

NFQHA NAMES FIRST NFQHA CHAMPION STALLION!

Julie Stanley & RRR Dry Bar..

On October 7, 2001 at the Ozark FQHC NFQHA show in Bentonville, AR, Julie Stanley and RRR Dry Bar achieved the goal she set just over a year ago by becoming the first stallion to attain NFQHA Championship. To accomplish this, the pair had to earn 50 points in Versatility Horse Competition with 10 points earned in Category IV classes. As the first stallion to earn an NFQHA Championship, Julie and RRR Dry Bar will be presented with a beautiful bronze trophy and a check for \$1,000!



As if all this was not enough, Julie and 'Doc' dominated the NFQHA 2001 National Open Competition coming away with the National Versatility Championship plus many individual class championships. She was one of many strong east coast competitors who proved that not all the good NFQHA horses are west of the Mississippi!

Julie is new to NFQHA, but not new to horses. She tells us that her Dad put her on a horse before she could walk and she never quit riding. She started showing as a youth in local shows and playdays and from there went on to competing in AQHA Roping events. Her first marriage took her to ranch jobs in Georgia and Texas where she started colts, and performed a lot of cattle work and roping. When Julie found herself on her own again, she returned to the family farm in Georgia where she and her Dad got busy building barns and put together the horse facility, Shewmake Farm.

Julie started thinking about a stallion she had owned years earlier, Laguna Dry, a horse bred and raised on the King Ranch. In 1992 she sold the horse to Gene Roberts of Rockin R Quarter Horses (one of NFQHA'S earliest members #112!). Julie had always liked the stallion and decided to do her best to locate



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him and hopefully purchase him back. He had been re-sold and apparently passed away but Julie did not give up. She contacted Gene and he told her he owned a 6 year old son of Laguna Dry and she should come have a look. Julie made the 3 hour drive and first met RRR Dry Doc. She liked what she saw and asked "how much?" "Well, he is not for sale" is the reply she got. Gene did offer for her to take 'Doc' home and ride him for awhile. After six months of convincing on Julie's part, Gene finally agreed to sell her the young stallion. When she received the registration papers, his NFQHA certificate was also included. At that time, Julie had not heard of NFQHA. Gene explained some of what NFQHA is trying to accomplish and encouraged her to try NFQHA events.

As luck would have it, the very first NFQHA show east of the Mississippi was about to take place. In April, 2000 Julie and 'Doc' competed at the popular

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Clemson, South Carolina Clinic and Show

where they placed reserve in overall versatility and first in the stallion division! Julie liked what she saw at this show and upon returning home, told her Dad that RRR Dry Bar would be the first NFQHA Versatility Champion Stallion! She had set her goal although it would be a few months before she could attend her next NFQHA event. At the second point earning show put on by SFHC in Arden, SC Julie and Doc took home a new trophy saddle for winning the versatility championship. RRR Dry Bar was also the high point stallion at this show! They were off and running (or truck and trailerin'), hauling to as many NFQHA shows as possible in the 2001 season.

When asked what made her such an avid NFQHA fan, she tells us it was the type of riding and especially the cattle classes NFQHA offers and requires of its' versatility horses. She likes the fact that a horse has to be athletic and versatile to win, something that makes sense to her coming from a background of working cows and roping! Doc's other achievements for 2001 include his present high point position for NRCHA Ranch Hand Class and High Point in the Ranch Hand Division in Georgia and Florida.

Julie says 'Doc' is super athletic and these events give him the opportunity to show his stuff! She and 'Doc' plan to hit the show trail again in 2002

focusing on achieving their COA's in Cutting, Break Away Roping and Heading and Heeling.

On a personal note, Julie met her new husband, Delza Noble, at an NFQHA show!! Delza is an NFQHA lifetime member and owns and operates the Shoe N Ranch in Mountain City, TN. He is also active in showing and his yearling stallion, Docs Chilli Breeze took 3rd place in the 2001 NFQHA National Competition in In Hand Trail. Delza and Julie were married in the Shoe N arena on November 24th with their two stallions and many horse show friends joining them for a big celebration.

Julie tells us "if it wasn't for the Foundation, we would have never met". They will make their home at the Shoe N with RRR Dry Bar standing for the 2002 breeding season prior to hitting the road for another season of NFQHA competition!



***Congratulations
and all our best
wishes to
Julie, Delza
and their
great horses!***

