I
daho hosted its first Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting event in 2011 when Phil Rapp and Dount Look Twice marked 234 to win the Open. Dan Hansen won the Non-Pro on Woody Be Lucky on his way to his second NCHA Non-Pro World title.

Dont Look Twice came back to win in 2012. In 2013, two mares that would be World Champions, Dont Look Twice and J Five Ranch’s One Time Choice, ridden by Chubby Turner, tied with a 228 for the Idaho honors. Todd Bimat won in 2015 on Lauren McIntire’s Peptos Chic Olena. In 2015, Special Nu Baby, ridden by Matt Gaines, marked 229 to win on her way to the World Championship. In 2016, it was Glitter Done’s turn, with Adan Banuelos up, marking 230.

In 2017, veteran rider Tom Shelly marked 225 to win on Metallic Al.

Brandon Dufurrena won the Non-Pro title here on Miss Ella Rey in 2012, on his way to being the year’s NCHA Non-Pro World Champion.

Cody Hedlund won the Non-Pro title on Teles Bout This Cat in 2013, while Ashley Snider won in 2014 on Sly Chance. In 2015, Constance Jaeg-
gi and Saguaro Ichi won. Kade Smith and Hay U called out the Non-Pro competition in 2016.

The 2017 renewal saw Carol Ward win her fourth Mercuria World Series finals, riding Spooked By A Cat.

Offering $50,000 in added money at each event, the Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting is a highlight of the cutting calendar, attracting top horses and riders to the event in their quest for NCHA World Champion and Horse of the Year honors.

“The Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting has become a valued showcase for the seasoned cutting horse,” said NCHA Past President Ernie Beutemiller Jr. “They help the sport expand through the exposure of these horses to a new audience.

The growth of the event has served as testimony to the global appeal of the sport, as well.

“Joining NCHA in the recognition of these athletes fits the goals of Mercuria in the support of communities in which Mercuria conducts business,” said Mike Redenbaugh, Mercuria, President. “NCHA members are largely rural and the majority live in states where cutting horse competitions thrive.”

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Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting Idaho CHA Futurity 2018

NON-PRO FINALISTS

**Draw: 1**
Rider: **ELIZABETH QUIRK**, Denham Springs, LA
Go-Round: 227.0

**CAT SHEREE**, 2010 m.
(High Brow CD x Nurse Sheree, by Peptoonsmal)
Breeder: Bill Paxton  
Owner: Ten 27 Ranch  
Horse LTE: $208,467

• Elizabeth is in the NCHA Non-Pro Hall of Fame.
• She’s the top qualifier here with a 227.
• She’s won three Mercuria NCHA World Series finals this year, including two with Cat Sheree.
• Elizabeth is a former NCHA Rookie of the Year, and Youth World Champion.
• She won the West Texas Classic last month with Under The Reydar.
• Cat Sheree was NCHA Futurity Ltd Open champ.

**Draw: 2**
Rider: **TODD QUIRK**, Denham Springs, LA
Go-Round: 222.0

**B NIMBLE**, 2012 g.
(Dual Smart Rey x Denny’s Treasured Freckle, by Bobs Freckle)
Breeder: Adrian Mortimer  
Owner: Plantation Farms  
Horse LTE: $551,034

• Todd Quirk was $2,000 Limited Rider champion of the NCHA Eastern Nationals in 2000, and Non-Pro champion there in 2013.
• He won the NCHA Classic Challenge Limited Non-Pro in 2012 on Cats In Ya Dreams.
• He’s won Non-Pro championships at the Cotton Stakes and Southern Futurity.
• He was reserve champion of the NCHA Non-Pro Derby this summer on Real Suen.

**Draw: 3**
Rider: **RYAN LONG**, Sparks, NV
Go-Round: 220.5

**CATS LIL MOON GEES**, 2012 s.
(Cats Moonshine x Smart Lena Gees, by Ill Be Smart)
Breeder: Manny Martinez Jr  
Owner: Ryan Long  
Horse LTE: $4,971

• Ryan was a finalist in the Idaho Futurity with Sheza Metallic Jewel in 2015.
• Cats Lil Moon Gees was a finalist here in the Idaho Classic with Tom Long this week.
• His dam, Smart Lena Gees, was Top 10 in the NCHA Novice World Standings in 2007.
• Ryan is manager of Tom Long Cutting Horses.

**Draw: 4**
Rider: **CONSTANCE JAEGGI**, Weatherford, TX
Go-Round: 220.5

**ICHIS MY CHOICE**, 2012 m.
(Cat Ichi x My Little Abra, by Abrakadabracre)
Breeder: EE Ranches  
Owner: J Five Horse Ranch  
Horse LTE: $402,633

• Constance is in the NCHA Non-Pro Hall of Fame.
• She was NCHA Rookie of the Year in 2009 and Non-Pro World Champion in 2014.
• She’s ranked in Non-Pro World Standings 6 times.
• She won the NCHA Super Stakes Classic in 2011 on Dual R Smokin.
• She won this event in 2015 with Saguaro Ichi.
• Ichis My Choice was NCHA Horse of the Year in 2016.

**Draw: 5**
Rider: **KATIE YOUNG**, Cloverdale, CA
Go-Round: 218.5

**FOR INSTANCE**, 2007 g.  
(Sr Instant Choice x Travalen Tessie, by Travalena)
Breeder: Katie Fonsen  
Owner: Katie Young  
Horse LTE: $132,825

• Katie is 2X Pacific Coast Futurity champion, with For Instance in 2010 and Copper Cat in 2013.
• She also won South Point championships with those two horses.
• Won 2017 El Rancho Futurity on Travalen Miles.
• She placed third here last year on For Instance.
• For Instance is a homebred gelding whose dam, Travalen Tessie, was a Pacific Coast Futurity Open finalist.

**Draw: 6**
Rider: **BILL COWAN**, Ardmore, OK
Go-Round: 221.0

**BILLIES CATTY**, 2011 m.  
(Catty Hawk x Little Bonnie Blue, by Mecom Blue)
Breeder: Cowan Ranch  
Owner: Cowan Ranch  
Horse LTE: $837,009

• Bill Cowan is in the NCHA Non-Pro Hall of Fame.
• He won the Limited Non-Pro at the NCHA Futurity in 2008 with this mare’s sire, Catty Hawk.
• Bill’s won championships at Breeders Invitational, AQHA World Show, Abilene Spectacular and Arbuckle Mountain.
• He and Billies Catty have already won two Mercuria World Series events this year.

**Draw: 7**
Rider: **KYLIE RICE**, Weatherford, TX
Go-Round: 220.5

**SNAP CRACKLE CAT**, 2009 g.  
(High Brow Cat x Dualsnap, by Dual Rey)
Breeder: Mark & Mary Michels  
Owner: T K Cutting Horses  
Horse LTE: $206,001

• Kylie was NCHA Rookie of the Year in 2011.
• She was res. ch. here last year with this horse.
• She won the 2013 Mercuria NCHA World Non-Pro finals on Dual Lights.
• She was a National Reined Cow Horse Association Derby Amateur champion before focusing on cutting.
• She’s been a finalist at the NCHA Super Stakes and NCHA Derby this year.
Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting Idaho CHA Futurity 2018

OPEN FINALISTS

**aw:** 1
**HASHTAGS.** 2013 s.
Go-Round: 224.0
(Metallic Cat x Dual Rey Tag, by Dual Rey)
Breeder: Jim Haworth  Horse LTE: $403,374
Owner: Hashtag Ventures, Weatherford, TX
Rider: **TATUM RICE**  Rider LTE: $1,867,707
- Hashtags is leading the race for the 2018 NCHA World Championship.
- He won the Idaho Classic here this week.
- He’s won the NCHA Super Stakes, Breeders Invitational Classic, Bonanza Classic and 4 other major LAEs.
- Top money earner of his crop in 2018.
- Tatum Rice is an NCHA Hall of Fame Rider.

**Draw: 2**
**PEDEL TO THE METALL.** 2011 g.
Go-Round: 221.0
(Metallic Cat x Twice As Reyco, by Dual Rey)
Breeder: Double Dove Ranch  Horse LTE: $194,234
Owner: Faith Mountain Ranch, Houston, TX
Rider: **ADAN BANUELOS**  Rider LTE: $2,058,452
- Pedel To The Metall won the NCHA Western Bloodstock Summer Showdown in 2016.
- He was a finalist in 16 other major Open limited age events.
- His dam is NCHA Futurity reserve champion Twice As Reyco.
- Adan Banuelos is an NCHA Hall of Fame Rider.
- He won three Mercurias in 2016 with Glitter Done.

**Draw: 3**
**STYLISH LOOK BELLA.** 2012 m.
Go-Round: 219.0
(Dual Smart Rey x Stylishious, by Docs Stylish Oak)
Breeder: Bishop Ranch  Horse LTE: $136,217
Owner: Marvin & Paulette Teixeira, Santa Maria, CA
Rider: **MORGAN CROMER**  Rider LTE: $2,727,450
- Stylish Look Bella won the Mercuria NCHA World Series at The Mane Event this spring.
- She sold for $2,900 at the Western Bloodstock NCHA Futurity Sales.
- Reined cowhorse $ earner before cutting and dam is half-sis to $117K reiner Holier Than Thou.
- Morgan Cromer is an NCHA Hall of Fame Rider.
- She’s won three previous Mercuria NCHA World Series finals, on three different horses.

**Draw: 4**
**MOMS STYLISH PLAYER.** 2012 g.
Go-Round: 221.0
(Lizzys Gotta Player x Moms Stylish Babe, by Docs Stylish Oak)
Breeder: Drummond Land & Cattle  Horse LTE: $341,989
Owner: Robert Tregemba, Lawrence, KS
Rider: **KENNY PLATT**  Rider LTE: $1,542,495
- Moms Stylish Player is NCHA Hall of Fame Horse.
- Won the NCHA Super Stakes and Derby in 2016.
- His dam has produced earners of $1.2 million.
- Kenny Platt is an NCHA Hall of Fame Rider.
- He and Moms Stylish Player were Open champions of the NCHA Western Nationals this year.

**Draw: 5**
**SPOOKED BY A CAT.** 2006 g.
Go-Round: 220.0
(Cat Ichi x San Starlight, by Grays Starlight)
Breeder: Jeff Barnes  Horse LTE: $340,779
Owner: Carol Ward, Rancho Murieta, CA
Rider: **DARREN SIMPKINS**  Rider LTE: $2,128,182
- Spooked By A Cat won the Non-Pro division of this event last year with Carol Ward.
- Qualified for 15 previous Mercuria events.
- He’s placed twice in the NCHA Open World Standings, and once in the Non-Pro.
- His dam, San Starlight, has earners of $1.4 million.
- Darren Simpkins is an NCHA Hall of Fame Rider.
- He rode NCHA Horse of the Year Reys Dual Badger.

**Draw: 6**
**CATCHYALATER.** 2009 g.
Go-Round: 219.0
(High Brow Cat x Rey Down Sally, by Dual Rey)
Breeder: Iron Rose Ranch  Horse LTE: $112,425
Owner: Dacole Investment Co, Reno, NV
Rider: **BRENT ERICKSON**  Rider LTE: $658,392
- Catchyalater has been an Open finalist in nine major limited age events.
- Reserve champion of the 5/6-year-old division at the Pacific Coast Futurity with Brent Erickson.
- His dam, Rey Down Sally, was a Hall of Fame Horse that placed third in the NCHA Futurity with Gary Gonsalves.
- Brent Erickson won the Cascades Futurity this month with Hott Rox.

**Draw: 7**
**MAID OF METAL.** 2011 m.
Go-Round: 223.0
(Metallic Cat x Pretty Smart Kitty, by Smart Lil Ricchet)
Breeder: Beau & Ashley Galyean  Horse LTE: $193,753
Owner: Bitterroot Springs Ranch, Stevensville, MT
Rider: **MORGAN CROMER**  Rider LTE: $2,727,450
- She’s been a finalist at the Breeders Invitational, Idaho Derby and El Rancho Classic.
- Her dam was purchased for $4,200 at the Western Bloodstock NCHA Futurity Sales.
- Morgan Cromer is an NCHA Hall of Fame Rider.
- She’s won three previous Mercuria NCHA World Series finals, on three different horses.
A spectator’s guide to cutting
Understanding what is happening, and why!
by Sally Harrison, www.sallyharrison.com

Yesterday

Centuries before the conquistadors arrived in America, Spaniards used horses to herd cattle. But it was American cowboys, mounted on descendants of the conquistadors’ horses, who turned herd work into art.

Buster Welch grew up in West Texas listening to tales of renowned cutting horses. “I remember when I was a little kid, they didn’t have hardly any contests,” says Welch, the all-time leading NCHA Futurity champion. “But they talked and bragged about cutting horses constantly. People didn’t sell them then. That would be like selling your windmills; you just didn’t sell your cutting horse.”

Tom Saunders III, a fourth generation Texas cattleman and president of NCHA in 1949, reminisced in one of the first issues of the Cuttin Hoss Chatter about some of the great horses he had seen as a boy.

“There was an Art Waggoner in our remuda that hands from the Matadors, J J’s and X’s called tops as a cutting horse. Nobody trained him or groomed him, nor did he ever know what the inside of a stall looked like. He was truly a natural and so particular about his ability to do it his own way, if you tried to cue and handle him too much, he’d unload you.

“He sensed his responsibility and showed it upon entering a herd by quickening his cat-like steps, just as though he were walking on eggs. Staying far enough back to counter every move an animal made, he could shuffle, weave and bob, duck, dodge, drop low with forelegs well apart, gather up and step sideways, head and turn back with the lightning quickness of a jackrabbit. If you didn’t want to drag the toe of your boot when he came back through himself, you’d better raise it high and grab a piece of that elm.”

Ranchers gather cattle to brand, castrate and vaccinate, as well as to sort them and ship them to market. Once a herd is rounded up—not an easy task in the rough and brushy country of the Southwest—mounted cowboys circle the herd to keep it contained on the roundup ground, while other riders hold the culled cattle in a separate group.

The boss is mounted on a cutting horse—the horse that the other cowboys would rather be riding—and he enters the herd quietly and deliberately, taking care not to disturb the cattle. If one animal bolts, the rest of the herd might follow. When an animal is selected, it is slowly driven out of the herd and to the turnback riders; they turn the cow back to the contestant, if it tries to escape to the far end of the working area.

When the rider has clearly separated one cow from the herd, he must loosen his grip on the reins and allow the horse to have its head. The cow instinctively tries to return to the herd, but the horse must defend the herd and hold the cow.

Horses receive extra credit for their skill and style and the exertion used to keep the cow under control. The rider may decide when to stop working a cow, but he will be penalized if he quits when a cow is moving toward the horse. This is known as a “hot quit.” The rider also incurs a penalty for picking up his reins before he quits a cow. A horse will be penalized if he loses a cow (the cow returns before the rider quits it.)

It’s all about cattle

Riders spend time watching the herd during the cattle change and mentally sorting the “good” cows intelligent, curious and alert. Although it wants to return to the herd, it will not bolt and run like a “bad” cow, but will try to find a “hole” just to one side of the horse for an escape route.

The “good” horse will control a cow by matching its moves and being aggressive. If the cow runs, the horse must be quick and agile in order to head it.

Cutting demands extraordinary control on one hand, and lightning-quick action on the other. The smart and athletic American Quarter Horse has been bred for these qualities, as well as a love for the job, and about 96% of all horses competing in NCHA events are Registered American Quarter Horses, although Paints, Appaloosas, Thoroughbreds and Arabsians can also be competitive.

Judges score contestants on a scale of 60 to 80 points. The total points awarded by three judges determine contestants’ scores at the 2010 Mercuria NCHA World Series of Cutting events. ★

About the National Cutting Horse Association

With more than 20,000 members around the world, the National Cutting Horse Association promotes and celebrates the cutting horse, and the ranching tradition and Western heritage that helped foster it.

By establishing rules for cutting horse shows, NCHA gives members a level playing field and a progressive class structure to accommodate everyone from the beginner to the advanced competitor. Each year, the National Cutting Horse Association sanctions more than 2,000 shows that pay out a total of more than $40 million in prize money.

For more information about NCHA, visit nchacutting.com or call (817) 244-6188. ★
Idaho Cutting Horse Association Futurity

$50,000 AMATEUR FINALISTS

Draw: 1
Rider: **MIA WEBSTER**, Portland, OR
Go-Round: 219.0

**WHAT ABOUT BLUE**, 2010 g.
(=High Brow CD x Swingin Star Pepto, by Peptoboonsmal)
Breeder: Phil & Mary Ann Rapp   LTE: $21,436
Owner: Clarke Butte Ranch   Rider LTE: $44,683
- Mia won the Amateur championship with What
  About Blue at the Cascades Futurity this month.
- She also won the 5/6-year-old Amateur
  championship on What Daddy Don Know.
- She was reserve champion of the Mercuria NCHA
  World Finals in the $35,000 Non-Pro on Lean
  This Rey last year.
- She's been a finalist this year at the Pacific Coast
  Derby and The Mane Event.

Draw: 2
Rider: **DAVID WHITAKER**, Kaysville, UT
Go-Round: 219.0

**CARTIER TIME**, 2007 g.
(=One Time Pepto x CD Bright Lights, by CD Olena)
Breeder: Danny Motes   LTE: $62,570
Owner: David Whitaker   Rider LTE: $61,411
- David was Limited Non-Pro champion of the 2013
  Utah Classic on Smooth Stylish Cat.
- He was a finalist in this year's NCHA Western
  Nationals in both the $35,000 Non-Pro and the
  $25,000 Novice Non-Pro on Carter Time.
- They were also Amateur finalists at The Mane
  Event this year.
- Carter Time is out of a full sister to $4 million sire
  CD Lights.

Draw: 3
Rider: **CINDY MANN**, Carey, ID
Go-Round: 217.0

**MJ MAGIC TIME**, 2009 m.
(=One Time Pepto x Shortys Magic, by Shorty Lena)
Breeder: Mary Jo Reno   Horse LTE: $59,520
Owner: Cindy Mann   Rider LTE: $171,206
- Cindy was the Novice Non-Pro champion at the
  NCHA Western Nationals in 2011.
- She's won Non-Pro championships here in 2009
  with Sweet Lil Sin and in 2000 with Tivito Zappa.
- She was reserve champion at the Calgary
  Stampede Derby in 2016 on Cat With A Shine.
- She bought MJ Magic Time for $7,000 at the
  2011 Western Bloodstock NCHA Futurity Sales.
- Dam is 1/2 sis to NCHA Fut. champ Dox Miss N Reno.

Draw: 4
Rider: **JOHN ROCKEY**, Palmdale, CA
Go-Round: 217.0

**DUREYNGO KID**, 2014 g.
(=Reys Dual Badger x Hissy Cat, by High Brow Cat)
Breeder: Jeffrey & Jennifer Foland   LTE: $78,208
Owner: John & Rose Rocky  Rider LTE: $236,836
- John Rockey and Dureyno Kid were res. champs of 2016 Amateur
  NCHA Super Stakes.
- They also took the reserve championship at the
  NCHA Derby Unlimited Amateur.
- They took both the Amateur and Unlimited titles
  at the Cattlemen's Derby.
- John has won Senior titles at the NCHA Super
  Stakes and Super Stakes Classic, NCHA Derby, Pacific Coast Derby, and Breeders Invitational.

Draw: 5
Rider: **DAVID HARP**, Rancho Murieta, CA
Go-Round: 217.0

**KAUSAC KAT**, 2011 g.
(=Smooth As A Cat x Lenas Tangygirl, by Lenas Telesis)
Breeder: Ronald Dowdy   LTE: $103,388
Owner: Anderson Ward Inc   Rider LTE: $24,367
- David tied for the top score in the go-round here.
- He has NCHA career earnings of $24,367.
- Kausac Kat won the Idaho Classic here two years ago with Carol Ward.
- The gelding won the Limited Non-Pro Derby here in 2015 with McKenzie Merrill.
- He has won Non-Pro championships at the Pacific Coast Cutting Stakes and El Rancho Derby.

Draw: 6
Rider: **VAN GREENWELL**, Paul, ID
Go-Round: 217.0

**MISTER ONE TIME JACK**, 2011 s.
(=One Time Pepto x Mataguay, by Freckles Playboy)
Breeder: Danzey Treanor   LTE: $10,248
Owner: Van & Kathy Greenwell   Rider LTE: $65,833
- Van won the Big Sky Futurity with Miste
  One Time Jack in 2014.
- He also won the Idaho Futurity and Northwest Ranch
  Festival in 2000, riding Docs Chloey G.
- He won the Limited Non-Pro at the 2004 Pacific
  Coast Futurity on Just Bernie.
- Mister One Time Jack’s dam, Mataguay, won the
  Open Pacific Coast Futurity and El Cid Futurity in
  2000, ridden by Scott Weis.

Draw: 7
Rider: **HUNTER MORGAN**, Lincoln, CA
Go-Round: 216.0

**STARLIGHTS LIL CAT**, 2010 m.
(=WR This Cats Smart x Starlights CD, by Grays Starlight)
Breeder: Scott Gaddy   LTE: $110,735
Owner: Steve & Stacy Morgan   Rider LTE: $14,637
- Hunter Morgan has NCHA career earnings of
  $14,637.
- Starlights Lil Cat has been a finalist in four
  different classes at the Idaho Futurity over the
  years.

Draw: 8
Rider: **LAURA SCHROEDER**, Middleton, ID
Go-Round: 216.0

**CR MR PEPTO OAK**, 2010 g.
(=Peptos Stylish Oak x CR Miss N Cats Meow, by Miss N Oke)
Breeder: Center Ranch   LTE: $28,388
Owner: Laura Schroeder   Rider LTE: $3,946
- Laura has been an NCHA member since 2011.
- She has NCHA career earnings of $3,946.
- CR Mr Pepto Oak was a Pacific Coast Futurity
  Open finalist in 2013 with Russ Elrod.
- He was an El Rancho Derby Amateur finalist with
  Paula Peterson.
- He’s a half-brother to NCHA Futurity Open finalist
  CR MissnJethro Woody.