

News Release  
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Reinin' In The Sun  
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"Sizzling"...Reinin' In The Sun was definitely Sizzling.... the competition, that is. Show temperatures were near perfect, hovering around 24° under slightly overcast skies, providing perfect conditions for competitors to turn up the heat in the Show Pen. Reiners paid little heed to fuel prices, loaded up their best mounts, and headed for the second annual Reinin' In The Sun event, traditionally held on the August long weekend in a picturesque setting at the Fairgrounds nestled between the green rolling hills of Armstrong, BC. They began arriving Wednesday, traveling from all parts of British Columbia, from Smithers and Vanderhoof to Cranbrook and Vancouver Island, while Albertans pulled in from Calgary, Cochrane, Tofield and Whitecourt to attend the popular Reining competition, which would see more than one hundred horses laying down 403 runs over the three day period. Exhibitors comments included "relaxed atmosphere", "love camping on the grass", and "thanks for keeping the emphasis on fun". Much praise fell upon the team of twelve Committee members, who worked smoothly and tirelessly together to produce the first class event.

Friday's competition kicked off at noon, with Anna Fontana and her mount ***Slidin In Starlight*** claiming the first win of the show in the RITS Green As Grass class. Nine youth riders followed in the Green As Grass Youth, with Briana Goucher, Calgary, coming out on top. Then thirty-one riders chased ***Cody Jac Pine*** and owner Margaret Fraser for the win in NRHA Ltd Non Pro without success.

Amid the Friday afternoon competition, exhibitors and class sponsors were treated to Weenies and Wine, sponsored by Diana's Monogramming, and although many commented on the odd combination, at least one hundred people enjoyed the treat. With Hot Dog in hand, many exhibitors stayed well in to the evening, taking in the Open Reining and Cowhorse classes. Competition continued on Day Two, with the Non Pros vying for NRHA Pewters and Plaques, and culminating with the first go round of the RITS Three Year Old Reining Stakes. Greg Lauder, Cochrane, AB, aboard Shelley Wedderburn's ***Lil Smart Gold Pine*** and Clay Webster on ***Smart Rosy Chic*** tied for the win, with scores of 71.5. The second go round would see Clay guide ***Smart Rosy Chic*** to a class high score of 72.5, ultimately winning the aggregate of the two runs, as well as marking a 72 on his second mount – ***Shes Blessed Hickory***, for Ron and Judy Moyes, to claim first and second over-all honors in the class. Lachlan Bell and ***Tardy Sailor***, owned by Karen Erickson, Golden, BC, took home the top prizes for his win in NRHA Rookie Professional, including the coveted custom monogrammed RITS sheet and a \$500 cash gift certificate, generously donated by The Mill Store, Okotoks, AB. Saturday evening saw exhibitors finding time to relax and enjoy a delicious meal served on the grounds, and many enjoyed the fine wines presented by Granite Winery, from Tappen, BC.

Day Three proved to be another beautiful day in the sunny Okanagan, as the competition heated up. But all action came to a sliding stop at 10 am, when World Champion Auctioneer Don Raffan called all those holding Deal Or No Deal envelopes in to the Show arena. A "wild card" envelope was auctioned off, giving one additional person the chance to win airline tickets for two to the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City. Jose Teixeira was the highest bidder, claiming his envelope, and ultimately deciding not to trade it off, banking on the chance that it held the winning tickets. All participants then proceeded to open their envelopes, revealing Diana Raffan, proxy holder of our very own auctioneer's envelope, as the lucky winner!

Soon after the excitement of Deal Or No Deal, Non-Pros, Rookie Professionals, and Pros alike put the hammer down as the Derby classes began. Greg Lauder, Cochrane, AB, piloted Jessica Jones' ***West Coast Command*** to win the Open Derby, marking a sizzling 148.5, and taking home the lion's share of the \$1000 purse, along with a beautiful NRHA Morrison bronze, and the Reinin' In The Sun custom monogrammed sheet, mimicking his win the previous year in the same event. The Rookie Professional Derby saw Tyler Darroch and Pat Bolin's ***Peporado***, lay

claim to the win, riding off with a custom designed Show Pad, generously donated by Teixeira Performance Stables, a RITS monogrammed sheet, and the larger portion of the cash. But it was Calgary's own Jim McGhee with his homegrown mount ***Down Wright Showy***, who took home the largest loot bag. The team posted a win in the ***NRHA Ltd. Non Pro Derby***, laying claim to a custom designed hat generously donated by Vern and Mona Elliot of Cowboy's Choice in Vernon, a RITS monogrammed sheet, plus the pay cheque. This win was no less sweet than his triumph in the concurrent class, ***NRHA Non Pro Derby***, which saw McGhee's score of 142, earn him an NRHA Pewter, another RITS custom monogrammed sheet, and even more cash. Exhibitors are already marking their calendar for the third annual Reinin' In The Sun event, slated for July 31, August 1,2, 2009. Don't miss it!

Full results of the show ***Reinin' In The Sun*** can be viewed on their website at [www.reininthesun.com](http://www.reininthesun.com).

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