
What's the

SCOOP?

with Marty Jo Hays

A black and white photograph of a metal scoop filled with oatmeal. The scoop is tilted, and the oatmeal is piled inside. The text "November 2010" is overlaid on the scoop.

**November
2010**

What's the

with Marty Jo Hays
& THR Staff

SCOOP?



AMERICA'S HORSE OCTOBER ISSUE IN AMERICA'S HORSE: AN AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE WITH TRIPLE CROWN TALENT.

The movie "Secretariat," which was released in theaters in early October, is the story of perhaps the greatest Thoroughbred racehorse ever. But an American Quarter Horse helps tell the tale. In the October issue of America's Horse, movie wrangler Rusty Hendrickson tells of Copper Locks, a racing American Quarter Horse who is used in some of the movie's scenes when Secretariat has to show quick bursts of speed passing other horses on the track.

"Running Quarter Horses are much better at that than the Thoroughbreds," Rusty says of the quick speed. "They're sprinters."

Copper Locks is a 4-year-old chestnut gelding whose white markings resembled those of Secretariat, and his dam, the Thoroughbred Lip Locked, is a great-granddaughter of Bold Ruler, the famous sire of Secretariat. Copper Locks was bred by Alvin "Bubba" Brossette, AQHA's all-time leading jockey by number of wins, and he won his last out for Bubba, an 870-yard claiming race at Evangeline Downs in Louisiana.

Two of Rusty's other American Quarter Horses, Plumb Twisted and Drifts Wood, make appearances in the movie as pony horses.

Also in the October issue of America's Horse, you'll find training advice from ranch cowboy and clinician Buster McLaury, a look at the America's Horse in Art Show and Sale that is ongoing at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum, and the next installment of our year-long series on preparing your horse for Training Level dressage.

America's Horse is all about helping AQHA members enjoy their horses – whether that's by acknowledging Quarter Horses who make it to the big screen or by providing training tips and horse health advice that ensures a better relationship between horse and human. We know horses are your lifestyle, and they're ours, too.

Join the conversation by becoming an AQHA member. America's Horse is provided 10 times a year to all AQHA members as one of the great benefits of membership.

AQHA news and information is a service of AQHA publications. For more information on The American Quarter Horse Journal or America's Horse, visit www.aqha.com/magazines.

AUTOGRAPHED COWBOY HAT WINNER

An Oklahoma horse fan wins the hat signed by Team USA members The American Quarter Horse Journal- As a part of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, one lucky winner received a cowboy hat signed by team USA reining members.

Crissy Keeton of Oklahoma was selected to receive the felt autographed hat sponsored by AQHA and Shorty's Caboy Hattery. Keeton is a longtime horse enthusiast and was ecstatic when she found out she won the autographed hat.

"I am so excited to get this." Keeton said. "I have been needing a hat, and now I have one with some awesome signatures! I can't wait to get it!"

Keeton owns two horses and plans to start a horse showing career this coming year.

AQHA raffled the one-of-a-kind cowboy hat as a part of its celebration of the World Equestrian Games. Team USA reining members, including Tom McCutcheon, Shawn Florida, Craig Schmersal and Tim McQuay, signed the hat. Team USA won the reining competition at the Games. In the individual finals, Tom McCutcheon took home the gold, while Craig Schmersal captured the silver and Tim McQuay placed fourth.

AQHA news and information is a service of AQHA publications. For more information on The American Quarter Horse Journal or America's Horse, visit www.aqha.com/magazines.

MOUNTED SHOOTERS FIRED UP FOR THEIR FINALS IN AMARILLO

The American Quarter Horse Journal -- This week at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo, the nation's best mounted shooters will be taking their shots and striving for world titles at the 2010 CMSA World Championship, October 19-23.

Cowboy mounted shooting is an exciting horse discipline that includes riding through obstacle courses and shooting black-powder guns and rifles at balloon targets.

The Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association is an AQHA alliance partner, and participants had to qualify to compete at the finals.

Beginning in 2011, mounted shooters will be able to get points on their American Quarter Horses at specific approved events. American Quarter Horses and their skills will be on display during the AQHA finals at 6:30 p.m. CST Friday, October 22, and there will be more finals all day Saturday, October 23, at the Amarillo National Center. Admission to the event is free.

An AQHA Onsite Services team is in the show office at the finals helping with membership services.

We love including "SCOOP" from our readers!!
Do you have some scoop?

Let me know.....MJ email me:

mjhays@voyager.net or thehorseresource@msn.com

MIKE MAJOR WINS PROJECT COWBOY FOWLER, COLORADO, RANCHER RECEIVES STANDING OVATION IN ADDITION TO \$10,000.

Fort Worth, Texas, October 10, 2010 – After three days of tough competition involving unbelievable obstacles, screen tests, riding unfamiliar horses and working with yearling American Quarter Horses, the dust settled and three incredible horsemen remained.

Dressed as Frank Sinatra and riding his American Quarter Horse Black Hope Stik without a bridle doing cow work, flying lead changes and sliding stops, AQHA Professional Horseman Mike Major of Fowler, Colorado, wowed the crowd and the judges and won the inaugural Project Cowboy. Ben Baldus of Electra, Texas, finished second, and Mozaun McKibben of Whitesboro, Texas was third.

Fort Worth, Texas, was rocking October 8-10, as more than 165 contestants competed for the Project Cowboy title and a \$10,000 paycheck. Major emerged as the star after enduring three days of grueling competition that tested horsemanship ability, readiness to be in front of a camera, general horse knowledge while under fire and livestock handling skills. Major received \$10,000 cash, a Martin trophy saddle and a Gist trophy buckle. He also received an invitation to appear at the 2011 Road To The Horse Legends World Championship and a 2011 Extreme Mustang Makeover event, as well as other major equine events and expos as a clinician. .

Jointly produced by Tootie Bland Productions, creator of the popular Road to the Horse competitions, and Patti Colbert Enterprises, producer of the Extreme Mustang Makeover events, Project Cowboy was filmed as a reality TV pilot and included many twists and turns.

“We are honored to have so many great horsemen and so many amazing horses competing in Project Cowboy and give notice to the industry that it’s time for equine competitions to step into the 21st century while also remembering the cowboy code of the past,” says co-producer Patti Colbert. “I think we have started a movement by combining so many elements from the equine world including a clinic atmosphere while testing show arena skills and on-camera appeal without forgetting our audience. We are very encouraged about the future of the horse industry after seeing so many talented people compete in Project Cowboy and the number of fans that came out to support this inaugural event.”

“My mind is still trying to grasp it all,” says Major. “It was an overwhelming experience. I am so happy to have this opportunity, and I still haven’t grasped it all.”

Project Cowboy is the most unique equine-related talent search to ever be held. Never before have horsemen and women from different riding disciplines been able to showcase their talents in this way and display their training ability with their own horse and with unknown horses while competing for more than \$10,000 in cash and prizes.

Project Cowboy is sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association, Western Horseman Magazine, Gist Silversmiths and Martin Saddlery. Visit www.projectcowboy.net for more information.

2011 BBR WORLD FINALS ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF HORSE SALE, SLOT RACE AND NEW MEMBERS/NON QUALIFIER JACKPOTS

Norman, OK- BBR announces the Innaugural Going Big Time Horse Sale to be held in conjunction with the 2011 BBR World Finals. The sale will feature 75 to 100 head of horses ranging from prospects, to performance age horses, to mares in foal to Leading Barrel Racing Sires. Sale horse demos will be held on Friday, April 29 and the sale will take place Saturday, April 30. For consignment information contact Going Big Time Sale Company (580) 777-2877.

Futurity horse owners and riders should also take note that BBR is introducing the BBR Going Big Time Slot Race at the 2011 World Finals.

According to Robin Hofmann, the spokesperson for BBR, the slot race is open to 4 year old and under futurity horses, and will be limited to 20 head. Owners will be allowed to purchase 2 slots per owner at \$2000 per slot with 100% payback. Riders will be limited to 1 horse in the slot race. Owners and riders must both be 2011 BBR members and slot horses must also be entered in the BBR Futurity. If all 20 slots are sold the slot race will pay 1st \$20K / 2nd \$8K / 3rd \$7K / 4th \$5K. Should fewerer than 20 slots be sold 100% of the slot fees paid in will be paid back out at ratio of one (1) place paid for every four (4) slots sold. Individuals interested in purchasing a slot or wanting more information should contact Robin Hofmann (405) 615-4998.

The BBR Futurity will remain open to horses 5 years old and under that have never competed in barrel racing prior to December 1, 2010. Hofmann indicated that BBR has high hopes for upping the sponsored added money to \$10,000 to \$15,000 this coming season.

The futurity will be run on the same format as in 2010, with an unlimited number of entries being accepted, the fastest 50% will proceed to the Championship Round and the slower 50% proceeding to the Consolation Round. The purse will be distributed 70% to the Championship Round and 30% to the Consolation Round. Slot Race horses will be run at the beginning of the qualifying round and times will be rolled forward to qualify for either the Championship or the Consolation rounds.

BBR is also planning to offer jackpot style barrel racing in Barn 8 that will be open to members who did not qualify for the 2011 Finals Races and any New 2011 Members. “We really want to make the BBR Finals an event that offers every barrel racer within 1000 miles of Oklahoma City something they can participate in,” stated Hofmann. “There are several new events that will be sanctioned in outlying areas like Arizona and Ohio in 2011 and we want to invite the contestants who attend those events to come and be part of the BBR World Finals experience. I’d encourage everyone to watch for more info coming soon on Better Barrel Races Web Site www.betterbarrelraces.com.”

Hofmann closed by saying she has every expectation these additions will cause the World’s Richest Divisional Race Event to be larger, richer and more exciting than ever before.