



2011 SERIES RESULTS

Copper Penny Series #6!!

SIX YEARS! Wow does time fly! It seems like just yesterday we said “why don’t we run some jackpots”...then we said “lets do a series if we can get some sponsors”. And the rest is history!

Not only did we find them, some of them have been with us every step of the way. Year after year, as we make our plans, organize and run the jackpots they step up with sponsorship and make our job a bit easier.

This spring it was looking GRIM to say the least. A long hard winter with mountains of snow...then just as we were going to get started...the nEHV outbreak! This morphed into downpours of constant rain...with mud to

our, well you know...clouds of unbearable mosquitoes and left us thinking “maybe next year”? But it stopped and dried up, so we gave it a valiant effort. After rescheduling the Enerplus Weekend

On the final day we battled yet another of Alberta’s weather surprises...WIND! And how it blew! Once again we improvised, we battened down the hatches, ran the jackpot in spite of the

tortment, moved everything set up for our social, headed to the yard to seek shelter and hand out the awards.

But barrel racers are a tough crowd and when it was all over there were smiles all



and 12 jackpots later we tallied up the times and the winners were announced.

WAIT...Don’t jump to conclusions...it wasn’t that easy!

around!

Stay with me, read along and see for yourself how the exciting sport of barrel racing makes it all worth while!

Sponsors...through thick and thin!!!!

Sponsors come and go over the years but we have the greatest of all! Most of ours have been with us since conception and we are THANKFUL!

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Ltd, Top Line Running Quarter Horses, Epona Consulting Inc and Sharon Stepanick your contributions to our series do not go unnoticed. Whether it is your time, product or sponsorship dollars it all counts!

Welcome aboard to our newest sponsor **KESLL**

Welding (Ken and Sandy Emery).

When it seems like everything else is working against us our sponsors “step up to the plate” one more time!

THANK YOU SPONSORS! You are the one thing we can count on!

SALUTE!!!!

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enerPLUS Weekend 2011 !!!!

The most anticipated weekend of our season "The Enerplus Weekend"! Originally planned for July the weekend came and went. Everyone was calling and asking what would become of it?

A local Oil Company, Enerplus is heavily involved in the community and various events. If someone is helping with community improvements, you can bet Enerplus is in the thick of it! It is fortunate for us they have a local office with concerned, and considerate employees watching out for us.

Doesn't everyone love prizes? You can bet they do...most of them tell us so! So isn't it nice for some one to step up and sponsor a day of added prizes? We think so, and thanks to Enerplus it is reality. Their generous sponsorship goes a long way to make



our Copper Penny Finals and the Enerplus Weekend possible.

Results are as follows:

1D

1st - Lauren Russell - LV

2nd - Sandy Hood - Charger

3rd - Cindy Gamroth - Jonathan,

4th - Lana Chorney - Ichy

2D

1st - Michelle

Miller - Chick, 2nd - Dianne Miller - Princess

3D

1st - Sandy Emery - Tee, 2nd - Aileen Wagner - Razor, 3rd - Libby Ziegler - Tie Tasty, 4th - Amy Turner - Tequila

Youth Standings

1D - 1st - Rachel Jones - Lily

2D - 1st - Kailyn Gausvick - Fancy

3D - 1st - CeeJay Hamilton - Spritzer

Laurie Hansen officially accepted the Enerplus sponsorship on behalf of the Copper Penny Barrel Racers from the District foreman Jim Geddes.

Wow... barely got that cheque in the truck!



Thank You -ENERPLUS

Thank you Enerplus for sponsoring the Enerplus weekend. This was my first year attending in the peewee division. I was very happy to receive the prize that I won a purple grooming kit, purple is my favourite color. I can't wait for next year's Enerplus weekend.

Thank you. **Kylee Hamilton (Pee Wee)**

The best weekend was the Enerplus barrel Jackpot, It was my first year participating as a youth. My pony and I received a matching halter and lead, that's pink. Thank you Enerplus for sponsoring the Enerplus weekend. Thank you for the organizers and volunteers for all your hard work to make the weekend happen.

Thank you Enerplus. **Ceejay Hamilton (Youth 3D)**

5 years of Loyal Sponsorship= Thanks Enerplus!!!

Copper Penny Series Awards

The Copper Penny Barrel Racing Series is very unique in that everyone that qualifies takes home an award. Since the first year of the Series we have had, Tee Shirts, Caps, Saddle Crosses and this year was no different. This year was a very unique item...specially ordered for the Copper Penny series. A Copper Barrel Racer Concho necklace on a leather cord!! The little Hamilton girls are pictured here modeling them...and enjoying the social!

All of our awards are from high end manufacturers so if you are the champion...you are dressed like a champion.

First placing in the open was a Horseware Ireland "Helix" Stable Sheet, fuchsia colored Horsewares Newmarket tote with

woven velvet handles and a set of Keenland Polo Wraps from Equine Textiles of Kentucky. 2nd place was a red

shank from the Horseware Amigo line. 3rd placing was a Horsewares Newmarket brush set/carry bag and halter/shank, 4th was a set of Keenland Polo Wraps.

Lucky for our youth this year there was a qualifier in each division. The three girls all went home with a magenta colored Stable Sheet as well as a matching halter and shank from the Horseware Irelands Amigo Line.

Our lone PeeWee was awarded a selection of items for her and her pony...mostly in pink!

We are proud to say we have the best quality awards our sponsorship money can purchase!



A Look At The Future...

Every year we await the arrival of the littlest competitors, the Pee Wee's! This years late start and bad weather left us wondering...where are they? But our littlest competitors never let us down! They arrived with smiling faces...cute as they can be...with their ponies in tow! But don't get me wrong, these little gaffers are not just another "pretty face"...they are serious horse people looking to score some loot!

At the Copper Penny Jackpots, Pee Wees are never disappointed. As you will read further on, Sammy's Snak Shak ensures they all leave happy!

One such happy little competitor was Kylee Hamilton from Bon Accord, Alberta. This petite, 60 lb, 7 year old has been



riding since the ripe old age of TWO...yup...you read that right. She started in Gymkhana and the ABRA jackpots then at 6 added Pony Club to her list of interests. Her partner this year was "Cignant Song Bird", a 10 year old, 12.3 hand, registered Welsh bay mare that goes by the barn name Scat. Previously a halter show pony, Prince Phillips Games Pony, Pony Club and a halter show pony this was her first year barrel racing and she didn't let Kylee down! Just

look at how fast her Mom has to run to keep up with Scat. But if you talk to Kylee it was all worth it, she and Scat took home a big bag of prizes as well as the treats from the "Snak Shak"! She and Scat will be back next year to stake their claim to some of the fabulous prizes awarded to the PeeWees.

You may remember little Logan Cartwright from last years jackpots. The weather and other commitments kept him away most of the season, but not for all. Now four years of age, he was back with his QH mare Fancy and the help of his Dad, showing his baby sister Maggie" how it is done. She needs some lessons because the word on the street is Maggie, who is coming two, will be entering next year as well.

So as you may have gathered from reading this article, Barrel Racing really is a sport for all ages! The whole family can attend, watch, compete and have FUN!!! Everyone can enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise and maybe take home a prize or two in the process. How Good is That?!



Sammy's Snak Shak!

"Sammy's Snak Shak". Still in business and going strong!

The PeeWees know him well and ask for him by name. Sometimes we and their parents think it's the only reason they come. For the treats!!!

At 8 years old he has been feeding and watering the competitors for 4 years. When he was younger he required a bit of help but now he has things covered.

Sammy has definitely become a fixture and when the announcers gazebo was being constructed he promptly staked his claim to half the structure. Although his signage can be seen from both sides.

He is also our youngest sponsor and the sole sponsor of the PeeWee's as well as any additional awards he thinks of. Every PeeWee that enters is entitled to free treats from his "Snak Shak" as a little extra incentive. Don't think it doesn't work...ask the parents. PeeWees love the Copper Penny Jackpots!

If you haven't met him you should stop in sometime, watch a few rides and grab



a snack from his "Shak". He is always open for business when the jackpots are on and has plans to add to his menu when possible. It has been bounced around to add a hot snack or possibly frozen snacks.

He is always game, it all depends on

his investors, Mom and Dad, as they will need to provide the necessary appliances and such to make it happen.

One thing for sure is he will be at the next jackpot, smiling and chatting up his potential customers because he really likes doing it. Sammy LOVES jackpot day!!

CNRL...from the beginning...

"Canadian Natural Resources Ltd"...most of you have heard of CNRL. But did you know they have been a sponsor of the Copper Penny Barrel Series from the very beginning?

When we decided to do a series we said "who could we get to sponsor"? Well...the natural choice was CNRL. They had been in the community for 20+ Years...the CNRL Joarcam battery is directly across the road from the arena...the lease road to the header is the entrance past the arena...and the header is directly behind it. How could we get them out of our minds.

We placed a call to the district foreman and the answer was YES!! GREAT...we had them on board!

In the deal we also ended up with our two most loyal volunteers. Howard Knull, long time friend and neighbor was the battery operator at the time and his wife Cheryl. You will hear more about them in the volunteer section.

So by now, 6 years later, CNRL has become our ally. We rely on their unwavering support to make our series one to be talked about. With all the bad publicity out there surrounding oil companies ours is a story of "oil company does good"!

Oil companies operate differently these days. They work in harmony with the community and land owners. They are one of the biggest supporters of community events and causes.

Thank You CNRL! You have supported us through it all. We hope you continue the journey with us... HATS OFF TO YOU!!!



Open 1D - Champion and Runner Up

Are they unbeatable in their home arena...it seems so! They have done it again. Teresa Pederson and "Docz Highrollerz" claimed the 1D championship again making it 6 for 6! Vegas, the 12 year old, 16.2 hand sorrel gelding spent most of his summer lounging around with a sore foot. But when he came back, he was back with a vengeance, cinching the title for yet another year.



The 1D Runner Up title was awarded to the team of Lauren Russell and "Tinkys Buzz Bar". Although new to the Copper Penny Series, Lauren is a long time veteran on the barrel racing scene. She used her 16 years of experience and his 4 years to guide the brown gelding "LV" to victory.

Congratulations to both of you on a job well done! See you back in 2012!



The Pederson Arena

What's to like about the Copper Penny Jackpots? The Pederson Arena!

If you haven't attended a jackpot here you are missing out. It is located a half mile from a lake on a hill. The lawns are groomed and pots of flowers adorn the gateway, announcers gazebo and are placed along the arena by gates and such.

The grounds are perfectly groomed for every jackpot, with preparations starting days before the event. It is a big wide open pen 160' X 300' to the gates of the arena. We run a standard pattern with a full 90 feet of stopping.



The arena is built out of pipe and cable with heavy duty gates so you will feel safe while riding in it...we do.

It is ideally located on pavement with excellent access to allow for larger truck/trailer units. The parking, a horse pasture, is substantial so it is not necessary to crowd others.

The rules are NO dogs, do not clean out your trailers or litter. Of course it is private property so access to water tanks are denied.

All in all it is a great place to compete with a laid back environment, perfect for starting out, training a prospect or racing old faithful.

Oh...and of course...great prizes at the end!!

Open 2D - Champion and Runner Up

Laurie Hansen and “Docz Rocz On” managed to claim their 4th 2D Copper Penny Championship. Rocky, the 15.2 hand, 12 year old, sorrel gelding, has been running barrels for 6 years and LOVES it. He has a HUGE personality that some might call quirky, but he uses it to his advantage. He really does think he is “10 feet tall and bullet proof “!!



The photo is from the 2010 ABRA finals, no photo available of Laurie accepting their award, she was busy cooking burgers at the social.

The 2D Runner Up award went to Ann Flynn of Camrose, Alberta. She herself is no stranger to the Copper Penny series however her new gelding Gringo is. The 9 year old sorrel barrel horse “Dondi Rocket Bar” helped Ann take home winnings from her 5th Copper Penny series. Gringo will be sporting his new cooler with matching halter and shank thanks to their efforts.

It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to come this far. Congratulations to you and your mounts!!



Our Loyal Volunteers!

The Copper Penny Series has been around for 6 years and for all 6 of those years our most loyal volunteers have been as well! Helen Hansen the Secretary/Announcer, Cheryl Knull her faithful Assistant and Howard Knull our “gate guy”!

For Helen and Cheryl there was a bit of a change, they now work out of the beautiful gazebo. Their duties however did not get any lighter. They still have to register contestants, record and announce



it is not glamorous at all but he keeps coming back. The dust is always horrible and the wind makes handling the gates a “Nightmare”, to say the least. We try to help him when we can but we always know “Howard will handle it” if we don’t.

At some jackpots they take their volunteers for granted...But not at ours! We appreciate any help we get. Our thanks go out to all of you! With your help the jackpots seem a lot easier to run. Howard, Cheryl and

Helen...from all of us...**THANK-You** for your hard work and dedication!!!



times, and calculate the payout and placings. Sound easy...its not! They also have to work around anything nature throws at them...wind is the worst, but the dust is right up there! Through it all they don’t let interruptions or conditions get them down, they know what they have to do...and in the words of a famous redneck...“Git Er Done”!!!

Howard is probably the most famous “gate guy” in the history of jackpots. Almost everyone that attends calls him by name. He must love his job because



Open 3D - Champion, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

It appears the Miller family doesn't seem to want to share this award with anyone. Dianne Miller of Thorsby stepped in this year and claimed the 3D Champion title to replace daughter Michelle, last years winner. Better yet, the 8 year barrel racing veteran did it on her other daughters 20 year old mare Princess! We are not sure if she is going to come clean about her winnings and share the loot with Sarah.



The 3D 2nd placing went to a local barrel racer Sandy Emery and "TE". A 20 year barrel racing veteran herself, Sandy has been training and competing with the 11 year old gelding for 3 years now. TE is going to look like a "Pro" when he sports

his red Amigo Stable Sheet and matching halter with shank.



Teresa Pederson suffered a loss this spring when her gorgeous brown, 16.3 hand, 15 year old, 1D gelding "Lotta Streakin" contracted a bacterial infection that the veterinarians could not save him from. Her 9 year old grey gelding "Eyes Open" had to "kick it up a notch" and advance in his training. Struggling with a hoof abscess, Marengo, the 16.3 hand ex-race horse came through for her and placed them 3rd in the 3D. Teresa and Lotto were a barrel racing team for 3 great years... here's hoping her and Marengo get many more!!



The 3D 4th placing also went home with Dianne Miller, only this time she won it with her new partner "Famous Krystal Reed". Krystal the 9 year old mare just started barrel racing this year but word on the street is Princess is retiring so we will be seeing a lot more of her.



Good work ladies....job well done! Hope you all had fun and we will see you next year!!

Thank you Sharon Stepanick -Brenneis Greenhouse!

Sharon attended the series finals a few years back and took notice of the flower bed and pots situated around the arena. Since then she has generously donated whatever was needed. This year she took pots home in the fall and planted them early in her greenhouse. The results



were astounding! They were beautifully arranged and in full bloom when they came and in October after flowers everywhere were finished they were still beautiful. Even the battery operators were commenting on how nice they were. The flower bed at the entrance was planted solid with a variety of flowers and bordered with unique grasses. Our Thanks go out to you Sharon! Thanks for noticing the effort that was made and for helping to make the Copper Penny jackpots a bit more special!!



Youth 1D, 2D & 3D Champions

This years Copper Penny series was short but sweet for the 3 winners in the youth category. It worked out great for them, they each qualified in a different division.

Our 1D Champion this year was Rachel Jones on her horse Lily. Rachel has competed for several years starting as a PeeWee and is now very competitive in the youth.



A newcomer on the barrel racing scene is Manville native Kaitlyn Gausvick and her 9 year old sorrel QH mare "Got Fancy Silver". She and Fancy, who have been teamed up for a few years decided this year to try their luck in the high paced jackpot scene. They couldn't have been happier with their 2D Championship and their magenta

colored Horseware Amigo Cooler and matching halter and shank.



The 3D Championship went to 10 year old Ceejay Hamilton and her 6 year old welsh cross pony Spritzer. The 13.1 hand dapple grey mare had been jumping for 3 years but this was her first year on barrels. Ceejay, like her younger sister Kylee, is very tiny at 60 lbs but she has been riding since the age of 2! She started competing first in Gymkhana at 4 then added Pony Club when she was 6 as well as ABRA jackpots as a PeeWee. This year was very exciting for her as she struck out on her own, notice Mom is not in the picture with her, and is guiding Spritzer through the pattern on her own! This win was the "icing on the cake" for her after her Enerplus Weekend win.



Congratulations to all of you young ladies, we are sure we will see you all back here next year, all practiced up and ready to go again!



Our 2011 Sponsors

This is our meet the sponsors segment of the newsletter. This year Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Enerplus Resources Fund, Sammy's Snak Shak and Sharon Stepanick were featured in articles.

New sponsor, KESLL Welding, is Ken and Sandy Emery. Sandy is one of our competitors that decided along with her husband they wanted to give back to the sport she loves and competes in.

"Lorrill Waschuk" is a long time sponsor and friend of organizer Laurie Hansen.

Even though she lives in Athabasca she tries to attend and help when time allows.

"Aardvark Welding Ltd" is Mark, Teresa and Sammy Pederson, sponsor and host of the jackpots.

"Top Line Running Quarter Horses" is the partnership of organizers Teresa Pederson and Laurie Hansen. Their breeding stock are all performance proven TAAA, top race and barrel bloodlines, imported from the U.S. They raise and sell prospects for race and barrels as well as trained barrel horses.

"Epona Consulting Inc", Laurie Hansen, is a dealer for Horseware Ireland, Pro Orthopedic, Equine Textiles, Flair Equine Nasal Strips, Arenus Products, Ground Control Shoes and Canadian distributor of the "Tapit" for speed product.

Competitors, thank the sponsors! It is very difficult to enlist sponsorship and even harder to keep it! Most of them just want to know their sponsorship dollars are appreciated as they all have several worthy requests for sponsorship each year. Let them know their decision to sponsor barrel racing was a valid one!!

Our THANKS go out to you!

Although I repeatedly thank the sponsors for supporting the Copper Penny Series I thought it would be nice for them to hear from those that attend, compete and also win.

Wow!!! The season that almost wasn't!!! First a late spring, then a highly contagious equine viral outbreak followed by ongoing rain and swarms of mosquitoes. It probably goes down in the record books when all your sponsors and prizes are gathered before a single jackpot has been able to be run. I thought I was fully prepared for the season with three horses, but that was not the case. After losing one to an unusual bacterial infection (miss you Lotto) and the other two both coming up lame with abscesses, my season was not looking very bright. I spent the first half of the series helping from the sidelines. Then with very little conditioning and literally glue holding my best horse Vegas's back foot together, I was able to qualify for prizes at our series. He truly is the "Big Dog" (as I fondly refer to him) and came out blazing making every limited run count to claim our 6th Championship in the 1D. I may have only attended one series this season, but I made it to the one that counts. The prizes are incredible and EVERYONE who qualifies gets an attendance award. We do our best to promote barrel racing and youth, and our sponsors add that much needed incentive to go along with the bragging rights of winning. I tip my hat with a HEARTY THANK YOU to all our sponsors and eagerly await hearing from you in 2012!!!

Teresa Pederson (1D Champion / 3D 3rd placing / Host / Sponsor)

I write thank you after thank you in this newsletter and I get to this page and it never seems to be enough. As an organizer I can appreciate what all goes into an event such as ours and I am very thankful to all of you that help and sponsor. As a sponsor I like to think everyone else appreciates the commitment sponsors make to enable them to have a venue to attend, with a "little something" at the end to prove their success. As a competitor I am eternally grateful to all of the sponsors! I have won fantastic prizes at the Copper Penny Barrel Series and 2011 was no exception! Our goal is to promote barrel racing as a family past time, one that you can continue for as long as you choose. The prizes help to create a sense of accomplishment in those that ride all year and then succeed and meet their goals. So to all of the 2011 Copper Penny Series sponsors "HATS OFF TO YOU"!!! We hope you return and "ride out" 2012 with us!

Laurie Hansen (2 D Champion / Organizer / Sponsor)

Laurie, Tracy and family, Thanks for putting on the Barrel Racing Series at your farm.

Sincerely, **Lauren Russell (1 D Runner Up)**

(This Thank You was sent in a very lovely card immediately following the series final)

Thank you for sponsoring the 2011 Copper Penny Barrel Series. The series is always fun to come to and the prizes are always great!

Anne Flynn (2 D Runner Up)

To all responsible for the Copper Penny Barrel Series: Laurie, Tracy, Mark, Helen and Sammy's Snak Shak

A Special Thank-You to Enerplus for the generous donation towards the series!!!

The Copper Penny Series provides a great family experience for us, we all get to compete and have fun with our horses.

Thank-You - **Kelly, Kim, Logan (4 years old) and Maggie (almost 2) will be ready to take part next year!!! And All The Horses!!!**

The 2011 Copper Penny is a great series. Thank you to all the sponsors; Enerplus Resources Fund, Canadian Natural Resources LTD, Lorrill and Carter Waschuk, KESLL Welding for Monetary sponsoring. Thank you to Sharon Stepanick for the Beautiful Flower baskets around the arena, and I may say the gazebo looks great, it very warming to the participants. If it wasn't for Sammy's Snack Shack the peewees wouldn't be as happy, because my two daughters always ask if Sammy is going to be open. Thank you Sammy's snack Shack for your sponsorship. Thank you Aarkvark Welding for the great ground in the arena to run in. The Biggest thanks goes to Top line Running Quarter Horses Tracy and Laurie and Epona (Laurie's company) for all their time, labour, planning and great gifts for the Copper Penny series. It is a big job and you ladies do a great job. This was my first year attending I didn't participate but my girls did and they really enjoyed coming.

Thank you sponsors for a great Copper Penny - **Jamie, Ceejay and Kylee Hamilton**

I would like to say thank you to everybody and anybody who help the Copper Penny Jackpot. It was my first year coming to this jackpot and I had a TON OF FUN! There was lots of great people and great prizes! Thank you Everyone, Hope to see you Next Year!

Kaitlyn Gausvik (Youth 2D Champion)



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Copper Penny 2011 - the shortest, busiest 2 months ever!

As a very organized, obsessive compulsive type personality everything has to be planned...this year was a killer! We had our sponsorship in place, scheduled the jack pots and then the series, not even out of the gate, came screeching to a halt! At first I was a nervous wreck...what the heck were we going to do? Will our sponsors bail on us? Then, because it really was out of my control, I said "so be it, maybe next year". And the rain stopped...the sun shone...and the arena dried up. We were back in business!

No pressure...we just had to run as many

jackpots we could in 2 months...how hard could that be. We managed to crank out 6 doubles to finish the year with 12. Not bad all things considered. The final day we generally run a single as we have our social and awards that day but decided we could handle it and went ahead with it all.

Since we are non profit, you may ask, "why do we do it". We do it for our love of the sport, but the smiles and thanks from those we now call "friends" help! Several competitors and their families choose to attend our jackpots over others because they enjoy the atmosphere. Some

of the other functions can get pretty "cut throat" but not the Copper Penny jackpots.

So as the 2012 season descends on us I have no choice but to reflect on the past 6 years and ask myself "With all the time, energy, dedication and planning involved is it all worth it"? Barrel racing is like a tradition in our family, it wouldn't be the same without it. So plans are underway, prizes selected, the jackpot schedule is in the works and the arena plowed off in anticipation of an early spring. What else do we need?? OH yeah...Sponsorship...and the rest will fall into place.