

## **Alberta Team for NAJYRC**



### **Purpose:**

The Purpose of our endeavor is to compete as a unified team representing Alberta and Canada at the North American Junior and Young Riders Championship show in Lexington, Kentucky. The Alberta Young Riders Reining Team will compete in this competition July 22-26<sup>th</sup> 09. Please refer to our Bio's to see our 2009 Team. We appreciate the generosity of the many businesses and individuals that have donated and or sponsored thus far. We are on our way.... Please look for several fundraising events taking place at the Summer Classic. Get behind this proud team of 4 and help them get to Lexington.

### **Featuring:**

The premier equestrian competition in North America for junior and young riders, age 14-21. Young equestrians come from the United States, Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Islands to vie for Championships in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of show jumping, dressage, eventing plus, for the first time in 2008 the western style discipline of reining. The competition is run under rules of the FEI (Federation Equestrian International, the international governing body for equestrian sport) the only FEI championship held in this country.

Many of North America's best equestrians got their start at the NAJYRC including Olympic medalists Greg Best, Karen Lende O'Connor, Chris Kappler and McLain Ward, as well as Alison Firestone, Nicole Shahinian Simpson, Ray Texel, Chris Pratt, Frankie Chesler, Lisa Carlsen Lubitz, Harold Chopping, Martina Pracht, Kathleen Raine, Heather Mason, David Wilson, Gwyneth MacPherson, Tiffani Loudon, Buck Davidson, Abigail Lufkin, Missy Ransehausen, Mara DePuy, Molly Bliss, and Julie Gomena.

### **History:**

The NAJYRC began in 1974 as an eventing challenge between the United States and Canada. A dressage championship was added in 1981, and show jumping was added in 1982. The first complete Young Riders championship was held in British Columbia, Canada in 1982. The Championships were expanded to officially include a championship division for juniors in 2006. The discipline of reining was added to the official schedule in 2008

### **Whom should I contact to help out, donate or sponsor?**

Please talk to the team members Amanda Antifaev, Morgan Girletz, Sage Sapergia or Nancy Pratch or

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# Amanda Antifaev

Amanda started riding at the age of 5 taking jumping lessons. The excitement of the reining horse gained Amanda`s interest at the age of 7 and she began to make her mark in the NRHA & Canadian reining scene. Throughout her youth, she won many buckles and trophies with the highlight being winning the Reining Alberta trailer in 06. Amanda competed successfully in the Non-pro Futurity in 07 where she placed top ten and tied reserve in the youth.

Presently she is the assistant trainer to top Canadian Reining trainer Wayne Latimer at Latimer Training Stables in Fort Macleod, Alberta.

## Whats Up Doc Cody

2000 AQHA Chestnut Stallion, Sire: Topsail Cody Dam: Hidoc Cody Owned by Diane L. Clarke. Doc has in excess of \$6,000.00 NRHA Earnings, Multiple Bronzes & 2009 AQHA World Show Qualifier in Senior Reining.



## Competition HIGHLIGHTS

### 2009

- AQHA World Show Qualifier Senior & Junior
- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta NRHA Open Champion
- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta NRHA 5/6 yr old Open Derby Champion
- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta Ltd Open Champion
- Cardston, Alberta Open Derby Champion

### 2008

- Cardston, Alberta - Derby Open Champion
- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta Novice Horse Open Champion
- AAQHA Open Champion
- Mantanna Kalispell, Montana Intermediate Open Champion

### Fast Facts

**Rider: Amanda Antifaev**  
**Birth Date: May13,1988**  
**Residence: Calgary/Fort Macleod, AB**

**Horse: Whats Up Doc Cody**  
**2000 AQHA Stallion**  
**NRHA earnings \$6,000.00+**  
**2009 AQHA World Show Qualifier**  
**Owner: Diane L. Clarke**





## Morgan Girletz.

Born northwest of Airdrie, Alberta Morgan started riding on the family ranch at the age of 4. By the age of 10 he had already made his debut on the Alberta Quarter Horse Circuit showing in Novice Youth Reining. He currently is showing in the Youth Classes along with the Non Pro Derby Classes.

Morgan has been training under the guidance of Wendy Nelson, of Cochrane, Alberta since her return to the province.

## Hickory Ginnin Peppy

Hickory Ginnin Peppy is a 10 yr. old bay quarter horse stallion owned by Caroline Armstrong. He is sired by Paddys Irish Whiskey and out of the mare Hickory Ginnin Leaha. Hiccup as he is affectionately known was shown in open reining by both Shauna Sapergia and Wendy Nelson. Wendy then went on to compete with him in the working cowhorse events. The qualifying shows for Lexington, Kentucky are his first trips back to the reining pen in the last 2 years.

### Fast Facts

**Rider: Morgan Girletz**  
**Birth Date: May 17, 1991**  
**Residence: Airdrie, AB**

**Horse: Hickory Ginnin Peppy**  
**1999 AQHA Stallion**  
**NRHA earnings \$3,700.00+**  
**Owner: Caroline Armstrong**

## Competition HIGHLIGHTS

### 2009

- Selected to the Alberta Reining Team
- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta NRHA Youth 14-18  
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### Earlier Career Highlights

- AQHA Youth World Show Qualifier
- Numerous Year End and Hi Point Awards
- AYQHA Youth Reining Buckle Winner
- AQHA Points in Youth, Junior & Senior Reining
- NRHA money earner



# Nancy Pratch

At the age of 6 Nancy was describe by her riding instructor as a natural. It was through the 4-H program that Nancy was first introduced to the event of reining and it was then, that the young and determined lady's thoughts were "someday I'm going to make a horse spin like that." Nancy has been blessed with working with some of the best in the reining industry such as Clay and Jen Webster to guide and mould her through this competitive sport. Nancy's 2008 competition spirit peaked at the Oklahoma NRHA Futurity where she qualified in the Affiliate Non Pro Novice Horse, Intermediate Non Pro, and Limited Non Pro. Nancy is excited to represent Alberta at the NAYRC in Lexington, Kentucky this July. Her hardworking ethics and balanced approach to reining will make her an asset to the team. She is thankful for those involved in organizing such an event and for the opportunity to compete at an international event for reining.



## Competition HIGHLIGHTS

### 2009

- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta NRHA Youth 14-18
- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta Youth 14-18
- Qualifier for the North American Young Riders Championship, Lexington Kentucky

### 2008

- RA Summer Classic Red Deer, Alberta Ltd. Non Pro
- Cardston Slide-In, NRHA Youth 14-18
- Qualified for North American Affiliate in: Novice Horse Non Pro, Ltd. Non Pro, Int. Non Pro

### 2007

- RA Spring Classic Red Deer, Alberta Rookie
- Cardston Slide-In, NRHA Youth 14-18
- Canadian Supreme tied 3<sup>rd</sup> in Non Pro Derby

### Fast Facts

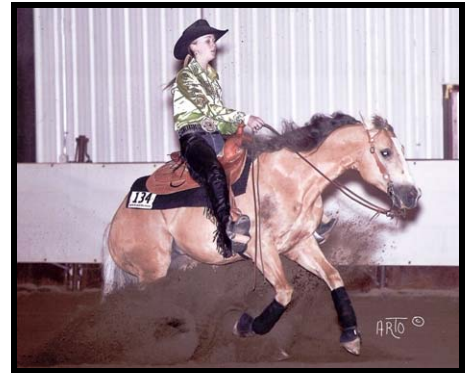
**Nancy Marie Pratch**  
**Birth Date: April 1, 1991**  
**Residence: Edmonton, AB**

**Horse: Mega Pay**  
**AQHA Mare**  
**NRHA earnings \$1,700.00+**  
**Owner: Nancy Pratch**



## Sage Sapergia

Sage proudly carries the banner for the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of reiners in her family. At the age of nine, Sage showed in her first Reining class. In 2005, her family moved to Vienna, Austria where Sage continued to show in reining at several shows in Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Switzerland. In 2006, Sage earned the title of AQHA International Youth Rookie of the Year, in Austria. For the next 3 years she continued to show in youth reining events around Europe. Her family returned to Canada and 2008 Sage qualified to compete at the Western Canada Affiliate Finals in Winnipeg, MB where she qualified to represent Canada in the North American Affiliate Finals in Youth Reining 14 to 18. Sage is very pleased to represent Alberta and Canada at the North American Young Rider Championships. Sage believes this experience will be one of the first steps along her journey to ride for Canada in the World Equestrian Games at some time in the future. Sage wishes all the best to her Alberta team mates and all the youth riders from Canada and also would like to thank all the team supporters and sponsors for their enthusiasm and generosity.



## Shiners Q Chex

Shiners Q Chex is owned by Donald Leach of Calgary, Alberta who purchased him from Carol Rose in December of 2002. Q began his career with Cody Sapergia. Cody and Q had two very successful years in the show pen both in Canada, and the U.S. In July, 2005 Q began training with Nicole Brown. Nicole and Q showed at all the major derbies in the U.S. and at the CRBC here in Canada. They placed at every event. In addition, Nicole and Q won the Canadian National Quarter Horse Senior Reining title 3 times, finished Q's AQHA R.O.M. and earned his Silver Merit Award from the NRHA. In 2008, Wendy Williams and Shiners Q Chex won every class they entered at the Wild Rose Quarter Horse Circuit in Red Deer, Alberta and earned 23 AQHA points, more than enough to secure their qualification for the World Show in Amateur Reining. At the AQHA World Show in Oklahoma, Wendy and Q made the top 15, making them the only Canadians to qualify for the finals. A lost shoe interfered with their final run, but they ended up 14th in the World. A very respectable achievement for a pair that just got together 5 months earlier. Shiners Q Chex is now in the care of Terry-Lee Sapergia of Sapergia Training Stables in Cochrane, AB. Wendy and Q have already qualified for the 2009 AQHA World Show in Amateur Reining. Wendy and Dad, Don Leach have made it possible for Shiners Q Chex and Sage Sapergia to be members on the Canadian Young Riders Team competing for Alberta and Canada at the North American Young Riders Champions in Kentucky in July.

### Fast Facts

**Rider: Sage Marie Sapergia**  
**Birth Date: August 6, 1993**  
**Residence: Cochrane, AB**

**Horse: Shiners Q Chex**  
**2000 AQHA Stallion**  
**NRHA earnings \$37,000+**  
**Owner: Donald Leach**