

## Copper Penny

### 2012 Series Results



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## 7th Copper Penny Series !!

7 Years! Could it be? Has it really been that long?

As I sit here writing this, we are fully engulfed with winter and time has passed since all the work took place that went into making yet another year a success. But once I start to think of all the things that must be done just to have a jackpot, it all comes rushing back! WOW! It keeps one hopping...to say the least!

This year was particularly hard for us but we managed to forge ahead.

Just a few weeks before our first jackpot was scheduled to take place, the host "Teresa Pederson" had an extremely bad accident with a horse. It left us scrambling to just keep

up with everything else let alone run a jackpot. The day of the first jackpot came...and she was still in the hospital!



We had to cancel and carry on with our other "chores". Although more postponements looked inevitable, it never crossed our minds to

scrap the season....then what!? We just waited it out and when Teresa was well enough to attend and help out we started our 2012 season. Only 2 weekends cancelled but we still had lots of jackpots scheduled, we would hope for the best.

The Series was off to a start mid June like nothing happened. Minus Teresa and I, as Teresa was recovering and I had not

had time to ride and get anyone in shape to compete. We would have to just work this year...there is always next year ...we could hope!

## Not without our SPONSORS!!!!

The Copper Penny Barrel Series sponsors are the most loyal sponsors of all time! Seven years we have had sponsors supporting us, most of them have been with us the entire time! We do not take them for granted, we are well aware of the commitment they have made to us. We work hard to put on a series worthy of their loyalty and sponsorship

dollars. We believe we have succeeded!

**Canadian Natural Resources Ltd, Enerplus Resources Fund, Lorrill Waschuk, KESLL Welding Inc** (Ken and Sandy Emery, **Sammy's Snack Shack, Aardvark Welding Ltd, Top Line Running Quarter Horses, Epona Consulting Inc** and

**Sharon Stepanick** are all highly regarded sponsors of the Copper Penny Series.

**THANK YOU SPONSORS!** You make it all possible. Our sport as well as the riders, both young and old, benefit from your support

**HATS OFF TO YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN!!!!**

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# enerPLUS Weekend 2012!!!!

Once again the "Enerplus Weekend was a success!! We have been holding this special 2 jackpot weekend for years now. Every one looks forward to it and asks for it by name.

them in our community.

July 08, 2012 Results are as follows:



## 1D

1st - Dianne Miller - Krystal

## 2D

1st - Danielle Tessier-Poco

2nd - Charlene Humphrey - Fancy

3rd - Charlene Humphrey - L.A.

## 3D

1st - Jessica Simson - Roxy

2nd - Emily Lynes - Turbo

3rd - Sheena Ashcroft - Sprite

4th - Emily Lynes - Dually

## Youth Standings

1D - 1st - Danielle

Burghart - Ben

2D - 1st - Breanne Hryhirschuk - Okie

3D - 1st - Erica Tessier - Jack

When we first started we did it over two days, then the ABRA rules changed and we could hold two jackpots in one day. So now it is a "Double Header", quite popular as it gives you an extra chance to run in a day, and save money on gas as well. What could be better than that...well Prizes of course!

If there is something going on in our area, something being built for the public, you can bet you will find Enerplus. They have been an amazing oil company and we are lucky to have

Enerplus, you have been a LONG time sponsor of ours and we greatly appreciate your support of our community event! Our competitors ALL know Enerplus and what you do for us! Thanks for another year together!!



## Thank You -ENERPLUS

On behalf of Okie and myself, I would like to thank Enerplus for their continued sponsorship. We have lots of fun at the jackpots and the prizes I receive are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Breanne and Okie Hryhirschuk (Youth)

Manville, AB.



# ENERPLUS...Its been a great ride with you!!!



## Open 1D - Champion

With a large pool of ladies and or their horses out with injury it was anybody's game this year. Those of you following the Copper Penny Series will notice that most of the competitors in 2012 were new to barrel racing or new to the Copper Penny Series. This being said, it seems like we may be accomplishing one of our goals of introducing the exciting sport of barrel racing to others and providing a venue for them to compete and improve their skills. More competitors...equals tougher competition!

This years 1D Champion was newcomer Ashley Thiel and her mount "Cash On Spot". 27 year old Ashley is



a first year barrel racer, but obviously not a first year rider! However her 12 year old paint gelding Johnny is a different story. He is a seasoned barrel horse with 9 year experience so he was able to show Ashley the ropes and help her win some prizes along the way.

There were no other qualifiers in the 1D, I am sure next year that will be a different story. Most of the riders and their horses were fast improving and it sounds like most of our other regulars will be back with a vengeance! Hold on to your horses everyone, there will be some pretty fast times clocked next year!!!

## Smiling Copper Penny Sponsors!

What do these 3 ladies have common you ask? Aside from looking Very lovely on our final day, they are all sponsors of the Copper Penny Barrel Series!

Lorill Waschuk (right) has been a loyal sponsor since conception. A friend to the organizers, and not from a horse background we are thankful she decided the Copper Penny Series is something she would like to sponsor. She currently resides in Athabasca, AB but visits and helps when her schedule allows, and makes a point of attending the final day to watch the awards and enjoy the annual social.

Sharon Stepanick (left) attended her first Copper Penny jackpot in the fall of 2009. She was bitten by the barrel racing bug and decided this was for her. The day of the awards she offered to donate flowers from her greenhouse "Brenneis Greenhouse" for 2010...but it didn't stop there. Since then she has taken the flower pots home and plants them in her greenhouse, until weather permits us to move them to their location by the arena. Sharon was unable to compete this year but attended several jackpots as a volunteer as well.



In the center is Sandy Emery, of KESLL Welding. Ken, the other half of KESLL Welding arrived later to take part in our sponsor and volunteer appreciation social. The Emery's began sponsoring our series in 2011, however Sandy has been competing at the Copper Penny jackpots and taking home

awards since 2009! They live nearby, and find it a convenient and fun place to spend their Sunday afternoons. Sandy was unfortunately sidelined this year due to health reasons but is optimistic she will be back in competition in 2013.

Our sponsors and volunteers in attendance enjoyed a fantastic dinner along with some great conversation.

There is not much time for socializing on the hectic jackpot days so we like to schedule this time for everyone to unwind from the hustle and bustle, get to know one another and enjoy themselves. I think I speak for everyone involved when I say...WE HAD A GREAT TIME...LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOON!!!!



## Open 2D - Champion, Runner Up and 3rd

Stepping into the winners circle to claim the 2D Championship was Charlene Humphrey and her mount "Lucky Lil Auzie". 29 year old Charlene hails from Cooking Lake, Ab. and has been



barrel racing for 4 years. Her 9 year old mare L.H. has only been at it for a year and a half. Looks like we will be seeing a lot of this team in the future.

If you are wondering why Kristal Fenton is posing with so many prizes there is a logical explanation. She qualified and placed both horses in the 2D.

The 24 year old from Lamont, Ab. has been barrel racing for 12 years and trained both the horses she won on. She placed 2nd on "HW Miss Moon", her 15.1 hand, 8 year old bay mare. Moon has been in training for 3 years with 2012 being her first year in competition.

Her 3rd place win was accomplished on her 15.2 hand chestnut mare Ace. The 15 year old has been barrel racing



for 10 years and holds a special place in Kristal's heart as she was the first barrel racing horse she trained.

Good work ladies...and your trusty steeds, your hard work has paid off!

## Youth 1D, 2D & 3D Champions

Our 7th series brought us a whole new group of teenage girls new to the sport. But don't think they were just standing around, these young ladies were giving each other a run for their money!

The Youth 1D Championship was awarded to 12 year old Brooklynn Cowles and her 12 year old gelding "Ranger". The youngest of our youth Champions, Brooklynn is also one of our local riders from Rollyview, Ab. She has been barrel racing for 4 years, her horse Ranger has been at it for 3.



Breanne Hryhchuk, another first year barrel racer claimed the Youth 2D Championship with the help of her 11 year old, 15.3 hand sorrel gelding "Hankee Pankee Yankee". Although trained for barrels, this was also Okie's first year in competition but the pair didn't let it show. They both handled the pressure of competition and when Okie was side lined with an



Our 3D Youth Champion hailing from New Norway, Alberta is 14 year old Cassidy Laskosky. This was her first year barrel racing but she has teamed up with "Kilomax Bueno Bar", her 10 year old quarter horse that has been barrel racing for 5 years to claim the title. She has a couple more years to polish her skills before she moves up into the Open so look out ladies!

Congratulations to all of you young ladies, you are on your way in the barrel racing world!



injury 13 year old Breanne didn't want to sit out the rest of the season so she finished the remainder on "Ginger" his pasture companion.





## Open 3D - Champion, Runner Up and 3rd

There is always a fight for the prizes in the 3D because of the number of new or young horses being trained. This year it was just as tough a crowd, but things fell into place the final day.

The 2012 3D Championship went to Shannon Cowles, a local competitor from Rollyview, Alberta. Shannon is no novice with 7 years of barrel racing under her belt but her 9 year old Quarter Horse "Sage" is a first year competitor! Shannon used all of her barrel racing and training knowledge to put herself ahead of the competition.



23 year old Jessica Simson is not new to the Copper Penny Series, she has been barrel racing for 3 years now. This year she and "Ima Dress Up Dolly", a second year barrel racer herself, claimed the 3D Runner Up title for their efforts. Jessica and her 7 year old Paint mare she calls Roxxy, hail from Ardrossan, AB and attend our jackpots quite regularly.



In 3rd place was one of our friendliest competitors Sheena Ashcroft and her 12 year old quarter horse mare "Jags Bean Bell". Sheena and Sprite travel from

Ryley, AB to attend the Copper Penny jackpot series. The 13 year barrel racing veteran shared with us that Sprite has come a long way since attending her first jackpot here. With the improvements the team has accomplished we are expecting them back in the winners circle in 2013.

Very good job ladies, Congratulations to all of you!! We know all too well the hard work that goes into training and seasoning a barrel horse. You have been rewarded for your efforts, now everyone will be watching for you next year. No pressure...just make sure you have fun!



## Sammy's Snak Shak!

No one LOVES jackpot day more than Sammy Pederson! Sammy has been operating "Sammy's Snak Shak" for 5 years now and he is only 9. Ask some of his customers, they will tell you he has done a pretty good job too.

That being said, no one likes "Sammy's Snak Shak" more than the PeeWee competitors. Sammy's Snak Shak is a pee wee sponsor, so every pee wee entry makes their ride then heads to the "Snak Shak" for their choice of treats. You would be wrong if you thought this doesn't mean anything. The pee wee's all remember where they get treats for their ride...it doesn't happen anywhere else!

This year Sammy was also helping on the equipment gate. Maintenance of the arena surface goes on through out the jackpot so it requires a tractor and float operator usually every 5 riders. To speed up this process Sammy also volunteered to work this gate in between



booth customers. He also runs to the house to replenish his stock or grab items the rest of us need. Sammy was a very busy boy but as you can see in

the pictures he was still smiling at the end of the day!

Next time you are in the neighborhood on jackpot day, stop in and check out what he has to offer. He will be there, manning his booth, chatting up the ladies and other potential customers. But be prepared...he WILL sell you something!!!





## Private PeeWee Finals!

At the Copper Penny jackpots the PeeWee riders have always been our favorite age group. We try to make every jackpot special for them. So this year we went a step further and held a PRIVATE finals JUST for the PeeWee riders.

Those we could contact were invited to attend a jackpot day set aside just for them. No hustle and bustle, no deadlines, no pressure...just a day of FUN!

We couldn't have picked a better day! Sunny, warm...a beautiful day to "strut their stuff"...and they did!

Four year Logan Cartwright and his 16 year old grey gelding "Swift Moon Jack" aka Dollar were able to get in quite a few "runs" decked out in their rainbow finery. Logan has the task of retraining the retired pro heading horse for barrels as well as the other gymkhana events. The 16.1 hand gelding, had a couple of weeks on the barrel pattern before our finals so he seemed to know the drill, and with a little help from Logan, in his 3rd year of riding, they were stopping the clock in pretty good time.



Novice rider, 2 year old Maggie Cartwright knows what is important for barrel racing. She and Fancy were looking "Pretty in Pink" as they showed us how its done! "Go Red Fancy Bar", aka Fancy, is a 15 year old sorrel mare that has been barrel racing for 10 years. The 15 hand mare does not intimidate Maggie, as a matter of fact she is crazy for speed!





## Pee Wee Awards!



After the riders were “played” out from barrel racing the horses were put away with a snack and we all headed to the Pederson yard for the rest of the Copper Penny Pee Wee Special Day.

Next order of business was the prizes! PeeWee’s LOVE prizes so we didn’t disappoint. The award bag was full of horse



related items, brushes, hoof picks, horse head handle combs, stuffed horses, as well as candy bags and everything else little cowboys and cowgirls like. They both received

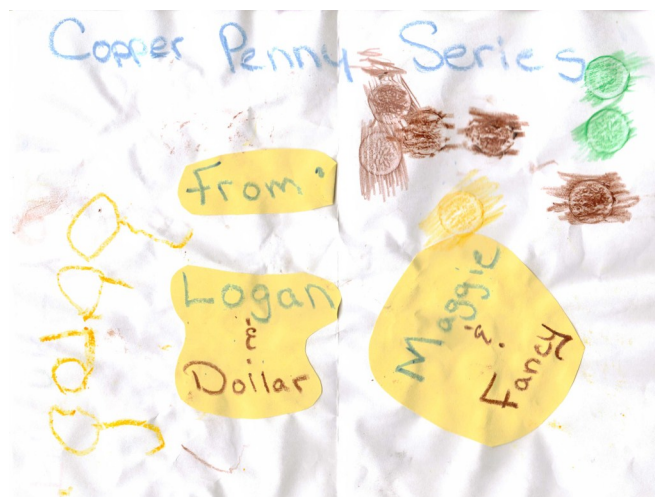
a personal folding chair to carry in their trailer with them, which came in handy as they opened them up and used them at the lunch.

By this time the fire was blazing and the wiener roast was under way. Wieners and marshmallows were roasted, the pop was flowing, various snacks, the candy bags came out, cupcakes, home baked squares...what didn’t we have!



Hours had passed, the kids were plumb tuckered ,as well as the rest of us, but one thing for sure is we all had a great time...can’t wait to do it again!!!

Below you will see the thoughtful Thank You card sent to us by the kids. They had a little help, due to their age, but they personalized it quite lovely...I think!!!



## A Special Thank You!

### Thank-you Copper Penny Barrel Racing Series

Laurie, Tracy, Helen, Sammy and Mark

I would like to extend my thanks to you for all the work you do to put on a barrel racing series in our area. We have taken part in your series for a few years now, and enjoy the relaxed family atmosphere. My PeeWee’s enjoy picking their prizes at the snak shak: this is the only place they can do this and they don’t forget it.

This year you went above and beyond when you offered the Pee Wee Finals, providing a safe, fun environment for the kids to “run” their horses as many times as they wanted. All the while you were taking pictures, writing down the times, and helped to keep them going in the right direction. Besides that, taking the time to plan a wiener and marshmallow roast, with special snacks and drinks, where they received their prizes. If you ask them about the summer riding, they bring up that special jackpot just for them, it made them feel so very important.

Thank-You Again - We look forward to next summer!!!

The Cartwright Family - Especially Logan (5) and Dollar, Maggie (2) and Fancy (Kingman, AB.)



## Inaugural CNRL Day!!!!

2012 brought some changes to our seasons program. With verification of their 2012 sponsorship came the announcement they would like to double their sponsorship and have a special CNRL day with prizes, in addition to the regular year end prizes!

How could we say no! We knew our competitors would love having an additional venue to test their skills and perhaps take home an award. So, although these "special" days add a bit to our schedule we hunkered down to make it a Great day for all!

When the day arrived, August 05, 2012, we enjoyed fantastic weather with, friendly competitors, good times and super prizes.

Consistency is the key to winning at the CNRL day. Competitors make 2 runs, their times are combined...fastest time wins! Then , a 2 second split is applied to find the 2 and 3 D winners.

### 1D

- 1st - Dianne Miller - Krystal
- 2nd - Sarah Miller - Tory
- 3rd - Seanna Ewasiuk - Lee
- 4th - Ashley Thiel - Johnny



### 2D

- 1st - Lorretta Oswald - Bo
- 2nd - Lisa Reed - Missy
- 3rd - Renee Gareau = Dodger

### 3D

- 1st - Seanna Ewasiuk - Harley
- 2nd - Krystal Fenton - Moon
- 3rd - Sheena Ashcroft - Sprite

### Youth Standings

- 1D - 1st - Brooklynn Cowles - Ranger
- 2D - 1st - Cassidy Laskosky - Dodger
- 3D - 1st - Breanne Hryhchuk - Okie

The lone Pee Wee of the day was a newcomer to our series Luke Oswald riding his very well mannered pony Pebbles. Word on the street is that Luke was moving on to a bigger horse soon. We hope to see him back next year....we do love our PeeWee riders!!!

Everyone LOVED the addition of the CNRL DAY of prizes! It is a test to the skills of the riders and the horses abilities to "pull off" two "clean", consistent runs. Then to have a chance to win something...makes the feat a whole lot more special.

THANKS to CNRL from everyone! We appreciate your support and your commitment to our sport!

## Our Loyal Volunteers!

The volunteers of the Copper Penny series have been at it for SEVEN years! Yup....you read that correct.

Do we still have the same volunteers? Aside from those of us that organize and host them, there is One! One that has been here every year and has not missed a single jackpot, our secretary and announcer Helen Hansen! She announces, takes entries and records the times. Her assistant, if she has one, has changed off and on but the show must go on...so she does too.

Helen's most loyal volunteer assistant this year was Heather Hryhchuk. Heather attends to watch her daughter ride but is game for any job we give her! She helps with entries, watches the timer, prepares the pay envelopes , takes photos,

you name it...she does it...and always with a smile it seems.



Greg Hryhchuk, husband and father also volunteers. He helps on the entry gate, which is a two person job at the best of times, not to mention in the wind! It is not a glamorous job, and you always need a long shower afterward but he never complains about his "post" and has been added to our "fantastic volunteer" list!

Jamie Hamilton (BonAccord, AB.) and Sharon Stepanick (Namao, AB.) attended jackpots this year without horses to help out and share in the good times.

We have great volunteers, that love the sport, the excitement, the camaraderie and everything else that comes along with Barrel Racing. We hope they had as much FUN as we did...see you 2013...there is always the social!!



# Thank You Sponsors...from Everyone!

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This portion of the Newsletter is designated for the competitors to voice their gratitude to the sponsors. Our sponsors can not all attend so they are unaware, without this newsletter, how the season went, who attended and benefited as well as the impact their sponsorship makes in the community. Although I was not able to compete this year I am still an organizer with many jobs and a fellow sponsor, so I am going to throw my "two cents" in as well.

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Thanks to all of the 2012 Copper Penny Barrel Series Sponsors! Whether you are a long time sponsor or a new sponsor that has just jumped on board the barrel racing "bandwagon" we try our best to show you the appreciation you deserve. As we toil in trenches doing the behind the scenes work it is always in the back of our minds that you "have got our backs" when it comes to funding needed to complete what we have started.

We are totally non profit, holding nothing back from the contestants, so without our generous sponsors the show could not go on! We could hold our jackpots, like others do, but it would not be as special as the "family" of competitors that attend our jackpots. I know, I have gone to those, and they are just another place to make a run and leave. Sometimes, no matter how you did, you say "I am never going back there"! Not at the Copper Penny jackpots! Most riders tell us they will be back, they had fun, thanks for having them, nice atmosphere, fantastic arena, great family outing, love the prizes and can't wait to come back!

As an organizer that puts in long days to prepare and work the functions and as a sponsor myself, I like to hear this feedback and know that what I am doing is appreciated. This is my chance to share what I have heard, and let all of the other sponsors know, you have made a difference!! You are appreciated! If you're not sure of this yet, turn back a couple pages and take another look at how much the PeeWee's enjoy themselves. You really can't put a price on that!!!!

**Laurie Hansen ( Organizer / Sponsor)**

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Thank you very much to the sponsorship of the 2012 Copper Penny Barrel Series. It is a much loved event and we are all very grateful for the continued support of this event.

**Ashley Thiel (1D Open Champion)**

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Dear Copper Penny Barrel Series Sponsors....Thank You so much for supporting a local event such as this: it is great to be able to compete at barrel races so close to home. The volunteers at the Pederson farm are fantastic and put on events with a great welcoming atmosphere. It is just a bonus to have a chance at some great prizes at the end of the year which you make possible. Thanks again and I will be back next year!

**Charlene Humphrey (2 D Champion)**

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We would like to thank the volunteers who are responsible for making the Copper penny Series run so smoothly. And also a big thank you to the sponsors who generously donate to the series to make it such a successful and fun filled event. Without the support from the sponsors and the volunteers these events would not be possible. Thanks you so much!

**Krystal Fenton (2 D Runner Up and 2D 3rd)**

**Sheena Ashcroft (3D 3rd)**

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I would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous contributions to the Copper Penny Barrel Racing Series. It is great to have such a well run event to compete at this close to home.

**Shannon Cowles (3 D Champion)**

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I would like to take this time to thank all the sponsors of the Copper Penny Barrel Series of 2012. It was a great opportunity to be able to participate with all the other riders this past year and it gave me a chance to meet some of the new ladies as well. I would also like to thank Laurie, Tracy, Helen and Sammy's Snak Shak for all the time and effort they put in to make it a fun and exciting season. Thanks again to the sponsors for all the great prizes and I am looking forward to the 2013 season!

**Jessica Simpson (3 D Runner Up)**

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I really enjoyed running my 8 year old gelding Ranger at the Copper Penny Barrel races this summer. I love the snacks at Sammy's Snak Shak and all the great prizes. This was the first blanket I won riding Ranger, Thanks So Much to the Sponsors!

**Brooklyn Cowles (Youth 1D Champion)**

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Hi, My name is Breanne. This was my first year coming to the Copper Penny Barrel Series, it was a great experience and I had a BLAST. I would like to thank all the sponsors and volunteers that helped make everything run smoothly. A BIG thanks to Enerplus and CNRL for their continued sponsorship, without you none of this could be possible. I received many great prizes and I look forward to the upcoming season!

**Breanne Hryhynchuk (Youth 2D Champion)**

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*You are never too young or too old to  
horse around!*



## Goodbye 2012...Welcome 2013 !

2012 was a tough year. We struggled through it, all the while thinking the show must go on. And it did!! With the help of friends and family we managed to complete our series 7th season including CNRL Day, Enerplus Weekend and the finals for a total of 14 jackpots!

It is hard to get motivated and plan for jackpots when the arena is under 2 feet of snow. I look at it and think...really...will this ever end. How did we do it...year after year...start planning the season, prizes and everything that goes along with it while the snow is swirling outside and the

temperature is well below freezing? The very thought of sunshine, flowers and green grass seems...well...Impossible!

But then a nice day comes along, sunny, warm for an Alberta winter and the snow melt drips from the roof. The faint memories of summers past come racing back. Maybe I should ride? Its not that bad outside, today.

Only a couple more months and spring should have sprung. We will plant flowers, clean up the winter debris and start all over again. So maybe check back next

year...about this time....I will let you know how it went. If I win at all of the jackpots I attend, you can be sure I am going to let everyone know about it!

I am looking forward to 2013 and what it will bring. If I could customize it, the ideal year is warm, sunny, no wind, no mosquitos, no mud...perfect weather for riding. However, having lived in Alberta my whole life I know that is not possible.

So, I will have to take the good with the bad and roll with it...because it can't be that bad...Right?