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### **SHOT Awards Saddles to All Around Winners**

Consistency paid off for three Stock Horse Of Texas (SHOT) members. After a year's worth of showing that included eleven competitions scattered across the state, routinely placing near the top of the SHOT classes garnered Kris Wilson, Holly Kent and Connie Cook the title of All Around Champions.

They were recognized for their achievements at the annual SHOT membership meeting and banquet held March 1, 2006 in Abilene. Over 100 SHOT members, gathered for the yearly banquet, two-day clinic and horse show.

Wilson, from Lubbock, Texas, was presented a saddle for winning the Open division All Around. He showed Delta's Big Wheel in all four events – Pleasure, Reining, Working Cow and Trail. Delta's Big Wheel is an own grandson of the famous Paint sire, Delta. Delta's Big Wheel was only a three-year-old at the time of the competitions.

“He's an honest horse. Whatever you would teach him, he'd pick up really quick,” said Wilson. “It was fun to see him progress through his training. At first, we went to a few shows and would place here and there, but by mid-season to the end of the year, we were winning quite a few of the classes. He's an itty bitty horse with a big heart.”

Wilson attended the shows not only as a competitor, but also as coach of the Texas Tech Ranch Horse team. The team included Texas Tech students who trained their horses during a structured hands-on class. The team then tests their skills at a SHOT show.

One of those students, Holly Kent of San Jon, New Mexico, won the All Around for the Non Pro division. “Being part of the team was really educational. Kris was good at getting teaching us what we needed to learn to show.”

The team sought out sponsors to help defer the costs of keeping a horse at college, traveling and competing in the shows. “The sponsors were great to give money for our team so we could go show,” said Kent.

Kent showed four-year-old mare, Cinnamon Knot. The home-raised mare is by an own son of Little Peppy named Texas Stray, and out of a Tee Cross-bred mare. “That’s a very nice combination. They are really cowy. I started this mare, and she’s come a long way.”

Kent recently graduated from Texas Tech with an Animal Science, Business Emphasis degree. “I’m working for my dad on our ranch, learning the business, working cattle and training horses. Hopefully I will have time to go to a few shows, but the ranch and cattle come first.”

In the Novice Division, Connie Cook and HM Fancy Jack Sprat topped the All Around competition. “This has been a goal of mine. It was my first year to really participate in SHOT. I went to one show the year before just to get my feet wet. And last year, we came to the awards banquet to see what they gave for end-of-year awards so I would know what I was working for,” said Cook.

“I wanted to make all the shows, but I missed the Lubbock show because of the drive.” Cook lives near Beaumont, Texas, in the town of Fred. Many of the shows were a long haul for her. “I’m an accountant and the Lubbock show was at the wrong time of year for me, but that was the only one I missed.”

Cook credits her all around title to being consistent throughout the year. “We were very consistent to place high at nearly every show. We may get beat, but were always near the top.”

Cook purchased HM Fancy Jack Sprat as a yearling. She bred the grandson of Doc’s Jack Sprat up until she made the decision to geld him. “We have four babies out of him, so I hope to do something with one of the babies. I enjoy him a lot. We got along really well.

Veteran SHOT competitor Jimbo Humphreys captured the reserve all around title in both the Open and Non Pro divisions on two different horses. In the Open competition, Humphreys won the Pleasure and Trail, and was reserve in Reining and Working Cow riding “Joe.” In the Non Pro, he won the Trail and Working Cow aboard “Catchum,” and finished second in the Pleasure and Reining.

The Reserve Champion in the Novice All Around was awarded to Mary Dodson and her horse, Magalena Freckles. “This year has been really, really good. My mare came along all because of this program and all the wonderful people.” Dodson has given the mare to her grandkids, and will show a new horse in 2006.

Organized by the SHOT board of directors, the Abilene event encompassed all what the organization is about – educating horsemen and women on how to train and develop their own horse, and then provide a forum to test their horse in a show. When the program was developed, education and clinics were the focus. This year’s clinic featured Robert Chown of Gainesville, Texas, and Buddy Fisher of Abilene, Texas.

“We wanted people to be able to take a horse, regardless what level that horse was at that time, and improve him,” explained former SHOT president Dennis Sigler. “We don’t want people to think they have to go out and buy a special, finished horse for this. Take the horse you’ve got and develop him into a more useable horse that is fun to ride and use.”

Executive Secretary B.F. Yeates said, “This is an owner-oriented activity. You don’t have to spend a lot of money doing this. You don’t have to have a specialty horse or a horse that lives at a trainer. And you don’t have to meet the fashion demands in tack and clothing to show here.”

### **SIDEBAR – A Look at the Stock Horse Of Texas association**

Stock horse enthusiasts from across the state have found a way to ride a better horse. Through educational clinics and family-friendly horse shows, riders are garnering information to teach their own horses new skills. This concept is the basis for the Stock Horse of Texas Association, or SHOT.

What began in 1998 as a way for every day horse enthusiasts to learn about their horses and then take that knowledge and apply it, has evolved into a strong organization with a huge following. “The basic concept is education,” said founding member and Executive Secretary B.F. Yeates.

The group holds clinics paired with competitions, and features classes in stock horse pleasure, trail, reining and working cow horse. Every class is scored according to the requirements of the class, and score sheets are posted after each class. “The scoring system is like a report card,” said Kim Lindsey, SHOT board member. “You can analyze each maneuver you did, see where you excelled and see where you need to make improvements. You know what you need to go home and work on.”

SHOT competitions feature three divisions, Open, Non-Pro and Novice. Sometimes a Youth division is also offered, however youth are always welcome to compete in the Novice division. “SHOT provides people a place compete on their level,” said Lindsey. “It gives people a place to develop a versatile horse on their level, their own playing field.”

*For more information on SHOT events, competition and rules, log on to their web site at [stockhorse.org](http://stockhorse.org).*

Attachments:

Photos of All Around Winners (3 photos)

SHOT Schedule of Events

### **Captions for Attached Photos:**

Open.jpg – Kris Wilson of Lubbock, Texas, won the All Around Open saddle. He showed a three-year-old paint, Delta’s Big Wheel throughout the year. Pictured are SHOT President Vicki Hoggett, Wilson, and SHOT Vice President Kim Lindsey. Photo by Jill J. Dunkel/Dunkel Designs

Non-Pro.jpg – Holly Kent captured the All Around Non Pro title. Kent showed as part of the Texas Tech Ranch Horse Team. SHOT officers Kim Lindsey and Vicki Hoggett presented Kent (middle) with a saddle for her efforts. Photo by Jill J. Dunkel/Dunkel Designs

Novice-winner.jpg – Connie Cook achieved her year-long goal by winning the Novice All Around. Cook showed HM Fancy Jack Sprat, a gelding that she has owned since his yearling year. She is pictured with SHOT Vice President Kim Lindsey and SHOT President Vicki Hoggett. Photo by Jill J. Dunkel/Dunkel Designs

### **SHOT 2005 Schedule of Events:**

#### **March 24, 25 & 26**

##### **SHOT Clinic and Competition – Will Rogers Coliseum, Ft Worth, Texas**

Clinic on Friday, March 24th.

Novice Competition on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

NonPro and Open Competition on Sunday, March 26th.

These events are held in cooperation with Tarrant County Horse-O-Rama.

Contact Ken Johnson – 817.884.1946

#### **April 28 & 29**

##### **SHOT Clinic and Competition – Lubbock.**

Clinic will be on the 28th and Competition on the 29th.

Texas Tech University Equestrian Center. Covered Arena with stalls available.

Contact Kim Guay – 806-792-4682

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#### **May 6 and 7**

##### **SHOT Awareness Clinic – Bulverde**

Sponsored by Comal County Horse Task Force and Cibolo Stables.

Contact Glenn Avriett- 830-620-3440

#### **May 19 & 20**

##### **SHOT Clinic and Competition – Glen Rose**

Sponsored by Three Rivers Ranch

Clinic on Friday the 19th

Competition on Saturday the 20th.

Contact Three Rivers Ranch –254.823.6643

#### **June 2 & 3**

##### **SHOT Clinic and Competition- Hamilton**

Sponsored by Circle T Arena  
Clinic will be on Friday, June 2nd  
Competition on Saturday the 3rd.  
Contact Dale Martin – 254.386.3559 or Glenn Hodges – 254.386.8708

**June 23 & 24**

**SHOT Clinic and Competition - Bryan/College Station, Texas**

Sponsored by the Brazos County Extension Horse Committee.  
Clinic on Friday, June 23rd  
Competition on Saturday the 24th.  
Contact Eric Zimmerman -979.823-0129

**July 27, 28 & 29**

**SHOT Clinic and Competition – Belton**

Sponsored by the Bell County Extension Horse Committee,  
Clinic will be Thurs evening, July 27th and all day Fri., July 28th.  
The Competition will be Sat. July 29th.  
Location – Bell County Exposition Center.

**August 25 & 26**

**SHOT Clinic and Competition – Conroe**

Sponsored by the Montgomery County Extension Horse Committee  
Clinic will be on Friday the 25th  
Competition will be Saturday, the 26th.  
Location – Conroe Expo Center.  
Contact –Mike Heimer 936-539-7822

**September 22, 23 & 24**

**SHOT Clinic and Competition – Burleson**

Sponsored by Rosenauer Quarter Horses.  
Clinic will be on Friday, Sept. 22,  
Novice Competition will be Sat. the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
NonPro and Open on Sun. the 24th.  
Location: Rosenauer Quarter Horses Ranch.  
Contact: Rodney Rosenauer – 817-295-3008 (**Rain date will be Sept. 29, 30 and 31**).

**October 2,3,& 4**

**Working Cow Horse Clinic – Abilene**

Contact Vickie Hoggett – 254.823.6860

**October 5 &6**

**SHOT Clinic and Competition – National Roping Supply Training Center -Decatur.**

Sponsored by Stock Horse of Texas Association and Wise County Horse Committee.  
Location-Located 4 mi S on HWY 287 with Arena, stalls, RV Hookups

**Oct 5 -SHOT CLINIC**

Sponsored by Wise County Extension Horse Committee  
Contact Gary Clayton – 940.627.3341

**Oct 6 -SHOT COMPETITION**

Sponsored by Stock Horse of Texas Association  
Contact B. F. Yeates – 979-846-4538

**October 7**

**SHOT ANNUAL CLASSIC for 4, 5, 6 year old horses –  
Entries Due September 10.**

Contact: B. F. Yeates–979.846.4538; Dennis Sigler–940.665.5355; Rodney Rosenauer–  
817.929.0148; Vickie Hoggett – 254.823.6860

**November 2, 3 & 4**

**SHOT Clinic and Competition – Rosenberg**

Sponsored by Fort Bend County Extension Horse Task Force.  
Clinic will be Thurs. evening, Nov 2nd and all day Fri., Nov 3rd.  
The Competition will be Sat. Nov 4th.  
Location – Fort Bend Co. Fairgrounds.  
Contact - Don Brehm - 281-341-9005.