

The line-up of Southern California Reined Cow Horse 2012 Shoot Out qualifiers stretches across the arena at Casner's Ranch in Temecula on Oct. 21.

Shoot Out at Casner's

Brookshire, Bradley and Noring all win saddles at SCRCHA event

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TEMECULA—Three riders rising in their respective Open, Non Pro and Limited Non Pro divisions claimed trophy saddles last month, as the Southern California Reined Cow Horse Association wrapped up 2012 with its Saddle Shoot Out at Casner's Ranch.

More than \$15,000 in awards and prizes were given out at the three-day event Oct. 19-21, including certificates for the trio of customized Cowdog Saddles. On Friday, the SCRCHA held its Cut for A Cause charity event, which club President Laura Edwards said raised \$8,700 for The All Glory Project, a non-profit program led by Elizabeth Shatner that uses animal-assisted therapies to aid military veterans and their families upon their return home.

For Brookshire, who took Krugerrand Queen (Snorty Lena X Badger Sis) to the Open Shoot Out title, it was a great way to cap off the year. The Somis-based trainer finished in third in both the SCRCHA Year-End Two-Rein standings with Krugerrand Queen and in the SCRCHA Open Hackamore with Judith Young's Shining Rose Bud.

"I really enjoy showing at all the SCRCHA shows," said Brookshire, who competes at SCRCHA's Temecula events as well as Valley Cow Horse Association shows in Bakersfield. "It is a great group."

After acquiring Krugerrand Queen from Vicky Bantlon in Idaho as a long 3-year-old, Brookshire brought her along through the two-rein and showed her sparingly in the hackamore last year.

"She's just a good solid mare, and she has matured really nicely," he said.

The striking Palomino mare also earned Brookshire his first trophy saddle at the Shoot Out. She has been a cornerstone for him—she



Suzanne Sylvester photo

Aaron Brookshire takes Krugerrand Queen to the Open SCRCHA Saddle Shoot Out title Oct. 21.



Sarah Bradley and Very Smart And Sure capture the Non Pro win at the SCRCHA Saddle Shoot Out in Temecula Oct. 19-21.



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Ruth Noring and Tommy Olena relax after a go helped earn them the Limited Non Pro Saddle Shoot Out victory.

helped him start his own operation after he left the show pen a few years.

"She was kind of the one that made me feel like I could get back into training—give me

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Bill Dickinson of Temecula takes his Cat Can Dual to the Non Pro Cutting title in SCRCHA "Cut For A Cause" on Friday, which raised \$8,700 for the All Glory Project. It earned Dickinson his first buckle.

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the confidence," said Brookshire, who learned from Lance Johnston, Dan Roeser and other mentors.

"I just kind of got burned out and wanted to do something different. Then, at the end of 2009 I decided I'd just hang out a shingle and see what I could do. I just kind of got back into it and found some people who were interested in the kind of horses I had and was training. And that time I had that yellow mare, so it kind of progressed from that—she kind of built the program.

"I count my blessings," he added, "that I was able to build a barn in this tough economy."

In the Non Pro Shoot Out, Sarah Bradley rose to the occasion on her 6-year-old gelding, Very Smart And Sure, winning the saddle as well as keeping their

momentum toward the NRCHA World Championship Show in January. Under trainer Roy Rich's tutelage, Bradley and "Saturn" wowed the crowd with a statement-making fence work en route to the win.

"I could not have asked for a better ending of the year," said Bradley, 37, who purchased the horse from Annie Reynolds in Idaho two years ago. "It really gave me confidence. I got home and I asked, 'Did I really win a saddle?'"

Bradley, who works in the corporate PetCo office in San Diego, was bitten by the cow horse bug when she attended her first Snaffle Bit Futurity in 2001 with her reining trainer at the time, Monica Albair of Poway. Now she owns her first trophy saddle, and not one, but two cow horses—she just purchased a yearling full sister to

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Bobby Ingersol (left) and Allen Mitchells served as judges for the 2012 SCRCHA Saddle Shoot Out.



Christina Hunter and her son Aaiden get themselves in good viewing position for the action.



Candy and Monta Flock congratulate Roy Rich and Smart Remedy Olena after they won the Open Hackamore competition.

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"I'm absolutely hooked," said Bradley, who is hoping Saturn will earn his NRCHA Supreme Cow Horse Award this year after the World Show. "Once I went to Reno, I knew that's what I wanted to do. These horses are absolutely amazing."

Rich, who won back-to-back SCRCHA Open Shoot Outs in 2010 and 2012, says Bradley's Non Pro victory in 2012 was a big one for him, too.

"This is my biggest, first non-pro win," he said proudly. "All my non pros make me proud—they just keep getting better and better."

"This is her second full year showing, and she's been working very hard," he added. "She has a great horse—an Open Futurity finalist and Open Derby finalist. It was the best run she had ever had on that horse, and it paid off for her."

Rich and Bradley met after she had purchased Very Smart And Sure (Very Smart Remedy X Shirley McLain) from Annie Reynolds in Idaho. Without a hauler to bring him to Southern California, Bradley was given a suggestion by Reynolds that Rich, passing through Idaho, might trailer him to her. He did.

The Limited Non Pro Shoot Out winner was Ruth Noring on Tommy Olena.



Dick Herschman and Tuff Sliding Peppy won the Non Bridle event.



SCRCHA President Laura Edwards and daughter Christina Hunter enjoy a Saddle Shoot Out moment.



Sponsor Grant Williams in the vendor arena at the show.

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