

CANADIAN BARREL HORSE INCENTIVE FUTURITY (CBHI)

Calnash Center – October 5-8, 2017 – Ponoka, AB CN

FUTURITY SUPERSTAKES

1. Kim Gerwatoski, **SR FAMOUSINPARADISE** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.431, \$42,480.00
Docs Paradise Breeder: Sandy Ridge Stallion Station, \$14,168.00
2. Kareen Warren, **MISS CORONABOON** m by **Boonlit**, 17.527, \$14,160.00
Corona for Me Breeder: Ronda Sayers, \$4,720.00
3. Rene Leclercq, **PREPIESLAST GRACELN** m by **Preppies Last**, 17.551, \$8,496.00
Breeder: Jack & Kelly Hart, \$2,832.00
4. Raylee Edwards, **SHINEY SIXES** m by **Fire Sixes**, 17.620, \$5,664.00
First to Shine Breeder: Lorne & Joann Winther, \$1,888.00

FUTURITY AVERAGE

1. Kim Gerwatoski, **SR FAMOUSINPARADISE** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 52.011, \$2,188.80
2. Andrea Udal, **PEPINICS FRENCH GAL** m by **Six Moons Guy**, 52.491, \$1,728.00
3. Kim Gerwatoski, **LETTA SHAWNE BUG U** m by **Letta Hank Do It**, 52.650, \$1,497.60
4. Rayel Little, **JUSTMOVESLIKEJAGGER** g by **PC Frenchmans Hayday**, 52.765, \$1,267.20
5. Rylee Mckenzie, **GKS FRENCH FRIES** g by **Technicolours**, 52.842, \$1,152.00
6. Debbie Knudsen, **BANKSTOCKSNPARADISE** g by **Sal The Stock Broker**, 52.948, \$1,036.80
7. Sarah Gerard, **RNR RUNAWAY MAJOR** g by **Time Line**, 53.019, \$921.60
8. Pam Havens, **STRAIGHT BACK TOFAME** g by **Blackgold Jack**, 53.083, \$806.40
9. Rylee Shields, **FEELINGDIRTY** g by **Furyofthewind**, 53.160, \$576.00
10. Chelsea Moore, **LEROY**, 53.192, \$345.60

Futurity Superstakes & Futurity Champion...

KIM GERWATOSKI & SR FAMOUSINPARADISE



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KIM GERWATOSKI runs at the CBHI...

I wanted to win LOL just like everybody else, but I kept it forefront in my mind that it was just another barrel race, no different than any other. For the first go round I was first out, 8am Saturday. I wasn't sure if that was a good thing or not. But I tried to keep my head on straight and just make a good run and hope my horse was on the same page. He missed the first barrel a little bit, had a fabulous second, and I made sure we were deep enough on third to be safe. But he is so fast he still clocked well. The ground was a bit iffy for the first few rakes but Elvis handled it well. He placed third in the go round and was leading the Super Stakes race after run #1. This meant I was last out in the second go on Sunday, so I knew before I made my second run that I had already won the big CBHI Super Stakes cheque. I had to quickly throw that thought aside though and concentrate again on making another good run. Elvis made a fantastic run but being bottom of the ground it was heavy, especially on third. He still managed to place second in the round, and was coming back first in the average by almost 5 tenths. The shortgo was several hours later so it was getting to be a long day. I had been up since 4:30 am for time only! I had actually qualified two horses back to the shortgo. My second futurity horse, a 5yo buckskin mare, Letta Hank Do It aka "Fate" was third in the average. This meant running slowest to fastest for the shortgo, that I only had one horse between my two. I had a good friend helping me with Elvis and my husband was there too. My two horses have different styles and I ride each of them a bit differently so I really had to focus on my job. It was the toughest shortgo Ponoka has ever seen, and I'm glad I fit in! After having a great run on Fate (17.3), I was breathing fairly hard (I have to ride her fairly aggressive) and I was trying to calm my body to get on Elvis. I took my time, because Elvis needs to be quiet before he runs and he was a bit worked up from all the cheering of the crowd. I don't know how long everyone had to wait on me but I tried not to let that phase me. Elvis was acting a little bit funny going in, so I was really hoping he was ok mentally; but he must have been because he smoked a 17.123, the fastest time of the weekend to that point and my personal best. I wiggled the second and had to lift my leg. I'm not athletic enough

to lift it forward, so it went back and up as high as my cantle. I'm not sure what I was thinking, but my horse felt confident enough going on his own that I did look back to see if it was still standing, so I didn't ride my third the greatest but it was still good enough. The crowd was very loud cheering for us but I was blocking it out! Elvis won the shortgo and the average, making him the main CBHI Futurity Champion as well.

ELVIS WON... \$5248 in the regular CBHI futurity, and \$825 in incentive money. He won \$42,480 in the CBHI Super Stakes futurity as well. And I won \$3393 on Fate in the regular futurity. So my weekend total was a hair shy of \$52,000!! My combined 2017 season earnings are just over \$84,000, of which a little over \$68,000 are Elvis'.

DID YOU CHANGE UP ANYTHING PRIOR TO THIS WEEKEND...

I didn't do anything different, other than I did go ride in that arena on Tuesday. My horses hadn't been rode in that arena since February, even though it's my home town pen.

THE CALNASH ARENA in Ponoka always does a great job being hospitable. It was absolutely wonderful that the ground was raked fresh for every competitor in the shortgo! The Canadian Barrel Horse Incentive executive works very hard and their event is second to none. Their Super Stakes format is exciting and on the forefront in the industry--Americans take note!!

SR FAMOUSINPARADISE... I bought Elvis out of the CBHI Select Breeders sale exactly 4 years ago that weekend. He was bred and raised by Doug & Carol Schafer of Bassano, AB. They are long time breeders and have a great program. They own Sandy Ridge Stallion Station. He was just a long yearling when I got him. I bought him specifically for his pedigree...by a son of DTF who has a proven maternal side, crossed on a repeatedly proven rodeo pedigree...and because he had a Super Stakes certificate. He needs to trust you. I sent him out to start because he has some really wicked moves in the pasture and I was scared LOL.

I had to be careful with him for a long time but he eventually got fairly quiet. He was extremely lazy for quite a while. He likes to stick his nose out and his head in the air. When I would try to collect him, he would refuse to move so we had to meet in the middle LOL. It took me over a year to get him to be able to lope a small circle without breaking to a trot. I had to make it fun for him and learn what worked for him and to be ok with it. He taught me a lot. I think most people wouldn't have gotten along with him very well. He has been in a correction bit since he was 3. Once he got to run home fast a few times in exhibitions, he then would get too excited to run barrels. So it's been a process, but I've known for a long time that he is very talented. Both my futurity horses have been hauled a lot for a couple years, and ran a lot. They just keep getting better and better. Still this spring Elvis would get distracted and forget a barrel, or run over it when he was looking elsewhere. I wouldn't tune on him for this; I just had to wait for him to grow up. He still has a bit of that to do yet!

SETBACKS...

I didn't have any lows in 2017. I have had a season most can only dream of. Both my horses ran great all year and won lots of money. They took me places I haven't been before but have dreamed of. I did well at the Glacier Classic in Montana earlier in the summer. I placed at the Fizz Bomb Futurity in Wyoming running against all the big dogs in September, as well as at the Copper Springs Futurity in Montana. Elvis made some pro rodeo money too! Both my horses felt great all year and were happy to do their job, which makes my heart very happy.

EQUIPMENT/THERAPY USED... I try to keep things simple. We do our own shoeing and I'm anal about it. My husband, Deven, does a great job. I feed the best alfalfa mixed hay I can get and grain minimally. I use Equipulmin as a competitive edge, Equiprobiotics as needed, and Recovery EQ for maintenance. My horses live outside in medium sized pastures. My horses didn't need any therapies this year. Once I started winning, I especially did not want to change things, which included someone working on my horse.

FEEDING & CONDITIONING PROGRAM...

I mostly ride in my arena at home. I ride so many I can't take them all out to the field; my body can't take that much. And once the crops go in, the fields are unavailable. Some people think that's boring, but my horses love getting rode every day. If you do things right, teach them in a certain way, they get very confident and do the same thing every time. There are only a few dry work things I need them to be able to do. I go through the poles a fair bit. I often warm up on them; it keeps the horses sharp. There are so many maneuvers involved, that when I go around the barrels, it makes them seem so easy. I keep their feet always going forward by doing all left barrels or all rights. I like keeping a routine most of the time. It gives the horse a sense of knowing what's going on, instead of wandering around aimlessly. If I have time I sometimes will chase a calf around, or the roping sled. I do go in the field some in the spring and the fall. I always come back to the arena though, or I will lope circles on a hill out there. I go to a lot of jackpots. I live in an area where there are lots within one hour of my house. I'm not a weekend jackpot warrior, just a week day. I find my horses do better if they run 1-2 times per week, and then I don't get rusty either. Sometimes they run 3-4 times if it's busy in the summer, depending on what's going on and they do very well with that too.

I only have 1 futurity horse for next year. I unfortunately am selling Fate, but hoping she finds the perfect home that will love and appreciate her as much as I do. But I plan to derby Elvis next year. I do have a couple 3 year olds and 2 year olds that are Super Stakes, so I'm working on getting them ready too.

THE CLOVERFEAF SALE... Coming soon on November 4 in Ponoka, Alberta there is a Barrel Racing Horse Sale. It's the first of its kind up here, to allow horses of any age to consign, as long as they have barrel racing experience or a barrel racing pedigree. I feel there is a real need for a sale like this, especially with the increased demand for Super Stakes and futurity prospects, thanks to the CBHI program. It'll give people a common place

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to view high quality prospects. I have 3 horses in the catalogue (Lot 11, 23, 31). I have too many young ones so I have consigned a 3yo filly and a 2yo gelding with a Super Stakes certificate that we no longer own their mothers; as well as a 5yo cow bred mare that had a late start before she came to us. They are all really nice horses; they have a great foundation on them.

SPONSORS... I don't have any but would love to help someone promote their products/company so give me a call!!

Kim

KIM GERWATOSKI & SR FAMOUSINPARADISE aka 'ELVIS' Short Go with a fast time of 17.123

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FUTURITY SHORT GO

1. Kim Gerwatoski, **SR FAMOUSINPARADISE** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.123, \$662.40
2. Andrea Udal, **PEPINICS FRENCH GAL** m by **Six Moons Guy**, 17.165, \$576.00
3. Kim Gerwatoski, **LETTA SHAWNE BUG U** m by **Letta Hank Do It**, 17.374, \$489.60
4. Rylee Mckenzie, **GKS FRENCH FRIES** g by **Technicolours**, 17.468, \$403.20
5. Pam Havens, **STRAIGHT BACK TOFAME** g by **Blackgold Jack**, 17.497, \$316.80
6. Debbie Knudsen, **BANKNSTOCKSNPARADISE** g by **Sal The Stock Broker**, 17.546, \$230.40
7. Chelsea Moore, **LEROY**, 17.553, \$144.00
8. Rayel Little, **JUSTMOVESLIKEJAGGER** g by **PC Frenchmans Hayday**, 17.560, \$57.60

FUTURITY 1ST GO

1D

1. Andrea Udal, **PEPINICS FRENCH GAL** m by **Six Moons Guy**, 17.306, \$1,368.00
2. Laci Sutor, **FAMOUS LITTLE BUGGAR** g by **Famous Bugs**, 17.383, \$1,080.00
3. Kim Gerwatoski, **SR FAMOUSINPARADISE** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.431, \$936.00
4. Kareen Warren, **MISS CORONABOON** m by **Boonlit**, 17.527, \$792.00
5. Rayel Little, **JUSTMOVESLIKEJAGGER** g by **PC Frenchmans Hayday**, 17.563, \$720.00
6. Kirsty White, **JKH RAISEN CAIN** m by **Corona Up**, 17.607, \$648.00
7. Raylee Edwards, **SHINEY SIXES** m by **Fire Sixes**, 17.620, \$576.00
8. Kim Gerwatoski, **LETTA SHAWNE BUG U** m by **Letta Hank Do It**, 17.669, \$504.00
9. Sarah Gerard, **RNR RUNAWAY MAJOR** g by **Time Line**, 17.699, \$360.00
10. Rylee Mckenzie, **GKS FRENCH FRIES** g by **Technicolours**, 17.710, \$216.00

2D

1. Chastity Schofield, **RNR BONANZA GOLD** m by **Blackgold Jack**, 18.308, \$588.00
2. Nicole Pana, **FAMOUS DOC**, 18.316, \$462.00
3. Brandy McPhee, **SIX MOONS PERFECT** m by **Perfect Possibility**, 18.330, \$378.00
4. Corleen Leclercq, **ROBINS CASHIN KEEPER** m by **Preponita**, 18.342, \$294.00
5. Krystal Grad, **FLY N ON A FRENCHMAN** g by **Frenchmans Buck**, 18.424, \$210.00
6. Caroline Heffernan, **SR MY GUY IS SPECIAL** g by **Caroline Heffernan**, 18.447, \$168.00

FUTURITY 2ND GO

1D

1. Rylee Shields, **FEELINGDIRTY** g by **Furyofthewind**, 17.378, \$1,368.00
2. Kim Gerwatoski, **SR FAMOUSINPARADISE** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.457, \$1,080.00
3. Debbie Knudsen, **BANKNSTOCKSNPARADISE** g by **Sal The Stock Broker**, 17.498, \$936.00
4. Rene Leclercq, **PREPPIESLAST GRACELN** m by **Preppies Last**, 17.551, \$792.00
5. Kim Gerwatoski, **LETTA SHAWNE BUG U** m by **Letta Hank Do It**, 17.607, \$720.00
6. Rayel Little, **JUSTMOVESLIKEJAGGER** g by **PC Frenchmans Hayday**, 17.642, \$648.00
7. Rylee Mckenzie, **GKS FRENCH FRIES** g by **Technicolours**, 17.664, \$576.00
8. Keri Mikkelsen, **THIS BELLES ROYAL** m by **Barely Royal**, 17.688, \$504.00
9. Pam Havens, **STRAIGHT BACK TOFAME** g by **Blackgold Jack**, 17.714, \$360.00
10. Shayna Gagnon, **BULLYS RUBIE RED** m by **The Red Bull**, 17.746, \$216.00

2D

1. Corleen Leclercq, **ROBINS CASHIN KEEPER** m by **Preponita**, 18.382, \$588.00
2. Brandy McPhee, **SIX MOONS PERFECT** m by **Perfect Possibility**, 18.413, \$462.00
3. Shauna Cole, **DEAL A BULLYS GIRL** c by **The Red Bull**, 18.428, \$378.00
4. Rene Leclercq, **SIX PACK N FAMOUS** g by **Decider**, 18.467, \$294.00
5. Veronica Swales, **MISS ARIES**, 18.467, \$210.00
6. Amy Macdonald, **WHO THE MAN** g by **Whos Bad**, 18.487, \$168.00

CBHI ARENA RECORD RUN!



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Derby Average Champion

HELEN NOWOSAD & RAISE THE GOLD BAR

DERBY AVERAGE

- 1 Helen Nowosad, **RAISE THE GOLD BAR** m by **La Jollas Gold**, 51.335, \$1,881.76
- 2 Eileen Willoughby, **SR FAMOUS TA DA MOON** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 52.078, \$1,485.60
- 3 Carman Pozzobon, **RIPN LADY** m by **Frenchs Hula Guy**, 52.226, \$1,287.52
- 4 Rylee Shields, **BLUEBLAZIN HOT FLING** g by **A Streak of Fling**, 52.564, \$1,089.44
- 5 Rene Leclercq, **SPECIAL N TINY** m by **All Star Special**, 52.950, \$990.40
- 6 Krystal Grad, **JUDGE SPICE** m by **Judge Cash**, 53.001, \$891.36
- 7 Twylla Bruhn, **GOOSSES DONALD DUCK** g by **Real Easy Buy**, 53.055, \$792.32
- 8 Braidy Howes, **HOWES HION FIREWATER** m by **Nik Dell**, 53.057, \$693.28
- 9 Lana Bohnet, **LA ROYAL PARADISE** g by **La Royal Cash**, 53.174, \$495.20
- 10 Dawn Vandersteen, **RUNNING FLIT BAR** g by **Mr Red Rock Leo Bar**, 53.299, \$297.12

DERBY SHORT GO

1. Helen Nowosad, **RAISE THE GOLD BAR** m by **La Jollas Gold**, 16.824, \$569.48
2. Eileen Willoughby, **SR FAMOUS TA DA MOON** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.179, \$495.21
3. Carman Pozzobon, **RIPN LADY** m by **Frenchs Hula Guy**, 17.255, \$420.92
4. Rylee Shields, **BLUEBLAZIN HOT FLING** g by **A Streak of Fling**, 17.366, \$346.64
5. Krystal Grad, **JUDGE SPICE** m by **Judge Cash**, 17.416, \$272.31
6. Twylla Bruhn, **GOOSSES DONALD DUCK** g by **Real Easy Buy**, 17.480, \$198.08
7. Lana Bohnet, **LA ROYAL PARADISE** g by **La Royal Cash**, 17.552, \$123.80
8. Rene Leclercq, **SPECIAL N TINY** m by **All Star Special**, 17.571, \$49.52

Helen Nowosad had an incredible weekend at the CBHI. We asked Nowosad about her program & how she kept her horse, Alley, consistent and running at her best coming from her futurity year of competition into the derbies...

HELEN NOWOSAD...

Hello everyone, I'm Helen Nowosad. I live in central Alberta with my husband and two children. Here we raise, train and compete barrel racing and rope horses out of our ranch, Shamrock Performance Horses. We have four broodmares all own daughters of Dr Nick Bar that are raising us our next superstars. One of these mares has already produced us a champion, 2010 mare Raise The Gold Bar aka Alley by La Jollas Gold and out of Sweet Fleet Bar (Dr Nick Bar).

My husband Tyler and I purchased Raise The Gold Bar aka Alley as a 2 year old along with her dam Sweet Fleet Bar from the Borglum family in Iowa. We had previously purchased a mare from them, Sheza Slick Nick, and I was waiting for the day I could go back to get more. I started Alley and trained her. She was my only project at that time because the rest of my colts were only in utero or a vision of the future. We now have quite a few colts that we are looking forward to. Alley was a very big two-year-old--15.2 at wither and nearly 16 at her hip--a lot bigger than what I'm used to. She was very trainable and eager to learn, just a big teddy bear that was scared of cattle. She took a little while to balance out, so I did not put lots of miles on her until she was 4. She started exhibiting barrels the fall of her 4-year-old year and then had the winter off.



Helen Nowosad family... Rowdey 7, Helen, Raise the Gold Bar, Tyler, and Jaden 11.

Sweet Fleet Bar at 20 years old!



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With limited runs and not starting her futurity year until late June 2015, Alley was a Canadian Futurity standout. My main focus was to keep her confidence through each run; I never asked for more than she was ready to willingly give. Her speed increased on its own with each run. I made sure I always got there with plenty of time, never rushed, and got my time only. Keeping in mind I want to build confidence in my horse, making proper use of this time is important. I will not pick a battle; if she wants to roll in there with speed I just stay back and find her rate with my body, not my hands. I will never circle a barrel twice, or take her off course and I always run clean through the out gate or straight to the wall where she needs to stop.

“When I can truly believe it I can achieve it!”

Alley had the winter off after her futurity year and started the 2016 season at the end of May. She was just getting strong when she suffered a wire cut that took us out of summer Derby shows and it was too late to get her in shape to run in the fall, so she continued her break. Knowing that we are always where we are meant to be, and knowing that Alley had a long road ahead of her with many more years of success coming her way, I was not discouraged; 2017 was coming fast and we will be ready.

On the road, in the shower, doing chores, this is when I make that perfect run over and over again in my head. My heart races while thinking about the acceleration up the alleyway, each step we take around the turns, feeling the power underneath me and the joy when we're running home with a clean fast run, and hearing the crowd cheer when I stop the clock with my arena record time. Envisioning my perfect run from all angles, feeling the bliss, this is where it starts...when I can truly believe it I can achieve it!

Keeping her in shape and never running her without proper condition has always been top of my list. I never rushed this, even though it's really hard

watching those entry days pass by; we are building a horse for the long haul. We condition in the fields--conditioning off the adrenaline of an open field can best strengthen their muscles and lungs for the race. Becoming a team happens here--knowing my body cues, insuring she responds well to my body cues, and in turn we have clear communication. Without clear communication, we are not prepared.

We had a great 2017...Open Champions, Derby Champions and set a tough arena record in Canada's best indoor facility. Many lessons learned as always--building more confidence as a rider, trainer and competitor. We hit the road in May and the pay window right off the start. Thrilled with early season success it puts the belief in our hearts that it will continue. She did great in the arena, but we had problems arise at the gate. Thinking *medical problems* comes quick to us barrel racers with everything we hear and see on a daily basis. But this was not that; Alley had lost her confidence from her nerves getting the best of her. We had made quite a few runs in June to get qualified for the Alberta Barrel Racing Finals because we had not jackpotted all winter. Having her 6-year-old year spent in the pasture put us behind on her seasoning. Back to the basics. Some training in the entry was all that was needed and we were back in action. Both of our confidences had been shook but I would give big rewards of verbal praise after each run and it boosted us both back up. Since the patterning process, whatever happens in that arena I made sure Alley left feeling like a champion. I would never leave the run disappointed in any way because it would break her spirit; this is key to building a confident horse. She doesn't know if we tipped a barrel or went by a turn. She went out there to do what we prepared for; if we make a mistake it's likely by my guidance. She needs to be praised to keep her heart strong.

We went on to win all the rounds of the Fast Time Barrel Race, pulled some cash out of the Oil Country Barrel Challenge Slot Race and Open race, won the prestigious Alberta Barrel Racing Finals 1D Champion saddle, and Alley also carried my 11 year old daughter Jaden to the ABRA short go in the youth 1D.

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The Canadian Barrel Horse Incentive, CBHI, is a great breeders program we have here in Canada, and they put on a fantastic show in October, the big Futurity Derby Open that everyone here looks forward to. I headed down for the Thursday night warm up jackpot. We planned to use it like a time only and just breeze through it. She worked great; just caught her first and second barrels in the finish and was a 17.4. I was pleased with the run and knew our momentum wasn't there to be clean; it will be there Saturday. Saturday rolls around and she was ready--we ran a 17.164 and won the first round of the Derby as well as the Open with our carryover. That night was the CBHI annual yearling sale, where the yearlings sell with CBHI Superstakes certificates. We had Alley's little sister 'Sweet Northern Nick' consigned. She was last lot in the sale and sold for \$14,000 reserve high seller. Extremely pleased with the sale and her new home, yet sad to see her go, we had to prepare for Sunday races. Second round of the Derby we ran 17.312 winning the round and the Open average. Now for the Derby short go. Alley was tired--it was a long few days--she warmed up like an old campaigner. We strutted into the arena close to the end of the extremely tough futurity short go. During the CBHI short go's they tractor every run to keep a completely fair playing field.

DERBY 1ST GO

1D

- 1 Helen Nowosad, **RAISE THE GOLD BAR** m by **La Jollas Gold**, 17.199, \$1,176.00
- 2 Eileen Willoughby, **SR FAMOUS TA DA MOON** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.388, \$928.50
- 3 Taylor Shields, **FLYIN HIGH GAMBLE** g by **Bugemforcash**, 17.430, \$804.70
- 4 Carman Pozzobon, **RIPN LADY** m by **Frenchs Hula Guy**, 17.600, \$680.90
- 5 Rylee Shields, **BLUEBLAZIN HOT FLING** g by **A Streak of Fling**, 17.622, \$619.00
- 6 Cassandra Peters, **RAISE THE CRIME** g by **Crimewave**, 17.627, \$557.10
- 7 Colby Gilbert, **TALENTED STREAK FAME** m by **A Streak of Fame Kn**, 17.657, \$495.20
- 8 Rene Leclercq, **SPECIAL N TINY** m by **All Star Special**, 17.694, \$433.30
- 9 Virginya Foran, **LITTLE DREAM WEAVER** g by **As Good as Nick Gets**, 17.751, \$309.50
- 10 Nicole Pana, **STREAKIN N PERKS** m by **Signature Perks**, 17.753, \$185.70

2D

- 1 Trina Swerbus, **FAST MOON RACER** g by **Fast Moon Chic**, 18.199, \$476.00
- 2 Tori Cheyne, **THE ROYAL FIDDLER** m by **La Royal Cash**, 18.211, \$374.00
- 3 Ginger Besplug, **JESS LIKE CHICK** g by **Go Mr Jess**, 18.212, \$306.00
- 4 Becky Young, **SR JESS SO CLASSY** m by **Crimson Jess**, 18.235, \$238.00
- 5 Travis Robson, **BDB MACSAHIGH DOLLAR** m by **Mac N Fame**, 18.252, \$170.00
- 6 Justine Cornelsen, **SHESAFROSTYRAYOFSUN** m by **PC Double Frost**, 18.253, \$136.00

In Alley's futurity year we ran a 17.343 in the short go here and it wasn't at all like she's running now, so I knew this was going to be great. Being first in the average I was last to run and everything seemed so quiet. As we sat waiting for the tractor Alley tried stepping forward three or four times and I had to stop her--she was ready. We entered the arena the same way we always do and I felt like we were so light. She fired hard and the ground was fast; I could feel the quickness of our turns--tight and perfect. Running home I always feel like we won the world but this time I knew it was dynamite. We stopped the clock and the crowd cheered--seeing a 16.824 on the clock was my dream I've been striving for--the feeling of pure joy. My husband was there, my kids were there and everyone at home watching live feed on Lipstick and Cowboy Boots who prayed for us to have a great run, thank you! We couldn't have done it without your help! We won the Derby average by over 7 tenths. We placed a new arena record at the most sought after arena in Canada, the Ponoka Calnash Center. Alley's arena record run and her other great runs can be viewed on our Facebook page, Shamrock Performance Horses.

Again, with limited shows Alley and I had an outstanding 2017. We decided with Alley running strong it was time to enter an American Qualifier.

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1. Helen Nowosad, **RAISE THE GOLD BAR** m by **La Jollas Gold**, 17.312, \$1,176.00
2. Carman Pozzobon, **RIPN LADY** m by **Frenchs Hula Guy**, 17.411, \$928.50
3. Virginya Foran, **LITTLE DREAM WEAVER** g by **As Good as Nick Gets**, 17.457, \$804.70
4. Eileen Willoughby, **SR FAMOUS TA DA MOON** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.511, \$680.90
5. Braidy Howes, **HOWES HION FIREWATER** m by **Nik Dell**, 17.559, \$619.00
6. Mellissa Resch, **GO BAD MAN GO** g by **Moons Handsome Bug**, 17.569, \$557.10
7. Rylee Shields, **BLUEBLAZIN HOT FLING** g by **A Streak of Fling**, 17.576, \$495.20
8. Jennifer Hewko, **TAKEN INTO CUSTIDY** g by **Time Line**, 17.581, \$433.30
9. Nicole Pana, **COOL ASA CRIME** m by **Crimewave**, 17.616, \$309.50
10. Lisa Groves, **ALG JUNO MY ROOSTER** g by **Little Lenaroo**, 17.658, \$185.70

2D

1. Christine Drisner, **WINTERFAME** m by **Dash Ta Fame**, 18.335, \$476.00
2. Stephanie Eastman, **RAISIN A MAJOR LADY** m by **Perfect Possibility**, 18.341, \$374.00
3. Trina Swerbus, **FAST MOON RACER** g by **Fast Moon Chic**, 18.379, \$306.00
4. Shawna Leblanc, **STREAKIN FOR DINERO** g by **HW Triplethecash**, 18.380, \$238.00
5. Nikki Storbakken, **FRENCHMAN FABs SUN** g by **Frenchmans Fabulous**, 18.412, \$170.00
6. Jordan Miller, **BE BAD AND GET EVEN** m by **Just Who Knows**, 18.439, \$136.00

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1. Eileen Willoughby, **SR FAMOUS TA DA MOON** g by **Hezgottabefamous**, 17.388, \$10,620.00
Breeder: Sandy Ridge Stallion Station, \$3,540.00
2. Carman Pozzobon, **RIPN LADY** m by **Frenchs Hula Guy**, 17.411, \$3,540.00
Breeder: Keri Schweer, \$1,180.00
3. Jennifer Hewko, **TAKEN INTO CUSTIDY** g by **Time Line**, 17.581, \$2,124.00
Breeder: Rendal & Marti Bishop, \$708.00
4. Nicole Pana, **COOL ASA CRIME** m by **Crimewave**, 17.616, \$1,416.00
Breeder: Rigetti Farms, \$472.00

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We have been making it to shows in our old 1980 Chevy camper van and bumper pull for the past couple years but have never gone that far from home. We needed to find a truck and trailer that was reliable for that distance going out of country. We luckily found a truck the night before we left and my father-in-law borrowed us his bumper pull. So we traveled down to Silesia, MT to the Montana Barrel Daze Open race and American Qualifier. Her run on Saturday was great. I planned just to breeze her through so she's ready to fire for the Qualifier. We placed 7th out of 335 entries and I was joyed knowing that there's lots more she can give. Sunday morning I felt as ready as I could be and we went in and inhaled first; she was firing strong and I sat too soon on second and we tipped.

Knowing that we are always where we are supposed to be, I eagerly look to the future. I was not meant to win that race. The future is upon us--trust your gut and go for it--it's what got us where we are today and there's a lot further we get to go!

Alley's daily routine is simple--she lives in an open pasture/hay field with 10 other horses all related to her. We are hoping she's telling them about her secrets to success so they can strive to be like their big sister. My daughter Jaden helps me keep her in condition in the fields practicing the mechanics of the turn without a barrel; she only runs barrels at shows. We don't have great ground at home, and the ground is usually great at shows; it kept her confidence for shows and she has been able to handle the ground even if it's not great because

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she trusts where her feet are going. I also don't want to bore her; she has so much more adrenaline to carry her through the pattern away from home so we got used to controlling that feeling. We keep Alley happy with all the great products that Bar Over Bar carry; without these products Alley cannot perform her best. Thank you Guenther Family at Bar Over Bar!

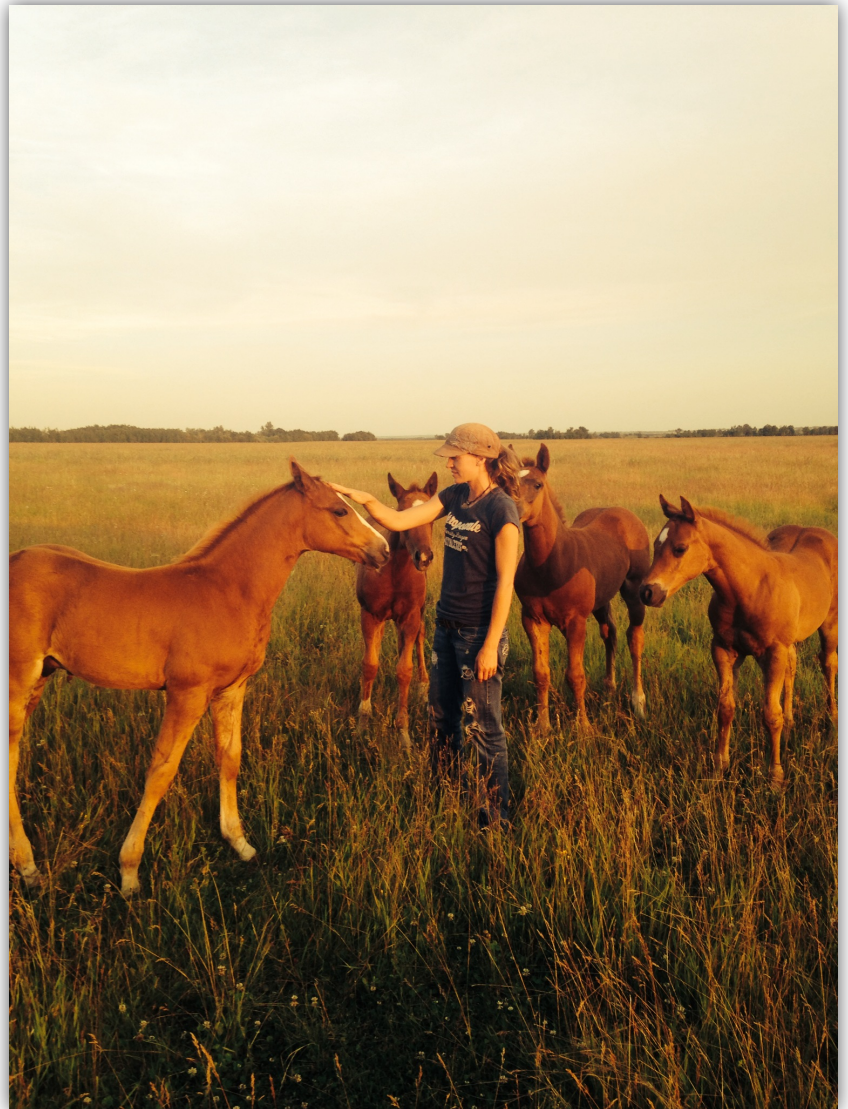
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I credit friend and mentor NFR Qualifier Lee Ann Rust for elevating my confidence and refining the mechanics of my training program. Lee Ann's insightful instruction has greatly influence my guidance of my daughter Jaden and many others who have been willing to learn from me. Thank you Lee Ann!

My husband Tyler has always supported our dreams and goals and has been a tremendous part of these achievements. I thank him from the bottom of my heart for giving us this opportunity.

Trust yourself, your horse and your decisions, and always keep that dream close to your heart. Carry good energy with you wherever you go and help people around you whenever you can. We are all here for the same reason- we love our horses and we are working our butts off to be better than we were yesterday. Good luck ya'll! God bless!

Lots of Love,
Helen Nowosad



Helen Nowosad with their 2017 foals at the Shamrock Performance Horse ranch.