



Raintree Road, ridden by Peggy Pecors. Photo by Marty Crosley.



Hickory Six Choice.

and down to the wire finish all year in the Two Rein with another very good, very well trained pair, the talented trainer Ramona Koch and Smart Tommy Socks. "With each show changing the lead by a point or two, Ramona caused us many a worrisome moment," Mike recalls.

Mike had nominated her sire to the NCRCHA Incentive Program as an excellent way of promoting him. Mike says, "Interestingly enough, she is pretty exclusively bred, her sire Colonel Lena Chex is by the stallion Colonel Doc Bar Chex by Colonel Freckles with the wonderful cow horse mare Shirley Chex under that. Her sire's dam was a money earning daughter of Doc O'Lena out of the great mare Candy Bulette. Raintree's dam is by Dual Doc (a full brother to Miss Dual Doc, the dam of Dual Pep and Nitro Dual Doc). Raintree's success in winning the 2007 SIF All Around, Champion Fence and Reined Work overflowed into the open classes as well. She won the year end buckle for the Two Rein Cow Horse class, was reserve in the Junior Horse Herd Work, and captured the Open All Around Saddle, to take home a great saddle donated by Lassen Ranch. What a phenomenal year!

Watch for Raintree Road next year. You may just see Mike making his debut aboard Rainy in the \$200 Limited and competing for more of the Stallion Incentive Fund's cash and prizes!!

Hickory Six Choice – Sire of SIF Champion Herd Work

An own son of the great Doc's Hickory (whose get has earned over \$19 million), Hickory Six Choice, aka Hickory, is an AQHA bay stallion out of a Doc's Shug mare, Doc Six Choice. His dam has produced

money earners of over \$26,000, \$22,000 of which were earned by full siblings. Two full sisters have produced money earners in excess of \$167,000. Hickory has had very limited showing which occurred in 2002. That year he was the 2002 NCRCHA Herd Work Champion, winning five of six shows, placing second once. He is owned by Dan and Christie Capik of 2R Quarter Horses of Orland, CA.

Dan Capik purchased Hickory in 2002 while he was still living and ranching in Modoc County in Davis Creek, CA which is on the Oregon California border. He brought Hickory home to the ranch where he was bred to the ranch's broodmares along with a limited amount of outside mares. The majority of his first foal crops are scattered among ranches from Oregon and California to as far as Montana and have proven themselves as working horses.

2007 represents the first year Hickory foals have really entered the show pen. This Hickory's Sweet, a 2004 mare out of an own daughter of Doc Tom Tucker, won the SIF Champion Herd Work ridden by Dan for owner Skip Taylor. Chec This Hickory, a 2003 gelding, owned and shown by Sara Silva, placed third at the Gold N Grand in Rancho Murieta this past summer as he made his reining debut. The Capiks are excited to see more of his offspring being shown next year, specifically reining, cutting and cow horse events.

Dan credits Hickory's prepotency as a sire to pass on his same tremendous athletic ability, trainability, superior mind and cow instinct to his get. Hickory's offspring like people and enjoy doing their jobs. He has sired an enormous amount of colored foals; roans, buckskins, duns, palominos, and grays. Though not a large horse himself, Hickory throws big hips and pretty faces on good sized foals

with plenty of bone and substance, traits that are often lacking in a lot of the high bred horses in the industry today. It is these traits that have allowed his foals to go into so many disciplines; cutting, reining, cow horse, ranch horses, rope horses and recreational riding.

The Capiks feel the versatility of the Hickory offspring is a big factor in what allows them to keep their foal crops moved consistently. "We are starting to have a lot of people that are repeat buyers of Hickory colts or bring their mares back each year to breed to him. These horses aren't just show horses or just ranch horses, but can do both. In a time of such specialization in the horse industry, I think people find it refreshing they can have a horse they can do more than one thing on. They also have mindsets that make them great amateur or non-pro horses, and they're pretty to look at. That's always a plus in our eyes," says Christie.

The Capiks would like to thank the past mare owners who have bred their mares to Hickory and the customers who have purchased his foals. Hickory stands at their ranch in Orland, CA, and welcome people to come view him and his offspring, or visit their website at www.2RQH.com. They will also have an information booth at the Red Bluff Bull & Gelding Sale, be sure to stop by and visit them.

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This Hickory's Sweet

The 2007 NCRCHA SIF Champion Herd Work award went to This Hickory's Sweet, owned by Skip Taylor, High Velocity Performance Horses of Willows, CA. She is a 2004 bay mare by Hickory Six Choice and out of Ginger Tucker, a money producing own daughter of Doc Tom Tucker. On the advice of Dan Capik, Skip purchased her as a yearling from Bar 11 Ranch, Skip Brown. "She was a little small as a yearling, but was very refined and classy with a big hip and eye," Skip says. He realized once he got her home, her temperment fit her name. "She has a very kind and sweet personality and is definitely a people pleaser."

Skip put Maggie, as she is affectionately called, in training with Dan Capik as a two-year-old.

Skip's long term plans allowed Dan to take the time in training and bringing her along as a two-year-old, letting her mature physically and mentally, before even worrying about showing her. Dan acknowledges it really allowed him to not push the mare too soon too hard, saying, "This mare really has progressed well over the past few months. We didn't ride her real consistent as a two-year-old since she was smaller and didn't want to stress her physically. In January, we started to gradually step this mare up, and didn't even know if we would show her in 2007. It's been a slow process, but she's starting to get real solid and just gets better each time we ride her. I'm very happy she did so well her first year."

How does Skip Taylor feel after winning the \$500 cash award and custom buckle? "I'm really proud of Maggie and happy with the way Dan has trained her. Even the last two shows you could see a big improvement in her abilities and we only expect her to get better next year."

As for his feelings on the SIF program, Skip says, "It is great that this club offers a venue to take your young upcoming horses along with the older ones and be able to get money earnings without pushing a young horse too hard early on or traveling 1,000 miles to do so." Skip likes it so much he is planning on having Dan show his other mare next year in the program. She is also by Hickory Six Choice and an own granddaughter of the great Bueno Chex Be Be mare owned by Bar 11 Ranch, Skip Brown. 🐾



This Hickory's Sweet, ridden by Dan Capik. Photos by Marty Crosley.