

Spotlight on **SHARIN HALL**

PROFESSIONAL BARREL RACER

Sharin grew up in Sunburry Ohio, with her parents Pat and Jackson Hall. Growing up her mom did halter and western pleasure and her Dad trained barrel horses.

***"My Mom sat me on a pony at 8 mos old
and I was hooked!"***

Sharin's first horse was named Foxy which she ran barrels on at 8 yrs old. She trained her first horse at age 16 and finished 4th at the Aqha World Show. She started futurities in her early 20's and started riding for the public when she moved to Oklahoma in 1999. Mr. Monnie Man is the name of the horse that launched her career in training futurity horses for a living. Her main influence in getting started is Mr. Ken Pruitt—"he saw my talent and took a chance on me and taught me a lot; I rode for him 12 years." Sharin met her husband while he worked for Pettit Machinery—she bought a gator from him. She has an 11 yr old stepdaughter, Avery. Asked about her other interests, other than barrel racing--attending Victory Life Church in Durant, boating and golf.

Sharin's philosophy about training barrel horses –

"It takes time, dedication and lots of patience."

Q: We asked her, what is the turning style you like the best?
Forward motion with just enough bend for a fast, snappy turn.

Q: What is the average timeline you use to finish a barrel horse?
"A good one will make it in 6 months, but most are a year."

Q: What is your game plan to peak your horses at the right time?
I do build mine for the 1st futurity of the year which is usually in December at OKC.

Q: Do you stick with certain bloodlines or have any preference?
"I like heart and willingness to try." My favorite bloodlines, which I've had success with are Dash Ta Fame, Bully Bullion, Marthas Six Moons, Dash for Perks and cow breds because they are more athletic and willing."



KOOL N FAMOUS winning Reserve Champion
at The BFA Spring Classic

Sharin rides 8-12 horses per day, which includes both her own as well as customer horses (which are always first). Her advice for anyone on the work it takes on a horse to have a chance, is to read what your horse is telling you, spend time with them, and take care of their feet and legs—it's your wheels to get there! Her daily exercise and training program includes doing a little every day, reiterate what they learned the day before and teach the next step. When they get it right, quit—don't over train—keep them happy and guessing.

Q: We also asked Sharin, do you prefer to run futurities, rodeo or open?
"I love the challenge of developing a young horse into a winner. Very gratifying. Would love to rodeo but like to be home. I use the open races to season colts."

Q: Do you prefer the 5yr old, or the 4yr old futurities and why?
"Typically the 4yr old futurities. We start them as 3yr olds but some need more time and I am thankful for the 5yr old futurities for that opportunity."

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Q: What are your favorite arenas?

I like OKC and Fort Smith. Big arenas with big added money.

Q: Do you have a favorite horse of your entire career?

"Bahama Bully--he was solid and every time I loaded him in the trailer I was confident to not hit a barrel and get a check. He was consistent but if there was a mistake he would still clock."

Q: Do you have a routine warm up that seems to work for the majority of your horses, pre-race?

"Keep them quiet, supple and listening."

Q: What do you do to keep your horse fresh and ready to run when hauling & stalling?

"Don't overwork or tune, good bedding and fresh water."

We then asked Sharin about her preferences for saddles, pads, tack, shoes, bits etc. Sharin said, *"we are about to release my line of saddles with Triple Creek Saddlery that includes a tree I designed to fit most barrel horse shapes and sizes. Currently looking for a wool pad to endorse or work with but currently using CSI pads. My husband, Bobby Lowe, designs custom tack at Halloweranch.com I generally use rims and or plates in front and flat plates in rear."* Regarding bits, Sharin said, *"I designed a line of bits with Dave Elliot in Canada. 1st step is the colt starting oring, 2nd step is our short shank 3-piece dog bone, half gag lift bit and a finished combination bit. His quality is impeccable."*

Q: What is your preferred grain & hay?

"I use Blue Bonnet 12 percent protein and 8 percent fat and all the bermuda hay they want. Some get alfalfa if needed. I'm sponsored and a proud distributor of MVP products. I use 6 Way Exceed, Ulcerin, Natural E/SE and Calm X. They cover every need in one scoop and all my horses eat it and I can actually see results."

Q: Any therapies you use or would like to try?

"Therapate does wonders at home or on the road--increases blood flow to increase healing. I'm also a distributor and sell them."

Q: Routines?

Cold water therapy and rub legs with Bigeol. Massage, chiropractic adjustment, ice, magnets--my husband does massage and chiropractic adjustments on my horses when needed--magnets when needed.

We asked Sharin about her long-term or short-term goals for this year or beyond?

"Continue producing winners for people to buy and win on."

Q: And finally, any people or sponsors you'd like to mention or thank?

"I thank God for the opportunities and grace."

MVP, Theraplate, Exfuze, Triple Creek Saddlery, Dave Elliot Bits

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