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Kim Dooley and Country Custom Win 2010 NRBC Non Pro Championship

The 2010 National Reining Breeders Classic Non Pro Championship was decided in an exciting run-off between two dynamic Non Pro competitors. Coming in as draw 5, Samantha Griffin piloted Dun Playin Tag to a 222.5 - taking an early lead.

That lead held until draw 20, when Kim Dooley and Country Custom, by Custom Crome out of Calatrava, jumped up to tie with another 222.5.

Dooley had been an NRBC Non Pro Co-Champion in 2006 with Mandy McCutcheon - but this year she decided that, rather than split the title, she'd run it off instead. "You always wonder how it could have turned out. I said 'Why not?' I would have been happy with Reserve, too. I think Samantha felt the same way," she said. "I had confidence and figured my horse had enough left."

Griffin went first in the run-off and her smooth stops and fast spins resulted in a 222. "Sam's a great rider and she put down a great first run. I said it was going to be tough to beat, but we'd just do our best," noted Dooley.

Their best was what was needed, and amidst hoots and whistles the Scottsdale, Arizona, Non Pro went for it. When the score - a 223 - was announced, Kim was ecstatic. "It's amazing! He did great and I'm really proud of him."

The bounty of prizes that the Non Pro Championship came with - from a year's use of a beautiful 2-horse slant Featherlite from Twin Cities Featherlite to SmartPak products to a trophy saddle sponsored by Pard's - were beautiful accompaniments to

the biggest prize of all: The Non Pro Championship came with a big check, written to the tune of \$40,908. "I couldn't believe how much money it paid this year," she said. "The NRBC has always paid great - but wow! If I could only come to one show a year, it would definitely be this one."

Dooley actually made it back to the Non Pro Finals on two horses. Her other entry was Wimpys Little Buddy, a 6-year-old gelding on whom she was part of a 7-way tie for third at the 2009 NRBC. "I actually thought I had a better shot with Buddy (Wimpys Little Buddy) because he's been such a good honest horse and I've shown him so much," she said. "This is only my second time to show Charlie (Country Custom) so it was really surprising."

Kim and Buddy finished third in the Non Pro Finals and collected \$18,675. They also tied for the high score of the first go-round, collecting an additional \$6,878. Because she also placed third in the first go on Charlie, her total take for the week exceeded \$70,000!

Samantha Griffin and Dun Playin Tag had to settle for reserve in the run-off, but they still won big at the NRBC - that Reserve Championship was good for \$24,901. Dun Playin Tag is owned by Samantha's father, Lance Griffin, a former NRBC Non Pro Champion. In fact, the two years that Lance won the title - 2003 and 2004 - it was on Whiz N Tag Chex, the sire of Dun Playin Tag. Dun Playin Tag is out of Brennass Dunit Fancy.