \$185,000 Added - \$436,350 Total Purse

Event/Horse/Rider/Composite Score (herd/rein/cow)/Money/Pedigree/Owner/Breeder

DERBY OPEN				
REYS A SHINE	Chris Dawson	666.5 (219.5/223.5/223.5)	\$33,092	
11S (Dual Rey x Lil Miss Shiney Chex x Shining Spark)				
Carol Rose				Same
DERBY INTERMEDIATE OPEN				
SONITA LENA REY	Nicolas Barthelemy	664 (223/216/225)	\$7,117	
11S (Dual Rey x Sonita Lena Chick x Smart Chic Olena)				
Sheri & Stuart Jamieson				Jim Holmes
DERBY LIMITED OPEN				
BUGS BOONY	Richard Winters	647.5 (210/218/219.5)	\$5,896	
10G (Peptoboonsmal x Shiney Tari x Shining Spark)				
Richard Winters				Carol Rose
DERBY LEVEL 1 OPEN				
JUSTA DOIN IT	Russell Probert	640.5 (212/213/215.5)	\$3,657	
11G (Smart Little Pepinic x Justa Hot Chic x Just Plain Colonel)				
Jayson & Teresa Fisher				Ward Ranch

DERBY NOVICE HORSE OPEN				
REYS A SHINE	Chris Dawson	659.5 (214.5/219/226)	\$3,496	
11S (Dual Rey x Lil Miss Shiney Chex x Shining Spark)				
Carol Rose				Same
DERBY NON-PRO/INTERMEDIATE NON-PRO/NOVICE NON-PRO				
UNO WHAT TIME IT FLO	Elizabeth Kania	645.5 (214.5/217/214)	\$13,607	
10M (Uno What Time It Is x Dew It Flo x Mr Peponita Flo)				
Renee Dubois				Julie Gibbons
DERBY AMATEUR				
SHES PLAYIN REY	Gregg Lafitte	633.5 (207/212.5/214)	\$1,507	
10M (TR Dual Rey x Playin Acre x Playin Stylish)				
Gregg Lafitte				Richard Carney
DERBY NON-PRO LIMITED				
HAL O MATIC	Claire Armstrong	643 (213/209.5/220.5)	\$2,015	
10M (Halreycious x Miss Hickory Hill x Doc's Hickory)				
Claire Armstrong				James Eakin

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Reys A Shine and Chris Dawson marked a 223.5 down the fence to win the NRCHA Derby Open. They also took home the Novice Open Championship.



Nicholas Barthelemy and Sonita Lena Rey's score of 223 topped the finals herd work and set them on a path to the Intermediate Open Championship and Open Reserve Championship.

share of \$31,408 and he's earned a vacation. "Now he's going to rest and get broke more and get ready for next year," Rose said. "I'm ecstatic."

Intermediate Open

Sheri Jamieson's Sonita Lena Rey was just 1.5 points away from taking the Open title, but had to settle for Reserve Champion honors. Nicolas Barthelemy and the 4-year-old stallion did earn a Championship title in the Intermediate Open. With a composite score of 664 (223 herd/ 216 rein/ 225 cow), Sonita Lena Rey had the highest score in the herd work and the fence work in the finals, and picked up a check for \$29,686 for the efforts.

Jamieson purchased the stallion, bred by Jim Holmes, of Longmont, Colorado, as a late yearling from Cottonwood Springs Ranch's dispersal sale.

"As soon as we got him out, we knew that we had something there," Barthelemy said. "We knew that was a horse that we wanted to

Bridle Repeats

Jay McLaughlin and CD Dee Vee Dee know how to put on a show and make the crowd go wild. For the second time this year, the duo displayed what a finished bridle horse is capable of and added another big trophy to their overflowing case.

In the CD Survivor Memorial Open Bridle Spectacular, McLaughlin and CD Dee Vee Dee (CD Lights x Shiners Missy Jay x Shining Spark) were sitting third heading into the cow work after marking a 219 in the herd work and a 220.5 in the rein work. The 10-year-old gelding trotted to the end of the arena with his ears pricked and was ready when it came time to go mano a mano with the cow.

Displaying his athletic prowess with bursts of speed down the fence and his ability to mesmerize a cow into becoming a willing dance partner with what appear to almost be choreographed turns, CD Dee Vee Dee earned a 227 for the cow work. He claimed his second Open Bridle Spectacular title of the year with a composite score of 666.5. And McLaughlin didn't get any bonus points for losing and recovering his stirrup along the fence.

"I blew a left stirrup on the first turn, and going to the second turn off the fence, I told him I'd look for my stirrup if he'd turn it," McLaughlin said with a laugh.

CD Dee Vee Dee rejoined the McLaughlin fam-



Jay McLaughlin was all smiles after marking a 227 in the cow work to win the CD Survivor Memorial Open Bridle Spectacular aboard CD Dee Vee Dee.



Doug Granade and Wright On Ned captured the Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular at the NRCHA Derby for the second year in a row.

ily to become 11-year-old Cutter McLaughlin's partner in youth events. While the horse is registered with McLaughlin and his wife, Wendy McLaughlin, listed as owners, McLaughlin didn't disclose the horse's purchase price to his wife until she had to write the check. McLaughlin began this champion interview by stating, "He paid for himself in three horse shows."

The CD Survivor Memorial Open Bridle Spectacular victory added \$25,500 to the accomplished gelding's lifetime earnings, verifying that everyone in the McLaughlin household is happy with the purchase.

Douglas Granade and Wright On Ned (Lenas Wright On x Smart Sally x Smart Chic Olena) had so much fun winning the Non-Pro Bridle Spectacular Championship last year that they decided to do it again this year.

The only thing different in 2015 was improving their score by 7 points. This year, the championship pair had a composite score of 654.5 (217 herd/218 rein/219.5 cow). The 11-year-old gelding is owned by Granade and his wife, Rene Granade.

"I've had him since he was 4," Granade said. "Ron Emmons bought him as a yearling. It's really a joy to have him. He's a special horse."



Bugs Boony and Richard Winters took home \$5,510 for their Limited Open Championship.



Elizabeth Kania and Uno What Time It Flo swept three divisions of the Non-Pro at the NRCHA Derby with a composite score of 645.5.

get. Thankfully we have such a great client in Sheri Jamieson, and she got him. Since, then it's been a blast training him. We're looking forward to more."

Sonita Lena Rey ended his cow work being nose-to-nose with the cow in a tight circle.

"When the cow came out, I just wanted to make sure that the cow would get a hold of him and he was right with it," Barthelemy said. "As soon as the cow came out, his ears went forward and when the cow broke, he went right with it. I knew we had a game going on. I can't give you the rest of it because I was just riding along. You couldn't ask any more of that horse. He did everything that he needed to do with that cow. I'm really grateful."

Barthelemy describes Sonita Lena Rey as a happy horse.

"He's never one that when you go to his stall he pins his ears at you," Barthelemy said. "He always comes to you. He has a happy personality and he's a little bit goofy. Sometimes he doesn't pay attention, but nothing bothers him at all. He can go all day. He has a lot of stamina, and he's strong."

"He proved it today," Barthelemy added. "After a long day and a hot day like that and he was able to put in a big run like that, it showed how much heart he has and how much strength. It takes a horse like that to win shows like this. I'm glad I'm the one riding him."

Originally from New Caledonia,

Barthelemy was discovered by Yvon Mathieu, who invited Barthelemy to come to the United States and train with him. After Mathieu passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease, a disorder also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Jamieson asked Barthelemy to continue training for her.

"It was the opportunity of a lifetime," Barthelemy said. "Today, I can finally say thank you in my own way."

Limited Open

Sons-in-law often get a bad rap, but Chris Dawson found a way to get brownie points with his future father-in-law, Richard Winters – Dawson sold Winters a champion, Bugs Boony. And while Winters has a long list of equestrian accomplishments to his credit, such as being the 2009 Road to the Horse Colt Starting Challenge Champion, he was quick to thank Dawson for his help with the 5-year-old gelding leading up to the NRCHA Derby.

"This is a horse that we acquired from what was to be my future son-in-law at the end of his 3-year-old year," Winters said. "Our daughter Sarah married Chris Dawson. He showed this horse very successfully at the Futurity.

"We were looking for an aged-event horse, and purchased the horse from him. We've been showing him this last year and trying to get to know him. I had some good success at the [NRCHA] Hackamore Classic with him

a few weeks ago.

"To come here and get a little piece of it in the Limited Open is exciting," Winters added. "I certainly want to thank Chris and Sarah for not only all the hard work that they've done with that horse, but coaching me with the horse since I've had him. The tables have been turned."

The family has a few more win photos to add to their collection, too. While Dawson picked up the Derby Open title, Winters rode Bugs Boony to the Limited Open Championship after earning a composite score of 647.5 (210/218/219.5). They took home a check for \$5,510.

Winters describes Bugs Boony as a "pocket rocket wired into 220 all the time," and he has big plans for the gelding.

"I've only made one Superior Reined Cow Horse in my lifetime, and I think that he'll be my second one," Winters said.

Non-Pro

Elizabeth Kania will soon be trading reined cow horse finals for college finals, so she's making the most of her last few shows. Kania will be heading to graduate school at Pacific University, but in the meantime, she's collecting hardware in the arena. Kania and Uno What Time It Flo made it a triple at the NRCHA Derby, picking up the Non-Pro, Intermediate Non-Pro and Novice Non-Pro titles, this after finishing as Reserve in the Non-Pro and earning the Intermediate and

Novice titles at the NRCHA Stakes in Las Vegas at the end of March.

“The finals herd work was better than the prelims,” Kania said with a laugh when running through her finals classes. “I had a disaster in the prelims, so I’m lucky that I even made the finals.”

Kania and Uno What Time It Flo marked a 187 in the preliminary herd work and were ninth overall after the prelims. The clean-slate finals allowed the duo to make a fresh start, and they made the most of it. The 5-year-old mare had a composite score of 645.5 (214.5/217/214), and her combined checks totaled \$12,452.

Skating into the finals and leaving with titles is becoming a signature for Kania and Uno What Time It Flo.

The mare is owned by Elizabeth’s mother, Renee DuBois, who purchased the mare in December of her 3-year-old year from Todd Crawford.

“He showed her as a 3-year-old, and I’ve been showing her ever since,” said Kania, who described the mare as “easy going” and

said she’s a quick learner.

Kania said the mare’s strength is the rein work in competitions.

“She’s always pretty solid, and she knows her job,” Kania said. “She can be kind of goofy, but as soon as you go in the pen, she’s good.”

Kania is putting her show career on hold as she does her own learning. While she plans to give Uno What Time It Flo a break and perhaps breed the mare, Kania has plans for the future.

“I’m going back to school at the end of August,” Kania said. “I’m going to grad school for physical therapy, so that’s going to be my life for the next three years. I want to ride her in the bridle when I get done with school.”

Kania was thankful for her parents’ support and that of her trainer, Jim Spence. She also appreciated help from Don Murphy.

“Making the finals was a special moment,” she said. “I didn’t expect to make it after my herd work. I couldn’t have asked for anything better. It’s pretty special.”

NRCHA Derby Show History

(limited-age only)

Year	Entries	Added \$	Purse
1999	n/a	\$125,000	\$164,500
2000	92	n/a	\$171,950
2001	41	n/a	\$179,930
2002	96	\$89,019	\$173,919
2003	138	n/a	\$128,100
2004	72	\$71,537	\$181,502
2005	79	\$143,000	\$291,333
2006	245	\$153,000	\$344,050
2007	223	\$163,000	\$345,684
2008	242	\$162,500	\$372,925
2009	241	\$153,000	\$369,990
2010	232	\$143,000	\$340,550
2011	166	\$128,000	\$265,935
2012	292	\$128,000	\$328,503
2013	321	\$129,500	\$352,760
2014	351	\$130,000	\$360,250
2015	307	\$130,000	\$304,158



LEVEL 1 OPEN CHAMPION

Justa Doin It and Russell Probert added another title to their growing list of accomplishments by winning the Level 1 Open with a composite score of 640.5. Probert also rode Jayson and Teresa Fisher’s gelding to the Level 1 Open Championship at the NCRHA Stakes earlier this year. This win added \$3,657 to their records.



AMATEUR CHAMPION

Gregg Lafitte, of Dallas, Texas, rode his Shes Playin Rey to the Derby Amateur Championship with a composite score of 633.5. Richard Carney, of Kemp, Texas, bred the 2010 mare, who earned \$1,507 to add to her prior earnings of \$16,728. Lafitte, who posted his first check to **Equi-Stat** in 2007, surpassed \$20,000 in earnings with this win.



NON-PRO LIMITED

Claire Armstrong and Hal O Matic amassed a composite score of 643 and earned \$2,015 for their win in the Derby Non-Pro Limited. James Eakin, of Hondo, Texas, bred the 2010 mare, who earned \$8,498 prior to this show. Armstrong, of Weatherford, Texas, posted her first check to **Equi-Stat** in 2013 and has earnings of \$8,628 including this win.



NON-PRO RESERVE

Tammy Hays and CR Wood Be N Caicos (Woody Be Tuff x Dees Cats Meow x High Brow Cat) accumulated a 632.5 composite to take the Non-Pro Reserve Championship. Hays owns the 2011 mare with her father, Walter Greeman. They earned \$6,680 for their efforts. Last year, the duo placed third in the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Non-Pro. ★