

THE STOCK HORSE ROUND-UP

LATEST NEWS FROM THE STOCK HORSE OF TEXAS

DECEMBER 2011

GOOD TIMES AT THE STOCK HORSE CLASSIC

The 2011 SHOT season came to a festive close in November at the Stock Horse Classic. Thursday and Friday were filled with first round competition for all six divisions, and with three covered show arenas and two covered warm-up areas, contestants enjoyed a leisurely schedule at a terrific venue. The relaxed schedule left time for afternoon and evening cook outs, practice reining and cow runs, and even a birthday party! By Friday afternoon, 60 contestants had secured a spot in Saturday's finals.

The exciting final round began as a clean slate, with every competitor given an equal shot at winning the championship. Riders guided their stock horses through a full day of four different events, and jockeyed positions in the all around until the last class finished. By day's end, it was time to unsaddle the horses and get cleaned up for the awards banquet. Local barbecue guru J. Cody's was on hand providing heaps of their famous barbecue and sides to hungry contestants. With the food served and the silent auction closed, things got lively when local auctioneer Art King fired up the crowd and began the live auction. Selling everything from an engraved SHOT rifle to historic branding irons, the whole crowd got involved in the action—even convincing SHOT board of director Rick Thompson to model a purse! The evening was capped off with a celebration of the Stock Horse Classic Finalists and Champions; awards included beautiful hand cut Montana Silversmith buckles for All Around, Reserve All Around, and all class winners. Runners-up were treated to some fine awards as well, including top-ten trophy vests, handmade Pollard Spurs, handmade Dennis Moreland bits, and fancy silver-engraved hoof picks built by Baru Spiller. See page three for a complete list of Classic winners.



Becky Wood navigating Whiskey Moon through the challenging Derby Trail course.

Sunday morning was back to business for competitors in the Futurity and Derby. With nearly \$20,000 up for grabs, riders did their best to get their fine young stock horses shown. By afternoon, the competition was close, and it came down to the cow work to decide the champions. In the flash of show photographer Willie Gomez's camera, trophy buckles, saddle blankets, and checks were handed out—only a few points separating the top finishers. With a fun and successful close to the 2011 season, the most frequently heard comment was: "Can't wait until next year!"



Steve Drennan making a nice fence turn on Mr Stylish Tip.

SHOT BECOMES AQHA INDUSTRY MARKETING ALLIANCE PARTNER

Owning a SHOT horse just became more exciting! SHOT has just earned an [Industry Marketing Alliance Partnership](#) with the AQHA. This means that SHOT is recognized as the industry leader in stock horse events. All registered Quarter Horses competing in SHOT events are eligible for recognition of SHOT titles and lifetime earnings on their horse's permanent AQHA record.

The AQHA Industry Marketing Alliance is an effective way to market and honor the accomplishments of SHOT Quarter Horses, and is an exciting new step for both associations. Stay tuned for more details on this program.



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RULE CHANGES FOR 2012

For full details on these rule changes, be sure to consult the [2012 SHOT Rulebook](#)

Novice Division: Language clarifying what constitutes a Novice competitor has been added to the division eligibility description. This includes prohibiting individuals that have won titles or over \$100 in specific western performance disciplines (western pleasure, reining, working cow horse, cutting, trail, etc.) to compete in the Novice division. Any petitions for Novice eligibility consideration may be submitted to the SHOT Board of Directors.

Green Horse Division (Junior Horse Division): This division will be open to any horse five years or younger. Horses that have earned previous SHOT or ASHA titles will not be prohibited from entering the division. The division name has been changed to Junior Horse Division.

Non Pro Division: This division will be a jackpot division, with the same payback schedule as the Open .

Scoring: The SHOT scoring system will be further standardized for 2012. Due to interest from members, a judge's score sheet has been created that better explains the scoring process (with point deduction boxes) so that riders may better understand how each maneuver was scored. A copy of the original judge's score sheet will be made available at each show (in addition to the typical posted score/placing sheets). The existing rulebook deductions remain unchanged, however in some cases a standard penalty has been assigned, improving judging consistency.

Five Point Penalties Include:

Use of two hands with a curb bit

Over/under spinning of more than one half turn (for example, 4 spins in a 3 spin reining pattern)

Failure to turn the cow both directions on the fence or missing both loops in roping (Open/Non Pro Cow)

Failure to ever demonstrate correct lead or gait in Trail or Pleasure class

Knocking over, stepping out or falling off a trail obstacle such as a back thru, bridge, side pass, box, etc.

Score of Zero (for maneuver only) Include:

Repeated blatant disobedience (bucking, rearing, etc.)

Failing to perform or skipping an obstacle/maneuver (this includes performing a maneuver backwards)

In the Working Cow Horse, turning tail to a cow – scoring will cease and the exhibitor will be given credit for the run up to that point (excluding the maneuver in which the infraction occurred).

SHOT 2012 ASHA AFFILIATION

The Stock Horse of Texas Association is proud to have created the American Stock Horse Association in 2008. Within a few short years, ASHA has grown and spread the all-around stock horse concept to new areas around the country. The growth of ASHA has allowed SHOT to play less of a supporting role in the association, and the goal of ASHA becoming a self-sufficient organization within a few years has been met.

SHOT has a long history as an independent association, and starting in 2012, SHOT will revert to non-affiliate status. As a practical matter, this will not change members' experiences at SHOT and ASHA shows. SHOT had great success in 2011 with both stand-alone and dual-sanctioned shows (with AQHA, APHA, and ASHA). At these shows, members were given the unique opportunity to earn money, points, and titles in different associations within one show. The 2012 season will be no different, with the option of participation in any dual-sanctioned shows left entirely up to each member. Any show producer that wishes to pursue a dual-sanctioned show in 2012 may do so *provided no SHOT member be required to purchase membership, licenses, or pay additional entry fees to other associations unless they choose to do so.*

Returning to our roots as an independent association will restore SHOT's ability to react directly to membership needs. After all, the success of SHOT depends on listening and responding to the concerns of SHOT members. SHOT is an association unique in size and depth, and what may work for other stock horse affiliates is not always a good fit for SHOT members. Therefore, we feel that independence will free us to better focus on our mission: Helping People Ride a Better Horse.

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STOCK HORSE CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Open Division:

- Champion - Pete May on Zezes Superstar
- Res Champ - Laurie Shelton on A Real Chic Magnet
- 3rd Mozaun McKibben on Lil Ruf Catalyst
- 4th Mozaun McKibben on Rey Jay Boonsmal
- 5th Kelsey Mosby on Watch This Plan

Non Pro Division:

- Champion - Kelsey Watring on Sunnis First Pauli
- Res Ch - Baru Spiller on Western Sequel
- 3rd Debbie Crawford on Color Every Time
- 4th Wendy Cline on Sonitalenas Royal
- 5th Lanham Horne on Peponita Seven

Limited Non Pro:

- Champion - Theresa Woodard on Conchos Colonel
- Res Ch - Kelsey Stokes on Shot of Irish LS
- 3rd Nonie Casselman-Reed on Quintana Cassy
- 4th Brittany Chrisman on Fancy Gay Girl
- 5th Ira Southerland on Popeye's Dry Doc

Green Division:

- Champ - Susan Bozeman on Shiney Pixie Dust
- Res. Champ. - Brian Sumrall on Cinco Silver Drift
- 3rd Zinn Lindsey on Quigley Dun Under
- 4th Rick Thompson on Smokin Lena Annie
- 5th Jerry Moriarty on Circle Bar Playgun

Novice Division:

- Champ - Becky Horlen on Ill Be A Chic
- Res. Ch - Brandy J Brooks on Top Stoppin Dun It
- 3rd Teri Boyd on Skip N Dee Bars
- 4th Roy Fischer on Blue Bottom Tom
- 5th Rebecca Zimmerman on Taylor Made in Texas

Youth Division:

- Champion- Gracie Jacobs on Crows TT
- Reserve Champion - Deonna Casselman Reed & Lena Little Left
- 3rd Raelynn Boatright on Gunners Skyline
- 4th Emily Woodard on Royal Smoken Bob
- 5th Shelby Haggart on Cattieotarey

Futurity—Total Payout \$9,700

- Champion Mozaun McKibben & Rey Jay Boonsmal
- Res Champ - Pete May on Mabel May Whiz
- 3rd Brian Sumrall on Cinco Silver Drift
- 4th Judy Fortenberry on Big Chex to Gamble
- 5th Scott Long on BH Genuine Cat



Roy Fischer guiding Blue Bottom Tom through the dry work in the Novice Working Cow Horse class

Futurity—Non Pro (\$1,000 Incentive added)

- Champion - Pete May on Mabel May Whiz
- Res Champ - Judy Fortenberry on Big Chex to Gamble

Futurity - Nathan Belcher Collegiate Scholarship:

- Kelsey Stokes on Blue Stormin Tivio (\$1,500)

Derby—Total Payout (\$9,700)

- Champion - Mozaun McKibben on Lil Ruf Catalyst
- Res Champ - Rodney Rosenauer on Pepsid Bell
- 3rd Zinn Lindsey on Judy's Ten
- 4th Thomas Hicks on Greyt Socks
- 5th Todd Richardson on HA Gypsy Nic

Derby—Non Pro (\$1,000 Incentive added)

- Champion - Zinn Lindsey on Judy's Ten
- Res Champ - Thomas Hicks on Greyt Socks

Derby - Nathan Belcher Collegiate Scholarship:

- Kelsey Watring on MS Browns Hawkeye (\$1,500)



Thanks to all our show producers, volunteers, and members for a terrific 2011 season! Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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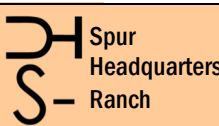
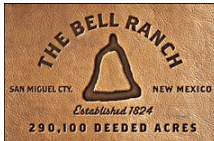
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The Stock Horse of Texas Association (SHOT) was created to promote and support the concept of the versatile stock horse. The strength in this concept lies in the variety of skills developed by both horse and rider in four different disciplines: Reining, Pleasure, Trail, and Working Cow Horse. The true all-around stock horse can handle a variety of situations with ease and athleticism, using natural movement and an attitude that reflects the ranch-type influence of the everyday stock horse.

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".



2012 SHOT Clinic and Competition Schedule

[Click here to go to the SHOT schedule online](#)

Wednesday January 11 - Annual Membership Meeting and Annual Board of Director Meeting - Abilene, TX

February 24-26 - Abilene SHOT Clinic, Show & Collegiate Show and Year-End Awards Banquet

Join us to celebrate our 2011 Year-End Champions at the Annual Awards Banquet in Abilene

March 23-25- SHOT Clinic, Show & Collegiate Show Stephenville, TX

April 27-28 - TX Tech University SHOT Clinic, Show & Collegiate Show Lubbock, TX

April 28 - SHOT Stand-Alone Clinic Beeville, TX

June 15-16 - SHOT Clinic and 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 San Angelo, TX

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

September 7-8 - Archer County 4H Club SHOT Clinic, Show & Collegiate Show Vernon, TX

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