

ARHA

Announces World Champions

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For Immediate Release, August 11, 2009: American Ranch Horse Association judges R. David Terrell, Gene Ray Stewart, Curt Summers and Dennis Brown had the challenge of sorting out the best of the best ranch horses at the ARHA World Show in Murfreesboro, Tenn. ARHA members came from 22 states to compete for top honors in this fast-growing western-performance discipline.

The title winners for the ARHA World Show are:

* Billy Prather of Camden, S.C., with King Hollywood 086, winning Open High Point honors. With Dualin Ruby, Prather won the Open Versatility and Reserve Open High Point titles.

* Mike Clark of Pleasant Plains, Ark., and Peppys Butterscotch, taking home the Reserve Open Versatility title

* Lia Savas of Huntington, N.Y., and Yo Quiero Cat, taking home the High Point Amateur and Amateur Versatility titles

* Delza Noble of Mountain City, Tenn., and Docs Chillie Breeze, with the Reserve High Point Amateur and Reserve Amateur Versatility titles

* Brianna Wright of Swainsboro, Ga., and Cash20Super, winning Youth High Point and Reserve Youth Versatility

* Tonnie Miranda of Springfield, Tenn., with Katie Mae Young, taking home the Youth Versatility and Reserve Youth High Point titles

* Sean Prater of Burbank, Okla., and Hancocks Moonwalk were named Three Year Old Ranch Horse Challenge winners.

* Becky Frost of Lexington, Ky., and Ima Ugly Stick won the Reining Sweepstakes.

* Scott Keeney of Nancy, Ky., and Hesa Socks Angelo, owned by Lazy K Farms, won the Ranch Riding Sweepstakes.

* Mona Prater of Fulton, Mo., and Im Bringin Chexy Back won Select Ranch Riding, a new class this year for exhibitors age 50

and older. Jerry Keeney of Nancy, Ky., was second in the class with Hesa Socks Angelo.

Prather, an ARHA judge since 2005, has been working with King Hollywood 086 and Dualin Ruby, both owned by Carol Diodene of Ocala, Fl., for two-and-a-half years:

"I've had the opportunity to have some really nice horses as far as Congress and other show champions, but these two stick out. They're really nice to be around."

High Point winners took home a Reinsman ranch cutting saddle and Lone Star Silversmith trophy buckle. Reserve High Point riders won a Reinsman headstall and Lone Star Silversmith trophy buckle. Versatility champions won a Diamond Wool saddle pad and Lone Star Silversmith trophy buckle. Reserve Versatility riders took home a Lone Star Silversmith trophy buckle.

In addition to the awards presented in competition, a raffle was held for a filly donated by Lost Creek Cattle Company in Lebanon, Tenn. The winning ticket was held by Cassidy Sutton, the newborn daughter of ARHA members Brandon and Nikki Sutton of Cleveland, Tenn. The raffle raised \$2,200 to benefit the ARHA Youth Scholarship Fund—making Cassidy a winner all around.

Of his first experience as an ARHA World Show judge, Terrell, of Millington, Tenn., said, "People seemed like they came to compete but they were wanting to have a good time while doing it. The competition was on the top shelf. I saw a lot of good horses that made me really pay attention to the little things to make sure the best horses of the best horses were placed where they should be."

Formed in 2004, the American Ranch Horse Association promotes the abilities of the all-around versatile working horse in a positive atmosphere where western tradition is genuinely honored. Rapidly growing with more than 7,000 members, ARHA hosts competitions, clinics and educational events throughout the year.

For more information about ARHA, visit www.americanranchhorse.net or call 606-271-2963.



ARHABillyPrather: Rider Billy Prather and owner Carol Diodene accept American Ranch Horse Association World Show Open High Point, Open Versatility and Reserve Open High Point awards for King Hollywood 086 and Dualin Ruby from ARHA president Randy Cope.



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