

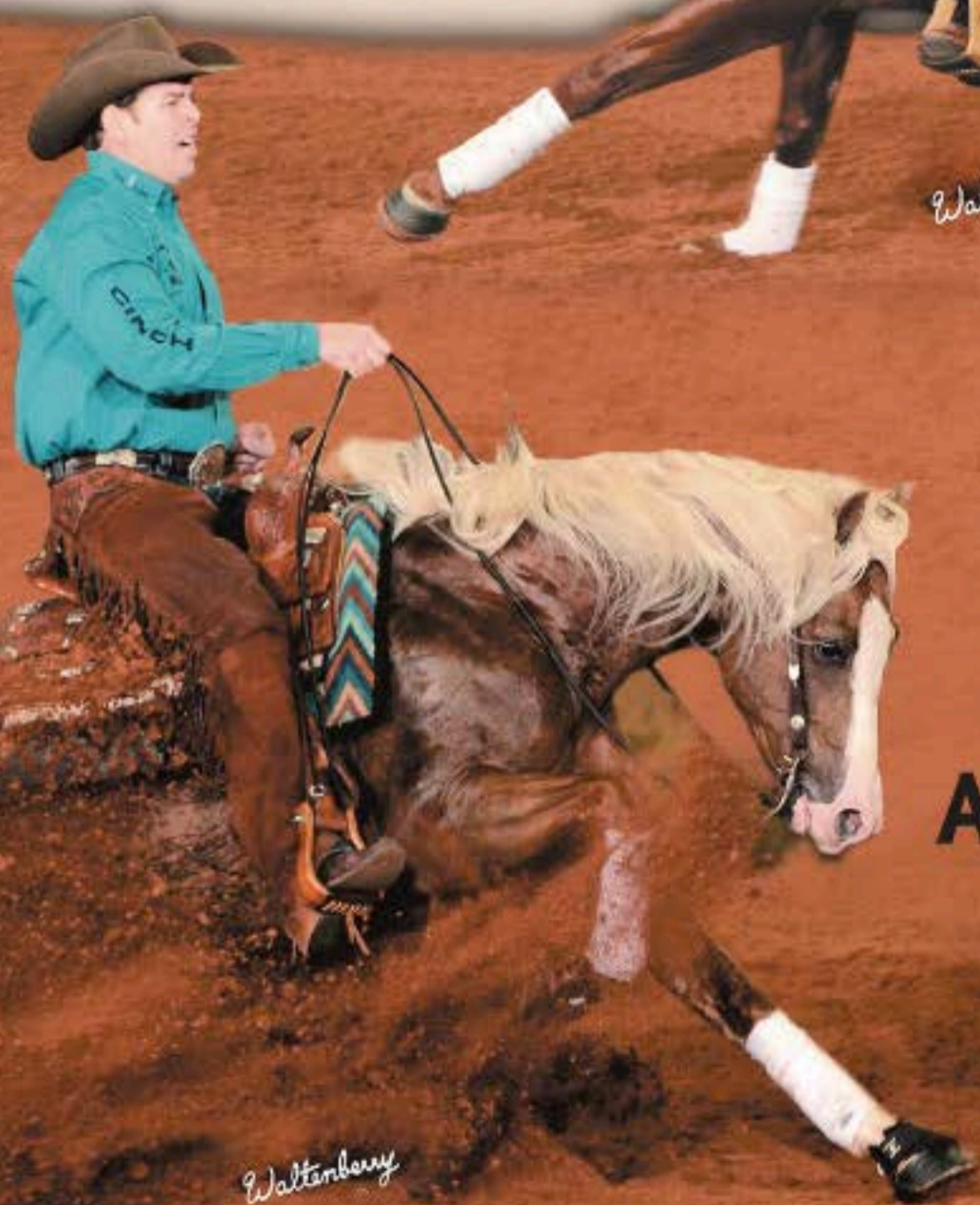
# PERFORMANCE HORSE CONNECTION

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**Shawn Flarida  
and  
Shine N Spook**

*Owned by  
Clark Reining Horses,  
LLC*



**Jordan Larson  
and  
ARC Gunnabeabigstar**

*Owned by  
HDC Reining Horses*

**2014 NRHA OPEN FUTURITY CO-CHAMPIONS**



*ARC Gunnabeabigstar, ridden by Jordan Larson (left), and Shine N Spook, ridden by Shawn Florida (right), shared the title of Champion in the Lucas Oil Level 4 Open Futurity.*

## **NRHA Futurity, Held November 28 - December 6, Crowns Co-Champions In The Open Futurity**

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### **Shine N Spook And ARC Gunnabeabigstar: NRHA Open Futurity Co-Champions**

The NRHA Futurity Open finals, including the Lucas Oil Level (L) 4, closed out the 2014 NRHA Futurity & Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship (NAAC) Show at the Oklahoma State Fair Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Saturday, December 6. A total of 64 riders were mounted on world-class reining horses all aiming for the \$150,000 L4 open championship purse and their share of NRHA Corporate Partner and Futurity Sponsor awards.

The 2014 NRHA Open Futurity finals gave the packed house just what they were craving – the best of the best in a dramatic finish, right until the end of the second section.

Shine N Spook (Smart Spook x Ebony Shines) and NRHA Five Million Dollar Rider Shawn Florida landed in draw 23 in the second section. They earned a 224.5 to jump ahead of the previous leader, Wimpy Chic (Wimpys Little Step x Chics Fancy Lady) and Gabriel Diano, who had marked a 224. Shine N Spook and Florida held the lead until the last run of the finals when ARC Gunnabeabigstar (Gunnatrashya x Wimpys Little Chic) and NRHA Million Dollar Rider Jordan Larson met the challenge and lit the board with a 224.5 of their own. They decided to share the title and stand as Lucas Oil L4 Open Co-Champions.

Shine N Spook, owned by Clark Reining Horses, LLC and nominated by Rosanne Sternberg, previously placed fifth at this year's All American Quarter Horse Congress Futurity.

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*FM Shine N Tag Chex, ridden by Jordan Kole Price, won the L1 Open Division.*



*Wimpy Chic, ridden by Gabriel Diano, marked a 224 to place third in the Open Futurity.*

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ARC Gunnabeabigstar, owned by HDC Quarter Horses and nominated by Arcese Quarter Horses USA, also placed eighth at this year's All American Quarter Horse Congress Futurity.

The co-championship paid \$132,600 each to the owners and \$6,980 each to the nominators. Both co-champions were consignments at the 2012 NRHA/Markel Insurance Futurity Sales.

Wimpy Chic, owned by Thales Rocha Bordignon, and Diano placed third in the L4 open division and claimed championships in both the L3 and L2 open divisions. The team has earned \$15,444 to date taking reserve championships in the L2 open division at the High Roller Reining Classic Futurity and Hollywoodstinseltown Futurity. They added another \$134,820 for the owner Bordignon and \$7,100 nominator Ericka Smith with these wins.

Winning the L1 open division (222) was FM Shine N Tag Chex (Whiz N Tag Chex x Shine With Wanda) and Jordan Kole Price for owner Tricia Jaeger. FM Shine N Tag Chex was sold in 2012 at the NRHA/Markel Insurance Futurity Sales. The stallion, nominated by Fausto Mattioli, won \$40,400 for his owner and \$2,100 for the nominator.

All open champions received a custom Montana Silversmiths buckle sponsored by Jerry Kimmel Reining Horses, a Bob's Custom Saddle, Rios of Mercedes boots, a Center Back pad, a Classic Equine Contour Pedic Reiner pad, Platinum Performance CJ, Purina feed, a SmartPak gift card, \$100 Pard's Western Shop gift card, Equine Oasis Gift card, Shorty's Caboy Hattery certificate and a \$100 Kyle Tack gift card. Each open champion was presented with a KO Trading Saddle Stand sponsored by the following proud supporters: L4 - Lucas Oil, L3 - NRHA Inside Reining, L2 - Dubarry of Ireland and L1 - Tinsel Jac. The L4 champion also received a four-horse slant goose-neck trailer with living quarters for one-year of use courtesy of Twister Trailer. Twister Trailer certificates went to the remaining champions.

### **Asumussen and Blue Berry Jac: NRHA Non Pro Champions**

This year's Non-Pro Futurity had approximately 550 entries and \$600,000 in purse money. In all, nearly \$30,000 will be paid in nominator incentives.

From the last draw in the class, Jesse Asumussen (Maquoketa, Iowa) and his Blue Berry

Jac (Wimpys Red Berry x Mainly Jac) marked a 217 to win the level (L) 4 non pro division championship. Asumussen has won more than \$220,000 in NRHA competition including a co-championship at the 2012 NRHA Futurity on Smart Chuka. The L4 non pro division championship paid a total of \$42,880 with \$2,100 of

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*Jesse Asumussen riding Blue Berry Jac scored a 217 to take home the Non-Pro Championship.*

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that amount going to nominator Xtra Quarter Horses, LLC.

14-year-old Cade McCutcheon and Starbucks Finale (Smart Starbuck x Dun Its Deja Vu) won the reserve championship with a 216.5. Cade's parents, Tom and Mandy Mc-

Cutcheon, own the 3-year-old gelding that was nominated by Tom. With his showing in the non pro go-round on Golden Survivor, Cade also won the Youth Non Pro Championship which is determined by go-round score.

The L3 and L2 no pro division championship went to Taylor Larson (Whitesboro, Texas) and Wimpys Dolled Up (Wimpys Little Step x Dolled Up Gunner) with a score of 215.5. Their score also landed them in the

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*Cade McCutcheon rode Starbucks Finale to the reserve Champion title in the Non-Pro and also won the Youth Non-Pro Championship.*



*Taylor Larson rode Wimpys Dolled Up to the champion titles in the L3 and L2 Non-Pro divisions.*



*Teresa Putman rode HA Casper to claim the title of champion in the L1 Non-Pro division.*



*Ron Thompson aboard Magnum Marilynmonroe took home the Prime Time Non-Pro Championship title.*

fourth place position in the L4 non pro division. Larson Performance Horses, Inc. owns the palomino mare, and Taylor is her nominator. In all, they won \$54,870, including the nominator incentive. Prior to the Futurity, the team earned more than \$12,000 after strong showings at the Southwest Reining Horse Association Futurity and All American Quarter Horse Congress Futurity.

Teresa Putman (Gainesville, Texas) and Gary Putman's HA Casper claimed the championship honors in the L1 non pro division with a 209. They placed fourth in the L2, ninth in the L3 and 11th in the L4 non pro division. The cremello stallion is by Lena Spark and out of DA Nic A Tune. The Putman's earned \$25,970 for the effort with \$1,370 going to the nominator Hillis Akin Family Partnership.

The Prime Time Non Pro Championship and \$3,480 went to Ron Thompson (Whitesboro, Texas) and his Magnum Marilynmonroe (Magnum Chic Dream x Ms Mello Yello). Their 216 also gave them third place honors in the L3 non pro division. For this, they won \$22,100, plus \$1,160 to nominator KO Korral, LLC.

Each year, NRHA recognizes the highest scoring first time exhibitor in the Non Pro go round with a championship buckle. In addition, the Non Pro rider's trainer receives a check for \$5,000. This year's winner was Ryan Birkenfeld (Nazareth, Texas) and his trainer NRHA Professional Melanie Wilhelm (Nazareth, Texas).



*Lil Joe Cash, the high scoring horse with a 223, won the Open World Shootout Championship, ridden by Andrea Fappani.*

All non pro champions received a custom Montana Silversmiths buckle, a Center Back pad, a Classic Equine Contour Pedic Reiner pad, Platinum Performance CJ, Purina feed, a SmartPak gift card, \$100 Pard's Western Shop gift card, Equine Oasis Gift card, Shorty's Caboy Hattery certificate and a \$100 Kyle Tack gift card. Champions in L1-L4, as well as the youth champion, received Bob's Custom Saddle. Rios of Mercedes boots went to L1 through L4 champions. Prime time and youth champions received a pair of Anderson Bean Boots. Each non pro champion was presented with a KO Trading Saddle Stand sponsored by the following proud supporters: L4 - Dubarry of Ireland, L3 - NRHA Inside Reining, L2 and L1 - NRHyA, Youth - Tinsel Jac and Prime Time - Jerry Kimmel. The L4 Non Pro Champion also received a four-horse slant gooseneck trailer with living quarters for one-year of use courtesy of Twister Trailer. Twister Trailer certificates went to the remaining champions.

### **Lil Joe Cash and Fappani: Open World Championship Shootout Champs**

The \$75,000-added NRHA Open World Championship Shootout brought some of the best reining horses in the world to the NRHA Futurity. Entries included the earners of nearly \$2.3 million, plus past

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*Custom Sweet Berry, ridden by Sean Johnson, NAAC Open Champion.*



*Custom Whiz Kid, ridden by Carlos Deleu, NAAC Intermediate Open Champion.*



*Roosta, ridden by Serena Siebrandt, NAAC Limited Open Champion.*