

BRUCE RICE CROWNED ALL-AROUND CHAMPION AT NATIONAL RANCH AND STOCK HORSE ALLIANCE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance, Guthrie, Oklahoma – Bruce Rice of Berthoud, Colorado, captured the all-around Limited Amateur title at the National Ranch and Stock Horse Alliance National Championship Show held in conjunction with the AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships recently at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie, Oklahoma.



The win adds to the great year Bruce and Sweet Lil Oak have been having. His goal was to stay in the top ten in every class, and they accomplished that placing 4th in cow work, 3rd in cutting, 7th in reining, 3rd in ranch riding and 6th in ranch trail out of 70-plus competitors. Bruce also won reserve in the VRH World Show Limited Amateur Division. In addition to showing, Bruce is active in industry leadership and has been newly elected as one of AQHA's national directors.

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 in Weatherford, Texas.

The NRSHA all-around Limited Amateur received a prize package that included a sterling-silver buckle, bronze trophy, champion neck ribbon, specially designed logoed jacket and champion patch. In addition, Bruce took home a check for \$3,709.06 with \$1,000 added courtesy of NRSHA.

Boots Be Tuff and Larry Walker of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, took home the reserve champion honors.

More than 470 entries competed in NRSHA ranch trail, ranch reining, ranch riding, ranch cutting, ranch boxing and ranch cow work across 7 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 – 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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