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2024 CRCHA Tulare Fall Classic Snaffle Bit Futurity, Derby, and Horse Show Celebrates Incredible Success

TULARE, CA – The 2024 CRCHA Tulare Fall Classic Snaffle Bit Futurity, Derby, and Horse Show, presented by CR Hes A Tuff One and Red Arrow Ranch, wrapped up an unforgettable week filled with fierce competition, record payouts, and inspiring performances. Held at the Tulare International Agri-Center, this second annual event proved once again why it is one of the premier showcases for the reined cow horse.

With a total payout of \$257,750 across all Open, Non Pro and Non Pro Boxing divisions, the Futurity competitors delivered thrilling performances throughout. The Open paid an impressive \$210,000 across the four divisions with first place monies in the Open sponsored by Gilson Performance Horses of \$30,000, in the Intermediate of \$20,000, in the Limited of \$10,000 and in the Level 1 sponsored by Adequan of \$5,000. The Non Pro sponsored by JJ Fisher Construction boasted a total payout of \$40,750 added to the event's prestige with first place monies in the Non Pro of \$10,000, in the Intermediate of \$4,000 and in the Limited of \$2,000. With just 7 horses shown the Non Pro Boxing paid out \$7,000 with \$3,000 going to first place.

In the Derby, competitors earned a total payout of \$178,250, headlined by \$134,600 across the four Open divisions, with first place monies in the Open sponsored by Booth Ranches - Horse Division of \$20,000, in the Intermediate of \$10,000, in the Limited of \$5,000 and in the Level 1 sponsored by Adequan of \$4,500, and with \$25,650 across the three Non-Pro divisions all sponsored by JJ Fisher Construction with \$6,000 going to first in the Non Pro, \$2,500 to first in the Intermediate and \$1,000 to first in the limited. Not to be outdone the 30 horses shown in the Non Pro Boxing took home \$18,000 topped by \$5,000 to first place.

With the last opportunity to add to NRCHA points as well as horse and rider earnings before year-end, exhibitors brought their A-game, resulting in outstanding performances and a celebratory atmosphere. The total payout across all futurity and derby divisions soared to an impressive \$436,000, showcasing the dedication and talent of all participants.

FUTURITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Open Futurity Champion was awarded to **Shane Steffen** and **Rock O Rama** owned by Kandu Ranch securing a composite score of **659.5** and adding \$30,000 to the horse's and rider's 2024 earnings. Shane Steffen also on claimed the prestigious **Doug Williamson CRCHA Open Futurity Champion** plaque and **Perpetual Trophy**. Ricky Nicolazzi and HSR Gallo Del Rebel, owned by Heaven Sent Ranch, captured the title of Intermediate Open Futurity Champion, earning an impressive \$20,000. In the Limited Open Futurity, Andrew Steiger and Bet Hesa Nics Boon, owned by Scott & Darnell Trueblood, delivered an outstanding performance with a composite score of 644, taking home \$10,000. Meanwhile, the Level 1 Open Futurity Champion honors went to Haley Garcia and Mista Metallic Mojo, owned by Dana Moore, who scored a composite of 637.5 and earned a well-deserved \$5,000.

The Non-Pro Futurity brought plenty of excitement as Debbie Crafton, riding Modern Metallic, delivered a stellar performance to earn a composite score of 644, taking home a well-deserved \$10,000. Crue Dowers riding Cabanna Girl made waves across two divisions, claiming both the Intermediate and Limited

Non-Pro Futurity Championships with a composite score of 643, earning an impressive, combined payout of \$6,000. Meanwhile, Lisa Novatt, aboard Dualin Metal Cat, captured the Non-Pro Boxing Futurity Championship with a composite score of 630, taking home a payout of \$3,000.

DERBY HIGHLIGHTS

In the Open Derby, Lilla Bell and Ole Dan claimed victory in both the Open and Intermediate Open, delivering an outstanding composite score of 663 and earning a remarkable \$30,000. In the Limited Open, Wyatt Fisher aboard Nacho Librey secured a payout of \$5,000 with a composite score of 650.5. Meanwhile, in the Level 1 Open, Chuy Chavez and SJR Diamond Hicat earned top honors, taking home \$4,500.

The Non Pro Derby was claimed by Debbie Crafton and SJR Diamond Luna, who scored an impressive 655.5 and earned \$6,000. In the Intermediate Non Pro, Cody Halford riding WCR Who Spooked It secured a payout of \$2,500 with a composite score of 655. Jamie Roberts and Love Struck Forever took home the Limited Non Pro championship with a composite score of 644, earning \$1,000. Meanwhile, DJ Crafton captured the Non Pro Boxing title aboard Voodoo Sweetheart with a composite score of 649, earning \$5,000.

RONNIE RICHARDS MEMORIAL OPEN BRIDLE

The Ronnie Richards Memorial Open Bridle was claimed by Nick Dowers and Smart Shiney Playboy, who delivered an outstanding performance and scored an impressive 447.5. This victory earned them the prestigious \$5,000 Ronnie Richards Memorial Open Bridle Champion title and commemorative buckle. A special thank you to Double R Ranch for sponsoring this meaningful award.

A UNIQUE TWIST: A DUST STORM TO REMEMBER

This year's show brought more than just thrilling competition—it also brought nature's power. A rare haboob, a combination of a powerful dust storm followed by heavy rain, paused the action for several hours. While the arena settled from the chaos, CRCHA's show management team and board made the quick decision to cancel the Open Junior Horse class to allow exhibitors to prepare for the rein work scheduled for the next day. The swift decisions and seamless adjustments ensured that the show continued without a hitch, highlighting CRCHA's commitment to its exhibitors.

CRCHA HOSPITALITY HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 CRCHA Tulare Fall Classic was an unforgettable experience, with a warm welcome reception hosted by Nocero Insurance Solutions, followed by a delicious BBQ banquet and awards presentations courtesy of Day & Night Markets and Rare Earth Coffee. These events added to the vibrant atmosphere and made the weekend even more special for all attendees.

Every Futurity money earner was awarded a beautifully crafted buckle, while Derby champions and reserve champions also took home stunning buckles. Additionally, every CRCHA Horse Show class champion was gifted a custom headstall, all of which were meticulously crafted by Preston Williams Hardware.

Thanks to the live stream and live scoring from CRCHA's official videographer, JF Video, fans enjoyed a dynamic viewing experience. Stacy Judd Photography was on hand to capture all the unforgettable moments of the event.

As the curtain falls on this year's CRCHA Tulare Fall Classic, we celebrate the achievements, resilience, and camaraderie of our riders, trainers, owners, and supporters. This event epitomized the spirit of the sport, and we're already looking forward to another incredible year in 2025.