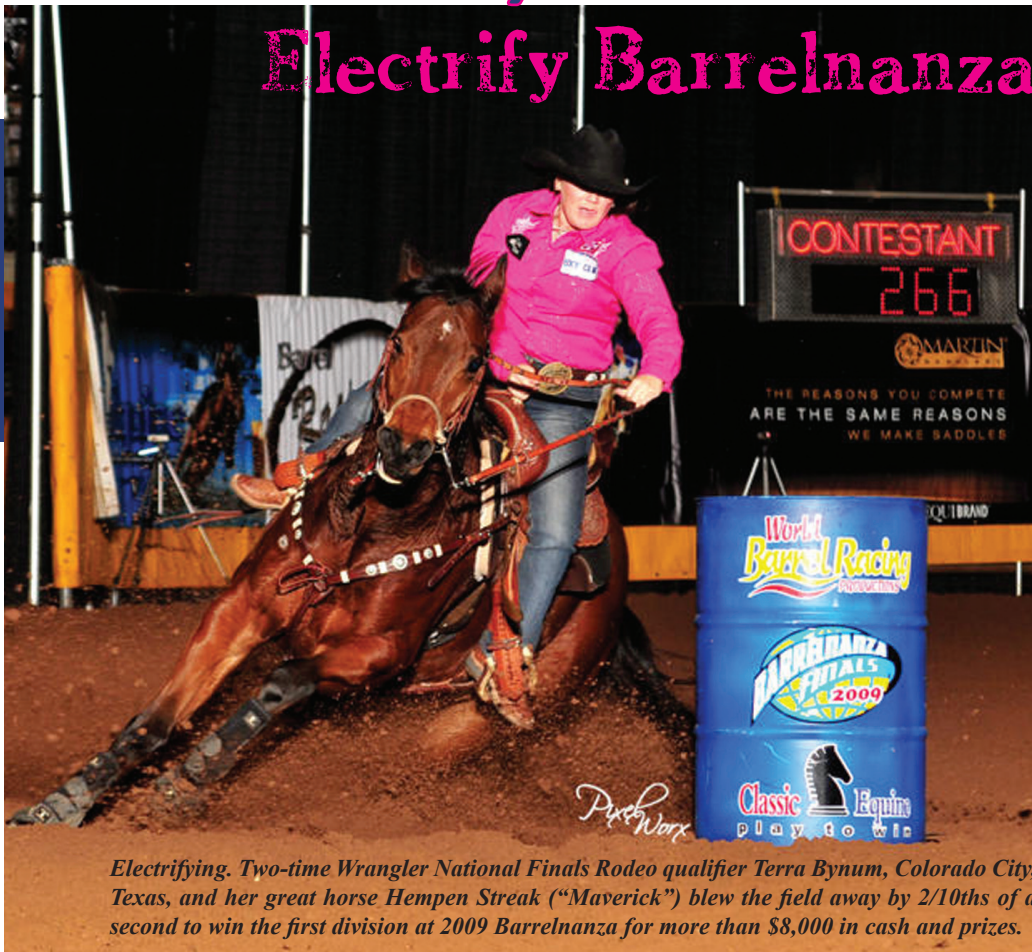


Terra Bynum and Maverick

Electrify Barrelnanza 2009



Electrifying. Two-time Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifier Terra Bynum, Colorado City, Texas, and her great horse Hempen Streak ("Maverick") blew the field away by 2/10ths of a second to win the first division at 2009 Barrelnanza for more than \$8,000 in cash and prizes.

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Barrelnanza Finals, held November 18-22. The fabulous prizes included Classic Equine tack and equipment, Martin saddles, tooled picture frames and briefcases, stunning Hy-O-Silver buckles and bracelets.

Along with chances for the fabulous prizes, barrel racers and spectators were treated to free clinics from industry leaders like Ed Wright, Sherry Cervi, Dena Kirkpatrick and Stacy Westfall. They were also treated to a heartwarming and inspirational lecture from Tammy Fischer and Jimmy Kay Davis.

With contestants and spectators from as far away as Alaska and Maine and even Italy and Brazil, Barrelnanza was an international event. Plans are already underway for next year's event, and you don't want to miss out.

1D Champion

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For the thousands of barrel racers at the 2009 Barrelnanza and JB Quarter Horses Creating Legends Sale and Futurity, there were several breath-taking moments, but none was more profound than Terra Bynum's thrilling 14.871 aboard her wondrous bay gelding Maverick. Running just 25 horses before the end of the race, Bynum and Maverick's stellar run put more than 2/10ths on the field that included several professional barrel racers that will be running at the NFR in a couple of weeks. In fact, she blew the bell curve and left just 18 horses in the 1D.

"I have to give all the credit to my horse," said an overwhelmed Bynum. "I just take a Prosaic and hang on for the ride!"

After her run, World Barrel Racing Productions' Booger Barter jokingly announced that several ambulances were needed at the north end of the coliseum by the results' board, saying five people who were winning until Bynum's run had passed out and the five people who just realized they were now winning joined them on the floor.

That changing of the leader board also moved an entirely different group into contention for the \$50,000 drawing among the top 20 finishers in each division. Pam Jacks, the 18th-place finisher in the 6D, was loading her truck when a friend called her to tell her she needed to get to the arena quick.

"I walked in from the West side of the coliseum and asked the lady standing by the announcer who won the \$50,000," laughed Jacks. "She said someone named Pam Jacks. I said that's me!"

More than \$460,000 in cash and prizes were awarded at the 2009

When you're winning, hardly anyone believes you when you tell them your horse doesn't feel quite right.

"That's a hard thing to explain to vets, friends and husbands that even though you're winning something's not right," said Bynum of her great horse Maverick (AQHA's Hempen Streak). "He felt good, but he didn't feel that good."

After winning the Resistol Ranch Boots Race For The Truck Labor Day Weekend, Terra Bynum and Maverick didn't have big plans to chase down their third National Finals Rodeo qualification, but they weren't exactly going to go away quietly without a fight.

"I went to El Paso won it," said the two-time NFR qualifier. "He did great. When I asked him to turn the first barrel, he still didn't want to commit to it, but was like, okay, I'll turn it. Next day, I was in Abilene. It was really sticky, and he set at the first barrel and he came back over it, so I thought, oh, he is okay. Right before I get to the alleyway, he takes off with me, just runs off with me."

At the Albuquerque, N.M., pro rodeo, Maverick was still running off in the pattern. Several vet visits and joint injections later, Bynum headed to Texarkana. Although he didn't run off in the pattern, he ran off in the alleyway again. Bynum was done.

"I told my husband I was done," she said. "I'm scared of him and I'm not going to do this to him. Something's wrong."

Wanting a new set of eyes, Bynum pulled into Brazos Valley Equine in Morgan Mill, Texas, for an appointment with Dr. Charlie Buchanan. "I had very good vets the whole time, but I wanted a fresh set of eyes on him," she explained. "I told him I brought my living quarters' trailer

and I was going to stay there until he found something. He x-rayed him all over and we found what we thought to be the problem in his neck. It was an old injury where the vertebrae had been fractured at one time.” Bynum thinks she knows exactly when it happened, at the pro rodeo in Lawton, Okla., three years ago before her first NFR.

“He fell really bad in the alleyway,” she recalled. “It had rained and it was really slick. He had tried to turn and fell and got caught in the fence, and that was at full speed. When he got up, he nickered. My grandpa was a vet and he always told me when they do that, something’s wrong. He’s been good, but he’s never been the same.”

Maverick was just 6-years-old at the time and quite sporadic anyway. When it continued after the accident, Bynum chalked it up to his age and inexperience. Unfortunately, Maverick stayed sporadic throughout his career despite making two NFRs.

After injecting the joint in his neck where it had healed improperly and treating the secondary soreness that it caused, Bynum started rehabbing Maverick. She also put him on Oxy-Gen’s Ulcer Stop.

Perhaps the most drastic change she made was pulling his shoes.

“Actually, my horse physic told me six months ago to take his shoes off,” she laughed. “She said if I’d take those shoes off, he’d show me how fast he is. I said, ‘I don’t want to know how fast he is.’ Then my vet confirmed it and we took his shoes off. He’s had shoes on for five years and the next day he goes trotting across the gravel leveler than he ever has. Charlie said try without if anything we’ll put front shoes on him again if we have to. Slicks are too slick and rims are too much, we’re trying to even him out.”

So with just two weeks of riding and two lopes through the pattern, Bynum went to Barrelnanza.

“I didn’t even care if he loped a 17,” she said. “I just wanted him to be right.”

When Maverick walked in the holding pen and walked and stood in the alleyway, many people thought she was on her colt. Maverick doesn’t do those things. Yet, when he took off, everyone knew it was the Top Gun.

“With Maverick, it’s really good or really bad,” Bynum said. “There’s no in between with him. I know when I get on him I can tell when he’s

right. It was easy for him again. I thought, ‘oh my, why am I whipping home!’ and then he stopped in the alley! He was just content. I thought oh my gosh, he might be back!”

Bynum’s one goal was to have Maverick figured out, and she had her doubts that she would ever get that done. She’d even gone online to check out medical school in case she had to “retire.”

“Not making the NFR was very hard,” she said. “When you work toward your long-term goal and you don’t achieve that, it’s hard. I’m still not at the point that I could watch it yet. Yet, in a way, it has been blessing because I have been able to stop and give Maverick the time he needed and try these things. I’ve had him since he was 4 and I’ve never had the opportunity to slow down and figure Maverick out”

With her mare Cadillac N Karats cleared for riding in December, Bynum hopes to have two healthy horses ready for next year. If the Maverick that ran at Barrelnanza shows up in Vegas, that arena record will fall.

2D Champion

WBR Charlie 1 Horse Race for the Cash Champion Cindy Arnold and Visual Images (“Izzy”) picked out the beautiful Martin saddle with the turquoise stingray seat and pocketed \$5,000 for their 2D win. Arnold, Vian, Okla., said the saddle will probably go in the living room, but she’d probably sit in a time or two.

Although she won the 2D, Arnold and Izzy’s 15.375 was the 19th fastest time overall.

“She worked really good,” said Arnold, who is serving at the secretary for the Barrel Futurities of America. “She was a little flat today, and I didn’t think she was going to run. She really fired out of the first barrel and kind of left me there and rocked the second a little bit. In fact, I didn’t know it was up until I turned the third. I thought ‘well, you’d better run!’”

Izzy should have plenty of run. The 12-year-old mare is by Dashing Cleat out of the Bugs Alive In 75 mare Kissable. She was bred and raised by Arnold and her husband, Keith.

Arnold said she’s enjoying serving as the BFA secretary. “It’s been a challenge,” she said, “but I’m learning a lot.”

Her duties have unfortunately limited her riding time.

“I’ve probably gone twice since Ardmore,” she said. “I know I haven’t

been on her back in two weeks. I just lunge her when I get the chance. If she took a lot of tuning, I couldn’t do it. If I could just keep her in better shape, I’d have it made. She’s a big blessing, a big, big blessing.”

3D Champion

With times of 15.876, Callie Duperier, Kord Etbauer and Chery Pinkston tied for the 3D victory. All three had already gone home, so Booger Barter rolled the dice to determine the order of prizes. Pinkston was the beneficiary of the high-roll and claimed top honor as the 3D victor and new owner of beautiful Martin saddle with a lime green stingray seat. Etbauer, the talented young son of World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider Billy Etbauer and his wife, Hollie, was given 2nd place prizes and Duperier, a high school sophomore from Medina, Texas, received third-place prizes. All three earned \$4,000.

Pinkston, Terrell, Texas, ran her 10-year-old palomino mare Ima A Roan (“Blondie”) on Wednesday night.

“She went to her knees on the first barrel and slipped again at the second and ended up running a 15.8,” said Pinkston.



That’s cheating! Wade Pinkston climbed aboard 19-year-old Speedy Doc Holiday, that carried his wife, Liz Pinkston, to a National Finals Rodeo Barrel Racing Championship in 2005, to win the How Hard Can It Be Race for non-barrel racing spouses and significant others.

-Barrelnanza continued

“She’s a real push type mare. You have to be really aggressive on her. I whip all the way. On the video, if you watch it fast, it doesn’t look too bad. If you watch it slow, you can see her go to her knees and go about a stride past the first barrel. That cost quite a bit of time because she’s normally a very tight turning horse. I can’t figure out what happened. It paid off though. Luckily, Terra came in there and ran that 14.8.”

Pinkston, who operates S&S Arena and Cowboy Collection Tack in Terrell, Texas, with her significant other Jeff Smith, bought Blondie in April of this year. The mare is by Roan Bar Eighty out of Ima Golden Doc by Docs Town Crier.

“I guess I had her two weeks and went to Mesquite and won the pro rodeo on her,” said Pinkston. “She’s a nice mare. She makes the same run every time. I can put my baby on her with me before or after I run, and I have a 9-year-old daughter that can ride her around with a halter and lead rope. She’s really gentle and sweet. She’s got a great personality and loves her treats.”

Pinkston would like to try for the NFR next year, but with a toddler at home (Celie) and a daughter in school (Shaylee), her travel plans may be limited.

She wanted to thank her family and friends for their support as well as her horseshoer, Lane McKenzie, for helping her get Blondie’s feet right and Terra Bynum for running her fabulous 14.8.

4D Champion

Callie Rios made the long haul from El Paso, Texas, and was the very first runner of the entire barrel race on Wednesday night. Her green 4-year-old mare handled the commotion of Barrelnanza quiet well, running a 16.372, for Rios to win \$5,000 and a Martin saddle with a stingray seat.

“When I got in there, he was pretty nervous with the lights and banners and all that was going on,” she said. “I didn’t get there in time to exhibition so we were both a little nervous. I was pretty happy with my run. It wasn’t the best of his runs, but it was all right.”

Rios, who has a degree in accounting and works for the livestock action owned by her parents, didn’t start running Jewels until August.

“I was going to save him and run him at the 5-year-old futurities, but I decided to go ahead and start running him. I’ve been to local (jackpots) around here almost every week, but I’ve been to about three big ones on him.”

Rios’ dad, Joe, purchased Jewels as a yearling at a racehorse sale in Louisiana. He had planned on taking the gelding by First Down Jewel out of Delightful Classic, by Rolls Of Romance, to the track but changed his mind. After getting the colt started as a 2-year-old, he gave Jewels to his daughter in the middle of his 3-year-old year.

“I just started working him on barrels and he was pretty much a natural,” said Rios, who hopes she has a future rodeo horse on her hands. “He caught on so quick and was so easy to ride that I thought I would take him to the futurities. I’ve got him entered in Oklahoma City this next month and I’ve just been trying to get ready to go to that.”

Although she didn’t place, Rios also made the Championship Round of the JB Quarter Horses Futurity and was just two holes out of placing in the amateur rider incentive.

Having left after the futurity, Rios didn’t find out she had won until Devon Pierce had sent her a text message at 3 o’clock in the morning.

“I was sitting right in the middle of the 3D and I didn’t think anyone would ever be able to run a 14.8.

said Rios. “When I found out I was pretty excited. I just did not think that was going to happen.”

5D Champion

Amanda Risner had considered turning out of Barrelnanza due to her mare’s sore suspensory ligaments; however, with a little rehab she was able to run Incontrolofthefire (“Weegie”) to the 5D Championship. She picked up \$3,500 and the Martin saddle with the black stingray seat.

“About 2 months ago, my mare ended up with suspensory injuries in both front legs, so I was going to turn out,” said Risner, who hails from Nacogdoches, Texas. “We ended up coming because we fixed

everything. This is my first run back. I just loped her through them, well, at least to the first one. She felt good, so I just kept going.”

Risner purchased Weegie about a year ago. The 6-year-old mare is by Fire Water Flit out of Coconut Cash, by Dash For Perks.

“I’m just getting used to her,” said Risner, whose husband Justin is an Ag teacher at Central Heights High School in Nacogdoches. “I bought her from Robyn Herring. Latricia Duke trained her and she wasn’t going to make a futurity horse. She just keeps getting faster and faster.” Risner works with her parents at the family dental practice, helping her father as a dental hygienist and mother as office manager. They also raise and sell barrel horses.

6D Champion

Leave it to old faithful to win the big bucks. Texas Blue Streak (“Chance”) taught Shelly Lilley Owen to barrel race 10 years ago with her daughter Kayla. This year the 15-year-old gray gelding carried her to a 17.371 to win the 6D Championship and a Martin saddle with a red stingray seat.

“He’s just an easy going kid’s horse that’s kind of grown with me and my daughter,” explained Owen, who resides in Troy, Texas. “Years ago he took me to the next level prior to the horse I run now. He’s just a family horse.”

Chance, who is actually for sale, was owned in a partnership between Owen and her father. When her daughter Kayla was 13, he gave his half of the horse to her. Now Kayla no longer competes.

After her run, Owen had no plans on sticking around to see where she ended up.

“I wasn’t going to wait and see,” said Owen, who is a senior sales representative for Scott and White Health Plan in Temple, Texas. “I figured I was nowhere near it. My husband was the one waiting and seeing. I had three horses to take care of and I was riding a young horse over in the other arena, taking advantage of that. He kept saying I had and I kept saying I didn’t, because I’m not that lucky.”

Owen and her husband, Brit, have two daughters, Kayla, 17, and Kaygan, 13. According to her mom, Kaygan only runs barrels “when she needs money to go team rope.” Glen Rose, Texas, over New Year’s might be just the place for her since World Barrel Racing is leading World Team Roping that weekend.

Even before she had her big win, Owen was a WBR fan.

“I love it,” she said. “It’s always a big, nice event. It’s a really good thing. Booger’s really taken it to the next level and no one else has been able to do that.”

\$50,000 Winner

Pam Jacks, a life-long barrel racer from Lufkin, Texas, left Waco, Texas, \$50,000 richer. The speech therapist plans on doing a lot of barrel racing next year!

Jacks didn’t have very high expectations for the appropriately named Amispecialorwhat (“Daisy”).

“I had broke my arm and couldn’t ride,” said Jacks. “She’s not finished by any means. That little lope through-slash-run was only her third time. She got me right where I needed to be.”

Jacks, 49, raised the mare by a Dash For Cash-Johnny Bars stallion out of a Colonel Freckles-Clabber Bar momma.

Although her day ended on a high note, things didn’t start off well for Jacks on Sunday. She two barrels on a horse that she never hits barrels on, so she knew she had to change something.

“I chew gum when I run,” she said, “so I threw out that piece of gum and got another one, and I had to un-tuck and re-tuck my shirt.”

Luckily, Jacks saved the best horse for last.

“You know how you go to a barrel race and you just feel out of place?” she said. “That’s how I felt. Then I saw some old friends and it just made everything settle down. It’s just old hat. I’ve been running barrels for 45 years.”

Now with \$50,000 to play with, she’s going to try some races that she’s never entered before like the BBR Finals, Summer Shootout and maybe the Mega.