

2024 KWAH State Horse Show in Review

Ninety-seven riders from throughout Kansas competed at the Kansas Western Horseman's Association (KWAH) State Horse Show in Smith Center Kansas August 31-September 1, 2024.

A KWAH Fund Raiser Barrel Race was scheduled to occur on August 30, 2024, but due to weather and arena conditions it was decided to reschedule the barrel race to a later date.

KWAH Board of Directors held a meeting Friday evening, after the meeting the first two tickets of the Cash Dash Drawings were held. Winners of the two \$200 tickets were Linda Sanders and Ricky Solida.

State show committee Mark Riley, Gregg Tucker, Riley Cameron, Will Tucker, Troy Cooley, and Jacob Stanley (volunteer) worked with the SCHR Host club to make sure that properties and arena was in the best condition possible.

Amanda Truan, Melinda Scheck, Chelsee Hoffman, and Ken Newberg volunteered to work in the office to keep the show running on schedule, record times, and figure points during the show.

There were vendors set up selling drinks, handmade jewelry, wood chairs, and other items. Food Trucks arrived with a variety of options to be had throughout the day.

Saturday Show started with posting of the colors, national anthem and prayer, following that was the first event of Rescue Race, followed by Lead Back Race for all 7 age groups. With the arena still a bit tacky there were a couple of boots lost while running. Other Events for the day were 360 Eight Race, Pole Bending, Key Race, Half 8, Polo Turn, and Western Relay.



Left to Right (Brian Kuntz, Colby Kriss)

Fast Cash of \$20 to the fast time in each event for Junior and Senior Individual events, Pair and Team events. Fast Cash winners for the day, Rescue Race Brian Kuntz and Colby Kriss and Lead Back Father Daughter Duo Jocelyn and Levi Taylor took both the Junior and Senior Prizes, Levi also took the Senior 360 Eight Race. Junior Stormy Guttery collected cash for 360 Eight Race, Polo Turn, and



Left to Right (Levi and Jocelyn Taylor)



Left to Right (Casey Kohr, Larryn Braun, Tamra Griffey)

was on the Winning Western Relay team along with her mom Shana Guttery, Jeff Griffey, and Tamra Griffey, who also won the Senior Key Race. Larryn Braun and Casey Kohr won cash for Pole Bending Junior and Senior respectively. Riley Cameron won the Junior Key Race and Half 8 Race, while Tonya Kohr won the Senior Half 8 Race and Polo Turn.

After the Saturday show there was a live auction held with several items on the auction block. Jeff Griffey volunteered to be the auctioneer while Jared Scheck imitated Vana White.

Several bidding wars occurred but in the end everyone was happy and ready to hear who won the next set of Cash Dash drawings. Sharon Cooley and Kylie Solida were the lucky winners of \$300 on day two.

After the auction, "Kill Creek Rising" a local band played music for a dance where many members and kids enjoyed the evening.



A beautiful Sunday morning started off with Cowboy Church, followed by the introductions of the Queens and Princesses of local Rodeos and the NSCA. Many clubs and their members created a wonderful



Grand Entry followed by prayer prior to the start of the show.

The show began with the judged events of Western Lead Line, where the youngest rider of the show participated, Emily Rundle who held her birthday at the State Show, Saturday, August 31st turned 4 years of age. Walk Trot Horsemanship and Reining for all 7 age groups followed. Deena Humprey riding in the Sr. Women Reining receives the honor for the oldest rider at state show. There was no hired judge but rather a 3-judge system made up of the local KWAH judges.



Emily and Morgan Rundle

The race events started with Two Barrel Flag Race, Straight Barrels, Flying W, and the last event of the show Pair Sack Race.



Stormy Guttery



Tonya Kohr



Jeff Griffey

Junior Stormy Guttery managed to pull 2 more Fast Cash awards in Flying W and Straight Barrels, and keeping it in the family, Shana Guttery also won the Senior Fast Cash in Straight Barrels. Junior Emily Cheek and Senior Jeff Griffey won Two Barrel Flag, Tonya Kohr won Senior Flying W, and Riley and Jordan Cameron won Pair Sack Race.



Riley Cameron



Emily Cheek

After the show there were the Awards Presentations. The first presentations were that of the Junior and Senior Sportsmanship winners, Skylar Amlong and Jeff Griffey were the winners respectively, they will be presented with their plaques at the Year End Banquet.

High Point Awards were given to the top 5 winners in each age group. Prizes for High Point winners were a Champion Picture Frame Buckle Holder and Champion Buckle Certificate, 1st Runner-up Cordless Bucket Swamp Fan, 2nd Runner-up Muck Bucket and Cart, 3rd Runner-up Backpack Cooler, and 4th Runner-up Portable Rocking Chair.

1-9 KWA State Champions with 10 riders, 4th Runner-up with 8 points Michael Anglin; a tie for 3rd and 4th Runner-up with the tie breaker being one first, 3rd Runner-up with 17 points Lydia Taylor; 2nd Runner-up with 17 points and 1 first Ryker Riley; and in a tight race between 1st Runner-up and Champion of only one point separation 1st Runner-up with 25 points Reagyn Riley; and Champion Emmerson Rohrer with a total of 26 points.



Left to Right (Emmerson Rohrer, Reagyn Riley, Ryker Riley, Lydia Taylor, Michael Anglin)



Left to Right (Stormy Guttery, Bailee Hoffman, Temprence Lauer, Kaylee Schwarz, Ava Graf)

10-13 KWA State Champions with the largest group of 24 riders, a tie between 4th and 5th Runner-up with the tie breaker of 2 seconds 4th Runner-up with 8 points Ava Graf; 3rd Runner-up with 8 points and 2 seconds Kaylee Schwarz; 2nd Runner-up with 12 points Temprence Lauer; and with a tie for 1st Runner-up and Champion broken all the way down to the most disqualifications, 1st Runner-up with 28 points and 1 DQ Bailee Hoffman; and Champion Stormy Guttery with a total of 28 points.

14-17 KWA State Champions with 16 riders, 4th Runner-up with 8 points Jordan Cameron; 3rd Runner-up with 12 points Tylie Batson; 2nd Runner-up with 20 points Jocelyn Taylor; and with a separation of only one point 1st Runner-up with 21 points Emily Cheek; and Champion Riley Cameron with 32 points.



Left to Right (Riley Cameron, Emily Cheek, Jocelyn Taylor, Tylie Batson, Jordan Cameron)



Left to Right (Alaura Crockett, Shana Guttery, Vinita Baker, Cheyenne Newberg, Camisha Stevenson)

Women KWAH State Champions with 21 riders, 4th Runner-up with 9 points Camisha Stevenson; 3rd Runner-up with 14 points Cheyenne Newberg; with a separation of only one point between 2nd and 1st Runners-up, 2nd Runner-up with 18 points Vinita Baker; 1st Runner-up with 19 points Shana Guttery; and Champion Alaura Crockett with 24 points.



Left to Right (Levi Taylor, Jared Scheck, Mark Riley, Brian Kuntz, Casey Kohr {not pictured})

Men KWAH State Champions with 11 riders, 4th Runner-up with 11 points Casey Kohr; with a separation of only one point between 3rd and 2nd Runners-up, 3rd Runner-up with 15 points Brian Kuntz; 2nd Runner-up with 16 points Mark Riley; 1st Runner-up with 22 points Jared Scheck; and Champion Levi Taylor with 30 points.

Sr. Women KWAH State Champions with 10 riders, 4th Runner-up with 7 points Renee Nichols; with a tie for 3rd and 2nd Runners-up and the tie breaker being 2 firsts 3rd Runner-up with 23 points Darcey Settrini; 2nd Runner-up with 23 points and 2 firsts Deena Humphrey; 1st Runner-up with 24 points Tamra Griffey; and with a tie for 1st Runner-up and Champion breaking the tie with 5 firsts Champion Tonya Kohr with 24 points. Senior Women won the tightest race honors with only 1 point separating the top four placings.



Left to Right (Tonya Kohr, Tamra Griffey, Deena Humphrey, Darcey Settrini, Renee Nichols)

Sr. Men KWAH State Champions with 5 riders, 4th Runner-up with 5 points Gregg Tucker; 3rd Runner-up with 15 points Jason Amlong; a tie between 2nd and 1st Runners-up broken by 3 firsts, 2nd Runner-up with 26 points Shawn Kohr; 1st Runner-up with 26 points and 3 firsts Bob Smith; and Champion Jeff Griffey with 33 points.



Left to Right (Jeff Griffey, Bob Smith, Shawn Kohr, Jason Amlong, Gregg Tucker)

State Show Champions



Left to Right (Sr. Men Jeff Griffey, Sr. Women Tonya Kohr, Men Levi Taylor, Women Alaura Crockett, 14-17 Riley Cameron, 10-13 Stormy Guttery, 1-9 Emmerson Rohrer)

The last drawing for the Cash Dash prizes was drawn and the winners of the two \$500 prizes were Kevin Solofra and Tinsley Axelson. Congratulations to all 6 of the Cash Dash Prize Winners.

President Jared Scheck reminded everyone that there would be a post on the KWA Trail Ride, thanked all of those for attending and said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Year End Banquet.

After the awards ceremony, members cleaned up the area leaving it in good shape for the host club and drove off into the sunset from the last show of the season.

Until the Next Time
Renee Nichols
Historian