

# 2006 NCRCHA Stallion Choice Award Winner Presented \$1,000!

When the dust settled and the points were tallied, the 2006 Stallion Choice Award was presented to Lisa Christenson aboard her four-year-old gelding by I'll Be Smart. Appropriately named, I'll Be Worth It, the gelding was awarded a \$1,000 check for his efforts in the cow horse arena from the Northern California Reined Cow Horse Assn. Also awarded was a beautiful belt buckle sponsored by Bar 11 Quarter Horses. Other big sponsorship thanks go out to Best Western, Hampton Inn, and Comfort Inn, all of Red Bluff, CA.

The NCRCHA Stallion Choice Award originated in 2004 with the birth of the club's Stallion Incentive Program. Created to give association members an avenue to inexpensively advertise their stallions and promote their offspring, the program is seeing continued growth and 2007 is expected to produce even higher payouts and awards. Any offspring that is sired by a participating stallion, regardless of age, may compete for year end awards in this special division. Offspring must participate in the Open Herd Work Class and one Working Cow Horse Class to qualify for the awards criteria.

Lisa has been involved with horses her whole life. "My mom had horses growing up, she used to barrel race. My grandfather was born and raised in Iowa and had horses his whole life. My grandfather had crazy ponies that my sister and I used to ride bareback and race each other as fast as we could. We would be wearing shorts and be barefoot of course. We were crazy. Then we graduated to the big horses when we were seven and eight, and started taking lessons. I was really into the training part of the horses, my sister wanted to show. I started showing Western Pleasure and English. Then, went on to learning some dressage. I got away from horses for a few years and missed it. Got back into it and started rop-



Lisa Christenson aboard I'll Be Worth It.



ing, which I just loved. Then, I was introduced to cow horses, and it was all over."

Lisa bought her first cow horse in October 2001 and started showing in March 2002. She was riding with Sandy Collier and after two years got hooked on having futurity horses. Lisa says, "I really enjoy training my own horse and then showing what you have. When you do well, there is no greater feeling knowing you did it. This is a great sport."

Lisa bought I'll Be Worth It ("Studly" as he is affectionately known) in July of his two-year-old year from a guy working at Stony Creek Stallion Station, home of his sire, I'll Be Smart. Lisa trained the gelding, and took lessons from Smokey Pritchett starting in August of his futurity year to current. When asked if Studly had a strong event, Lisa commented, "He doesn't really have a strong event, but is more of a Jack of All Trades. He is really fun to ride, not excitable and takes to things really well."

Lisa and Studly have had a great year showing. Not only winning the NCRCHA Stallion Choice Award, they also won the club's Non-Pro All Around (complete with saddle), and Year End Non-Pro Junior Working Cow Horse class. They also

placed fifth at the NRCHA Stallion Stakes, third at the Hackamore Classic & fifth at the Derby. Winning about \$2,700 to date, he's just "Steady Eddy" as Lisa says.

When it comes to thanks, Lisa wants to thank her husband, Brian, for all his huge support he has given her. Also, Smokey Pritchett for helping with her herd and cow work. "Smokey has so much knowledge and I love picking his brain. There is so much to the cow work and he has made things so much better."

Lisa plans on showing I'll Be Worth It until she sells him. Of course, he is such a good horse and fun to ride, Lisa may just keep him and show him in the bridle. "If I have him next year, I plan on entering the Stallion Incentive competition again. It makes you try harder to better yourself because you know there is that big prize money at the end."

To learn more information on the Stallion Incentive Fund and how you can qualify to compete in the Stallion Choice Award for 2007, log onto [www.ncrcha.org](http://www.ncrcha.org) or give Christie a call at (530) 517-1000.



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## In Memory Awards for NCRCHA Stallions

Memorial plaques were presented at the 2006 NCRCHA Year-End Banquet to NCRCHA owners of two great stallions that were lost over the past year. Skeet and Diane Gould lost their stallion, Camiseta Badger in July 2006. Alex and Fran Robertson lost their stallion, Docs Yellowstone in August 2005. Both owners and

stallions alike have been involved and supported the NCRCHA over the years. Though they are gone, we expect the foals of these two fine stallions to continue to be seen in the show pen for years to come.

**2006 Year End Winners NCRCHA Two Handed Cutting**  
**Champion:** Im No Plain Remedy, Terry Clancey  
**Reserve:** Little Dualin, Renee Ewing  
**Open Herd Work-Senior Horse:**  
**Champion:** Jos Neat, Peggy Pecora, Lassen Ranch

**Reserve:** George Jacobs, Jess Ta Peppy San  
**Open Herd Work-Junior Horse:**  
**Champion:** Camiseta Joy Bar, Skeet Gould, Barbara Secor  
**Reserve:** I'll Be Worth It, Lisa Christenson  
**Open Bridle Horse**  
**Champion:** Jos Neat, Peggy Pecora, Lassen Ranch  
**Reserve:** Spookin In Time, Chris Bugenig  
**Open Jr Working Cow Horse**  
**Champion:** Im No Plain Remedy, Terry Clancy  
**Reserve:** Camiseta Joy Bar, Skeet Gould, Barbara Secor  
**Non-Pro Bridle Horse**  
**Champion:** Doc O Reminic, Brian Jacobs  
**Reserve:** Pepinics Nu Remedy, Duff McGilvray  
**Non-Pro Junior Working Cow Horse**  
**Champion:** I'll Be Worth It, Lisa Christenson  
**Reserve:** Teninans First Lynx, Laura Bishop  
**\$200 Limited Working Cow Horse**  
**Champion:** Dan, Jessica Hanna

**Reserve:** MacDorman, Leslie Vitale  
**\$2,000 Limited Working Cow Horse**  
**Champion:** Bo Reminic, Leo Pereira  
**Reserve:** Lil Sissy Tucker, Ella Richmond  
**Rookie Working Cow Horse**  
**Champion:** Jeannie Bunt, Hicatelee  
**Reserve:** Twist The Handle, Tom Durrant  
**Stockhorse (Dry Pattern)**  
**Champion:** Hicatelee, Jeannie Bunt  
**Reserve:** Bo Reminic, Leo Pereira  
**Open All Around**  
**Champion:** Jos Neat, Peggy Pecora, Lassen Ranch  
**Reserve:** Camiseta Joy Bar, Skeet Gould, Barbara Secor  
**Non Pro All Around**  
**Champion:** I'll Be Worth It, Lisa Christenson  
**Reserve:** Doc O Reminic, Brian Jacobs

