



# Women's Professional Rodeo Association

## 64 years of Women in Rodeo

The Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) is the oldest women's sports organization in the country. The Association started in 1948 with a group of Texas ranch women who wanted to add a little color and femininity to the rough-and-tumble sport of rodeo. A major move at the time, 38 women met in a hotel in San Angelo, Texas, on February 28, 1948, to change the way they were being treated in the male-dominated world of rodeo. These women banded together to create the very first professional sports association created solely for women by women – the Girls Rodeo Association (GRA).

The women knew they had an uphill climb to make a go of the association but it was one they all wanted to try. The group's primary purpose was to give women legitimate, honest opportunities to compete in all-girl rodeos as well as to establish an alliance with the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA- later became the PRCA) to host women's events in conjunction with RCA-sanctioned rodeos. They drafted and approved rules and regulations, and they enacted a point system to crown world champions. Their rules took effect in May 1948, and GRA board members went to work, persuading rodeo committees and producers to hold women's contests according to GRA rules.

Committees were given the option of choosing which event they would hold (bronc riding, cutting or barrel racing), and most picked barrel racing. In its inaugural year, the GRA had 74 members and they held 60 events with a total payout of \$29,000. Two years later they had more than 100 members. Today, it is a computerized association with more than 2,300 members and over 1,200 with a total payout of over \$4.8 million.

In 1982, the GRA changed its name to the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) which continues to stand for the same ideals it stood for back in 1948 when it was first conceived as a tool to help like-minded women achieve their common goals.

Back in the early days of the National Finals Rodeo, where world titles are determined, the barrel racing was not held in conjunction with rest of the events but had its own championships at a different location. In 1959, the first year that the NFR existed, the barrel racing championships were held in Clayton, N.M., with the team roping and steer roping, while the other events were in Dallas. In 1960, the barrel racing and team roping events were held in Scottsdale, Ariz., and then in Santa Maria, Calif., in 1961. In 1962, the GRA decided to stand their ground and hold their finals in Ft. Worth without any RCA events at all. It would remain there until 1967 when Florence Youree met with Stanley Draper of Oklahoma City and asked him to include barrel racing with the NFR. During that meeting Stanley called Clem McSpadden and they decided to include the women and Draper agreed to put up \$1,000 prize money the first year. In 1968, Stanley Draper proposed that the barrel racing be held at the NFR as long as the NFR was in Oklahoma City with a minimum purse of \$2,500.

Although barrel racing was now included as an event at the NFR, they were still not paid the same as all the men's events. That all finally changed in 1998, when for the first time ever the barrel racing event paid out the same amount as all the men's events at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. In fact, in 1999 two-time world champion Sherry Cervi took home more money in a single event than any other contestant competing at the finals-male or female. With \$245,369 in earnings for the year, Cervi topped the second place high money winner, Fred Whitfield who was crowned the 1999 All-Around and Calf Roping World Champion, by more than \$27,000.

From the very beginning, women have stuck their necks out for equality with varying degrees of success. In the early days of rodeo, some cowtowns recognized the ability women possessed and ditched the beauty pageants typically held for cowgirls. Instead, they held contests such as bronc riding, cutting or barrel racing. But, those events were few and far between. From the early days of competing for a cigarette case to competing for thousands of dollars of added money and incentive programs provided by the sponsorships secured by the WPRA over the last several decades the face of women in rodeo has certainly changed. Today's contestants are breaking records, influencing history and paving a bright future for the future cowgirls.

The Association has come a long way in 64 years. The benefits the contestants receive today would not have been imaginable had it not been for a courageous band of women who roughed it out in the early days of rodeo. In addition, that courage would have been fruitless if it weren't for the leaders who have stepped forward to accept the WPRA's baton year after year. Their refusal to take "no" for an answer serves to inspire future generations to recognize and then work to harness the potential of women in rodeo, today, tomorrow and in the future. WPRA – Where the Elite Compete.

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## **2012 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo**

### **BARREL RACING PREVIOUS LOCATIONS**

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| 1959      | National Finals Rodeo, Clayton, N.M.  |
| 1960      | National Finals Rodeo, Scottsdale, Ariz.                                    |
| 1961      | National Finals Rodeo, Santa Maria, Calif.                                  |
| 1962-66   | National Finals Rodeo, Fort Worth, Texas.                                   |
| 1967-78   | National Finals Rodeo at Jim Norick Arena in Oklahoma City, Okla.           |
| 1979-84   | National Finals Rodeo at Myriad Arena in Oklahoma City, Okla.               |
| 1985-2000 | National Finals Rodeo at Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev.          |
| 2001-2012 | Wrangler National Finals Rodeo at Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, Nev. |



# 2012 WPRA Wrangler NFR Standings



<u>Rank, Name, Hometown</u>	<u>Money</u>	<u># of Rodeos</u>
1. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, Texas .....	\$170,961	60
2. Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta .....	\$136,321	55
3. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas .....	\$127,292	98
4. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, Texas .....	\$124,520	69
5. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz.....	\$93,062	66
6. Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D.....	\$86,722	82
7. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. ....	\$86,282	78
8. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore.....	\$81,799	65
9. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D.....	\$72,461	55
10. Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla. ....	\$68,394	82
11. Kelli Tolbert, Hooper, Utah. ....	\$63,681	57
12. Lee Ann Rust, Stephenville, Texas.....	\$61,587	66
13. Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif. ....	\$60,872	59
14. Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb... ..	\$60,777	79
15. Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo.....	\$54,852	74



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**Wrangler NFR Payoff total: \$6.125 million**

**Each of the 10 Full Go-Rounds: \$58,894.23**

<b>1ST</b>	<b>\$18,257.21 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>2ND</b>	<b>\$14,429.09 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>3RD</b>	<b>\$10,895.43 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>\$7,656.25 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>5TH</b>	<b>\$4,711.54 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>6TH</b>	<b>\$2,944.71 (per man in team roping)</b>

**Average Payout: \$176,682.69**

<b>1ST</b>	<b>\$46,820.91 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>2ND</b>	<b>\$37,986.78 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>3RD</b>	<b>\$30,036.06 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>\$22,085.34 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>5TH</b>	<b>\$15,901.44 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>6TH</b>	<b>\$11,484.38 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>7TH</b>	<b>\$7,950.72 (per man in team roping)</b>
<b>8TH</b>	<b>\$4,417.07 (per man in team roping)</b>



# 2012 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo

## Barrel Racing World Champions 1948 – 2011

Margaret Owens.....	1948	Charmayne James .....	1986
Amy McGilvray .....	1949	Charmayne James .....	1987
LaTonne Sewalt .....	1950	Charmayne James .....	1988
Margaret Owens.....	1951	Charmayne James .....	1989
Wanda Harper Bush.....	1952	Charmayne James .....	1990
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LaTonne Sewalt .....	1954	Charmayne James .....	1992
Billie McBride .....	1955	Charmayne James .....	1993
Billie McBride .....	1956	Kristie Peterson.....	1994
Billie McBride .....	1957	Sherry Cervi.....	1995
Billie McBride .....	1958	Kristie Peterson.....	1996
Jane Mayo .....	1959	Kristie Peterson.....	1997
Jane Mayo .....	1960	Kristie Peterson.....	1998
Jane Mayo .....	1961	Sherry Cervi.....	1999
Sherry Combs Johnson .....	1962	Kappy Allen.....	2000
Loretta Manuel.....	1963	Janet Stover.....	2001
Ardith Bruce.....	1964	Charmayne James .....	2002
Sammie Thurman Brackenbury ...	1965	Janae Ward.....	2003
Norita Krause Henderson.....	1966	Kelly Kaminski .....	2004
Loretta Manuel.....	1967	Kelly Kaminski .....	2005
Ann Lewis.....	1968	Mary Burger.....	2006
Missy Long .....	1969	Kay Blandford.....	2007 (WPRA)
Joyce Burk Loomis .....	1970	Brittany Pozzi-Pharr.....	2007 (PWBR)
Donna Patterson .....	1971	Lindsay Sears .....	2008
Gail Petska .....	1972	Brittany Pozzi.....	2009
Gail Petska .....	1973	Sherry Cervi.....	2010
Jeana Day.....	1974	Lindsay Sears .....	2011
Jimmie Gibbs Munroe.....	1975		
Connie Combs Kirby .....	1976		
Jackie Jo Perrin .....	1977		
Lynn McKenzie .....	1978		
Carol Goostree .....	1979		
Martha Josey .....	1980		
Lynn McKenzie .....	1981		
Jan Hansen Smith.....	1982		
Marlene Eddleman .....	1983		
Charmayne James .....	1984		
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# 2012 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo

## Barrel Racing Average Champions 1959 – 2011

<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time/Runs</u>		
2011	Lindsay Sears	139.50/10		
2010	Jill Moody	138.26/10*	new arena record	
2009	Sherry Cervi	139.01/10		
2008	Jill Moody	140.11/10		
2007	– Brittany Pozzi-Pharr	140.18/10		
2006	– Brittany Pozzi	141.12/10		
2005	Liz Pinkston	142.65/10		
2004	Molly Powell	140.93/10		
2003	Janae Ward	140.50/10		
2002	Charmayne James	141.75/10		
2001	Kappy Allen	142.20/10		
2000	Kappy Allen	140.01/10		
1999	Sherry Cervi	141.56/10		
1998	Kristie Peterson	141.58/10		
1997	Kristie Peterson	143.28/10		
1996	Kristie Peterson	141.89/10		
1995	Kristie Peterson	142.22/10		
1994	Kristie Peterson	143.83/10		
1993	Charmayne James	145.14/10		
1992	Vana Beissinger	143.33/10		
1991	Kim West	144.01/10		
1990	Charmayne James	145.39/10		
1989	Charmayne James	146.33/10		
1988	Marlene McRae	142.85/10		
1987	Charmayne James	143.51/10		
1986	Charmayne James	138.93/10	1972	Gail Petska
1985	Janet Powell	145.38/10	1971	Donna Patterson
1984	Charmayne James		1970	Joyce Burk Loomis
1983	Marlene Eddleman		1969	Missy Long
1982	Paula Fortner Barthie		1968	Kathie O'Brien
1981	Donna Krening		1967	Frances Smith
1980	Donna Krening		1966	Allene Gaylor Mourne
1979	Lynn McKenzie		1965	Pat Marr
1978	Lynn McKenzie		1964	Allene Gaylor Mourne
1977	Jackie Jo Perrin		1963	Sis Armstrong
1976	Connie Combs Kirby		1962	Sissy Thurman
1975	Connie Combs Kirby		1961	Boots Tucker
1974	Colette Graves Baier		1960	Jane Mayo
1973	Becky Carson		1959	Jane Mayo



# 2012 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo Barrel Racing Records

## Wrangler NFR Records

**Earnings:** \$146,100, Sherry Cervi, 2009

**Fastest times:** 13.46 seconds, Carlee Pierce, 2011  
138.26 seconds on 10 runs, Jill Moody, 2010

## Regular season earnings (prior to the Wrangler NFR)

\$184,567, Lindsay Sears, 2008

## Qualifications

19- Charmayne James, 1984-2002

15 – Sherry Cervi, 1994-2001, 2003, 2005-06, 2009-12

12 – Mildred Farris, 1959-70

Sherry Johnson – 1959-68, 1970, 1991

Kay Blandford, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1993, 1995-97, 1999-2002

## Placed in 10 Consecutive Rounds at NFR

Colette Graves Baier, 1974

Lynn McKenzie, 1978

Charmayne James, 1986

Kristie Peterson, 1996-97



## 2012 WPR Awards

### AQHA Horses of the Year

1. Perculatin “Latte,” owned by Walker & Cogburn LLC, and ridden by Mary Walker
2. Yeah Hes Firen “Duke,” owned and ridden by Brittany Pozzi
3. Flo’s Heiress “Baby Flo,” owned by Dian Taylor and ridden Fallon Taylor

### 2012 WPR Rookie of the Year

Emily Efurd, Pittsburg, Texas, \$42,837 – finished 23rd in the WPR NFR World Standings



# 2012 WPRA Committee Awards

## **Announcer of the Year**

Randy Corley

## **Stock Contractor of the Year**

4L & Diamond S Rodeo

## **Pro Official of the Year**

Jim Whiting

## **Secretary of the Year**

Eva Chadwick

## **Small Committee of the Year** (added money of \$5,000 or less)

(tie) 128<sup>th</sup> Silver Spurs Rodeo (Kissimmee, Fla.) & Helotes (Texas) Festival Association Rodeo

## **Medium Committee of the Year** (added money of \$5,001 - \$9,999)

Guymon (Okla.) Pioneer Days Rodeo

## **Large Committee of the Year** (added money over \$10,001)

California Rodeo Salinas

## **Media Award**

Applebox Productions

## **Sponsor of the Year**

Justin Boots

## **Outstanding Individual Award**

(tie) Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs and Dude Overton

## **Lenora Reimers Heritage Award**

Pat Hutter

## **Family Heritage Award**

The Rosser Family

## **WNFR Lifetime Achievement Award**

Shawn Davis



## 2012 WPRA Barrel Racing

### Top 15 At A Glance

<u>Name, Hometown</u>	<u>Horse (s)</u>	<u>2011 Earnings</u>	<u>NFR Rank</u>	<u>Back No.</u>	<u>NFR Qual.</u>	<u>World Titles</u>
Benette Barrington-Little, Ardmore, Okla	JL Dash Ta Heaven	\$68,395	10th	80	2	0
Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla.	Cowboy Dan	\$86,282	7th	50	1	0
Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz.	Stingray, George	\$93,062	5th	38	15	3
Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb.	Worm	\$60,777	14th	105	1	0
Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D.	Louie, Chism	\$72,461	9th	73	6	0
Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo.	Movin	\$54,852	15th	113	1	0
Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore.	Jethro, Dora	\$81,799	8th	57	6	0
Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, Texas	Dillon	\$124,520	4th	13	2	0
Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, Texas	Duke, Steeley	\$170,961	1st	2	9	2
Christina Richman, Glendora, Calif.	Stitch	\$60,872	13th	104	3	0
Lee Ann Rust, Stephenville, Texas	Harley	\$61,587	12th	102	1	0
Lindsay Sears, Nanton, Alberta	Martha, Moe	\$136,321	2nd	6	7	2
Nikki Steffes, Vale, S.D.	Nilla	\$86,722	6th	48	1	0
Kelli Tolbert, Hooper, Utah	Cleo	\$63,681	11th	99	2	0
Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas	Latte	\$127,292	3rd	10	1	0

## Benette Barrington-Little

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World standings place: 10th  
2012 Earnings: \$68,394  
Career earnings: \$213,106  
Born: March 3, 1967 in Lubbock, Texas  
Residence: Ardmore, Okla.  
Joined WPRA: 1994  
Horses: **JL Dash Ta Heaven** (7-year old sorrel stallion) – Sire: Dash Ta Fame (PESI Stallion)/Dam: Dynas Plain Special (2003 WPRA World Champion horse); **Chicados Cash** (7-year old stallion) Sire: Cash Not Credit (PESI Stallion)/Dam: Chicado Flame  
World titles: 0  
Wrangler NFR qualifications: 2 (2010, 2012)  
Tour Finale qualifications: 2  
Puyallup: 2010  
Omaha: 2010  
Education: South Plains College (Levelland, Texas), Texas Tech University (Lubbock) and Methodist School of Nursing (Lubbock, Texas)

### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won the SW District Fat Stock Show & Rodeo (Lake Charles, La.)
- Won the American Royal (Kansas City, Mo.)
- Won the NILE Pro Rodeo (Billings, Mont.)
- Won the Rusk County PRCA Rodeo (Henderson, Texas)
- Won the Austin Co. Fair & Rodeo (Bellville, Texas)
- Won the Guadalupe County Fair and PRCA Rodeo (Seguin, Texas)

#### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Finished the year ranked 29<sup>th</sup> with \$38,558; won the Rodeo of the Ozarks (Springdale, Ark.); won the Hand Hills (Alberta) Stampede and the Lakeside (Calif.) Rodeo; co-champion at the Old Fort Days Rodeo (Fort Smith, Ark.).
- 2010 – Finished the year ranked 15<sup>th</sup> with \$58,927 and finished fourth in Rd. 5 in a time of 13.79 seconds; won the Cold Lake (Alberta) Stampede, the Redding (Calif.) Rodeo, the Riverdale (Calif.) Rodeo Association Rodeo, and the YMBL Championship Rodeo (Beaumont, Texas).
- 2009 – Finished the year ranked 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Personal

Husband, Jud Little...Is a Registered Nurse. Worked full-time for 15 years as a registered nurse for Medical Staffing Network and would compete around her schedule at 10-15 rodeos a year. In 2005, she ventured out a little more on what she refers to as her "great adventure." She got the opportunity in 2008 to ride Smooth My Credit and the rest is history...Graduated from Cooper High School (Lubbock, Texas)...Has been around horses her whole life started competing back in the 70s...Father is Ben Barrington who is a horse trainer and metal building contractor. Has an older sister, Stacey, and younger brother, Matt...Favorite rodeo is Pecos, Texas, because it was the first ProRodeo she competed at...Favorite food is Cheetos with a Baby Ruth, and favorite movie is *Bull Durham*...Enjoys getting her nails done while on the road.



## Kaley Bass

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World standings place: 7th  
2012 Earnings: \$86,282  
Career earnings: \$137,549  
Born: Dec. 21, 1992  
Residence: Davenport, Fla.  
Joined WPRA: 2011  
Horse: **Wonders Cowboy Dan "Cowboy Dan"** (12-year old gelding) – Sire: Wonders Pal/Dam: Jackie's Cowgirl Bar  
World titles: 0  
Wrangler NFR qualifications: 1 (2012)  
DNCFR/RNCFR qualifications: 0

### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won the Sikeston (Mo.) Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo.
- Won the Lea County Fair and Rodeo (Lovington, N.M.)
- Won the Lawton (Okla.) Rangers Rodeo
- Won the Dodge City (Kan.) Roundup Rodeo
- Won the Wild Bill Hickok Rodeo (Abilene, Kan.)
- Won the Iowa's Championship Rodeo (Sidney)
- Won the Eugene (Ore.) Rodeo

#### Career Highlights

- 2011 - Finished second in the WPRA Rookie of the Year race and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the world with \$51,267; qualified for All-American Finals; on the Comal County Fair & Rodeo (New Braunfels, Texas), the Dayton (Iowa) Championship Rodeo, the Oregon Trail Rodeo (Hastings, Neb.), the Ogden (Utah) Pioneer Days, the Chisholm Trail Stampede PRCA Rodeo (Duncan, Okla.), the Atlantic City (N.J.) Boardwalk Rodeo, the Semi-Annual Ralph Morgan Rodeo (Lauderdale, Miss.) and the Davie (Fla.) Pro Rodeo.

#### Amateur

Won the Florida State High School title and was third at nationals her freshman year.

#### Awards

Southeastern WPRA Rookie of the Year (2011)

#### Personal

Single...Traveled with Brittany Pozzi during her rookie year...Wonders Cowboy Dan came from the S Belle Brand ranch and S'Belle Dymmek and has been owned by the Bass family since the horse was three. Cowboy Dan is a son of Wonders Pal by Wonder Otoe and out of a half thoroughbred mare named Jackie's Cowgirl Bar. Wonder Otoe is the maternal grandsire of Sabra O'Quinn's great Wonders Oro.



## Sherry Cervi

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World standings place: 5th  
2012 Earnings: \$93,062  
Career earnings: \$2,268,446  
Born: Sept. 17, 1975, in Tucson, Ariz.  
Residence: Marana, Ariz.  
Joined WPRA: 1986  
Horses: **MP Meter My Hay "Stingray"** (10-year old palomino mare) Sire- PC Frenchmans



Hayday/Dam: Miss Meter Jet, **MP A Man With Roses "George"** (9-year old palomino gelding) Sire-PC Frenchmans Hayday/Dam: Rose Patch; **PC Frenchmans Hayday "Dinero"** (17-year old palomino stallion);

Education: Central Arizona College (1 year)

World titles: (3) 1995, 1999, 2010

Wrangler NFR average titles: 1 (2009)

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 15 (1994-2001, 2003, 2005-06, 2009-12)

DNCFR qualifications: 10 (1994-2001, 2008, 2010)

Tour Finale titles: 4

Pace Chute-out: 2001

Summer Finale: 2005

Championship: 2005-06

Tour Finale qualifications: 16

Pace Chute-out: 2000-01, 2003, 2005-06

Caldwell Round: 2007

Puyallup Round: 2007, 2010

Summer/Omaha Round: 2000, 2005, 2007, 2010-11

Championship: 2005-07

## Professional

### 2012 Highlights

- Has placed in an average of six rounds at each previous NFR
- Won the Justin Boots Championships (Omaha, Neb.).
- Won War Bonnet Rodeo (Idaho Falls, Idaho)
- Co-champion at the Walla Walla (Wash.) Rodeo
- Won the Guymon (Okla.) Pioneer Days Rodeo
- Won Payson (Ariz.) Rodeo

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Entered the NFR with \$90,521 and won \$93,317 in 10 days in Las Vegas after placing in seven out of 10 rounds winning Rd. 6. Finished the year ranked third with \$183,838; co-champion at the War Bonnet Stampede (Idaho Falls, Idaho); won the average and year-end titles at the Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo (Las Cruces, N.M.), the St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo, the Eugene (Ore.) Pro Rodeo, Strathmore (Alberta) Stampede, the Safford (Ariz.) Pro Rodeo and Wayne Wilson Children's Charity Rodeo & Carnival (Cave Creek, Ariz.).
- 2010 – Became the first \$2 million barrel racer, surpassing Charmayne James' earnings record of \$1,886,568. Won her third world title and set a new NFR arena record in Rd. 8 with a time of 13.49 seconds. Finished second in the average with a 10-run time of 143.29 seconds. Placed in seven out of 10 rounds, winning Rd. 3 (13.65 seconds), Rd. 7 (13.70 seconds and Rd. 8 (13.49 seconds). Finished second in the average and won \$120,042 at the Wrangler NFR; making her 13<sup>th</sup> Wrangler NFR appearance moving her into second for qualifications and trails only Charmayne James with 19 for total qualifications, the Canby (Ore.) Rodeo, the Snake River Stampede (Nampa, Idaho), the Treaty Day Celebration & PRCA ProRodeo (Window Rock, Ariz.), the Helldorado Days Rodeo (Las Vegas, Nev.), the Clark County Fair & Rodeo (Logandale, Nev.) and RodeoHouston and pockets \$61,500 – the most of any competitor. Ties Lindsay Sears' record from 2008 at RodeoHouston for most money won at a regular season rodeo. Third time to win the title and did so on three different horses (Troubles, Hawk and Stingray).

- 2009 – Won the average title at the 2009 Wrangler National Finals rodeo with a 10-run time of 139.01 seconds. Won \$146,100 at the NFR, the most money won of any of the 118 contestants. Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world with \$219,629. Won the Cave Creek (Ariz.) Rodeo, the Safford (Ariz.) Pro Rodeo, the Lynden (Wash.) PRCA Rodeo, the Red Horse Ranch PRCA Rodeo (Fergus Falls, Minn.), the Central Wyoming Fair & Rodeo (Casper, Wyo.), the Airdrie (Alberta) Pro Rodeo and the Dixie National Rodeo (Jackson, Miss.).
- 2008 – Finished the year ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$41,986; co-champion at the Pioneer Days Rodeo (Clovis, N.M.); won the Wild, Wild West Pro Rodeo (Silver City, N.M.), the Payson (Ariz.) Spring Rodeo and the Grand National Rodeo Horse and Stock Show (San Francisco, Calif.).
- 2007 – Won the Redding (Calif.) Rodeo. Finished the year ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$41,397.
- 2006 – Placed in seven out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR. Finished the year ranked ninth in the world standings with \$102,525; won the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Championship (Dallas) and qualified for her 11<sup>th</sup> Wrangler NFR; won the Western Stampede (West Jordan, Utah) and the Fourth of July Youth Celebration and PRCA Pro Rodeo (Window Rock, Ariz.); won the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round at the San Antonio (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo.
- 2005 – Won the Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge (Omaha, Neb.) and the Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic (Dallas); won average title at the California Rodeo Salinas and the Redding (Calif.) Rodeo. Finished the year ranked fourth in the world with \$142,258.
- 2003 – Won San Antonio (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo, Navajo Nation Fourth of July (Window Rock, Ariz.), Andy Devine Days (Kingman, Ariz.), and Kern County Sheriff Reserve Stampede Days Rodeo (Bakersfield, Calif.); won Rd. 5 with a 13.98-second run and Rd. 6 in 13.96 seconds at the Wrangler NFR; finished the year fifth in the world with \$109,354.
- 2002 – Olympic Command Performance Rodeo (Farmington, Utah) qualifier.
- 2001 – Won RodeoHouston and pockets \$19,033.
- 2000 – Turquoise Circuit Finals Champion (1994-2000); set record for most money won at a regular season rodeo with \$16,497 at RodeoHouston.
- 1999 – Set the WPRA record for highest single-year earnings with \$245,369 and most money won prior to the NFR with \$130,996. Won the Wrangler NFR average title.
- 1997 – Reserve World Champion
- 1995 – Won RodeoHouston and collects \$18,983.
- 1994 – Reserve World Champion

### Awards

Horse with the Most Heart award to Jet Royal Speed (Hawk), owned by Sherry Cervi, 1999-2000. MP Meter My Hay "Stingray" finished second in the 2010 AQHA/WPRA Horse of the Year voting for barrel racing and tied with Yeah Hes Firen (Duke) in the 2011 AQHA/WPRA Horse of the Year voting.

## Personal

Daughter of Mel and Wendy Potter. Mel served on the PRCA Board of Directors as a contestant director from 1996 – 1999 and Wendy competed in the NFR barrel racing event three times (1970-72). Sherry has one sister, Jolynn Alexander. Their family is part owner of Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc...Daughter-in-law of former PRCA Board of Directors member Mike Cervi, who served as a Stock Contracting Director. Was married for six years to team roper Mike Cervi Jr., who was killed with two other men in a private plane crash near Marshfield, Wis., in September 2001...In 2010 moved into the lead in all-time money won in the WPRA with \$1.9 million, surpassing Charmayne James' record of \$1.8 million...Trains barrel horses...Favorite sports team is the University of Arizona basketball team...She was an all-conference basketball player as a senior at Marana (Ariz.) High School...Hobbies include shopping and traveling...Inducted into the Pima County (Ariz.) Hall of Fame in 2003...Winner of more than 75 trophy saddles...Favorite rodeos are RodeoHouston and California Rodeo Salinas.

## Trula Churchill

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World Standings place:  
14th

2012 World Standings  
earnings: \$60,777

Career earnings: \$140,865

Born: Oct. 8, 1969

Residence: Valentine, Neb.

Horse: A Streak of Rita

"Worm" (7-year old blue roan gelding – Sire: A Streak of Fling/Dam: Jetta Rita)

Joined the WPRA: 1996

World titles: 0

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 1 (2012)

DNCFR qualifications: 2 (1997-98 seasons; competed in 1998-99)

Education: East Central University (Ada, Okla.)

## Professional

### 2012 Highlights

- Won the Four States Fair Rodeo (Texarkana, Ark.)
- Won the Spokane (Wash.) Interstate Rodeo
- Won the Farm City Pro Rodeo (Hermiston, Ore.)
- Won Industry (Calif.) Hills Charity Pro Rodeo

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Finished the year ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> with \$50,340; won 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Daines Ranch Rodeo (Innisfail, Alberta), the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show (Union, Ore.) and the Canadian Finals Rodeo
- 2010 – Finished the year ranked 30<sup>th</sup> with \$29,599. Finished second at the Justin Boots Championships (Omaha, Neb.)
- 1996 WPRA Rookie of the Year.
- Has qualified for the Prairie Circuit Finals four times.

## Personal

Husband, Linn Churchill (PRCA Steer Wrestler, qualified for NFR in 2006)...Maiden name was Trula Truitt...Teaches in a two-room school (grades 5-8)...Enjoys reading.



## Lisa Lockhart

Event: Barrel racing

2012 World standings place: 9th

2012 Earnings: \$72,461

Career earnings: \$956,795

Born: Nov. 11, 1965, in Wolf Point, Mont.

Residence: Oelrichs, S.D.

Joined WPRA: 2000

Horses: **Fast An Gold "Chism"**

(14-year-old chestnut gelding) -

Sire: El Roco/Dam: Romanna

Glass; **An Oakie With Cash "Louie"** (9-year old

buckskin gelding) – Sire: Biebers Oakie/Dam: Lady

Kaweah Cash; **IP Peppys Breeze "Sterling"** (21-year

old gelding) – Sire: Colonel San Peppy/Dam: Budhas

Miss Breeze

World titles: 0

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 6 (2007-12)

Tour Finale title: 1

Caldwell Round: 2007

Tour Finale qualifications: 4

Caldwell Round: 2007-08

Puyallup Round: 2007-08

## Professional

### 2012 Highlights

- Won the Ram Badlands Circuit Finals year-end title and average title, her 7<sup>th</sup> year-end title
- Won the Bowman (N.D.) County Pro Rodeo
- Won the Sitting Bull Stampede (Moberge, S.D.)
- Won the Fallon County Fair & Rodeo (Baker, Mont.)
- Won the Red Horse Ranch PRCA Rodeo (Fergus Falls, Minn.)
- Won the Dick Stull Memorial Rodeo (Sterling, Colo.)
- Won the Richland County Fair & Rodeo (Sidney, Mont.)
- Won the Falkland (British Columbia) Stampede
- Won Rodeo Austin

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Placed in six out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR, winning Rds. 2 & 9. Entering the NFR had won \$80,671 and almost equaled that in 10 days in Las Vegas winning \$79,038. Finished the year ranked fourth with \$159,710; won the Ram Badlands Circuit Finals year-end title and average title. This is her 6<sup>th</sup> year-end title, won the Bowman (N.D.) County Pro Rodeo, the Range Days Rodeo (Rapid City, S.D.), the McCone County Fair PRCA Rodeo (Circle, Mont.), the Catfish Stampede (Onida, S.D.), the Sundre (Alberta) Pro Rodeo, the Bonnyville (Alberta) Pro Rodeo and finished second at RodeoHouston.
- 2010 – Finished the year ranked fourth in the world with \$188,027. Placed in seven out of 10 rounds, winning Rds. 1 and 5 with times of 13.84 seconds and 13.62 seconds, respectively. Finished third in the average and won \$107,426 at the NFR, on the average title at the Dodge Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo (Minot, N.D.). Qualified for the 2011 DNCFR with her husband, Grady, who qualified in tie-down roping, won the Catfish Stampede (Onida, S.D.), the Richland County Fair & Rodeo (Sidney, Mont.), the Dawson County Fair & Rodeo (Glendive, Mont.), the Strathmore (Alberta) Stampede, won a career



best \$17,957 during the Fourth of July, the Ponoka (Alberta) Stampede and Rodeo Austin; co-champion at A Tribute to Chris LeDoux (Casper, Wyo.).

- 2009 – Entered the Wrangler NFR ranked eighth and finished the year ranked eighth with \$120,246 after picking up \$47,548 at the NFR. Placed in five out of 10 rounds, winning the final round in a time of 13.77 seconds. Was 5<sup>th</sup> in the average. Won the average title at the Dodge Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo (Minot, N.D.). Won the Northeast Montana Fair and Rodeo (Glasgow), the Deadwood (S.D.) Days of 76 Rodeo, the Sundre (Alberta) Rodeo and the rodeo at Marwayne (Alberta).
- 2008 – Placed in five out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR. Finished the year ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$95,751. Was ninth in the average at the NFR and won \$24,069; won the Red Horse Ranch PRCA Rodeo (Fergus Falls, Minn.), the Deadwood (S.D.) Days Rodeo, the Ogden (Utah) Pioneer Days Rodeo, the Corn Palace Stampede Rodeo (Mitchell, S.D.) and the Sundre (Alberta) Pro Rodeo.
- 2007 – Finished the year ranked fifth in the world with \$125,492 and was ninth in the average at the Wrangler NFR and won \$58,173. Won the Luxton Pro Rodeo (Victoria, B.C.), the North Peace Stampede (Grimshaw, Alberta), the Caldwell Night Rodeo (Ariat Playoffs of the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour) and the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo (Minot, N.D.); was co-champion at the Wolf Point (Mont.) Wild Horse Stampede.
- 2006 – Won the Strathmore (Alberta) Stampede and the Canadian National Finals (Edmonton, Alberta), capturing two rounds on her 41st birthday.
- 2005 – Finished 43rd in the world standings with earnings of \$24,778.

### Awards

An Oakie with Cash “Louie” was voted the Horse with the Most Heart (presented in memory of Rockem Sockem Go “Rocky” owned by Kelly Kaminski) in 2011.

### Personal

Husband Grady (married 1994), a PRCA tie-down roper who won the Badlands Circuit Finals in 1996; kids, Alyssa (14), Thane (12) and Cade (9)...Ranches and trains horses when she is not on the road competing...Served on the Oelrichs (S.D.) School Board.

### Christy Loflin

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World standings place: 15<sup>th</sup>  
2012 Earnings: \$54,852  
Career earnings: \$139,353  
Born: January 29, 1974 on the Marine Corps Base at Camp Lejeune, N.C.  
Residence: Franktown, Colo.  
Joined WPRA: 2001  
Horse: **Sheza Blazin Move** “**Movin**” (7-year old mare) – Sire: Blazin Jetolena/Dam: Sheza Cashanova MP  
World titles: 0  
Wrangler NFR qualifications: 1 (2012)  
DNCFR/RNCFR qualifications: 1 (2012 season)



### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won the year-end title in the Mountain States Circuit and qualified for the Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo.
- Won the Pendleton (Ore.) Rodeo
- Finished second in the average at the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days Rodeo
- Won the Greeley (Colo.) Independence Day Rodeo

#### Career Highlights

- Has qualified five times to the Mountain States Circuit Finals

### Personal

Single. Daughter, Randi 17, son, Cole 10, stepson, Luke 15, stepdaughters, Shelby 20, Alyssa, 17. Her son, Cole, plays hockey...Randy Rist trained Movin and Christy got her at the beginning of her five year old year...Hobbies include arts and craft items...Grew up riding hunter/jumper horses and then when she got married her husband (Ron Timmons) team roped so she first tried that but wasn't for her so she started barrel racing so they could rodeo together...Favorite rodeo is Estes Park, Colo., favorite TV show is Snapped and Law and Order, favorite movie is Tommy Boy...Rodeo idol is Kelly Yates because she always treats everyone with kindness and respect.

### Brenda Mays

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World Standings place: 8<sup>th</sup>  
2012 earnings: \$81,799  
Career earnings: \$704,427  
Born: Oct. 15, 1968, in Myrtle Point, Ore.  
Joined the WPRA: 1995  
Residence: Terrebonne, Ore.  
Horses: **Judge Buy Cash** “**Jethro**” (13 year old black gelding) – Sire: Judge Cash/Dam: Flashes Polly Vandy and **Judge My Fame** “**Dora**” (9-year old mare) – Sire: Dash Ta Fame/Dam: Flashy Cashy Cat  
World titles: 0  
Wrangler NFR qualifications: 6 (2007-12)  
Tour Finale titles: 1 (2010- Puyallup)  
Tour Finale qualifications: 13  
Caldwell: 2007-08  
Puyallup: 2007-10  
Omaha Finale: 2006-09  
Championship Finale: 2006-08



Education: Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College, associate's degree in business

### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won McCord (Saskatchewan) Indoor Pro Rodeo
- Won the Lynden (Wash.) PRCA Rodeo
- Won Medicine Hat (Alberta) Stampede
- Won the Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo (Central Point, Ore.)

#### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Finished the ranked 7<sup>th</sup> with \$120,269. Placed in just one round at the Wrangler NFR but was third in the average race, winning \$32,308; on the Klamath Falls (Ore.) Great NW PRCA Rodeo,

the World's Oldest Rodeo (Prescott, Ariz.) for the second straight year, the Molalla (Ore.) Buckaroo Rodeo, the Sisters (Ore.) Rodeo and the Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo (Central Point, Ore.); Finished second at the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo (Denver).

- 2010 – Finished the year ranked 6th in the world standings with \$144,593. Placed in five out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR and won Rd. 6 in a time of 13.80 seconds; was fifth in the average and won \$44,345 at the Wrangler NFR; on the Columbia River Circuit Finals (year-end and average titles) and qualified for the DNCFR, the Justin Boots Playoffs (Puyallup, Wash.), the Lewiston (Idaho) Roundup, the Walla Walla (Wash.) Frontier Days Rodeo, the Chief Joseph (Ore.) Days Rodeo, the Farm City Pro Rodeo (Hermiston, Ore.), the World's Oldest Rodeo (Prescott, Ariz.), the Cody (Wyo.) Stampede, the Eugene (Ore.) Rodeo, the Crooked River Roundup (Prineville, Ore.) and the Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo (Central Point, Ore.) and the Rowell Ranch Rodeo (Hayward, Calif.).
- 2009 – Entered the Wrangler NFR in sixth but finished the 2009 season ranked 12<sup>th</sup> with \$81,523. Finished eighth in the average but didn't place in any of the 10 rounds, won only \$4,147 at the NFR. Won the year-end and average title at the Dodge Columbia River Circuit Finals (Redmond, Ore.). Won the Klamath Falls (Ore.) Great NW PRCA Rodeo, the Larimer County Fair and Rodeo (Loveland, Colo.), the Wild Rogue Rodeo (Central Point, Ore.), and the Clovis (Calif.) Rodeo.
- 2008 – Placed in two out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR. Finished the year ranked eighth with \$109,250. Was sixth in the average at the NFR and won \$19,301; won the Dodge Columbia River Circuit Finals, the Lynden (Wash.) PRCA Rodeo, the Thunder Mountain Pro Rodeo (Longview, Wash.), the Home of Champions (Red Lodge, Mont.), the Crooked River Round-Up (Prineville, Ore.), the Wild Rogue Pro Rodeo (Central Point, Ore.) and the Southeastern Livestock Expo Rodeo (Montgomery, Ala.); was co-champion at the Salem (Ore.) Rodeo.
- 2007 – Won the Dodge Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo (Redmond, Ore.), the Kitsap County Fair & Stampede (Bremerton, Wash.), the Omak (Wash.) Stampede, the Larimer County Fair and Rodeo (Loveland, Colo.), the Toppenish (Wash.) Pow Wow and Rodeo, the Last Chance Stampede (Helena, Mont.), the California Rodeo Salinas, the Klamath Falls (Ore.) Great NW Pro Rodeo, the Sisters (Ore.) Rodeo, and the Coulee City (Wash.) Last Stand Rodeo. Finished the year ranked ninth in the world with \$99,197.
- 2006 - Tied for the win in the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round at the Puyallup (Wash.) Rodeo; won the Salem (Ore.) Rodeo and the Chief Joseph (Ore.) Days Rodeo.
- Four-time qualifier for the Dodge Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo.

#### **Amateur**

Horse, Jethro, finished third in the AQHA/WPRA Barrel Horse of the Year race, 2008 and was second in 2009 and was first in 2010; NIRA National Breakaway

champion, 1992; NPRA Barrel Racing and Women's All-Around champion, 2005.

#### **Personal**

Husband, Andy Easterly (PRCA steer wrestler and owns Easterly Fencing Co.); son, Kyle...Her mom, Lynne Mays, won the GRA rookie of the year title and qualified for the NFR in 1975 and finished 12th overall. She travels with Brenda quite often. Her father, Frank, competed in the PRCA as did her grandfather, Rich Vredenburg. Her father used to work in heavy equipment but is now retired and her mother is a horse trainer. She has one sister...Brenda's other occupation is a horse trainer...Her nickname is "Willy" Mays Hays. She got that from Brad Goodrich when they were in college together...Got involved in rodeo through her family and began competing in 1976...Her rodeo superstition is "Don't pick up any rodeo checks until the event is over"...Graduated from high school in Myrtle Point where she participated in basketball, volleyball and track...Favorite sports teams are the New York Yankees, the Green Bay Packers and the Miami Heat, favorite rodeo is Pendleton, Ore., because it is so unique, favorite food is Chinese, favorite type of music is 80's rock, and favorite book is the Bible...Enjoys playing X-Box while on the road...Rodeo idols are Jimmie Munroe and Jerri Mann.

#### **Carlee Pierce**

Event: Barrel racing

2012 World standings place: 4th

2012 Earnings: \$124,520

Career Earnings: \$262,616

Born: June 9, 1980

Residence: Stephenville, Texas

Joined WPRA: 2008

Horses: Rare Dillion "Dillion" - 13-

year old buckskin gelding - Sire:

Firecracker Fire/Dam: Rare Class;

Blue Moon Fling "BB" (6-year old

mare) – Sire: A Streak of

Fling/Dam: Adalena Moon Jet

World titles: 0

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 2 (2011-12)

#### **Professional**

##### **2012 Highlights**

- Won the Ponoka (Alberta) Stampede
- Won the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Daines Ranch Rodeo (Innisfail, Alberta)
- Won the Brooks (Alberta) Rodeo
- Won the Old Fort Days Rodeo (Ft. Smith, Ark.)
- Won the Will Rogers Stampede (Claremore, Okla.)
- Won the Santa Rosa Round-Up (Vernon, Texas)
- Won the Spirit of Texan Pro Rodeo (Edna, Texas)

##### **Career Highlights**

- 2011 – Set a Wrangler NFR arena record in Rd. 5 with a time of 13.46 seconds. Placed in four rounds with round wins in Rd. 4 and 5. Finished the year ranked fifth with \$136,274 after having won \$50,769 at the NFR; was handpicked by Anessa Self to become the new owner of Dillion in April and they went on to qualify for their first Wrangler NFR; won the Tri-State Rodeo (Amarillo, Texas), the Dodge City (Kan.) Roundup, the Dinosaur Days Rodeo (Vernal, Utah), Greeley (Colo.) Independence Day Stampede, the Coleman (Texas) PRCA Rodeo, the



Gladewater (Texas) Round-up Rodeo, the Will Rogers Stampede (Claremore, Okla.), the Butterfield Stage Days Rodeo (Bridgeport, Texas) and the Jasper (Texas) Lions Benefit Rodeo's; co-champion at Old Fort Days (Fort Smith, Ark.).

### Personal

Husband, Steve; son Kale (14); daughters Makala (13) and Jacy (6)...Enjoys going to the lake with her family and shopping with her girls...Got involved in rodeo through her mom, Danita Walker, who excelled in Nevada from the youth ranks through high school but after Carlee was born treated barrel racing as more of a hobby and now supports Carlee's dreams...Favorite restaurant is Olive Garden, favorite TV show is House Hunters, favorite movie is My Sister's Keeper.

### Brittany Pozzi

Event: Barrel racing

2012 World Standings: 1st

2012 Earnings: \$170,961

Career earnings: \$1,665,497

Born: Feb. 9, 1984 in Victoria, Texas

Residence: Victoria, Texas

Joined WPRA: 2003

Horses: **Yeah Hes Firen "Duke"** (9-year-old palomino gelding) Sire:

Alive N Firen/Dam: Splendid

Discovery; **Steele Magnolias**

**"Steeley"** (5-year old mare): Sire: Magnolia Bar

Jet/Dam: Kings Frosted Lady; **French Covergirl**

**"Cosmo"** (8-year-old palomino mare) Sire: Saintry

Fellow/Dam: American Proof

World titles: 2 (2007, 2009)

Wrangler NFR average titles: 2 (2006-07)

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 9 (2003, 2005-12)

RNCFR titles: 1 (2012)

Tour Finale titles: 4

Pace Chute-out: 2005

Justin Boots Playoffs (Puyallup, Wash.): 2009

Championship: 2003, 2007

Tour Finale qualifications: 20

Pace Chute-out: 2005-06

Caldwell Round: 2007-08

Puyallup Round: 2007-09, 2011

Omaha Round: 2003-04, 2006-09

Championship: 2003-08

Education: Texas A&M University (College Station)

### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won the Sheridan (Wyo.) Rodeo
- Won the Central Wyoming Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Casper, Wyo.)
- Won California Rodeo Salinas
- Won the Days of 47 Rodeo (Salt Lake City, Utah)
- Co-champion at the Spanish Fork (Utah) Fiesta Days Rodeo
- Won more money than anyone in ProRodeo over the Fourth of July with \$27,789
- Won Molalla (Ore.) Buckaroo Rodeo
- Won St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo
- Won the Black Hills Round-Up (Belle Fourche, S.D.)
- Won Santa Maria (Calif.) Elks Rodeo
- Won the Livermore (Calif.) Rodeo
- Won the Riverdale (Calif.) Rodeo.



- Won the Red Bluff (Calif.) Rodeo
- Won the Western Frontier ProRodeo (Pocatello, Idaho)
- Won the Clark County Fair & Rodeo (Logandale, Nev.)
- Won the Ram National Circuit Finals Rodeo (Oklahoma City, Okla.)
- Won the San Angelo (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo
- Won the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo (Denver).

#### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Finished the year second in the world with \$192,725; placed in seven out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR, sharing the win in the first round. Finished ninth in the average and won \$77,452 at the NFR; co-champion at 126<sup>th</sup> Silver Spurs Rodeo (Kissimmee, Fla.); won the Southwestern International PRCA Rodeo (El Paso, Texas), the Day's of '76 Rodeo (Salt Lake City), the Medicine Hat (Alberta) Stampede, the Davie (Fla.) ProRodeo, the Wainwright (Alberta) Stampede, the Guy Weadick Memorial Rodeo (High River, Alberta), the Wide Open Rodeo (Ft. Pierce, Fla.), the Brighton Field Day & PRCA Rodeo (Okeechobee, Fla.), La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Tucson, Ariz.), the San Angelo (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo and the Mid Winter Fair and Rodeo (Lafayette, La.).
- 2010 – Finished the year ranked 5th in the world with \$165,999. Placed in five of the 10 rounds at the NFR and shared the round win in the 10th round with a time of 13.67 seconds. Was fourth in the average and won \$51,547 at the Wrangler NFR; won the Iowa's Championship Rodeo (Sidney, Iowa), the Deadwood (S.D.) Days of '76 Rodeo, the Medicine Hat (Alberta) Stampede, the Molalla (Ore.) Buckaroo Rodeo, the 125<sup>th</sup> Silver Spurs Rodeo (Kissimmee, Fla.), the San Angelo (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo, the Dixie National (Jackson, Miss.), the Brighton Field Day and PRCA Rodeo (Okeechobee, Fla.) and the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo (Denver); was co-champion at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Daines Ranch Rodeo (Innisfail, Alberta) and at the Mid Winter Fair and Rodeo (Lafayette, La.).
- 2009 – Won her second world title with a total of \$279,435 after winning \$123,570 at the Wrangler NFR. Won the first round in a time of 13.94 seconds, and the eighth round with a 13.77 and placed in five other rounds. Finished third in the average and won \$123,570 at the NFR. Won the most of any barrel racer over the Fourth of July with \$29,372 and was second overall of any Pro Rodeo contestant. Won the Justin Boots Playoffs (Puyallup, Wash.). Won the Strathmore (Alberta) Rodeo, Iowa's Championship Rodeo (Sidney), the Snake River Stampede (Nampa, Idaho), the Lea County Fair & Rodeo (Lovington, N.M.), the California Rodeo Salinas, the St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo, the World's Oldest Rodeo (Prescott, Ariz.), the Wainwright (Alberta) Rodeo, the Hand Hills (Alberta) Rodeo, the Daines Ranch Rodeo (Innisfail, Alberta), the Old Fort Days Rodeo (Ft. Smith, Ark.) and La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Tucson, Ariz.).
- 2008 – Placed in five out of 10 rounds, winning the fourth and fifth rounds with times of 13.84 and 13.80

- respectively. Winning the fourth round marked the first time she had ever won a round at the Wrangler NFR. Finished third in the world with \$196,346 and was 13<sup>th</sup> in the average at the NFR.; won the Laughlin (Nev.) River Stampede, the Oakdale (Calif.) Saddle Club Rodeo and the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo (Denver).
- 2007 – Won the average title at the NFR with a time of 140.18 seconds on 10 runs to earn her first world championship and break the single-season record with earnings of \$259,713. She won \$95,192 at the NFR. Broke the barrel racing regular season earnings record after winning \$164,521 on the year, surpassing the previous record of \$130,996 set by Sherry Cervi in 1999. Third highest money winner over Cowboy Christmas with \$26,933. Won the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Championship (Dallas). Won the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days Rodeo, the Spanish Fork (Utah) Fiesta Days Rodeo, the St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo, the Molalla (Ore.) Buckaroo, the Livingston (Mont.) Roundup Pro Rodeo, the Oakdale (Calif.) Rodeo, the Clovis (Calif.) Rodeo, the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour round and average title at the Red Bluff (Calif.) Round-Up, the Southeastern Livestock Exposition & Rodeo (Montgomery, Ala.), La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Tucson, Ariz.), the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show (Fort Worth, Texas) and the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo (Denver); was co-champion at the Cody (Wyo.) Stampede.
  - 2006 – Finished the year as the regular-season leader with \$129,392. Won the average title at the Wrangler NFR with a total time of 141.12 seconds on 10 runs. Placed in three out of 10 rounds and missed winning the world title by \$2,567 to Mary Burger. Finished the year with a total of \$186,618; won the Silver Spurs 118th semi-annual Rodeo (Kissimmee, Fla.), the Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo (Bonifay, Fla.), the Spokane (Wash.) County Interstate Fair & Rodeo, the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round and average titles at the Caldwell (Idaho) Night Rodeo, the Sikeston (Mo.) Jaycee Boothill Rodeo, the Snake River Stampede (Nampa, Idaho), the Red Desert Roundup (Rock Springs, Wyo.), the Home of Champions (Red Lodge, Mont.), the St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo, the Oakley (Utah) Independence Day Rodeo, the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round and average title at the Guymon (Okla.) Pioneer Days Rodeo, the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Round and average title at the Clovis (Calif.) Rodeo, the Oakdale (Calif.) Rodeo and the average title at the Clark County Fair and Rodeo (Logandale, Nev.).
  - 2005 – Won the Thomas County Fair & Rodeo (Colby, Kan.), the Pace Picante ProRodeo Chute-out and qualified for the Pace Classic in Dallas, the North Georgia Stampede Rodeo (Calhoun), the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour and average titles at Rodeo Austin, the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour round title at Clark County Fair & Rodeo (Logandale, Nev.) and the Waco (Ga.) PRCA Rodeo. Finished the year ranked 10th in the world with \$106,568.
  - 2004 – Finished 20th in the world with \$43,067; won Santa Maria (Calif.) Elks Rodeo and finished third at the Pace Challenge (Omaha, Neb.).

- 2003 – The first rookie to qualify first in the standings for the Wrangler NFR; won Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic (Dallas); set an arena record at the Iowa Championship Rodeo (Sidney); won the ProRodeo Tour round at the Lawton (Okla.) Rangers Rodeo; ran a 16.09 second run at Kansas' Biggest Rodeo (Phillipsburg); won Matagorda Co. Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo (Bay City, Okla.), YMBL Championship Rodeo (Beaumont, Texas) and Buffalo Bill Rodeo (North Platte, Neb.); won rookie of year race in the WPRA barrel racing; finished seventh in the world with \$89,003.

#### Amateur

Texas High School Finals barrel racing champion, 2002; National High School Rodeo Association barrel racing champion, 2002; College Southern Region champion, 2003.

#### Awards

Horse Sixth Vision (nickname Stitch) finished second in the AQHA Barrel Racing Horse of the Year race in 2006 but won the award in 2007. Yeah Hes Firen (Duke) tied with MP Meter My Hay (Stingray) for the 2011 AQHA/WPRA Horse of the Year honors, finished second in 2012.

#### Personal

Single...Parents Randy and Denise and has a younger sister, Brooke...Her family bought her horse, Leroy, for her younger sister, Brooke, to compete on at junior rodeos but he never really worked out for her so Brittany took him and has had great success. Her father taught her how to run barrels...Her grandmother, Delores, passed away on Nov. 2, 2008, after battling pancreatic cancer...Graduated from Memorial High School in Victoria, Texas...Enjoys watching movies and playing golf. She was on the golf team in high school...Started rodeo in 1995....Favorite rodeo is the Wrangler NFR and favorite food is Italian...In July of 2010, she sold her main mount Sixth Vision "Stitch" and promoted Duke to the #1 spot. Said it was a spur of the moment decision to sell Stitch and although it was tough it was strictly a business decision...Won the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Diamonds and Dirt Futurity (Bryan, Texas) in March 2012.

#### Christina Richman

Event: Barrel racing  
 2012 World standings place: 13th  
 2012 Earnings: \$60,872  
 Career Earnings: \$365,503  
 Born: October 17, 1985  
 Residence: Glendora, Calif.  
 Joined WPRA 2008  
 Horse: **Xtrared "Stitch"** (10-year old sorrel mare) – Sire: Red (PESI Stallion)/Dam: Attract  
 World titles: 0  
 Wrangler NFR qualifications: 3 (2010-12)  
 Tour Finale qualifications: 4  
   Caldwell Round: 2008  
   Puyallup Round: 2008  
   Omaha Round: 2008  
   Championship: 2008  
 DNCFR qualifications: 2 (2009-10)





## Professional

### 2012 Highlights

- Won the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Posse (Turlock, Calif.)
- Won the Redding (Calif.) Rodeo
- Won the Mother Lode Round-Up (Sonora, Calif.)
- Won Stonyford (Calif.) Rodeo
- Won the Rowell Ranch Rodeo (Hayward, Calif.)
- Won the Clovis (Calif.) Rodeo
- Won the Nacogdoches (Texas) Pro Rodeo & Steer Show

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Placed in three out of 10 rounds and finished second in the average race at the Wrangler NFR and won \$52,212 in Las Vegas. Finished the year ranked ninth in the world with \$113,929; set a new record in circuit standings for California with \$33,282 at 18 rodeos; co-champion at the War Bonnet Stampede (Idaho Falls, Idaho); won Red Desert Roundup (Rock Springs, Wyo.), the California Rodeo Salinas, the Santa Maria (Calif.) Elks Rodeo, the Redding (Calif.) Rodeo, the Mother Lode Round-up (Sonora, Calif.), the Kern County Sheriff Reserve Stampede Days Rodeo (Bakersfield, Calif.), the Stonyford (Calif.) Rodeo, the Red Bluff (Calif.) Roundup and the Oakdale (Calif.) Rodeo.
- 2010 – Finished the year ranked 10<sup>th</sup> with \$88,418. Placed in three out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR and finished seventh in the average winning \$21,278; won the Jerome (Idaho) County Fair and Rodeo and won the North Idaho Fair and Rodeo (Coeur D'alene, Idaho); co-champion at the California Rodeo Salinas.
- 2009 – Finished the year ranked 19<sup>th</sup> with \$43,519. Won the average title at the Dodge California Circuit Finals Rodeo (Norco). Won the Days of '47 Rodeo (Salt Lake City, Utah), the Mother Lode Round-Up (Sonora, Calif.), the San Patricio PRCA Rodeo (Sinton, Texas), the Parada del Sol Rodeo (Scottsdale, Ariz.). Won \$16,562 at the DNCFR but finished fourth in the sudden death final round after winning the semifinals in a time of 15.39 seconds.
- 2008 – Finished the year ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$58,768; won the Banning (Calif.) Rodeo, the Hesperia (Calif.) Recreation and Park District Rodeo, the Mother Lode Round-up (Sonora, Calif.), the Auburn (Calif.) Wild West Stampede and the Helzapoppin' PRCA Rodeo (Buckeye, Ariz.).

## Personal

Fiancé Bobby Waller (bull rider)...Enjoys riding young horses, fishing and just being outside...Acquired Stitch when the horse was just two years old and took to barrel racing right away. She took Stitch to some futurities and then began with a few spring rodeos in California...Parents are Larry and Ericka Richman...Got involved in barrel racing through her father. He trained thoroughbreds and would take her to playdays, where they had barrel racing, pole bending and western pleasure. Once when competing in western pleasure a lady told her she would have won the event if her hair looked nicer. That was the moment she began focusing on barrel racing...Travels with her dog Flo...Favorite rodeo is Salinas because they run on the racetrack...Enjoys going to Wal-Mart while on the

road...Favorite fast food places In-N-Out and Whataburger.

## Lee Ann Rust

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World standings place:  
12th  
2012 Earnings: \$61,587  
Career earnings: \$114,556  
Born: Dec. 15, 1957  
Residence: Stephenville,  
Texas  
Joined WPRA: 2011  
Horse: **SS Streakers R Us**

**"Harley"** (10-year old gelding)

– Sire: Scenics Symbol/Dam: The Sixth Sense  
World titles: 0

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 1 (2012)

DNCFR/RNCFR qualifications: 0

Education: Tarleton State University (Stephenville, Texas)

## Professional

### 2012 Highlights

- Finished second in the average at the Pendleton (Ore.) Rodeo
- Co-champion at Moses Lake (Wash.) Round-Up
- Won Gooding (Idaho) Pro Rodeo
- Won the Lea Park Rodeo (Marwayne, Alberta)
- Won the Hand Hills (Alberta) Lake Stampede

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Won the WPRA Rookie of the Year award at age 53; finished the year ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$52,969 in earnings; won the Texas Circuit Rookie of the Year award at age 54; qualified for the All-American Pro Rodeo Finals; won Riverdale (Calif.) Rodeo, the Airdrie (Alberta) Pro Rodeo, the Grande Prairie (Alberta) Stompede, Nacogdoches (Texas) Pro Rodeo, Marshall (Texas) Pro Rodeo
- Filled her WPRA permit in 2009 but waited to buy her WPRA card until the 2011 season.

## Awards

WPRA Rookie of the Year (2011)

## Personal

Dreamed of going pro since she was 4-years old growing up in Del Rio, Texas. Rodeo and horses were a way of life for her and her family: her dad, Dennis Funderburgh, is a Hall of Fame cutting horse trainer and mom, Bo Dell Whitehead, is part of an extensive family of cousins that includes WPRA members Clay Sewalt's mother. In fact, Rust is cousins with top WPRA cowgirl Robin Montague and her maternal grandfather was a twin of Ashley Looney's grandmother...Rust owned Harley's dam, The Sixth Sense, a daughter of Streakin Six out of a Dash for Cash mare and actually broke his sire, Scenics Symbol, as a five year old. The bay roan paint stallion eventually earned a World Championship in Heading at the APHA World Show along with multiple Registers of Merit. The first foal of the cross was born with several physical defects and eventually had to be put down. After crying for days, Rust decided to breed the mare back to the same stallion. The result was Harley. Rust broke the colt and started him on barrels before an accident aboard another colt sidelined her for nearly two years, including 45 days spent flat on her back, unable to do anything at all. She sent Harley to a



friend, Gina Franklin, with a cutting background. Franklin took the colt to the Juvenile Futurity at Oklahoma City. Well known futurity rider Sharin Hall took the reins for the colt's futurity campaign...Worked full-time pharmaceuticals until 2009 when she retired and returned to Stephenville to follow her dream of making the Wrangler NFR.

## Lindsay Sears

Event: Barrel racing

2012 World Standings place: 2nd

2012 Earnings: \$136,321

Career earnings: \$1,474,932

Born: Jan. 1, 1981, in High River, Alberta

Residence: Nanton, Alberta

Joined WPRA: 2000

Horses: **Sugar Moon Express**

**"Martha"** (12-year old sorrel mare)

– Sire: Dr. Nick Bar/Babys Blue

Jeans; **Ima Guy of Honor "Moe"**

(9-year old bay gelding) – Sire: Frenchmans Guy/Dam:

Dontunderestimateher

World titles: 2 (2008, 2011)

Wrangler NFR average titles: 1 (2011)

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 7 (2006-12)

Tour Finale titles: 6

Puyallup Round - 2011

Omaha Round: 2007 – 2010 (won every single round in 2007 and 2009)

Dallas Round: 2008

Tour Finale qualifications: 14

Caldwell Round: 2007-08

Puyallup Round: 2007-09, 2011

Omaha Round: 2006-11

Championship: 2007-08

Education: Texas Tech University, degree in Agricultural

Applied Economics

### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Has entered in the No. 2 slot at five of last six NFR appearances.
- Won the Cody (Wyo.) Stampede
- Won the Sundre (Alberta) Pro Rodeo
- Won Buc Days Rodeo (Corpus Christi, Texas)
- Won RodeoHouston

#### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Won her second world title and first Wrangler NFR average title with a time of 139.50 seconds on 10 runs. Placed in eight out of 10 rounds, tying for the win in the first round and winning the 7<sup>th</sup> round. Finished the year with \$238,864 in earnings and won \$133,558 at the NFR; won the most money among barrel racers for the second straight year over the Fourth of July with a total of \$23,838; co-Champion at the Omak (Wash.) Stampede; on the Justin Boots Playoffs in Puyallup, Wash., for the first time, the Canby (Ore.) Rodeo, the Spanish Fork (Utah) Fiesta Days Rodeo, the final round at the Ponoka (Alberta) Stampede and the Dixie National Rodeo (Jackson, Miss.).
- 2010 – Surpassed the \$1 million mark in career earnings. Placed in five out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR. Finished the year ranked 3rd with \$189,407; was sixth in the average and won



- \$55,455 at the Wrangler NFR. Martha was injured at the Finals and didn't return to competition until June 2011, the Justin Boots Championship (Omaha, Neb.) for the fourth straight year, the Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo, the Moses Lake (Wash.) Roundup, the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days Rodeo, the most money of any WPRA member over the Fourth of July with \$21,459 and was third among all professional rodeo contestants behind Trevor Brazile and Bobby Mote, La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Tucson, Ariz.) and the San Antonio (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo for the first time.
- 2009 – Entered the Wrangler NFR second and finished the year ranked second. Placed in nine out of 10 rounds winning the second and seventh rounds with times of 13.95 and 13.71 seconds, respectively. Finished the year second in the world with \$272,344 and was second in the average. Won a total of \$131,126 at the Wrangler NFR; Won the Justin Boots Championships in Omaha, Neb., for the third straight year. Won the Canby (Ore.) Rodeo, the Omak (Wash.) Stampede, the Ponoka (Alberta) Stampede, the Reno (Nev.) Rodeo, the Sisters (Ore.) Rodeo, the rodeo in Rocky Mountain House (Alberta), the Redding (Calif.) Rodeo, the Red Bluff (Calif.) Round-Up and the Walker County Fair Association (Huntsville, Texas).
- 2008 – Won her first world title and became the first Canadian barrel racer to win a WPRA Barrel Racing World title. Along the way she also set the new WPRA season earnings record with \$323,570. The previous record was held by Brittany Pozzi-Pharr with \$259,713 set in 2007; won five out of 10 rounds at the Wrangler NFR coming within one-one hundredth of a second from the arena record in the ninth round. The arena record is held by Brandie Halls with a 13.52 set in 2006, and Sears ran a 13.53. She placed in three additional rounds en route to her first world title, which she officially won after the eighth round. Finished third in the average; won a Wrangler National Finals record \$139,002 over 10 rounds, breaking Janet Stover's record of \$126,934 set in 2001; set the new WPRA regular-season earnings record with \$184,567. The previous record was held by Brittany Pozzi-Pharr with \$164,521; won the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Championship (Dallas), the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Ariat Playoffs Omaha (Neb.) Round, the Southwestern International PRCA Rodeo (El Paso, Texas), the Horse Heaven Round-up (Kennewick, Wash.), the Omak (Wash.) Stampede, the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days Rodeo, the Strathmore (Alberta) Stampede, the Calgary Stampede's \$100,000 round, RodeoHouston and a check worth \$61,500 and La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Tucson, Ariz.).
- 2007 – Won five rounds (2, 5, 7, 8, 9) of the Wrangler NFR, the most by any competitor at the 49th annual event. Her earnings of \$119,255 put her second only to Trevor Brazile and highest among any single-event competitor. Finished the year second in the world with \$230,797. Won the Omaha (Neb.) Round of the Ariat Playoffs hosted by the River City Roundup, sweeping all four rounds, setting an arena and won \$22,500. Won the Medicine Hat (Alberta) Stampede, the State Fair

Championship Rodeo (Oklahoma City, Okla.), the Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo, the Walla Walla (Wash.) Fair and Frontier Days, the Ponoka (Alberta) Stampede, the Woodlake (Calif.) Lions PRCA Rodeo and the Southwestern International Rodeo (El Paso, Texas).

- 2006 – Finished the year ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$78,993. Had to borrow a horse (DJ Nick Bar) from Courtney Cantrell for the Wrangler NFR after Martha was not able to go. Won the Wrangler ProRodeo Tour round and average titles at the Red Bluff (Calif.) Rodeo and the Auburn (Calif.) Wild West Stampede.

### Awards

Her horse, Sugar Moon Express “Martha,” won the 2008 AQHA/WPRA Barrel Horse of the Year Award and finished third in the voting in 2009.

### Personal

Single...Nickname is Linz...Helps run a family operated cattle feeding operation...Her uncle Jeff, used to ride bulls, and her father, Rick, is the one behind 2W chutes, which are widely used in areas in Canada. Her mother is Susan and she has one brother, Jordan...She bought her horse, Martha, in January of 2006 from Texas trainer Dena Kirkpatrick. She met Kirkpatrick when she was competing on a rodeo scholarship at Texas Tech...While growing up she competed at the provincial level in figure skating and swimming. She also participated in volleyball, basketball, and high school rodeo...Travels with her dog Zorro, a miniature pinscher, and her mother, when her schedule allows...Likes to listen to alternative music, favorite band is Nickelback, favorite movies are *My Sister's Keeper* and *the Notebook*, favorite vacation spot is the beach, favorite fast food items is Sonic Chocolate milkshake, and her rodeo bling includes Gucci and John Hardy designs...Has her own lines of saddles through Shiloh Saddlery...Also has a home in Ropesville, Texas...Her motto that she got from her dad is “Never confuse good luck with good management. Know when you are lucky and know when you have managed your affairs appropriately and appreciate both.”

### Nikki Steffes

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World Standings place: 6<sup>th</sup>  
2012 World Standings earnings: \$86,722  
Career earnings: \$143,617  
Born: April 7, 1987  
Residence: Vale, S.D.  
Horse: Dash Ta Vanila “Nilla” (7-year old palomino mare) – Sire: Dash Ta Fame/Dam: SX Frenchmans Vanila  
Joined the WPRA: 2010  
World titles: 0  
Wrangler NFR qualifications: 1 (2012)  
DNCFR/RNCFR qualifications: 1 (2011)  
Education: University of Wyoming (Laramie) – graduated in the spring of 2010 with a double major in molecular biology and medical microbiology



### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won Ashley (N.D.) Rodeo
- Won Mandan (N.D.) Rodeo Days
- Won the Fort Worth (Texas) Stock Show and Rodeo.

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Finished the year ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$47,688. Finished second in the Badlands Circuit to qualify for the Ram National Circuit Finals after Lisa Lockhart won both the year-end and average titles; won the Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up, the Sanders County Fair & PRCA Rodeo (Plains, Mont.), the Dakota Stampede Rodeo (Aberdeen, S.D.), the Red Horse Ranch PRCA Rodeo (Fergus Falls, Minn.), the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo (Loveland, Colo.) and Crazy Horse (S.D.) Horse Stampede
- 2010 – Finished her rookie year ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the rookie standings with \$9,207

### Amateur

Two-time all-around champion at the College National Finals Rodeo (2007, 2009), qualified for the collegiate championship, winning the all-around and barrel racing titles in the Central Rocky Mountain Region for five straight years.

### Personal

Single...Dash Ta Vanila (Nilla) is owned by Alan Woodbury of Dickinson, N.D., who manufactures feed for performance horses, and was trained by Judy Myllymaki...Nikki has been accepted to dental school at the University of Nebraska but has put that on hold to pursue her barrel racing career.

### Kelli Tolbert

Event: Barrel racing  
2012 World standings place: 11<sup>th</sup>  
2012 Earnings: \$63,681  
Career Earnings: \$272,342  
Born: January 21, 1976  
Residence: Hooper, Utah  
Horse: **RF Firefly “Cleo”** (9-year old sorrel mare) – Sire: Smoke N Sparks (PESI Stallion)/Dam: Dots Scooterette  
Joined the WPRA: 2009  
World titles: 0  
Wrangler NFR qualifications: 2 (2010, 2012)  
DNCFR qualifications: 1 (2010)  
Education: Weber State University, degree in communications



### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won the Canby (Ore.) Rodeo
- Won the Strathmore (Alberta) Stampede
- Won the average at the IPE & Stampede (Armstrong, British Columbia)
- Won the Big Sky ProRodeo Roundup (Great Falls, Mont.)
- Won the Pony Express Days Rodeo (Eagle Mountain, Utah)

### Career Highlights

- 2011 – Finished the year ranked 30<sup>th</sup> in the world with \$37,078; won the Gooding (Idaho) Pro Rodeo and the Clovis (Calif.) Rodeo.

- 2010 – Finished the year ranked 7<sup>th</sup> with \$132,240. Placed in six out of 10 rounds at the NFR, winning the second round in a time of 13.68 seconds; qualified for first DNCFR after finishing second in the Wilderness Circuit behind Nancy Hunter; won the Omak (Wash.) Stampede, the Mountain Valley Stampede (Heber City, Utah), the Lynden (Wash.) PRCA Rodeo, the Lehi (Utah) Round-Up and the Sisters (Ore.) Rodeo; was Co-champion at the Springville (Calif.) Sierra Rodeo.
- 2009 – Finished the year ranked 24<sup>th</sup> with \$39,343. Won the Farm City Pro Rodeo (Hermiston, Ore.), the Cache County Fair and Rodeo (Logan, Utah) and the semifinal round of the Justin Boots Championships (Omaha, Neb.) with a 13.81-second run. Finished second at the Cody (Wyo.) Stampede helping to propel her to the lead in the Rookie standings.

### Awards

Won the 2009 WPRA Rookie of the Year title in barrel racing by more than \$14,000 over Jean Winters. Her horse RF Firefly “Cleo” won the Scoti Flit Bar Rising Star Award in 2010.

### Personal

Single...Enjoys horse racing, being with family and riding horses...Found her horse Cleo through a Google search – she grew up riding a horse that went back to a horse named Dots Jessie. Cleo’s mother is a daughter of Dots Jessie. She found Cleo on the internet so she went to look at the horse which was a scrawny little yearling she said. Kelli trained and competed on her at several futurities and she did a great job...Started the 2009 season with the goal of winning the rookie title in the Wilderness Circuit but thanks to traveling partners Danyelle Campbell and Sue Smith, she won the WPRA Rookie title as well...Grew up in a small farming community and began competing in 4-H rodeos and then went on to high school rodeo (where she first met Danyelle. In fact Danyelle and her father helped Kelli get her first horse). She went on to compete in college at Weber State University.

- Won Navajo Nation Fourth of July PRCA Rodeo (Window Rock, Ariz.)
- Won the Earl Anderson Memorial Rodeo (Grover, Colo.)
- Won the Ute Mountain Roundup (Cortez, Colo.)
- Won the Ken Lance Memorial (Ada, Okla.)
- Won the Flint Hills Rodeo (Strong City, Kan.)
- Won Rodeo Killeen (Texas)
- Co-champion at the Chisholm Trail Stampede PRCA Rodeo (Duncan, Okla.)
- Won Arcadia All-FLA Championship Rodeo

### Awards

Perculatin named 2012 AQHA/WPRA Barrel Horse of the Year.

### Personal

Husband, Bryon (16-time Wrangler NFR steer wrestling qualifier, 1981 World champion)...Will compete at her first Wrangler NFR in 2012 at the age of 53...On April 23, 2011 her only son, Reagon (21), was killed in a car wreck and says he has been riding on her shoulder through every run since. A little over a month after losing her son, her horse Latte fell with her during a barrel race at Crosby, Texas, on June 10. She shattered her pelvis, broke her hip in three places, had two fractured vertebrae and broke two toes. She underwent surgery in Houston the following day and was then in a wheelchair for about four months. Doctors used eight plates and 11 pins to stabilize her hip. Says a strong network of family and friends, Dr. Kyle Dickson and a dedicated rehab team along with her amazing husband helped get her through the whole ordeal. She completed her rehab in December 2011 and set her sights on qualifying for the 2012 Wrangler NFR on the same horse that fell with her and together they achieved that goal.

## Mary Walker

Event: Barrel racing

2012 World standings place: 3rd

2012 Earnings: \$127,292

Career earnings: \$266,859

Born: January 29, 1974

Residence: Ennis, Texas

Joined WPRA: 1983

Horse: **Perculatin “Latte”** (8-year old gelding) – Sire: Dash for Perks/Dam: Curiosity Corners

World titles: 0

Wrangler NFR qualifications: 1 (2012)

DNCFR/RNCFR qualifications: 0

### Professional

#### 2012 Highlights

- Won All-American Finals (Waco, Texas)
- Won Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo
- Won Missoula (Mont.) Stampede
- Won Snake River Stampede (Nampa, Idaho)
- Won Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days Rodeo

