

News Release
Reinin' In The Sun
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Reinin' In The Sun's Hospitality Committee along with volunteer chef Jim McCullough made sure the Brats were hot and the Beer was cold as exhibitors rolled in to Armstrong, British Columbia a day ahead of the scheduled competition of Reinin' In The Sun, July 30-August 1, 2010. Complimentary "Brats and Beer" were sponsored by long-time supporter Diana Raffan of Diana's Monogramming, with the function designed to welcome exhibitors and to lay the groundwork for a fun-filled, action packed weekend, featuring some of the finest Reining and Working Cow horses in the country. More than 114 horses and their riders, haling from three Western Provinces and the State of Washington, checked in for a shot at 11 Championship buckles, 3 NRHA Morrison bronzes, and over \$25,000 in cash and prizes. No one wanted to be left in the dust.

Warm-up classes started promptly at noon on Friday, allowing riders the opportunity to prepare their horses for the full slate of NRHA and NRCHA classes on offer over the next two and a half days. Sharon Gates, Hantzville, BC, a familiar horsewoman in the Reining Horse Industry, proved her equine skills as she guided her home raised mount Running With Wolves to the high score and the win in the first class of the show. Class two saw Lauren Boychuck, Medicine Hat, AB, previously a "Horseshow Mom", take over the reins with A Dicey Lady, and pilot the family owned mare to Lauren's first win in the Green Reiner class.

That same evening, not to be out done by her hubby/chef, Diane McCulloch spearheaded the Friday Night Beer Garden, where an estimated 200 spectators gathered in the stands to watch the exciting Working Cow Horse classes. And disappointed they were not, as they witnessed Clay Webster, Regina, Sask., astride J. Drummond Farms' fancy stallion Merada's Blu Starlite mark a 291.5 and claim Championship titles in NRCHA Open Bridle, LTD Open Bridle, and AQHA All Ages Working Cowhorse classes.

Saturday's competition resumed under clear skies, with classes running smoothly, and highlighting the Three Year Old Futurity classes. Sixteen entries vied for top spot in the NRHA 3 Year Old Open division, where Pepto Rico, ridden by Cayley Wilson and owned by Sarah Shermann, Yelm, WA emerged the victor. Armstrong's own Leah Lupyrrpa guided her mount KE Dolls Union Chex to the top in the NRHA 3 Year Old Non Pro division, garnering a custom Olson buckle and the Championship title. From a field of 9 Rookie Professional riders, Travis Rempel aboard Maggie Humenay's catty mare O Sugah claimed the RITS 3 year Old Rookie Professional Championship.

However, the excitement of a morning of Futurity runs was soon to be challenged by the skillful maneuvers of the Open Horses. Sweeping the slate, winning the NRHA Open, NRHA Ltd. Open, and the AQHA Sr Reining, was the flashy and popular stallion SR Kool Starlight, proudly owned by Jose and Frances Teixeira, and professionally guided by RITS Chairman Carmen Teixeira, Canoe, BC.

Saturday evening saw many exhibitors leave their competitive spirits at the stall door and join in friendship and good times down at The Oasis, the gathering place for good food and good times. Chef Brandon Archer provided a sumptuous Ranch Style dinner, complete with birthday cake and refreshments relegated from Friday night's festivities.

Sunday, the final day of the competition, saw riders gearing up for more NRHA, Beginner, and Rookie Classes, culminating in a full slate of Derby classes. Whiz N Starlight, owned by J Drummond Farms and ridden by Clay Webster laid claim to the Morrison bronze in the NRHA Open Derby, while Tony Kirschner justified his trip from Wenatchee WA by claiming top honors in the RITS Rookie Professional Derby for owner Joe Lucas, NT. However, the icing on the cake was definitely the final class of the Show. The class was the NRHA Non Pro Derby, and Gaylene Sawchuk-Fraser on Gotta Step Up had set the pace, drawing first in the class and marking 144.50. Gaylene's score held through most of the class, until Jillian Hamming showed BH Gunners Enterpriz to the identical mark. The ladies made the decision to work off the tie, which saw Jill and BH Gunners Enterpriz emerge victorious, taking home the coveted Olson Buckle as Derby Non Pro Champions. The consensus however was unanimous - that both ladies exhibited Championship sportsmanship, style, and grace, and are a credit to the Reining Horse Industry.

Watch for us next year in Armstrong – Reinin' In The Sun July 29, 30, 31, 2011. We'd love to have you join us.

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