

# THE STOCK HORSE ROUND-UP

LATEST NEWS FROM THE STOCK HORSE OF TEXAS

JUNE 2012

## SAN ANTONIO DEBUTS ANOTHER SHOT FIRST



Nonie Casselman-Reed pilots her horse through the 2011 San Antonio SHOT trail class. Mixing the maneuvers of Pleasure and Trail in the new AQHA Ranch Pleasure Class seems a perfect fit for SHOT riders.

The San Antonio SHOT Clinic and Show is just around the corner, and with it comes the opportunity for members to try their hands at a brand new class: AQHA Ranch Horse Pleasure. This class seems built for the SHOT rider in mind: horses negotiate a pleasure pattern that incorporates a few ranch-style obstacles. This is an AQHA World Qualifying event that may prove to be dominated by our SHOT riders!

The Friday clinic has a great lineup of clinicians: Mozaun McKibben will teach cow work, Glenn Hodges will teach the trail, Troy Koehl will be in the reining pen, and Laurie Shelton will round out the pleasure clinic. Friday evening is reserved for the first class (cutting) in this weekend's AQHA Ranch Horse Versatility Competition and the new Ranch Horse Pleasure class. Saturday morning the SHOT show begins in earnest, with all six divisions enjoying the great set-up of arenas at the San Antonio Rose Palace. See everyone June 15-16!

## LUBBOCK SHOT SHOW:

### THE BIRTHPLACE OF COLLEGIATE STOCK HORSE COMPETITION CONTINUES TO SET THE BAR

In 2005, under the guidance of then Coach Kris Wilson, the **Texas Tech University Ranch Horse Team** was formed. The first collegiate ranch horse team championship was held at TTU Equestrian Center and Tech team has been a dominating force in collegiate stock horse competition since. At the 2012 Lubbock SHOT show on April 28, TTU Black Team won the collegiate competition followed by West Texas A&M, Sul Ross University, TTU Red, Clarendon College, and Eastern New Mexico University.

Adding yet another first for the history books: TTU Ranch Horse Team and SHOT partnered with *Equestrians With Disabilities* to offer four levels of pleasure classes for equestrians with disabilities. Heather Hernandez, Program Director for Texas Tech's Therapeutic Riding Center, helped coordinate the competition with the SHOT show. Heather is a **North American Riding for the Handicapped Association** Advanced Therapeutic Riding Instructor, a Special Olympics equestrian coach, and assists as a mentor for instructors in training. Heather has been named NARHA Region 8 "Instructor of the Year." Region 8 includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

**TTU Ranch Horse Team coach, Cooper Cogdell** did an outstanding job of planning, organizing, and coordinating the students and volunteers, for another smoothly run, successful SHOT show. All Around Champions in each division won custom belt buckles donated by Cowpuncher Bits & Spurs. Reserve All Around champions won nice saddle pads, sponsored in part by Bayou West Trading. Third through 5<sup>th</sup> place received hay bags and buckets, sponsored in part by Teskey's.

In spite of the blowing red dirt carried by a West Texas wind on Friday, clinic participants enjoyed a productive clinic offering training in the four SHOT disciplines of Cow Work with **Zeb Corvin**, president of the Panhandle Reined Cow Horse Association; Reining with **Heather Young**, who has produced world champion reiners; Trail with



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Danika Jorgenson, TTU Equestrian Team coach; and Pleasure with **Kelsey Watring & Kelsey Stokes**, both former national collegiate stock horse champions. The weather turned perfect for Saturday's show and was perfect for all-day grilling on the patio, served up ranch style during the keen competition.

**Brianna Parnell**, on **One Smart Dually**, won the Open Pleasure and was the **Open All Around Champion**. Thomas Hicks, riding Greyt Socks, won the Open Trail for Reserve in the All Around, holding on to his lead in the year-to-date standings. Kelsey Mosby won the Open Reining on Watch This Plan; and Baru Spiller, riding Western Sequel, won the Open Cow Work.

**Theresa Woodard** on **Conchos Colonel** won the Non Pro Trail and Pleasure for the **Non Pro All Around Championship**. Kelsey Watring rode Oh Cay Jose to the Reserve All Around, and leads the year-end standings. Luke England, on Lo Down Dancer, won the Non Pro Cow Work and Nikki Woodward on Lil Ruf Major, won the Reining.

The **Jr Horse All Around Champion** was **FBW Lucky CD**, ridden by **Sarah Zamora**. They also took first in the Cow Work and Trail. Reserve Jr Horse Champion was CTK Lynx Royal Jay, ridden by Tony White. Mary Kitzmiller, riding Hollywood Chaos won the Reining and Pleasure. Steve Kutie is leading the year-to-date standings.

**Jennifer Bouse**, riding **Quigley Dun Under** won the **Ltd Non Pro All Around Championship** and Pleasure, helping to secure her lead in the year-to-date all around standings. Jennifer Weber on The Dream Seniorita was Reserve All Around. Kathy Morrison riding Smart Little Hoot won the Cow Work. Erin Jeter on Thruforthenight won the Reining, and Jeff Conner on Double Take Charm won the Trail.

Winnings were a little more spread out in the Novice division. **Gage Moorhouse**, riding **TRR Pepcid Gin** won the **Novice All Around Championship** and William Lewis won Reserve. Kolby Free riding 'Dolly' won the Cow Work; Spencer Perkins won the Reining on Sanjos Smoken; Linda Johnson on LB Roan Forever won the Trail; and Jodie Smith Goff riding Freckles Resolve won the Novice Pleasure. Tony White on CTK Lynx Royal Jay is leading the Novice All Around standings year-to-date.



Kolton Wink & Hardy Jacobs met through SHOT and enjoy hanging together between youth classes.

**Emily Woodard** riding **Royal Smoken Bob** won the Youth Cow Work and Pleasure to win the **Youth All Around Championship** and is also leading the year-to-date standings. Gracie Jacobs on Crows TT was All Around Reserve. Lauren Bergman, riding Peppys Gin Drifter, won the Trail; and Ashley Adams on Holidoc N Oak won the Reining.

## SHOT BITS

- Coming Soon: Online entries—in a matter of weeks, your next SHOT clinic and show entry may be completed with just a few clicks!
- Get those Aaron Ranch Futurity and Derby Nominations in and watch the SHOT website for exciting news on the **Western Horseman Stock Horse World Championship!**

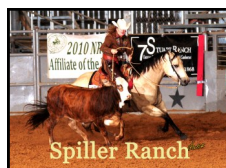
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## SHOT TAKES NATIONAL STAGE

SHOT President Laurie Shelton traveled to the **North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association Conference** on May 24—25—joining leaders from the following associations: **AQHA, NRHA, CMSA, USTPA, and USEF.**

Shelton gave a presentation about SHOT and led a roundtable discussion about the state and future of the horse show industry. Considered the leader and innovator in the stock horse world, SHOT was honored to send representation to promote the needs of stock horse enthusiasts on a national level.

## SHOT NEWS: WESTERN HERITAGE CLASSIC

Our association had a definite presence at the Western Heritage Classic. The WHC has become one of the premier western events in Texas and in the USA since it was first held in 1985. The WHC boasts a two-performance ranch rodeo, the finals of the Ranch Horse Association of America, a huge bit and spur show, fiddlers contests, horsemanship demonstrations, dances, matched horse races, cowboy church, invitational ranch horse sale, and much more. What began largely through the efforts of local rancher, Phil Guitar, to support the Taylor County Expo Center has become quite a party.

SHOT has presented a booth in the round building for the last few years with literature and video set up by Jennifer Weber and her family. The SHOT booth was directly behind the booth of SHOT members and sponsors, Joe and Baru Spiller. In addition to manning her own booth and keeping an eye on the SHOT booth, Baru carries the Texas flag in the grand entry of the ranch rodeo. Big Bend Saddlery sponsor Gary Dunshee and crew set up a huge tent in the middle of the parking lot, and with all of the merchandise on display, I imagine their store in Alpine is all but empty. SHOT World Show sponsor *Western Horseman* had a coliseum booth, manned by Ernie King and Tonya Ward.

Friday night kicked off the first performance of the ranch rodeo with teams from ten ranches competing. SHOT sponsor Tongue River Ranch, led by manager Tom Moorhouse, got the rodeo off to a big start when the first bronc rider, Gage Moorhouse, marked a score of 82. Craig Haythorn and his Haythorn Land and Cattle Company team from Arthur, Nebraska, won the calf branding and wild cow milking on Friday. Sage Haythorn was awarded the prestigious Top Horse award for his rodeo mount. John Anderson and his family team, the Muleshoe Ranch (two-time sponsor of SHOT raffle fillies), from Gail, Texas, turned in a consistent performance to finish fourth overall in the rodeo standings. Swenson Ranch almost made a clean sweep of the rodeo, winning three of the four major rodeo awards. Led by team captain and wagon boss, Mark Voss, the SMS brand won the overall rodeo championship and Best Remuda award for the good horses they rode. The coveted individual award of Top Hand was won by Mark Voss. Congratulations to these appreciated and generous sponsors.

The RHAA finals began Thursday morning and ran through Saturday, when the top five riders from each division compete in the championship round. SHOT riders had a clear presence in the RHAA finals: Quincy Carlton, Kevin Porter, Will Wallendorf, True Burson, Blaze Cogdell, Luke England, Parke Greeson, Gage Moorhouse, Pate Stewart, Kelsey Watring, and Jordan Williams competed in the Cowboy Class. The Ranch Hand class saw SHOT members Dusty Burson, Cooper Cogdell, and Parke Greeson who had qualified in

## WESTERN HERITAGE CLASSIC

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this division. In the final go on Saturday, Dusty placed third and Parke won the Ranch Hand Class Championship. Parke was also awarded the Best of Americas Horse Trophy as RHAA High Money Winner for the year. SHOT Executive Director Kim Lindsey had previously won this award in 2003.

The Senior Horse Class Championship round went to Mozaun McKibben while Chance O'Neal, another SHOT competitor and clinician, was Reserve Champion; and Zinn Lindsey finished fourth.

The Junior Horse Class had SHOT members Cooper Cogdell, Zinn Lindsey, and Mozaun McKibben as qualifiers. The Saturday afternoon finals saw Mozaun take the Reserve Championship. Riding Judys Ten, Zinn Lindsey became the RHAA Junior Class World Champion with a score of 391, the highest score of the final go.

I wish this story ended here, but sadly, it does not. The triumph of May 12 turned to tragedy on May 15 with the death of Zinn Lindsey. Shortly after sunrise on Thursday, May 17, I walked to the barn from the guesthouse at Caloosa Ranch, formerly the Box P, which had been the Lindseys's home since Zinn was four. There in the corrals were the horses, which my friend had ridden and shown. The bay veteran, Hans (Sunnys First Pauli), shown with much success by both Kim and Zinn in SHOT, RHAA, RCHA and AQHA competitions. Hans was also ridden in 4H by Zinn and now is owned and shown by his girlfriend, Kelsey Watring. Next stood the chromed sorrel Jose (Oh Cay Jose), state 4H Champion, SHOT Champion, and 2010 RHAA Cowboy Class World Champion. I think the buckskin Hawk (Ms Browns Hawkeye) was Zinn's favorite. He bought him as a weanling at Bill Smith's colt branding and raised him and rode him and believed he could do anything. Lastly, the great Reno (Judys Ten), son of Bill Smith's champion, Ten O Sea. He looked at me as if he knew he had done something great and magical with his young partner. Did he know? Did he know his own greatness when he and Kris Wilson won the Caprock Breeders Futurity and the first SHOT three-year-old futurity? I would like to think he knew. Reno and the others would be present later that day when we gathered to pay respects and say good-bye to our friend and their partner, Zinn. That afternoon Kris would say, "On Saturday Zinn made a good horse look great." To paraphrase a line from a movie, "You woulda seen something you ain't never gonna see."



Zinn Lindsey and gelding Judys Ten won the RHAA Junior Class World Championship. Pictured are: Jim & Mary Anne Truemper, Jimbo Humphreys, Mike Seago, Dana & Bill Smith, Zinn Lindsey, Kelsey Watring, Bob Moorhouse, Matt & Kim Lindsey, saddlemaker Tadd Sanders, RHAA President Jim Frank Richardson.



**MATTHEW ZINN LINDSEY**  
4/12/94 - 5/15/12

Matthew Zinn Lindsey was born in Childress Texas on April 12, 1994 to Matt and Kim Belcher Lindsey. He departed this life on May 15, 2012. Zinn spent the first four years of his life on the historic Bradley 3 Ranch near Childress. Very early on Zinn was destined to be a top hand. He went to his first branding in Matador, TX when he was a week old and started riding as soon as he could sit on a horse.

In 1999, the Lindsey family moved north of Swenson where they managed a ranch and developed their own herd of Registered Angus cattle carrying the Diamond Bar brand. It was here in Stonewall County that Zinn attended school in Aspermont, was active in FFA and 4-H, learned to hunt and cowboy, honing his skills to become an exceptional horseman at a very young age.

Zinn excelled in several associations and disciplines. In Texas State 4-H competition he was the 2005 & 2006 District 3 Reining Champion; the 2008 Texas State Team

Penning Champion; the 2008-2010 District 3 and Texas State High Point Stock Horse Champion; and the 2011 Texas State Champion Working Cowhorse.

In the Ranch Cutting Horse Association, Zinn was the 2005 & 2006 Youth Champion. In the Working Ranch Cowboys Association, he was the 2008 & 2011 World Champion Sr. Youth Cowhorse. In the Ranch Horse of America Association (RHAA) he was the 2010 Cowboy Class World Champion. In the Stock Horse of Texas Association (SHOT) he was the 2007 SHOT Classic Youth Champion; the 2008 Youth All Around Champion and the Non Pro Cowhorse Champion; 2011 SHOT Classic Non Pro Derby Champion & the 2011 Green Horse All Around Champion.

In January 2012, at the Fort Worth Stock Show in the AQHA Inaugural Ranching Heritage Challenge, Zinn became the first ever Non Pro Sweepstakes Champion. In April, he entered his first National Reined Cow Horse Association show, and was the Non Pro Bridle, Intermediate Non Pro Bridle, and Novice Non Pro Bridle Champion. At the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene, Texas the weekend before his death he won the 2012 RHAA Junior Horse World Championship.

At home on the ranch, Zinn was Matt's right hand man. He day worked for neighboring ranches, and for the past decade since Kim has been a SHOT officer or the Executive Director, Zinn was her go-to person at every show.

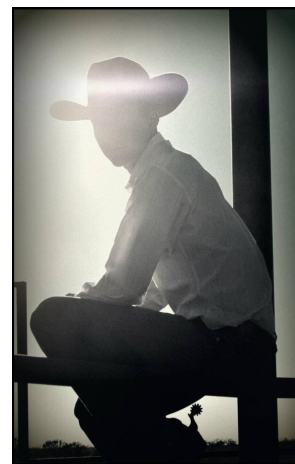
For the past two years Zinn's best friend and steady companion has been Kelsey Watring, a very accomplished horsewoman in her own right. Discussing their future plans, it was decided that Zinn would ride the broncs and Kelsey would put the polish on the finished horses.

Zinn was an 'A' student in school, an admired horseman, hard worker, devoted son & grandson, a loyal friend, and was an inspiration to all that knew him. To quote his peers, Zinn was 'a heck of a cowboy, fine competitor, great horseman, best cowhand and horseman, top rider and a kind young man.' And apparently God saw that he needed 'another good hand.' Perhaps a quote by celebrated western author, Louis L'Amour says it best: "There will come a time when you think everything is finished. That will be the beginning."

McCoy Funeral Home, Aspermont handled the arrangements and the funeral was held on May 17, 2012 at the Swenson Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor David Diggs. The body was taken to the Aspermont Cemetery in a horse drawn wagon, followed by a procession of around fifty mounted ranch cowboys leading Zinn's two champion horses, and a great many friends, classmates and family.

Survivors include his parents Matt and Kim Lindsey of Aspermont; best friend Kelsey Watring of Lubbock; maternal Grandmother Norma Belcher of Dora, NM; paternal Grandmother Jo Ann Collett & husband Jim of Midland; paternal Grandfather Darrell Lindsey of New Braunfels; uncle Clay Lindsey of Albuquerque, NM; uncle Jimmy Belcher & wife Stacie of Ruidoso, NM; cousins Hunter and Bradly Belcher of Ruidoso; paternal Great Grandmother Billie King of Levelland; Great Aunt Bettie Hardin of Abernathy; Great Aunt Carolyn Crill and husband Bob of San Angelo; cousins Bobbi Paggett and Cody Crill; and many extended family members and friends.

The family request that memorials be sent to: 'Zinn Lindsey Memorial' c/o Stock Horse of Texas Association, 3301 North 3rd Street, Abilene, Texas 79603.



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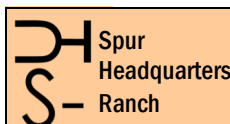
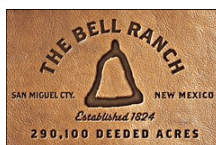
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The SHOT program is designed for riders of all experiences to learn and compete in an environment that is friendly, affordable and designed to fit all levels of riding. Celebrating 15 years of promoting the versatile stock horse, the SHOT mission continues: "Helping People Ride a Better Horse".



### Remaining Events:

#### 2012 SHOT Clinic and Competition Schedule

Events added throughout the season—check the [web schedule](#) for more

**June 15-16** - SHOT Clinic and Show & AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse & AQHA Ranch Pleasure Show ~**San Antonio, TX**

**July 20-21** - Hopkins County Stock Horse Committee SHOT Clinic and Show ~**Sulphur Springs, TX**

**August 3-4** - SHOT Clinic and Show & AQHA Working Cow Horse and AQHA Ranch Pleasure Show **San Angelo, TX**

**August 9-11** - SHOT Clinic & Non-Pointed Show **Alpine, TX**

**Sept. 7-8** - Archer County 4H Club SHOT Clinic, Show & Collegiate Show & AQHA Versatility Ranch Show **Vernon, TX**

**Oct. 5-6** - Brazos Horse Committee SHOT Clinic & Show **Bryan, TX**

**Oct. 26-27** - Ft Bend County SHOT Clinic & Show **Rosenberg, TX**

**Nov. 2-4** - Western Horseman Stock Horse World Championship and the Aaron Ranch Futurity and Derby

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