

Cutaways Gun-Crazy Sire of 2005 Selected Stallion Choice Award Winner!

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The only question about the Stallion Choice competition for Cutaways Gun Crazy was in which year would one of his colts win it. As fate would have it, it would be in the very first year in which the program was established. The stallion has a reputation for his big stop and great mind. Owners Paul and Jill Pierre of Los Molinos, Calif., laugh that he often acts more like a gelding than a stallion.

Cutaways Gun Crazy is passing those traits to his sons and daughters. In November Crazy Cleopatra, with Peggy Pecora aboard, took home the award as the first Northern California Reined Cow Horse Assn. (NCRCHA) Stallion Choice Award winner. This achievement is particularly noteworthy given that this is the first year the competition was held.

"This competition was such a great idea," notes owner Jill Pierre. "It's a good way to get behind your stallion's offspring, while getting in some

good advertising, too!"

Considering the fact that Cutaways Gun Crazy was purchased by the Pierres as an eleven year old with only two colts and even now has a pretty limited foal crop, it has been a real dream come true.

"We found him as a child's mount and couldn't believe this well-bred stallion was packing kids up and down the trail," said Jill.

After trying him out, the Pierres were even more amazed at their good fortune.

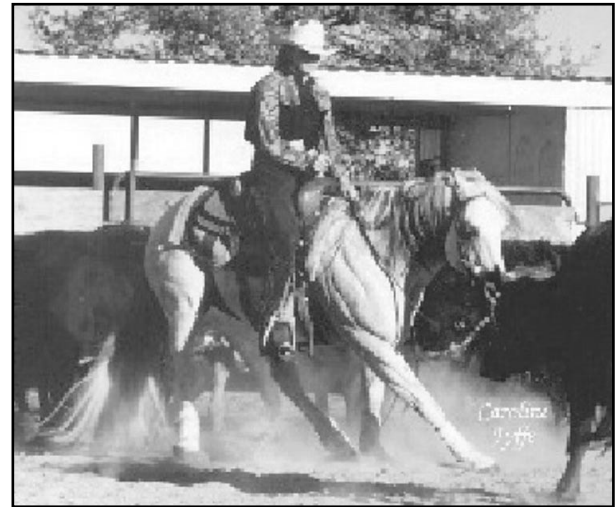
"Cutaways Gun Crazy was fully trained as a cow horse," Jill said. "To find an own son of Mr. Gunsmoke out of a Great Doc's Dee Bar daughter, and a gray to boot, it was just more than we could have hoped for."

The Pierres took Cutaways Gun Crazy to his new home Diamond P Ranch in Los Molinos, Calif., and have been so thankful ever since.

"The colts just get better and better, enthused Jill. "We had a Western Pleasure mare

that, when bred to him, threw a super-nice cutting horse! Then we tried him on mares better bred for what we were looking for, and sure enough, he produced multiple Register of Merit earners, World qualifiers, Cutting Futurity champions, National Reined Horse Assn. (NRHA) affiliate champions, an NRCHA Superior cow horse, and even a few point earners in pleasure and halter. These colts were just so trainable—big stoppers, easy lead changers, and oh, so cowy!"

Anyone interested in coming to the ranch is welcome. Diamond P Ranch is located



just ten miles from Red Bluff, Calif. Arrangements for a visit can be made by calling ahead to Jill at (530) 384-1103. She also encourages everyone to visit her Web site: www.snowcrest.net/diamondp. It is updated often, especially the Brag Book—it seems Cutaway keeps giving the Pierre's more kids to Brag about!

NCRCHA Stallion Incentive Fund

Purpose: To provide stallion owners a place to promote offspring and encourage contestants to show their horses to continue in improving the quality of our reined cow horse association shows and horses exhibited.

The Stallion Incentive Fund: Stallion owners contribute \$350 annually to the fund. The Fund will be maintained in a separate account from other association funds and used strictly for this program. The Fund will be used to: advertise the stallions which participate and pay incentive funds to the competing offspring of nominated stallions.

Classes: This is NOT a stallion stakes NOR subscribed stallion program. The incentive fund payouts will be based on offspring competing that are eligible only for the current year's nomination. Offspring by Non-Incentive Fund Stallions are not eligible to compete. It will be based on the accumulated scores earned in competition in the Open Herd Work class and one Working Cow Horse class for the entire year's show series, six shows.

Advertising: The NCRCHA will do the utmost to promote the stallions that participate. At a minimum, stallions will be listed in the *Cascade Horseman* monthly for one calendar year beginning in January and ending in December and beginning the month the nominated stallion's application is received in entirety. These listings will promote all of the stallions registered with the program and will also give special recognition to the stallions siring the top finishers in the program that year. Stallions will also be included on the NCRCHA website: www.ncrcha.org, with links to the Stallion owner's website, if available. If a minimum is met in the amount of stallions nominated, advertising will also be done in other regional magazines.

Incentive Prize Money: The total annual amount of Incentive Fund money received will be paid to the top finishers in the program once advertising and office expenses are paid. (2005 Payout of \$1000 to winner)

Eligibility: This is a multi-year program. The program requires that a stallion be enrolled annually in the Incentive Fund so that the offspring will be eligible for that year's Incentive Fund and advertising. The stallion siring the top finisher in the program will receive free enrollment the following year.

Registration: Anyone may enroll a stallion to make offspring eligible. HOWEVER, if someone other than the registered owner enrolls a stallion, a signed acknowledgment and release form must be completed by the stallion owner and received prior to the stallion receiving any advertisement. The registered owner is the owner listed on the registration papers issued by the appropriate breed association (AQHA, APHA, etc.).

ENROLLMENT FORM

STALLION NAME _____

Registration#/Breed _____

OWNER'S NAME _____

PHONE _____

Name & phone of person nominating stallion if different than owner _____

ADDRESS _____

WEB ADDRESS _____

Mail Registration form, copy of registration papers if stallion owner and a \$350 check payable to the NCRCHA for each stallion enrolled to:

NCRCHA Stallion Incentive Program
3763 Co. Rd. M
Orland, CA 95963

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