

New Mexico Quarter Horse Association Futurity Committee

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Press Release – From New Mexico Quarter Horse Association Futurity Committee

Quay County showed up in force and walked away with numerous awards at the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association Halter and Performance Futurity held Saturday evening, September 12, 2009, during Quarter Horse Days at the New Mexico State Fair. The futurity has been a showcase for young quarter horses for over thirty years. Classes are offered for weanling and yearling halter, 2 and 3 year old western pleasure, 2 and 3 year old Hunter under Saddle and 3 year old reining. While the majority of horses exhibited are from NM, horses can be from anywhere. In conjunction with the futurity, NMQHA offers programs featuring stallion nominations and/or stallion services that are offered for sale at reduced fees and a program for NM owned mares.

Quay County has had a strong showing at the futurity for several years with Harold Borden and Glenn Truelock taking home many awards and class wins. The futurity page on the website (www.nmqha.com) has several years' results that show Harold's and Glenn's many accomplishments. Harold's breeding program produced money earners in the Yearling Gelding Class and the Yearling Lunge Line Class. This was also Harold's second year in a row having the high point sire for the futurity. Last year his stallion, Skip O Sparkle, was high point sire; and this year, Da Watch Rooster earned that title. The winner of the Yearling Lunge Line (the futurity's most popular class) was Jennifer Vance showing a palomino yearling for her dad, James Vance. This yearling was sired by Golden Dually from Montana and out of one of Mr. Vance's mares. In 2008, a young lady from Quay County, Alyssa Whetten, showed her dad's yearling gelding, CC Lucky Strike Poco by CC Poco Valentine, to the win in Yearling Lunge Line - earning over \$1000 in prize money. She returned this year with the same horse to place 2nd in the 2 Year Old Western Pleasure Class. Alyssa also showed another yearling to a third place in Yearling Lunge Line this year. Laurie Bidegain of T4 Cattle Co. has also been making a mark at the futurity with Robin and Rebecca Alden showing offspring from her breeding program. Last year a T4 Cattle Co. mare, Montoya Pebbles, was awarded the high point mare distinction. Rebecca showed her 2 Year Old Western Pleasure 4-H project, Montoya Nona by Shorty Mio, in the NMQHA Futurity. Earlier in the week, Rebecca won the 4-H 2 Year Old Western Pleasure with this mare and came back to place 3rd in the NMQHA Futurity 2 Year Old Western Pleasure. As a 4-H project horse, all the training was done by Rebecca. Also, from Quay County, Debbie Ancell showed a young stallion by a Tequesquite Ranch stallion to a win in Yearling Halter.

For more information and complete results, please visit the NMQHA website at www.nmqha.com and click on the futurity tab. You can also call or email Berniece Zielke or Ron Morris at Little Hills Ranch in Belen for additional information about the futurity and how to become involved at (505) 861-2164 or lhrramorris@juno.com.