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New Records Set - New Milestones Reached 2011 is Another Record Breaking Year at NRBC

The dust has cleared the Coliseum Arena of the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, and the official numbers are in. The National Reining Breeders Classic - the largest added-money reining event in the world - experienced an incredible increase in entry numbers. In 2010, the million dollar show had entries 1,848 entries - but that number pales in comparison to the 2011 tally of 2,117!

"We had an increase in entries of 269," noted Chris Potter of the NRBC management team. "That's incredible. We knew that our entries for the year would be up by the number of stalls that were ordered - up over 1,000 this year!"

As a result of the large number of entries, the NRBC was able to surpass a \$1.4 million payout for the second year in a row. "We're very proud that the NRBC has been able to continually have these large payouts. It's a source of pride that all of the checks are ready within an hour of the show's completion - people don't have to wait for weeks to get the money," said Potter. "There are many shows that are struggling to stay afloat. We truly appreciate all the exhibitors, owners, and sponsors who help make the NRBC the show to go to."

Just days after the conclusion of the event, the National Reining Horse Association has confirmed that Conquistador Whiz unofficially became the association's newest Million Dollar Sire - and that the earnings from the NRBC catapulted his offspring's earnings past the milestone.

"We congratulate owner Michael Miola on his stallion's accomplishment. He's become a member of a very elite group in the reining industry. We're thrilled that yet another individual has had a major NRHA accomplishment at the NRBC," noted NRBC President Tom McCutcheon, referring to the multitude of horses and riders that have risen in the ranks because of earnings from the NRBC.

The list of riders that have reached Million Dollar status during the NRBC is distinguished, and includes 5-time NRBC Champion Del Hendricks, Mandy McCutcheon, and most recently Todd Sommers, the 2011 NRBC Reserve Champion. In fact, eight of the NRHA's fourteen Million Dollar Riders are former NRBC Champions.

Plemmons and Donnelly Win NRBC Double Time Awards!

Double Time Awards have been an incentive for riders competing in NRHA Ancillary classes at the NRBC for many years. These awards are for riders who compete in both slates of ancillary classes.

Award winners are determined based upon a points system where riders receive points based upon their placing in each class - first receives 10 points, second receives 9, and so on. This award is given to the top Open rider and the top Non Pro rider competing in NRHA approved classes during the week.

This year, the \$1,000 Open Double Time Check was presented to Blake Plemmons, while Jordan Donnelly received the \$1,000 Non Pro Double Time check.

Congratulation to the Youth Scholarship Recipients

The Champions and Reserve Champions in the Youth 13 & Under and the Youth 14-18 divisions were each awarded a scholarship. This is the fifth year that scholarships have been awarded in these divisions. Champions were awarded a \$1,000 stipend to their college fund, while Reserve Champions received a scholarship valued at \$500.

In the Youth 13 & Under, Jayli Garrison received the \$1,000 scholarship, and Shelby Reine was presented with the \$500 scholarship.

Danielle Cohen took home the \$1,000 scholarship for the Youth 14-18, while Reserve Champion Emily Winegar received \$500.