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So my monthly newsletter seems to have evolved into a biannual update! With the beginning of July, we find ourselves halfway through the 2007 show season. As it stands, all has gone reasonably well. The first West Coast show found Dave the Snaffle Bit Champion on Jerry Vaughn's Chex Out Hollywood Chic. Dave and Tony Romero's Custom Chrome gelding, Custom Trendsetter, also claimed the first place in the Novice Horse Open. Following the first West Coast show, Chex Out Hollywood Chic and Dave went on to win the Junior Reining at the Cow Palace in April. With May came the Valley Cow Horse NRCHA show in Exeter where Arc Dyna Cee placed 3rd in the Hackamore Spectacular and 2nd in the Hackamore Class. On the heels of Exeter, Dyna and Dave went on to make the NRCHA Derby Open and Intermediate Open Finals. All in all, Dyna has added almost \$8,000 to her show record.....putting her just over \$20,000 NRCHA LTE. Rosemary would be proud to say the least – we hope she is looking down on us with pride. Next on the agenda for Dyna will be Salinas and the Two Rein class at Reno.

In addition to Dyna's strong spring, Slide Zone and Becky have also faired well, having won the Open and Limited Open at all three West Coast Shows and the Intermediate Open at all but one. Zone also showed he was a sport by dragging his big grey self around the huge pen at Reining by the Bay and placing Reserve in the Open the first day and fourth the second day. In addition, he managed run and slide himself into first place in the Intermediate Open and Limited Open both days. Ultimately, he was Reserve Circuit Champion in the Open and won the Circuit title in both the Intermediate and Limited Open. Needless to say, Becky is thrilled and keeping her fingers crossed that the rest of the season could go half as well.

Our youth kids have done very well, each holding their own all season. Our most recent claim to fame would be Nichole Hurst and her victory at the NRCHA Derby in the Youth class having marked a 141 in the reined work and a 142 down the fence. Her sister Kaitlyn, showed at an NRCHA event for the first time and despite being out of the money for the Limited Youth, did an outstanding job showing "Smitty" his first time out at an NRCHA event. Congrats to both the Hurst girls. Oh, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fact that Nichole and TNT were Reserve Circuit Champions at Reining by the Bay, while Kaitlyn came in a very respectable 3rd for the Circuit.

As I think through each person's victories, both large and small, I feel compelled to mention a few of those who have had some success or personal breakthrough. Congratulations to Mark Faley and Sir Hobbs for a great run at the 3rd West Coast show at Brookside.....not a single error and a strong placing to boot. At that same show, Margaret Netherby and her Whiz gelding Howie brought home their first NRHA plaque having won the Prime Time Rookie! Way to go Margaret! That said, one of our other "Platinum Riders", Peggy Fry, has proven herself to be a consistent competitor with her new horse, JP Union Chic. We are thrilled that this pair has clicked and look forward to years of success for them. Ken Hamilton continues to evolve into a strong competitor and wise showman as he and "Rocky" continue to work out their kinks. Ken, you are

doing an outstanding job and we are pleased with how you have evolved as a showman! With that, we must mention his wife Stacy and her continued determination and showwomanship skills! She has also done an outstanding job all season. Despite a tenuous start, Lori Soma and her new mare Elle got through several good runs at Reining By The Bay and even broke the 70 mark at Reining by the Bay, which was a personal triumph for Lori!! Great Job Lori – it should just get better and better. Christine Ramsey and her little mare have really come a long way since last summer and we would like to congratulate her on all of her diligence and hard work. Let me take a moment to mention Don Hodge, who has been a great asset to our group. Don, your constant positive attitude and unfailing smile have been a welcome addition to our barn and we are happy to have you as a member of our team. Speaking of Team Membership, thank you so much to Judy Scholz and her unfailing efforts to coordinate a “Syndicate” for Jackie’s first foal “Forrest.” Thanks to all of Judy’s efforts, we have fabulous group of people who bought Forrest and will be cheering him on in Reno at the Cow Horse Futurity in September. Finally, good luck this fall to Michelle Devine and her attractive Like a Diamond 3 year old gelding.

So, now we look forward to the West Coast 4 and 5, followed by the NRCHA Prefuturity, and NSHA Futurity in Paso in August. Following the Cow Horse events, we will have the Reining Spectacular, the Affiliate Finals, and the NRCHA Cow Horse Futurity. A big Thank you to everyone who has come out to support our program and good luck to everyone at the upcoming events.