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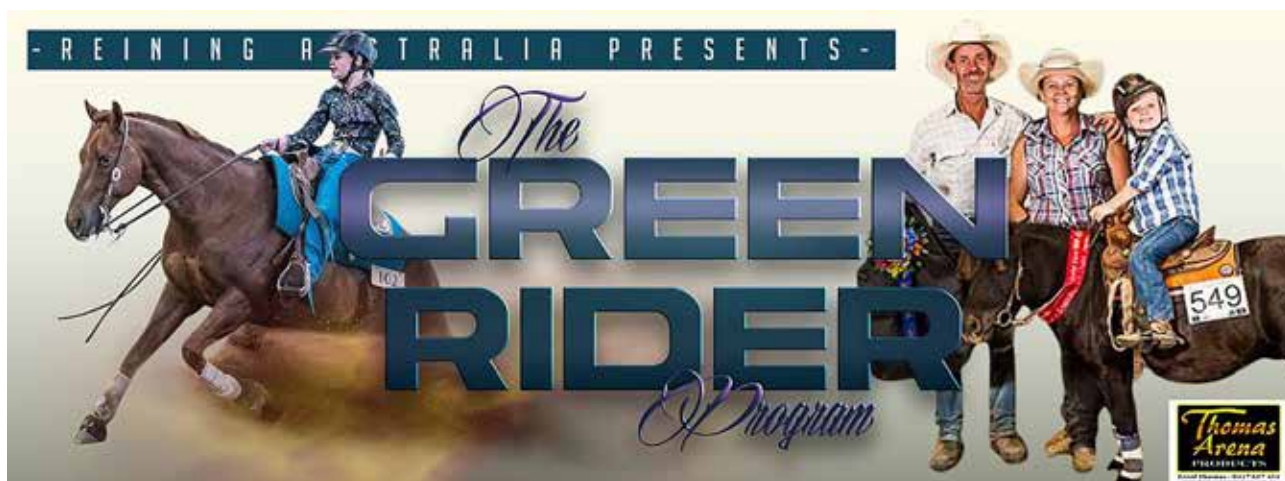
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# 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships

Kelli Ready

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The 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships were held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre (QSEC) from 8-11 August. The Queensland Reining Horse Association (QRHA) and competitors went out of their way to put on a great show. Offering over \$37,000 in prizemoney, the event was judged by USA NRHA Judge Bub Poplin along with Australia's own Darren Simpson.

The show featured all levels of competition with 468 entries across 42 classes of both NRHA sanctioned and non-sanctioned events over 4 days. More than 120 riders competed at this prestigious event, with many high-profile horse and rider combinations competing for the prestigious Queensland State titles. The show was live streamed across the Internet, attracting local, interstate and international viewers.

After the introduction of AQHA Ranch Riding at the 2016 NRHA Derby, and with growing popularity in both USA and Australia, QRHA introduced Ranch Riding classes and clinics at club shows throughout the 2018 show season. Glenn Wyse conducted a Ranch Riding clinic in the lead up to the State Show and this proved very popular for participants and fence sitters.

Glenn emphasised the different showing styles between reining and ranch riding and explained the expectations of Ranch Riding judges. This support of competitors' interest culminated in an inaugural program of very popular Ranch Riding classes at this year's State Show, ably adjudicated by AQHA-accredited judge Kim Thake.

Thea Griffin riding RKN Whiz Bang took out both the Beginner and Open Ranch Riding classes. A very excited Michele Delbridge earned Reserve Champion in the Open on her reining horse CL Alright Tobe A Redneck. Michele and her husband are generous supporters of reining, donating a trophy saddle to the Open Futurity winner at this year's show.

Leanne Bartlett riding Whizkey On The Rocks and Angela Wicks on Q Vista Peppa Revolution joined the line up of place getters in the hotly contested Open Ranch riding class. The emerging popularity of Ranch Riding in Queensland will help to make it a permanent fixture in future QRHA show programs.



Above: Kelsie Moyce and Whizkey On The Rocks won the Beginner Youth Ranch Riding class.



Above: Thea Griffin and RKN Whiz Bang won both the Beginner Ranch Riding and Open Ranch Riding classes.

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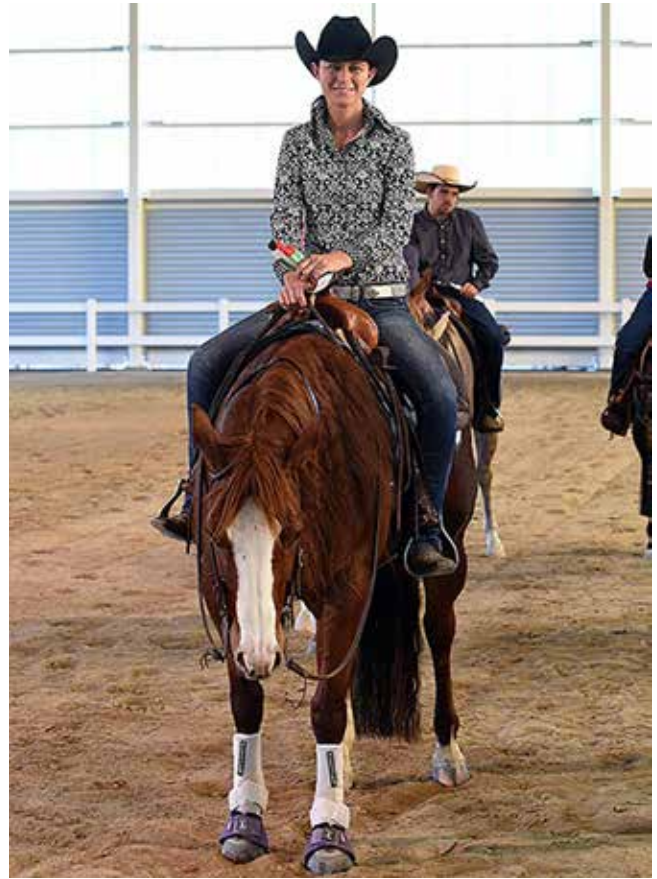




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Wednesday continued with the non-sanctioned reining events. Open and Non Pro riders showcased their young horses in the Junior Horse classes. After travelling over from the States on her university break, Clancy Erlin riding Topsail Roc tied for first place with fellow seasoned competitor Greg Walker on Ruff N Twisted.

Scott Burnett and Smokin Sheriff began what turned out to be a very successful show when the combination tied for first with Noel Watson riding Colonel Einstein. Noel later went on to take out the Senior Horse title on Einstein Flashy Jac. Sharon Leddington-Hill and Migs Shez Dynamite won the Senior Horse Non Pro class.



*Hayley Smith and HPH Oaks Cat Five (left) and Dee Cruise riding Nu Shiney Chick (right) tied for first in the Beginner Rider class.*



*Above: Clancy Erlin and Topsail Roc won a blue ribbon in the Junior Horse Non Pro class.*



*Above: Noel Watson and Einstein Flashy Jac took out first place in the Senior Horse Open class.*



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Sharon and Migs Shez Dynamite slid into the spotlight again in the Novice Horse classes winning the buckles for Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 and Level 2 ahead of Carolyn Peters on Janies Whiz Kid and Greg Walker and Ruff N Twisted.

Ashleigh Backhouse rode the quinella in the Novice Horse Open Level 1 on Step N To Perfection and Smart Nu Georgie.



Above: Kristy Smith was a happy winner of the Beginner Youth class on Hollywood Blue Chip.



Above: Sharon Leddington-Hill and Migs Shez Dynamite won the Senior Horse Non Pro class.



Above: Scott Burnett and Smokin Sheriff opened their buckle account with a win in the Novice Horse Open Level 2 class.



Above: Ashleigh Backhouse and Step N To Perfection (left) won the Novice Horse Open Level 1 class. Ashleigh was reserve in the Novice Horse Open Level 1 on Smart Nu Georgie (Hayley Saunders in the saddle). Far right is Sharon Leddington-Hill and Migs Shez Dynamite, Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 and Level 2 champions



## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships

The Open/Non Pro is the feature event on Thursday's program. Scott Hergest and Spinnin Whiz won the Open class with their score of 142.5. Noel Watson rode a 141 on Einstein Flashy Jac for the reserve, coming in just ahead of Michelle Burnett and De Termination.

Scott and Michelle Burnett of Burnett Performance Horses dominated the competition on their buckskins, earning a swag of buckles and garlands.

Michelle riding De Termination won the buckle for the TuffRock Non Pro then went on to win the Ed Smith Reining & Performance Horses Limited Open with her highest score to date, a classy 144 run.

Scott Burnett and Smokin Sheriff were Novice Horse Open Level 2 champions then followed on to corral all the buckles in the prestigious Open Derby winning across all divisions for the lion's share of the \$5000 prize money.



Above: Hayley Smith and Yulgilbar Requestamelody won the Green Rider Level 1 class.



Above: Bridget Connelly rode Do Me A Favour into first place in the Green Rider Level 2 class.



Above: Scott Hergest and Spinnin Whiz were the 2018 Open champions.



Above: Michelle Burnett won the Non Pro with De Termination.





## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships

Another competitive reining team, Andrew and Kerri Behrens, also had a great State Show. Andrew won the John Wicks Training Stables Intermediate Non Pro with a very smooth run; this was his first show with new filly Sheron Sheza Little Fancy.

Kerri took home co-reserve champion in the same class on My Dads A Wimp, sharing the honours with Robyn Ross riding Atomic Blonde and Kasey Bogie riding Lyrics Custom Corey. That same night, Kerri then went on to win all three divisions of the Non Pro Derby ahead of Shelley Peters on Okies Fancy Step.

The next day the combination scored the co-championship in the Leura Stables Limited Non Pro with Amelia Baker riding A Hollywood Whizz.

Ashleigh Backhouse and Kayla Kington had great success in the Intermediate Open and Rookie Professional classes. Ashleigh rode Smart Nu Georgie into the champion's spot in both classes with their score of 141.5 while Kayla and Hollywood Blue Chip filled the reserve positions.

The Non Pro Futurity is always a popular event in the Queensland State Show program. This year, 15 entries threw their hats in the ring to vie for the Joyce Olsen Memorial trophy and a coveted Southern Cross Reiner saddle.

NSW-based David Nixon brought his campaign north off the back of his successes at the NSW State Championships. An emotional favourite, riding his late brother's horse, A Smooth Kitty, David took out the Southern Cross Saddlery Non Pro Futurity with a great run of 142.

He built on this success later in the show with a win the Intermediate Open Futurity and third place in the Open Futurity with an impressive score of 145 on the young horse.

Newest member of the Calliope Sliders, Michael Toohey, made the worthwhile trek to Brisbane to show at his first reining show. With the very vocal support of his Calliope Sliders teammates, Michael achieved an outstanding result aboard Cooper Get Crackin to win the Intermediate Non Pro and Limited Non Pro Futurity buckles.

Michael was also Reserve Champion to David Nixon and A Smooth Kitty in the Open Non Pro Futurity. Michael's coach Ed Smith from Ed Smith Reining & Performance Horses showed obvious pride in the achievements of his fellow Slider commenting, *"You guys have shown amazing dedication to achieve something that many have dreamed of. Just goes to show that if you don't let barriers stop you, you can achieve anything."*



Above: Andrew Behrens and Sheron Sheza Little Fancy were Intermediate Non Pro champions.



Above: Ashleigh Backhouse won both the Intermediate Open and Rookie Professional classes on Smart Nu Georgie.





## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships



Above: David Nixon and A Smooth Kitty won the Southern Cross Saddlery Non Pro Futurity and Joyce Olsen Memorial trophy. David took home the first of the show's trophy saddles, this one from Southern Cross.



Above: Ed Smith congratulates Michael Toohey and Cooper Get Crackin for their popular wins in the Intermediate and Limited divisions of the Non Pro Futurity.





## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships



*Above: Scott Burnett and Smokin Sheriff won the champion's buckle for all divisions of the Open Derby.*



*Above: Kerri Behrens and My Dads A Wimps were successful with this run in all three divisions of the Non Pro Derby.*



## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships

Marni Baker and Quirran Lea Spinamiss won the Backhouse Training Stables Rookie Level 2 with Sydney Paech and Onya Wozza filling the reserve place. A 4-way tie for first place in the Burnett Performance Horses Rookie Level 1 Class overshadowed Marni's Level 2 win.

The subsequent 4-way run off may have been a first for reining with two of the contenders being Karen Callinan riding Wimpys Red Chilli and her 13-year-old daughter Charlotte on OP Hesa Smart Whiz. All four contenders rode courageously with Hayley Smith taking out the buckle on Yuglibar Requestamelody with a runoff score of 140.5.

Hayley showcased her skill by taking out the trifecta of titles for newbies to the sport of Beginner Rider, Green Rider Level 1 and Rookie Level 1. Congratulations to Hayley, she has a bright future ahead of her in this sport.



Above: Proud Rookie Level 2 champion Marni Baker shows off her sash on Quirran Lea Spinamiss.

Sienna Miller rode Little Roan Oak into first place in the Short Stirrup class. Layla Gould was runner up on Dualin Gal with Tobin Smart and Sonitas Calendar Girl half a point behind in third place.

Amelia Baker and A Hollywood Whizz won the buckle in the Wyse Equine Youth 13 Years and Under class with Matilda Ready and Clare Neylon sharing the reserve position. Kelsie Moyce and Whizkey On The Rocks edged out Kasey Bogie and Lyrics Custom Corey to win the buckle and trophy in the Graham Hargreaves Memorial Youth 14 to 18 Years.



Above: Rick Sciberras helps Leonie Kingdon (QRHA) to tie the Short Stirrup champion's sash on Sienna Miller's Little Roan Oak.



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Above: Kelsie Moyce and Whizkey On The Rocks were champions in the Youth 14 to 18 Years class.



Above: Michelle Burnett and De Termination show off the buckle and sash for the Limited Open class to sponsor Jason Russell.



Above: Greg Peters congratulates Amelia Baker on A Hollywood Whizz and Kerri Behrens on My Dads A Wimp, co-champions in the Limited Non Pro class.



Above: Winner of the Michelle Halliwell Memorial Ladies class, Angie Wicks and Q Vista Peppa Revolution.



Above: Carolyn Peters rode Janies Whiz Kid into the Prime Time Non Pro champion's position.



## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships

Carolyn Peters rode Janies Whiz Kid into first place for the Prime Time Non Pro buckle with Ian Kindt and Kitten Revolution coming in as the reserve champions.

The Michelle Halliwell Memorial Open Ladies event was the last ride of the show for many competitors. Angie Wicks and Q Vista Peppa Revolution collected the winner's special prizes and garland while Shelley Peters on Okies Fancy Step stepped into second place ahead of Robyn Ross on Hustlin For Chicks and Bridget Connelly riding Do Me A Favour.

Charlotte Callinan's personality shone through in the Freestyle class. She won the Buckle with a very entertaining "Greatest Showman" routine riding OP Hesa Smart Whiz. Peter Gould was another crowd favourite, hitting the warm Queensland ski slopes with his bridleless freestyle skiing routine aboard Dualin Gal.

The final night of competition was launched with the Reining Australia Youth riding display. The routine, overseen by Tania Powell from Tan-a-Lou Performance Horses, reassured us all that the future of reining is in great hands.

Tania also presented Reining Australia with a cheque from the fundraising she had initiated for the RA Youth team. We would like to recognise and thank Tania for her support of reining youth in this country, especially now that she is based in the USA.

Saturday night's showcase event is the Open Futurity. This year, the Platinum Saddle Co sponsored the Futurity. The event was hotly contested with more than \$15,000 prize money and a Platinum Saddle Co trophy saddle up for grabs.

Warren Backhouse rode Hollywood Groover to absolute perfection for the ride of the show, scoring a very impressive 148.5. This superstar combination made it three for three at major shows in 2018 having already won the Pacific Coast Reining Spectacular Open Futurity and the NSW State Championships Open Futurity.

Owner Debbie Keogh from Crown K Quarter Horse Stud was over the moon with their 2018 campaign: *"Thank you so much to the major sponsor for the Open Futurity, Platinum Saddle Co, and buckle and garland sponsor: Leura Stables... Thank you to QRHA for putting on a great show, and thank you to the judges and congratulations to all the other competitors. Big thank you to Carol and everyone at BTS for all the hard work getting Groover looking so amazing. I know my father would be so proud of what Groover has achieved with his great trainer."*

The International judge, Bub Poplin was effusive in his praise of his experience of the Queensland State Championships stating, *"...what a great organization from show grounds, to awesome footing to a great staff. Your association is second to none! I think what makes it so great is the enthusiasm around the sport. Everyone seems so happy with themselves and the other competitors. I heard no complaints and that is like a breath of fresh air for me!!"*

We would like to acknowledge Caboolture Sporting Club and Darling Downs Vets for their support of the State Championships. The level of support from all of our great sponsors was second to none and we want to thank them all for their continued support.

QRHA President Dennis Neylon was also pleased with the event and summed up with the following message:

*"I would like to congratulate all competitors on their camaraderie and sportsmanship shown by all, it was inspirational to witness and be a part of. Thank you for the commitment of QRHA's hard working committee and all our valued sponsors who made this event such a great success, we look forward to 2019 with you all."*





## 2018 Queensland State Reining Championships



Above: Charlotte Callinan and OP Heza Smart Whiz took home the Freestyle champion's buckle.



Above: Peter Gould and the bridleless Dualin Gal were reserve Freestyle champions.



Above: Bub Poplin (judge), Darren Simpson (judge), and the Delbridges from Platinum Saddle Co with their trophy saddle congratulate Open Futurity champions Warren Backhouse and Hollywood Groover owned by Crown K Quarter Horse Stud.



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# WEG 2018 News - Reining Results

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Judges were Eugenio Latorre (Italy), Maik Bartmann (Germany), Pete McAlister (USA), Jan Boogarts (Belgium) and Francois Zurcher (Switzerland)

On the first day of Reining competition, Wednesday, all qualified riders faced the judges. There were 63 runs. Scores from this run are used to determine the ranking of the teams and count for the first qualifying round in the individual competition. Four riders are permitted in a team. The best three scores are used and the lowest is discarded.

### Team results

Gold medal: United States of America (681.0); Casey Deary's score of 223.5 was discarded

Silver medal: Belgium (671.5); Cira Baeck's score of 216.0 was discarded

Bronze medal: Germany (666.5); Robin Schoeller's score of 220.0 was discarded

4th: Austria (666.0); 5th: Brazil (664.5); 6th: Italy (659.5); 7th: France (659.5)

8th place: Australia (656.5); Shauna Larcombe (221.5), Robyn Schiller (218.0), Warwick Schiller (217.0); Martin Larcombe's score of 216.5 was discarded

9th: The Netherlands 648.5; 10th: Canada (648)

Riders with the top 16 scores in the first qualifying round (229.0 down to 221.0) progressed immediately to the individual final. Shauna Larcombe was in this cohort.

The next group of 19 riders (220.5 down to 217.0) were given a second qualifying ride on Thursday. Robyn Schiller and Warwick Schiller were included here. Martin Larcombe (216.5) was unlucky to be placed just below this cut off score. Dan James scored 203.5 in his ride.

The top 6 riders in the second qualifying round (first to equal fifth place) progressed to the individual final. Robyn Schiller (220.5) came in in seventh place while Warwick Schiller came ninth (220.0) and they bowed out of the competition.

The individual final on Saturday was a clean slate competition. There were 22 horses in the draw.

### Individual results

Gold medal: Bernard Fonck (227.0) Belgium

Silver medal: Daniel L Huss (226.5) USA

Bronze medal: Cade McCutcheon (225.0) USA

Equal 18th with Casey Deary: Shauna Larcombe (219.0) Australia



WEG 2018 Reining Individual Gold Medal winner: Bernard Fonck (Belgium) and What A Wave.





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# NRHA STATEMENT - 2014 FEI COOPERATION AGREEMENT

## Door still open to possible new agreement concerning reining in future

Following months of ongoing discussions and negotiations involving all parties, the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) Bureau, at its November 16, 2018 meeting in Bahrain, chose to terminate the 2014 Cooperation Agreement with the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) effective November 19, 2018.

This 2014 Cooperation Agreement, for the most part, was first put together to cover such reining competitions as the World Equestrian Games and a small number of other horse shows, primarily in Europe, and reining demonstrations at Olympic-related events. NRHA leaders had offered to travel to FEI in January to negotiate a continued relationship. However, FEI chose to decline the opportunity and terminated the agreement.

Among the provisions FEI required was: "A competition which is specifically organized for horses of 7 years and older is required under the FEI Regulations to be held under the authority of the National Federation of that country and to be entered into the FEI Calendar for International events."

**This would mean all NRHA reining classes held specifically for horses 7 and older would also need to be FEI-approved, run under FEI rules, and be held in accordance with the respective National Federation. NRHA Vice President Mike Hancock further explained the impact, "After discussions with show management teams, we discovered how complex and expensive this would be for them. In the end, we felt it would be more detrimental to the growth of older horse competition to move forward with this concept. However, we are hopeful to discuss other opportunities for future growth and mutual benefit with FEI."**

Other provisions included but were not limited to FEI stewarding requirements, medication regulations, and that any FEI penalties imposed on horses, owners, officials, riders, etc., be accepted and enforced by NRHA (even if they disagreed with the FEI penalty determinations). NRHA has established its own rules and guidelines in these areas to protect the welfare of the horse at all times during NRHA events. The safety and wellbeing of reining horses is the utmost priority for NRHA, and it will continue to take appropriate measures to maintain and enforce those rules, including its own set of medications rules and penalties.

The Notice of Termination of the 2014 Cooperation Agreement was received by AQHA and NRHA via an email from Sabrina Ibanez, FEI secretary general, on November 19. The letter did leave open the possibility of a new agreement with FEI in the future. The termination does not appear to impact FEI National Federations, such as US Equestrian, and their ability to host FEI reining events.

Even as the future of the FEI World Equestrian Games is being questioned, NRHA believes reining is on strong footing with members in approximately 40 countries. This includes a well-established membership in Europe who have helped solidify the expansion of reining and the NRHA European Futurity and Derby.

Founded in 1966, the National Reining Horse Association is a nonprofit association dedicated to promoting and encouraging the development of and public interest in the sport of reining. The focus is on developing and maintaining suitable standards of performance and judging and in providing a fun filled, family-oriented atmosphere.

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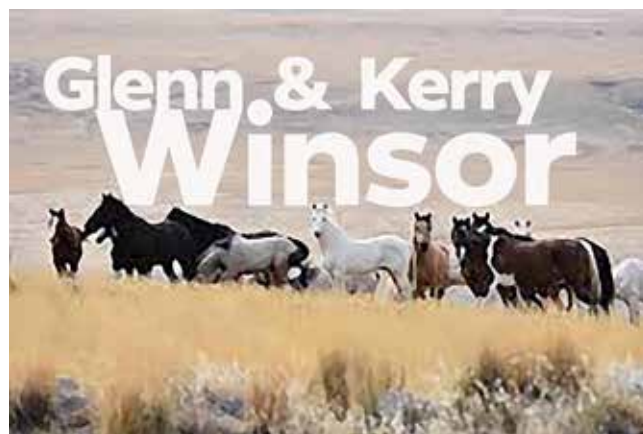
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# 2018 Mare of the Year - Open and Non Pro

## Shine It Up A Notch

Statistically there are fewer mares winning reining classes than stallions and geldings. This disparity is even more pronounced in the Open and Derby classes at the highest level. Quality mares are an essential part of a successful breeding program, with competitively proven mares even more important. Reining Australia believes that mares that succeed at the elite level are exceptional and deserve special recognition.

Reining Australia is pleased to announce that the 2018 Mare Of The Year in both the Open and Non Pro Divisions has been awarded to Shine It Up A Notch owned and shown by Cameron Halliwell.

Prize money for Shine It Up A Notch in 2018:

Open \$2539.66 (3rd overall nationally)

Non Pro \$1825.85 (National High Point)

Shine It Up A Notch is by Shiney And Nu\* out of OP Dun It Up A Notch (by Dun It Downunder\* out of Empire Rose by Kings Phillip\*).

OP Dun It Up A Notch might one day find her way into the Reining Australia Hall of Fame. She is the dam of Dunrufnit, 2017 Open Mare of the Year and has many achievements in her own right. Cameron Halliwell rode OP Dunit Up A Notch to win the 2006 National Non Pro Futurity Final with a score of 143.



Above: Shine It Up A Notch and Cameron Halliwell on the way to share the reserve champion's place in the 2018 Michelle Halliwell Memorial Non Pro at the Reining Australia Nationals at K Ranch Arena.





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# 2018 RA NRHA Futurity Raffle Draw

## Lucky winner - Michele Delbridge (QRHA)

The fundraising raffle for tickets to the NRHA Futurity in Oklahoma City was drawn on Sunday, 21st October via Facebook live stream.

Lee Erlin (NSWRHA) took the raffle tickets in a sealed satchel to the premises of Reining Australia major sponsors Suttons Nissan at Homebush.

New Vehicle Sales Manager Alan Edwards drew the ticket of the lucky winner, Michele Delbridge (QRHA).

As a token of our appreciation for their support, Reining Australia presented Suttons Nissan with a framed picture of the Open Futurity winner, Hasta Shine.



*Above: Alan Edwards of Suttons Nissan shows the winning ticket.*

*Right: Michele Delbridge and her husband with one of their Platinum Saddle Co trophy saddles, this one awarded to the winner of the Open Futurity at the 2018 Queensland State Championships.*







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# What do Star Trek and Reining have in common?

**Answer: William Shatner**

## **William Shatner Receives the 2018 Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award**

Canadian native, William Shatner needs no introduction. He is a well-known actor, author, producer, director and singer. He is perhaps best known for his role as Captain James T. Kirk in the original Star Trek; more recently, he co-starred with Sandra Bullock in *Miss Congeniality* and its sequel.

Through his varied work, Shatner has earned many awards including two Emmy Awards, one Golden Globe Award, and even a NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal.

At the Reining Horse Foundation Slider's Night Out held during the 2018 NRHA Futurity, he was presented with the prestigious Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.

After purchasing some land in the Sierras of Southern California, Shatner acted on a friend's suggestion to buy a horse. He bought the horse that his friend suggested, and in Shatner's own words, "Like when you eat one potato chip, if you buy one horse, you have to have more. So my career as a horseman began."

Shatner has a long list of accomplishments as an owner, breeder and exhibitor in the equine industry with both Saddlebreds and Quarter Horses. He has spearheaded many charity fundraisers and generously supports multiple equestrian events and organizations.

Upon receiving the award, Shatner said, "Having horses and being a part of the horse world has been a life saver. My wife, Elizabeth, is a former horse trainer and competes in the same areas as I have. It's been an extraordinary experience."

The Dale Wilkinson Award is named for one of the founding members of the NRHA and the first inductee into the NRHA Hall of Fame. The legendary reining trainer will forever be known as the "father of reining."



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# 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships

Photos: Stephen Mowbray

From Thursday 15th November to Sunday 18th November throughout EQUITANA, Reining Australia had a stand in the Exhibition Pavilion at site #503 (photos on the previous page).

The stand was a welcoming portal for those who came by and asked not only “What is reining?” but followed up with “How do I get into it?” We hope to meet up with some of these visitors again at our affiliates’ clinics and shows in 2019. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at the stand.

David Norbury and Warren Backhouse were at EQUITANA as Reining Australia representatives for two Education Sessions. David presented on Friday 16th and Warren presented on Saturday 17th. The sessions were “standing room only” and were very well received.

Thank you to Warren and David and a special acknowledgment to Mel Dennis who facilitated these sessions with great skill and confidence.

Stacy Westfall, living legend of Freestyle reining, was at EQUITANA this year as a Star Presenter for the second time after her first visit in 2011. Stacy presented at two expos in 2018 and her visit to EQUITANA Melbourne was the only demonstration outside of the United States.

Stacy’s husband, Jesse Westfall, along with Australian Shane Watts, judged the EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships on Sunday 18th in the Aqualuma Grand Pavilion. Warren Backhouse and Errol Thomas scribed for the judges.

There was a strong line up of 16 riders ready to show on what many competitors commented was EQUITANA’s best surface for reining to date. The crowd was certainly not disappointed with the calibre of the competition.

The winner of the 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships was Rodney Peachey riding Gunnerreload (owned by Peter Bartolo) with an impressive score of 142. Reserve champion was Scott Burnett and Smokin Sheriff on 141.

Peter Bartolo and SR Whizzel Chex, Scott Hergest and Spinnin Whiz and Angie Wicks riding Q Vista Peppa Revolution filled equal third place on 139.

Congratulations to Peter Bartolo who was the highest placed Non Pro.



Above: 2018 EQUITANA Australian Reining Open champions, Peter Bartolo’s Gunnerreload and Rodney Peachey.



Above: Peter Bartolo and SR Whizzel Chex were equal third placed overall and highest placed Non Pro entry.



## 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships



Above: Scribes and judges for the 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships: from left Warren Backhouse (scribe), Shane Watts (judge AUS), Jesse Westfall (judge USA) and Errol Thomas (scribe).



Above: Scott Burnett topped off a banner year by riding Smokin Sheriff into the reserve position in the 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships.



## 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships



Above: Angie Wicks rode Q Vista Peppa Revolution into equal third place in the 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships.



Above: Scott Hergest and Spinnin Whiz filled equal third place in the 2018 EQUITANA Australian Open Reining Championships.





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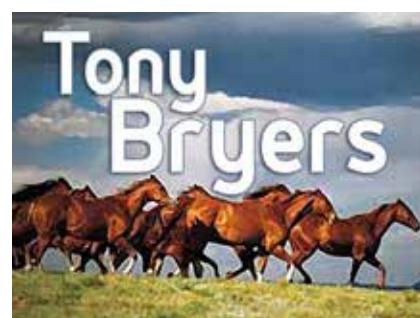
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