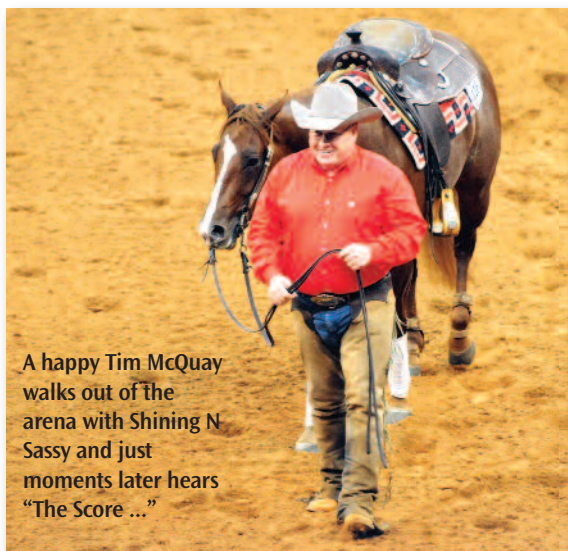


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A happy Tim McQuay walks out of the arena with Shining N Sassy and just moments later hears "The Score ..."

DAWN BAASTROM



All smiles, Mandy McCutcheon celebrates her fifth Cinch NRHA Non Pro Futurity championship. She rode Smart Scat, owned by James McCutcheon. Husband Tom McCutcheon is on the far right.

KATHY SWAN

# The Historic "Mc" Futurity

**T**HE INDOMITABLE FATHER-daughter duo of Tim McQuay and Mandy McCutcheon made history last December 6 when they both rode into the spotlight of the sport's greatest contest—the finals of the 2008 NRHA Open Futurity and the Cinch®/NRHA Non Pro Futurity. For the "Mc" families, it was an emotional 24 hours with McCutcheon landing the non pro title on Friday and McQuay the open on Saturday.

McQuay, Tioga, Texas, rode Shining N Sassy, bred and owned by Carol Rose of Gainesville, Texas, for a finals paycheck of \$150,000. By Rose's NRHA Three Million Dollar Sire Shining Spark and out of Sassy O Lena by Doc O Lena, the sorrel filly marked a 226.5 to help McQuay capture his second NRHA Futurity championship in 20 years. His first win was in 1988 on Mr Melody Jac, owned by Otto Schubert. McQuay's reining roots dig deep. He's a member of the NRHA Hall of Fame, the first Two Million Dollar Rider, and a Million Dollar Owner.

McCutcheon, Aubrey, Texas, with five non pro Futurity titles to her credit, is the first and only non pro

and female Million Dollar Rider. She also happens to be married to one of NRHA's elite, Million Dollar Rider Tom McCutcheon. Her mount was Smart Scat, owned by her brother-in-law James McCutcheon, Valley View, Texas. The pair posted a 219.5 in the finals for \$41,550 in prize money. Smart Scat is by the McCutcheons' stallion Smart Starbuck and out of Scats Frecklefoot.

Reserve champion in the open Futurity, just a point behind, was The Great Tag, ridden by Cody Sapergia for Million Dollar Owner Lance Griffin, DeWinton, Alberta.

The intermediate open division was won by Jared Leclair riding Electric Code for L and D Partnership, Pilot Point, Texas.

Reserve in the intermediate open was shared by Jarvis Anderson riding Pretty Peppy Chec, owned by Vicky King, Burley, Idaho; and Luke Gagnon riding Whiz Jewels for Courtney Ryan, Collinsville, Texas.

Trevor Dare was the limited open winner on Got Wimpys Mark, owned by Alberto Hawa Sarquis, Puerta De Hierro, Mexico; and Roy Van Der Hoeven of The Netherlands was reserve on Lil Star Step-

per, owned by Green Valley Ranch, Aubrey, Texas.

In the Cinch®/NRHA Non Pro Futurity, winner of the intermediate non pro and reserve in the non pro went to Tish Fappani, wife of Million Dollar Rider Andrea Fappani of San Marcos, California. Tish rode Crome Plated Step to a score of 218 for \$32,635.

Intermediate non pro reserve

went to Lindsay Paul, Scottsdale, Arizona, on Wright On Wimpy.

The limited non pro title went to Sandy Eustace, Alvarado, Texas, on Roosters Jordan, and the reserve to Emily Winegar, Aubrey, Texas, who also won the futurity's youth non pro division on Tuf Payin Chex. Reserve in the youth went to Ruggiero Musacci, Ferrara, Italy, riding Sugar N Ruf.



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Whiz N Tag Chex, the sire of The Great Tag, earned Million Dollar Owner Lance Griffin, DeWinton, Alberta, Canada, the NRHA Sire & Dam Offspring Award, which he's holding, as well as the open division's second place Sire Award in the amount of \$13,090. The 2008 NRHA President Kim Sloan is on the left.