



# IBRA National Finals

ROBERTS ARENA - WILMINGTON, OH  
**October 3-8, 2011**

The 2011 IBRA National Finals welcomed members back to Roberts Arena in Wilmington, OH. Over 1000 entries of both new and familiar faces and equine partners ran through the gates of Lamar Arena in hopes to win one of the 16 Pro Rider Saddles, 16 Frontier Buckles, 60 Trophy Jackets from Carol Leather, or a piece of the many accessories provided by Bar H Equine.

### Tuesday October 4th: The Sponsor/Directors Race 4-D

KY member Billy Hatzman and Doc snagged the 1D win on Tuesday with a run time of 15.277. Gay Yorlets sped up behind him on Prime-time Ferrari to take the 2D with a 15.836. With a 16.28 Tiffany Spiker was Easily Sixcessful with the win of the 3D. Followed by Christen Glomba on KC Liberty Blue Frost with a 17.282 to take home the 4D check. We'd like to send out a thank you to all our Sponsors for bettering the National Finals this year with their support. IBRA also thanks all our State Directors for their hard work here at the finals and throughout the year in their state shows.

### \$10,000 Guaranteed 4-D

Mike Hulsinger was hot with Jones is on Fire as they set the standards high in the Guaranteed race with a flaming 14.958 in the 1D. Beth Marsh "Dun Got Paid" the 2D check with her 15.494 run time. Sue Bologna knocked no trees over or barrels for that matter with Timber Time Tommie to take the 3D win with her run time of 15.958. Kim Decock and Kelly Cheers celebrated the win of the 4D with a 16.965.

Wednesday October 5th:

### 1st Go Open:

Wild Card entry, Jamie Cagle, would not need the pass into the short go as she would have earned the spot with Dashin Live Rocket to take



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home the 1D win with a quick 14.966. The 2D went to Michael Mann on May B Billy Madison with a 15.474. Barbara Barker had a "De Great Pass" to scoop up the 3D with a run time of 15.97. The 4D was claimed by Kellie Smith and her horse Atta Girl Red with a 16.987.

### Fun Night:

Amusing is definitely an understatement when it comes to describing this evening of events. The Fun Night was kicked off with a barrel of laughs, when the Donkey Race began. Sponsor/Director Race winner Billy Hatzman, was in the lead until he slid off the front of his ass. Heath Wrye and two of the IBRA Italians were neck and neck until Amber Mostoller came around the last turn for the win ... only to be bucked over the finish line. The balloon toss was filled with excitement and water as both adults and kids teamed up to compete. Total chaos took over the arena when the foot and dog race started up. Indiana proved to everyone who their "daddy" was, winning Tug of War contest again ... only to get beat by a bunch of kids at the end of the night.

### Thursday October 6th: 2nd Go Open 4-D

Chris Coffey was saying "No Pressure on Me" as he outran himself for the 1D win with a 14.904. John Perkins took the 2D with a 15.427 on Pay Day Meyer. Vickie Siesky wasn't thinking "Hope She Smokes Um" anymore when she captured the 3D with her 15.914. Katie Fox was glad Sheza My Lady when she snagged the 4D with a 16.941.

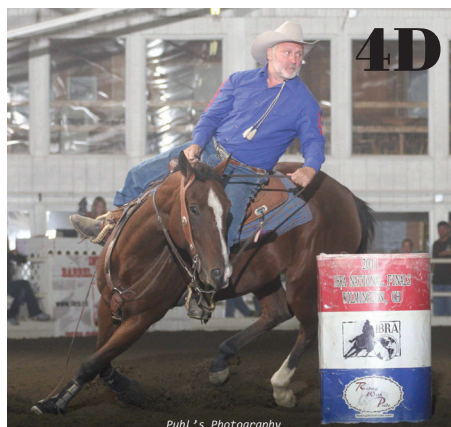
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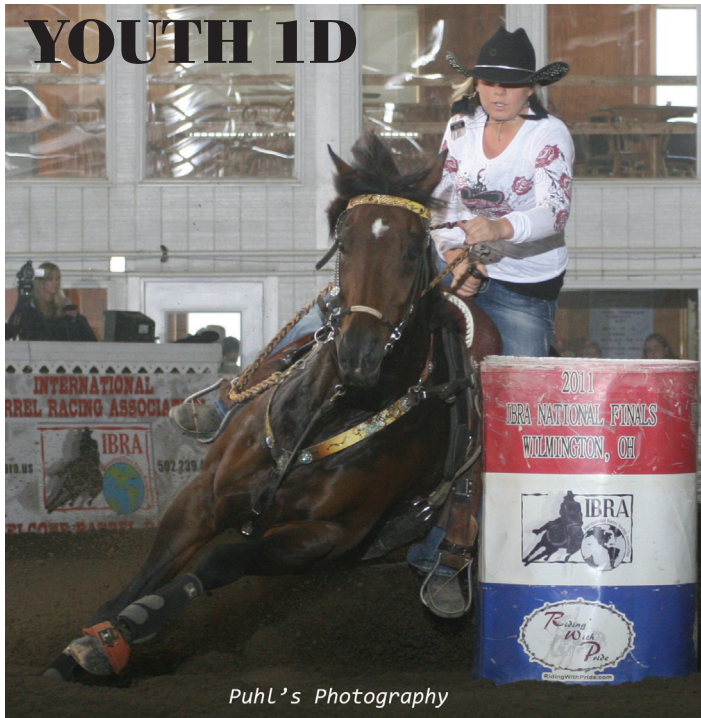


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**Friday October 7th: Youth 4-D Long Go**

Karissa Gipple and VF Yo Down dominated the 1D with their run time of 14.967. Lexus Gonterman let no one Bully her around as she won the 2D with her 15.471. Heather Phillips and her Cowboy Roguish Son claimed the 3D with a 15.969 run time. Jordan Goodwin was spouting sonnets with Shakespear as she stole the 4D with a run time of 16.986.

**Masters 4-D Long Go:**

Mike Hulsinger was still hot with Jones is on Fire as he won the 1D of the masters long go with his 15.069. Cindy Harlan and Van Buren stole the 2D with her 15.574 run time. Heather Hudson and Skippy skipped over the finishline with a 16.078 to take home the 3D win. While EK Cantrell was Smokey hot with a 17.152 run time to take over the 4D

**BBQ and Corn Hole Tournament:**

The BBQ was a success with a variety of great food and tons of people lined around the arena to get their share of it. A special thanks goes out to everyone who helped set up the BBQ and brought a dish to add to the enjoyment. And a big thanks goes out to John Perkins, Joe Dirolf and Chris Hancock for their help in making the corn hole tournament

run smoothly. The tournament raised an extra \$200 to be donated to Sugartree Ministries. Congratulations to Justin and Mike for winning the tournament and their prize money of \$400.

**Saturday October 8th: Finals Short Go Open**

Chris Coffey dominated the entire week. He proved himself yet again as his Streak of Romance filled the arena with awe. With the same riding style as his father, Calvin Coffey, he showed everyone what barrel racing should look like. With a run time of 14.769 this professional took home the 1D Championship for a third time in the past four years, showing Buddy Alexander exactly why he has him riding his horse.

Kari Spragg and equine partner Rose entered the gate with "Cotton Eye Joe" playing in the background. Spragg states that her horse of three years loves rodeo music and says it helped put both of them in the mood to win. After this year's finals Kari is thankful that computers do, sometimes, have glitches and that her mouse clicked the wrong horse on the website. One jealous horse later Spragg has her first 2D national finals win with her 15.287 run time.

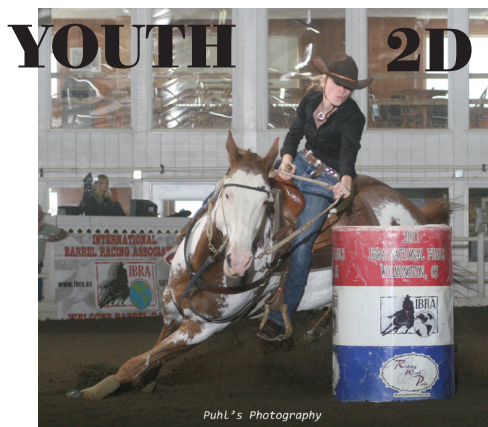
Jessie Gonterman proved to everyone that age does not matter when it comes to barrel racing. Being on and around horses since she was 8 weeks old Jesse is bound for greatness. She always keeps her mother's advice to "ride hard and if you fall you have to get back on" in her head. Which is exactly what her and Bully did. They gave their 110% to claim the 3D with a run time of 15.78.

Greg Shreeve has been in the barrel racing world for almost 30 years now. Running the barrels isn't just a hobby for him so much as family bonding. He has used it as a way to get close and travel with his son and daughter. Getting his winning horse Jake when he was 10 years old as a non barrel horse, he showed everyone that you can teach an "old dog new tricks". Coming up with his own unique style of riding, Greg won this year's 4D with a run time of 16.798. Although whether he is more proud of this win or the state of Indiana winning the tug of war contest will forever be a mystery.

**Youth 4-D Short Go:**

Karissa Gipple, doing well all week in the youth and open, showed that when her and her horse give 100% together, the outcome will consistently be outstanding. Gipple says one thing she has learned along the way is, "that barrel racing is like a dance, it's a team effort and you have to move with each other". Her and VF Yo Down showed up to dance their way to the top. They took home the 1D check, which will be put towards college and back to the horses, with a swift 14.891.

Chelsey Keiser, who has been riding barrels since she was 3 years old (now 19), was as fast as an airplane on her Boston Jet McCue. She and her best friend of 11 years ran a 15.409 to stake claims on the 2D check.



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Keiser, who learned how to train horses through her parents, trained Boston Jet McCue from a yearling. Now, 11 years later, she tries to balance out her passion for riding and being a teenager. She says, "my horse always gives me his all, which makes dating hard because boys don't always do that". Whoever said "you can't have it all figured out when you're young"?

Cheyanna Patrick raced before she could walk. Following in her mother Cindy's footsteps, riding style and all, she has made running barrels her hobby as well. Patrick says, "Global Bug always runs faster for my mom, but always runs more consistent with me". Global Bug, always a dependable horse, helped win the 3D in the youth with a run time of 15.925.

Cara Perkins won the 4D with a 16.978. Winning the finals jacket for her is like getting a letterman jacket in high school. Barrel racing is her sport. She practices every day and has her "games" on the weekends. Although her parents expected barrel racing to be nothing more than a phase Cara has proven different with her hard work and dedication. Her barrel racing career has progressed from running "play" rodeos on her pony in the front yard to becoming an IBRA National Finals Cham-

pion. As a responsible young adult, Cara puts her prize money back into her horse and uses it towards entry fees at the next shows.

**Masters 4-D Short Go:**

KY members dominated the Masters short go in 2011. John Perkins lead them winning the masters short go 1D with a 15.062. John showed that his runs earlier in the week were merely practice rounds in comparison. He bought Pay Day Meyer 5 years ago when no one else wanted him. Perkins says, "this horse has a great personality, always runs with his heart and there is no holding back for him". Perkins thanks God every day for giving him the ability to ride and the horses to ride with. Barrel racing is probably the best thing his daughter could have ever talked him into doing. John would like to thank our IBRA state sponsor David Fries (Chiropractor) and Brad King (Veterinarian) for helping keep his animals in tip top shape.

For Beth Tobin barrel racing isn't just a hobby, it's a passion. A way of life. She has been riding for over 40 years and still loves those few seconds that blur by when running around the barrels. She definitely kept the amount of seconds low when winning the 2D in the masters. The office had to Launch the Cash in Beth's direction after she ran the right time of a 15.605, taking the 2D Masters Champion title.

KY member Tammy Smith stormed into to take the 3D Championship. A 16.113 put her right in line for a new Pro Rider saddle. Tammy is raising her daughters, Brittany, Samantha, Sheryl and Chasity, in the beautiful world of horses just as she had been. After 39 years in the saddle Tammy has earned her right to ride in the masters.

Tammy's good friend, Joe Dirolf, another KY member and show producer took charge of the 4D with the Colonel. Joe is relatively new to the sport having only been running for two years now. After watching his neighbor JR Blanton, Joe decided to take his trail horse in a new direction. His anticipation of the run is the most memorable part of the week, says Joe. After such a performance this will be the Colonels first and last National Finals showing as Joe has decided to respectfully retire him.

The IBRA would like to send out a special thanks to all of its members who donated non-perishables and bid on silent auction items to benefit Sugar Tree Ministries. A total of \$2,410 was raised at the National Finals, plus an addition very generous donation by Karen Mostoller. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and thoughts so that they may continue their good work.

2011 Proved to be yet another great year for the International Barrel Racing Association and its members. The IBRA would like to congratulate all of those who placed and thank all of its members who attended the finals. IBRA hopes to see all of you again next year and for those of you who were unable to attend have the opportunity in 2012.



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