

Celebrity sighting and \$50,000 in prizes highlight miniature championships

The 2005 American Miniature Horse Registry National Championship Show topped last year's record with more than 5,300 entries, making the show the largest miniature horse show in history.

"Along with record participation, the 2005 AMHR National Championship was a success on so many levels," said show manager Lenard Davenport. "The quality of the horses and the excitement around the show really made it a stand out event."

"We had a number of notable events take place during the show this year," says Johnny Robb, AMHR Marketing Director. "We had excitement from day one, with country singer Clay Walker, and his family at the show." Walker's daughter, McClay, won the youth 8- to 12-year-old halter gelding national championship with her miniature, Fort Stoney's Champagne Corker.

Trainer Duay Harting and the Walker family were thrilled when McClay took the championship. According to

McClay's mom, Lon Walker, "Corker was a Christmas present last year and since then the girls (McClay and Skylor) are just in love with miniature horses. The miniature horses give them a lot of self confidence because they are easy to handle and so much fun." Meanwhile Clay Walker didn't break into a live version of "When she's good, she's good," but his daughter's unanimous national championship win was something to sing



McClay Walker and Fort Stoney's Champagne Corker won the 8- to 12-year-old halter gelding championship. Her dad is country singer Clay Walker.



Belinda Bagby congratulates Chasta Harrison, who won the miniature colt William Bagby donated to the AMHR youth auction.

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Along with new champions being recognized, two of the miniature horse scenes' favorites were retired at the show. Trainer Belinda Bagby showed Mike and Lisa Stasak's incredible stallion, B&L's Rock E Red Alert to another unanimous national champion stallion title and then retired him in a touching ceremony at the show. "After 19 consecutive grand championships, Rock E had proven he is the top stallion," said Bagby. Meanwhile, Jim and Arlyn Stoney retired their national champion roadster mare, Fort Stoney's Country Crystal, after a long and successful career. "It was quite a show," said a busy-eyed Arlyn Stoney. "First the Walkers won the national championship with Corker,

who came from our farm, and then Crystal's retirement ceremony was overwhelming."

The Stoney's weren't the only ones who were overwhelmed at the show. Chasta Harrison got the birthday present of a lifetime when her name won the bid for the miniature colt who was donated to the youth auction by William Bagby of Cross Country Farm. "I wanted to give something back to the youth program that gave so much to me," said Bagby of the generous donation. Meanwhile Harrison has big plans for the outstanding colt, including next year's AMHR national championship.

All in all, AMHR miniature horses won over \$50,000 in cash and prizes in what will surely go down in history as not only the largest AMHR national championship but one of the most exciting. Check AMHR's website for complete show results in December at www.showlandminiature.com



Retired Roadster, Fort Stoney's Country Crystal and Jim Stoney take a final victory lap.

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Hi Sharon,

Last week-end SWEET LOLI BLUE was shown at the San Lucas Ranch in the NRCHA Ltd open Two-Rein. This was her 3rd time out since I began using all of your product. Wow! She is a totally different horse. Jeff Walker, my trainer, showed her at a cutting last month where she scored a 72 and placed first out of 20 horses. Jeff was very impressed with her performance then as he had never taken her to a cutting event. As I mentioned before, he only took her to school and did not pay the Jack-pot entry. Before Rapid Response she was anxious, inattentive, prancing and forgetting that she had to perform the dry-work before she could get to the cow. She is a SMART CHIC O LENA / PEPPY SAN BADGER mare and is extremely cowy. The next 2 shows were Rained Cow Horse Shows where she did a reining pattern prior to going "down the fence" with a cow. Jeff always rides her in the show pen during the breaks to accustom her to the arena prior to showing. However, this was not possible last weekend. When it was her turn to show she walked quietly into the arena and performed her reining pattern without a flaw - no extras like the dancing & prancing as before - and stood quietly while she awaited her turn at the cow. Her cow work was very smooth, however, working a cow is like gambling!!!! You never know what kind of cow you will draw and how it will perform. But, given all of the other factors, her overall performance was so dramatically improved!!!! Even the other trainers who have seen her show commented positively about her performance. And I am talking about big names in the industry!!!

You were right about my mare LACY BLUE SMOKE, she did not check in foul. I promptly started her on the Rapid Response, Us-Tye-Me and Total Effort plan as she was so nerve distressed and this when I brought her back from the breeding farm. After 2 1/2 weeks, she too is a different horse. Thank you for all of your advice and for a product that has turned my horses around. I have owned and shown horses for over 45 years. I have used all kinds of supplements. I wish I had known about you when I was showing LACY the last few y. I will keep you updated as to LOLI's performances in the show pen. We have a few more shows left in this season. Thank you again.

Best regards,

Susan Moran

ps... Just as an afterthought.....today I had my Western Pleasure mare tied to my trailer. I was standing in the doorway watching my friends in the roping arena. She put her head to me and went to sleep while I rubbed her ears. She is not known to be an affectionate people horse. She seems really content and happy for the first time in years!!!! I can show her again. I totally took my horses off other very popular supplements and joint products.

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122nd National Horse Show

Shetlands And Miniatures Make A Big Impression

By Johnny Robb

Twenty-nine Shetland Ponies and Miniature Horses welcomed spectators to the 122nd National Horse Show. The troop of small equines paraded around the international arena bearing letters that spelled out Welcome To The National Horse Show as fans roared with delight. Our small equines also entertained the Sunday afternoon spectators with charming driving pairs decked out for their performances. In addition, the petting zoo showcased a 6-month-old miniature filly who stole hearts throughout the weekend. Several National Champion Shetland Ponies also greeted visitors at the National Horse Show's Family Festival. The small equines were absolute magnets.

The Welcoming parade was the brainchild of Victoria McCollough, whose company, Chesapeake Petroleum was a major sponsor for the event. McCollough contacted Robb at the Shetland Pony Club and the wheels were set into motion. Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse owners rallied to provide the champion horses and ponies to carry off the parade. The South Florida Miniature Horse Club joined forces and next thing there were indeed 29 Shetland Ponies and Miniature Horses lined up to carry letters. But it takes a village. The letters simply didn't fit the small horses and ponies and time was running out. Three top dressage competitors, John Zopatti, Susie Dutta and young rider,



Linda and Mark Kerns driving their World Champion Miniatures, Caribbean Dreams Master O' the Chase, and Caribbean Dreams Im Little SoWhat.



Connie Thoreson driving her national Champion Shetlands, Powder and Talcum.

Katie Hoog joined forces with farrier, Kelly McGhee to resize the 29 letters in only 25 minutes! The pressure was on, but they prevailed and over 10,000 spectators were treated to an unparalleled Shetland Pony and Miniature Horse Parade.

Special thanks went out to those members of our equestrian community who made the event possible

including, Josh Bertrand, Gary Yeager, Alicia Stocumb, Emma Colabrese, Connie Thoreson, Mark and Linda Kerns, Nancy, Tony and Adrianna Lopes, Jessica James, Pat, Jessica and Rebecca Coffey, Tami and Whitney Allmon, Susan Rubin, Julie Nelson, Kelly, Karen, Korman and Cassidy McGhee, Susie and Timmy Dutta, Jody and Ellen Alvarez, John Zopatti, Katie Hoog, Shannon Dusek, Marcia Boeing, Andrea Houghton, and Debbie Hilton.



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