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NATIONAL RANCH AND
STOCK HORSE ALLIANCE

NRSHA CROWNS SEVEN ALL-AROUND CHAMPIONS

National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance, Guthrie, Oklahoma –The National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance crowned seven All Around Champions and 35 Class Champions at their National Championship Show held in conjunction with the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championship at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma.



In the Open, the seven-time champion did it again, as Ben Baldus of Gainesville, Texas, captured the all-around riding Playin Motown, a 2013 gelding by Mr Playinstylish and out of Mo Flo. Playin Motown was bred by Kit and Charlie Moncrief and Lee Tennison and is owned by Catelyn Walker of Prairie Grove, Arkansas.

In addition to the NRSHA All Around, Playin Motown also earned the VRH Senior World Championship. As Ben spoke about the event he said, “It was fun to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. There’s a lot of growth in the versatility. I was very happy with the course set up. Playin Motown has been in our program for quite a few years now, and it is exciting to go show him; he loves to do his job.”

National All-Around Champions were also crowned in six Amateur and Youth divisions. Sara Gugelmeyer of Dalhart, Texas, edged the competition by one point to win the Amateur Division aboard OTP Rio. The 2011 gelding is by One Time Pepto and out of Hickorys Tornado Rio and was bred by Dan Churchill of Moline, Illinois.

“I really appreciate NRSHA working hard to get the added money so that it is financially rewarding to do well at the show,” she said. Sara finished the week 1st in cow work, 1st in ranch riding, 2nd in cutting, 5th in trail and 6th in reining to earn \$2,641.25. Each national All-Around champion took home a prize package that included a



sterling-silver buckle, bronze trophy, champion neck ribbon, specially designed logoed jacket and champion patch, in addition to their share of the purse.

Other all-around winners include:

- In the Limited Amateur Division, Bruce Rice and Sweet Lil Oak took the title back to Berthoud, Colorado. Sweet Lil Oak is a 2009 gelding by Sweet Lil Pepto and out of Oak N Sugs UFO, and was bred by the San Juan Ranch of Weatherford, Texas.
- Bodelles Blue Boon and Liz Turney of Comanche, Oklahoma, captured the Novice Amateur Division title in their first ever NRSHA National Show. Bodelles Blue Boon, a 2010 mare by Perfect Pepto and out of Chickita Rey Shorty, was bred by Nonie Casselman-Reed.
- After dominating the arena this past week, Maisen Avent, of Elbert, Colorado, and Ellie May Rey left Guthrie with two youth all-around titles – NRSHA and VRH. Ellie May Rey is a 2015 mare by Rey Dual and out of Starlights Prize, bred by the San Juan Ranch of Weatherford, Texas.
- Allora Leonard of Voca, Texas, repeated as the Limited Youth All-Around Champion at the NRSHA National Show. She was also the VRH Limited Youth Champion aboard Stylish Lil Boon, a 2017 gelding by Mr Playinstylish and out of Shesalittleredboon that was bred by Kit and Charlie Moncrief of Fort Worth, Texas.
- The Novice Youth All-Around title went to Klare Segura of Schulenburg, Texas. Klare rode Smoothly Done, a 2011 mare by Smooth As A Cat and out of Gracefully Done, bred by Philip & Mary Ann Rapp.

More than 470 entries competed in NRSHA ranch trail, ranch reining, ranch riding, ranch cutting, ranch boxing and ranch cow work across seven different divisions. Riders qualified for the National Championship Show by competing at three or more shows with one of the NRSHA partners.

About NRSHA

The National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance is comprised of nine ranch/stock horse associations dedicated to preserving and promoting ranching traditions and heritage through competition on a national level. Members include the American Paint Horse Association, East Coast Stock Horse Association, Kentuckiana Ranch Horse Association, National Versatility Ranch Horse Association, Oklahoma Stock Horse Association, Stock Horse of Texas, Volunteer Ranch Horse Association, Western States Versatility Ranch Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association. More information about NRSHA can be found at www.ranchhorse.net.

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Photos are available for download ([Ben Baldus](#) – Open Champion; [Sara Gugelmeyer](#) – Amateur Champion; [Liz Turney](#) – Novice Amateur Champion; [Maisen Avent](#) – Youth Champion; [Allora Leonard](#) – Limited Youth Champion; [Klare Segura](#) – Novice Youth Champion). Photos are courtesy of Shane Rux Photography.

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