

Mile Hi Barrel Horse

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TRANSWEST CLASSIC HUGE SUCCESS

While September signifies the return to school, the winding down of summer, and the beginning of the Autumn season, for barrel racers in the Mile Hi Region it was our "world series", our Super Bowl, our Transwest Classic Barrel Race and SuperShow (aka as our Mile Hi Barrel Horse Finals).

As ALL of us are aware, 2009 will go down in the history books as one of the most economically challenging years ever. It was no exception in the barrel racing industry. However, Transwest Truck, Trailer & RV met the challenge head on and elected to sponsor this prestigious event. And, as a result barrel racers from throughout our area ran at increased money, beautiful average awards, and for the Championship Title.

When the dust settled and the final horse cleared the gates on Sunday afternoon, we had written checks for just over \$52,000, given away awards valued at over \$15,000 and witnessed some absolutely TREMENDOUS runs! The overall winner of the Open Average was past NFR qualifier Shali Lord who made three very consistent runs and posted the fastest time on three runs with a 48.969 (16.616, 16.244, & 16.109) on Cashin Ease.

You might recall to win average prizes at the finals, you were required to be a Mile Hi Member, attended eight of our events, and be in good standing. The Average Saddle Winner for the 1D was long time member and supporter of Mile Hi, Kim Schulze riding Vegas Speed. This team posted an average time of 49.135, only .166 behind Shali's average.

"I am just Blessed that Speedy worked so nice all year. He like's the pen at the Ranch."

Kim and Vegas Speed have been posting outstanding results over the past couple of years; you might recall this same team won the average in the Derby and the saddle at last year's event.

In addition, Kim and Vegas Speed took home a hefty check from the second place win the Mile Hi ShowDown Slot Race presented by John E. Cavey, Co.

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Mile Hi 1D Average Results:

- Shali Lord (NM) 48.969.
- Kim Schultz, 49.135
- Reata Hoar 49.434
- Julie Haskins 49.511
- Karen Turek 49.520
- Hannah Montey 49.985
- Traci Swisher 49.991
- Susan Burford 50.041

Mile Hi 2D Average Results:

- **Kim Schultz 50.522**
- **Kelly Conrado 50.719**
- **Bernice Richard 50.813**
- **Shanan Doherty 50.837**
- **Jo Lynn Grieves 50.872**
- **Nicole Schmidt 50.882**
- **Alex Odle 50.930**
- **Anne Jacobson 50.969**

Des Ja Vue In The 2D - - 3D Champion First Time Saddle Winner

When it came time to award the Average Champion Saddles, we had to take a second look, double check our figures, and ensure we were correct. Kim Schultz also won the 2D Average Champion Saddle on her other horse, French Dream. Posting an accumulative time of 50.522 successfully positioned this team to take home another Mile Hi Champion Saddle.

I think you'll all agree Kim had a pretty outstanding weekend and took home a ton of money, a ton of awards, and was truly blessed to own both of these horses.

Our 3D Champion Saddle winner came from a long way and brought several hauling partners with her. Pam Nelson pulled in late, late Thursday night with a very specific plan in place to enjoy herself and to do well. Winning a saddle was a hope but it wasn't top of mind. She and her hauling partners have made it an annual event to attend our Finals because they so enjoy events put on by Mile Hi Barrel Horse. Well, have fun? She Did! Do Well? She Did!! Win a saddle? She Did!

Pam Nelson won her first-ever saddle at the Transwest Classic Barrel Race and SuperShow and that accomplishment is one that will never be forgotten. Many have shared, "the first one is really special" and you are so surprised, so overwhelmed, and so thrilled. Pam was no exception....when she came to the arena to claim it she beamed!

Mile Hi 3D Average Results:

- Pam Nelson 51.981
- Cindy Thompson 51.983
- ShayLee Hadley 52.065
- Patti Roberts 52.121
- Heather McCall 52.2
- Cheryl Robinson 52.225
- Renee Rown 52.286
- Maggie Read 52.300
- Cassidy Wahlert 52.333
- Jody Matsuda 52.339

David Ensured The Win Prior To Arriving

Debbie David contacted the Mile Hi Office in late July to inquire as to how many events she had been to. She was in "no way" going to not have enough. She even made a special trip to one our Castle Rock events to "just make sure." Well her due diligence paid off. When the Open 4D Average Champion was called forward, it was Debbie David to receive the saddle.

Her cumulative time of 53.536 was the magic

number needed to receive one of the beautiful Average Champion Saddles.

Debbie was one of our members who just barely made it to enough, but she was consistent and focused on accomplishing her goal. She didn't make into the year end standings, but she was not to be denied Mile Hi Awards.

As a result, she walked away with an Average Champion Saddle for her efforts for the weekend.

Mile Hi 4D Average Results:

- Debbie David 53.536
- Dammy Johnson 53.604
- Patty Guthrie 53.619
- Tye Smart 53.655
- Brenda McMahan 53.716
- Bailey MCCAughy 53.785
- Nathalie Snyder 53.870
- Megan Hart 53.890
- Debbie Roberts 53.970
- Janelle Letourneau 53.987

Swisher and HW Hewill Winzeecash Wins The 5D Saddle

Traci Swisher arrived at finals somewhat surprised to have won awards in the year end on HW Hewill Winzeecash. He sort of snuck into the standings without a lot of folks being aware of it.

Concentrating on her other horse and trying to get good runs nailed down, I think HW Hewill Winzeecash just sort of

took a back burner. But this team was a team to be dealt with at finals. Putting together 3 consistent runs for an accumulative time of 55.044 positioned both of them perfect for the Open 5D Champion Saddle win.

Complete finals results are posted on our website: www.MileHiBarrelHorse.com

Mile Hi 5D Average Results:

- Traci Swisher 55.044
- Kaylie Unrein 55.093
- Jolene Whaley 55.173
- Jessica Milliman 55.329
- Mikala Nealy 55.508
- Jami Hawkins 55.554
- Makinzie Leedy 55.833
- Kelly Martin 55.997
- Kelly Conrado 56.012
- Krysten Barrows 56.605

Mile Hi ShowDown Slot Race Presented by John E. Cavey, Co

Every year we at the conclusion of this race we walk away saying, WOW that was a great race. How do you top that?

With the coming of each new year, we top it! And this year was no exception. Those who ran this year came with their game on! The stands were packed, the crowd was into it and the race was on. Posting the fastest time of the entire weekend was Sammi Bessert riding Terrible

Tommy Twist. This team is no stranger to pay windows at Mile Hi events, especially slot races. You might recall seeing her name in the results for the Memorial Weekend Slot Race as well.

For her 16 seconds of work Sammi walked away with \$3,375, for those doing the math its \$210 per second. Just think if we could be paid by the hour at that rate!

You might recall that Mile Hi owns a slot in this race and the individual who gets to run in it each year is the Year End Open1D Winner. If they've already run or it's a repeat winner, then we go to the Average Winner. This year it was Karen Turek, as she was the Average Winner from our 2008 Finals. She did us good! Winning \$1,620 of which we deducted out the \$500 Slot Fee then split the difference with Mile Hi's portion going to Year End Awards. She did us good!

Slot Race Results:

Sammi Bessert	\$3,375
Kim Schultz	\$2,835
Shali Lord	\$2,025
Karen Turek	\$1,620
Reata Hoar	\$1,215
Kris Burden	\$ 945
Hannah Montey	\$ 810
Courtney Ford	\$ 675

2009 Year End Champions Crowned

Mile Hi Barrel Horse crowned their year end champions at the 6th Annual Awards Banquet.

Champion saddles were awarded to the following:

Novice Youth: Peyton Crowder
NH 1D: Susan Hall
NH 2D: Jo Lynn Grieves
NH 3D: Krysten Barrows
Nov Rider: Brandy Varner
50+: Carol Crowder
Youth 1D: Kelsey Haas
Youth 2D: Michaela Adle
Youth 3D: Steph Snyder
Youth 4D: Audrey Bostwick

Open 1D: Carol Crowder
Open 2D: Renee Rownd
Open 3D: Brandy Varner
Open 4D: Linda Ghent
Open 5D: Krysten Barrows
Futurity: Susan Hall
Derby: Renee Rownd

This year's Fun Award winners were:

Best Dressed: Stacy Dysart
Most Improved:
Annette Nissam
Brandy Varner
Peyton Crowder

Mile Hi Member of the Year:
Cheri Kyle
Jeff Varner

Mile Hi Horse of the Year:
Seiko – Ridden By
Audrey Bostwick

And

Bailey's French Kiss
Ridden by Carol Crowder
Owned by Mike & Cathi
Hadley.



Sponsor Thank You's Are Critical To Our Success

Sponsors are a critical stakeholder to the overall success of Mile Hi's various award programs. As such, a simple "Thank You" goes unbelievable far with these folks.

I've already heard from a number of our sponsors that they've received numerous thank yous from our members. If, however, you haven't written and mailed your thank you's yet, please PLEASE take the time and do so. This year is a critical one to make sure we let the sponsors know how important they are to us. Be sure and share if you shop them, recommend them, etc. These are all issues that are very important to them.

If you didn't get the addresses or have lost the list, please contact me and I'll get them to you. We so appreciate all of you who have and are going to get those thank you's in the mail!! THANKS!

Meet The Sponsor – Lazy Heart E Tack Shop Gene & Carol Ellis

The Lazy Heart E Tack Shop is owned by Gene Ellis and is located just east of Berthoud, Co. on County Road 7. Gene has been involved in western tack and equipment for over 40 years. He first worked for his father, Larry Ellis, managing one of the Ellis Western Wear stores in Ft. Collins. After Gene and Carol married and moved to Berthoud he opened his store there. Since he is married to a barrel racer his decision to specialize in only barrel racing equipment was an easy one.

While there is a store on the premises at the Lazy Heart E Arena, Gene also manages an on line store at www.lazyheartetackshop.com and his mobile unit that we see him in at each and every Mile Hi Barrel Horse Event (well almost all, I think he missed one the entire year last year). Of course the Mile Hi events are his favorites, but he does cover other events on the off weekends.

Gene is quite popular at the Mile Hi events because he always has free suckers for the youngsters, free rubber bands for the barrel racers and is pretty good at a quick fix on equipment when someone has a malfunction and is up in the next rake. Gene can often times be seen hurrying to get a Chicago screw put back in a bridle or fixing a pair of reins while the barrel racer in need patiently but panicked awaits the “fix”.

Gene carries a nice selection of headstalls, breast collars, barrel racing bits, a full line of protective leg gear, blankets, and pads and grooming and health care items and much, much more. He also has trailer and travel accessories such as buckets, hay bags and stall forks to make your life and your horse’s life easier when on the road. Additionally, he has all of the most often forgotten items such as water buckets and grooming aids.

He has great appreciation for Carol Crowder, her crew, and the entire membership of Mile Hi Barrel Horse for their continued support of his business. It is his motivation for his sponsorship. (see barrel racers: SPONSORS do appreciate us! – and our thank yous!)

If you are a barrel racer the Lazy Heart E Tack Shop specializes in you! Mile Hi Barrel Horse would like to encourage you to contact Gene for all of your needs for you and your horse.

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**Mile Hi Barrel Horse Events are more than jackpots!
Our first event includes our Halloween Costume Contest!
\$100 Awarded to the individual with the BEST OVERALL
Costume to be decided by the crowd!
A Free Entry in the Open (\$45 Value) for the Most Creative
Saturday, October 31, 2009
Douglas County Fairgrounds – Castle Rock, CO**

The Wise Ole Owl Is Baaaaaacccccckkkk!

Disclaimer: Way way way too many of you encouraged her to start again....So my Mom is back with her Wise Ole Owl Column. For those who are new, please keep in mind these are for fun and entertainment value.....no one should ever take any offense or think she's giving you're a compliment. She's just being mom. If you've been with us over the past 6 years you'll know what that means. If you're new, you will soon know what I mean!!! I hope you all enjoy.....read on!

YEE HAW!!!! I am baaaaaaaaaack! Thought I had disappeared didn't you? I am going to think about what I am writing about and then I will do it. I do not know where to start so I guess I will start at the end and the beginning. The end is the 2009 finals at Loveland. The banquet was my thing.... Most of you think the race is the thing but no the banquet is my thing...I tried my best to behave but my meanness got the best of me. Carol gave me strict orders to not drink. Well I know who I can get around and drink so Carol will not hassle me! I snuggled up to terry Kinney and Linda Ghent cause Carol will not order those two around. They kept me supplied for awhile, and then Jeremy took over and kept me supplied later on. All in all I had a great time don't know if you guys did or not. It doesn't matter as I did.

I hope to be writing a few things now for some time. Carol may decide to dump me but I'll keep plugging away. I'm going to make this very short and to the point.

First of all I want to thank all that took time to send me the thank you's. They mean so much, I am proud of each and everyone that did them.

Next, and I will be brief, but first a little background. On Christmas Eve 2008 my oldest sister Joyce passed away. She was 79 years old and you would never know we were related. She was a clothes horse, always looked like she just got out of the salon, clothing immaculate, hair perfect and makeup outstanding. Where I came from no one knows. Then just this Oct 6, 2009 I lost my next oldest sister, Audrey 77 years. She was a lot like me. Mean, hateful, and spoke her mind. The only thing different is she had 9 kids! So there was never any peace or rest around her house. They were a military family (Air Force) and they retired after 21 years. We had our ups and downs the many years we were together or even apart. But the thing that was constant was the love I know they had for me and the love I had for them. So much for that! I will not dwell on my misfortunes; I look forward to what comes up from now on.

Also I would like to take this time to thank all of you for the many, many, many sympathy cards and flowers that I received. They were greatly appreciated. Once again I am blown away with the thought of you guys doing this. Who would have thought???

I am anxious to start the New Year at Mile Hi, to see how many I can scare at the entry window and how many will run to their friends about the mean old lady at the window! I do so love aggravating all of you!!!

Till we meet again. Ride safe. This is the only time I am going to be nice. Do not expect it in the future.

Editors Note: (Note from Carol) Mom is right, I will not give Terri or Linda a hard time Would any of you take on x-cops? NOT!

Note #2: Jeremy's employment status with Mile Hi is being evaluated!

Mile Hi Barrel Horse Is Proud To Announce Our 2009-2010 Schedule

*WE WANT YOU TO COME HAVE FUN WITH US—WHERE BARREL RACING IS MORE THAN JUST RUNNING
BARRELS! IT'S AN EVENT!*

All of our events have added money, run smoothly and timely and are professional.

Affordable fees with GREAT payouts!

2009

- New Year Starts: October 9-10, 2009, - **FRI NITE/SATURDAY** The Ranch-Larimer - Loveland, CO
- October 31-November 1, 2009 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO
- November 14, 2009 - The Ranch-Larimer County Frngds - Loveland, Co then transfer to
- November 15, 2009 - NWSS Event Center, Denver, CO **12th Annual L3 Barrel Race For Breast Cancer**
- November 28-29, 2009 -- Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO
- December 5-6, 2009 -- The Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO
- December 12-13, 2009 -- Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO

2010

- January 9-10, 2010 - The Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO
- January 16-17, 2010 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO
- February 6-7, 2010 - The Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO
- February 13-14, 2010 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO ****DOUBLE POINTS**
- February 27-28, 2010- The Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO - **Winter Series Finals**
- March 20-21, 2010 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO - Summer Series Kick Off
- April 3-4, 2010 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO
- April 17-18, 2010 -The Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland, CO ****DOUBLE POINTS**
- May 8-9, 2010 - Spin 3 Productions-Penrose Stadium-Colorado Springs, CO

6th ANNUAL MILE HI BARREL HORSE
MEMORIAL WEEKEND BARREL BASH
MAY 29-30-31, 2010

Adams County Fairgrounds - Brighton, CO
\$1,500 ADDED MONEY -- Average Prizes in All Classes
Unlimited Exhibitions Friday Night—we'll go till 9 pm!

- June 12-13, 2010 - Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton, CO ****DOUBLE POINTS**
 - July 3-4, 2010 - Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton, CO
 - July 24-25, 2010 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO
 - August 21-22, 2010 - Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO ****DOUBLE POINTS**
 - Sept 4-5-6, 2010 - Spin 3-Penrose Stadium-Colo Springs, CO - Last Barrel Race For Points
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7th ANNUAL MILE HI BARREL HORSE 5D SUPERSHOW/FINALS

The Ranch-Larimer County Fairgrounds - Loveland, CO

September 24-25-26, 2010

Saddles to Average Winners in Open - 5D's
Average In All Classes



Another
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Event!

Mark your calendar now! Put in for Friday as Vacation!

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