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Jessica Sternberg Leads NRBC Non Pro Preliminaries after First Section of Competition

Set against the backdrop of the royal blue curtains around the Great Southwest Equestrian Center Coliseum in Katy, Texas, Non Pro riders pulled out all the stops as they worked to earn a finals berth in the 2011 National Reining Breeders Classic. The NRBC has the distinction of being the largest added-money reining in the world, and simply being a finalist is a great accomplishment - so the competition in this first section was intense.

At the end of the first day of competition, Jessica Sternberg of Aubrey, Texas, has the high score of not only the Non Pro - but also the Intermediate Non Pro, the Limited Non Pro, and Non Pro Level 1. Sternberg, who was a finalist in the 2010 NRBC Non Pro on Pop Top Whiz, was riding Shiners Chic, by Smart Chic Olena out of Ebony Shines. The pair marked a score of 221.5. Shiners Chic is owned by Rosanne Sternberg.

Topping the Non Pro Prime Time was former NRBC Non Pro Champion Jose Vazquez on SLJ Ruf Juice with a 219. SLJ Ruf Juice, owned by Smart Like Juice Inc., is by Smart Like Juice out of Ruf Catalyst.

The Non Pro preliminary competition concludes Tuesday afternoon. The top-30 entries in the Non Pro, along with the top-20 entries in the Intermediate Non Pro, Limited Non Pro, Non Pro Level 1, and Non Pro Prime Time will advance to the clean-slate finals on Friday, April 22.

Complete results can be found on the NRBC website at www.nrbc.com.

Don't Miss These Important Deadlines!

If you're on the fence about entering the NRBC Open Classic, don't wait too long! Entries will close no later than thirty minutes after the end of the Non Pro Classic preliminary competition on Tuesday, April 19. The late fee for entering the Open Classic is \$300.

Also, late entries for the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 (1), Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2 (1), the Rookie Level 1 (1), and the Rookie Level 2 (1), which all run Wednesday, April 20, will be taken until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, and still be in the draw. The late fee is \$25. Late entries will be accepted after the draw is complete up until one hour prior to class starting, with a late fee of \$200 and will run in a group preceding the regular draw.

It's A Drag

Ariat Gives Denim to Drag Award Winners

There are many chances to win at the NRBC - even in the preliminary rounds. The NRBC has featured the preliminary drag awards for the past several years, and this year the awards are sponsored by Ariat.

Award winners are announced at the end of each drag and go to the top scorer of the drag during the preliminary round of the NRBC Open and Non Pro Classic.

Justin Kindley, NRBC Gateman, hands out the awards at the back gate.

Winning one of these special awards is no easy feat. With so many top horses and riders present at the NRBC, just being named a drag award winner is an accomplishment for any rider to be proud of. The awards give more horse and rider combinations the opportunity to be recognized for their skills.

Texas Star Bank Sponsors NRBC Welcome Party!

Long-time NRBC supporter Texas Star Bank will return in 2011 to sponsor the NRBC Welcome Party, which will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. The event takes place in the Texas Children's Hospital Arena Club overlooking the Great Southwest Equestrian Center Coliseum Arena. Complimentary pizza and beer will be served.

To learn more about Texas Star Bank, visit one of its several branches. The Tioga Branch is located at 101 Gene Autry Drive & US Hwy. 377 in Tioga, Texas. Contact Judy Hollomon at 940-437-9900.

Kid's Easter Activities Schedule at NRBC!

Since we're celebrating the Easter Holiday here at the NRBC, we want to let you know about some special activities for the kids - and kids at heart - this week at NRBC.

Tuesday, we'll have the Egg Toss for kids 10 and under. There will be two divisions - and prizes for the best egg tosser! That will begin at 10 am in the Easter Area outside the Coliseum Arena.

Wednesday is the day for the Egg Roll and that will also begin at 10 am.

On **Thursday** from 10 to 1 - you can get your photo taken with the NRBC Easter Bunnies next to the Sponsor Media Office. Don't miss this opportunity to immortalize this week in Katy - bunny style. We even have bunny ears for you to wear to get into the spirit.

Then, **Saturday** morning it's time for the NRBC Easter Egg Hunt - for all kids 10 and under.

Cheryl Magoteaux needs a few volunteers for the childrens activities. If you have nerves of steel and a sense of adventure, please see Cheryl in the Sponsor Media Office today.

Todd Sommers and Dave Archer Win Texas Hold'em

Congratulations to Todd Sommers and Dave Archer for having the best "Poker Faces" at the annual NRBC Texas Hold'em Tournament on Sunday night. Jerry Coleman placed third.