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Germany awards year-end titles

The National Cutting Horse Association of Germany recently named their 2008 year-end champions.

The year 2008 was highly successful for the National Cutting Horse Association of Germany, which celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2009. The highlight was the NCHA-approved International German Championship in October with a total purse of \$45,000 and 100 entries. But NCHA Germany generally noticed a considerable increase in entries during their 2008 show season. In Open classes, entries increased by 55 percent, while Non-Pro entries were up 46 percent.

Ute Holm and Borregos Sure Shot received the Open Highpoint Champion title for 2008. The 13-year-old brown stallion was bred in Texas. He is by Docs Borrego (by Doc Bar) out of Duces Sure Shot and is owned by Tamara Neumann, of Germany. Ute Holm had a very successful show season with this horse, winning the bronze medal during the AQHA European Championship.

In the Non-Pro class, the year-end champion was Torsten Graetz astride Haidas Hawkeye, the gelding he rode to the NCHA International German Champion Amateur championship. The farmer from Germany has shown the Haidas Pep gelding successfully in various events during

the last years.

The Reserve High-Point Champion title in both categories went to Michael Ohlhoff and his great mare Trish La Dish.

In the Rookie division, the winner was Kristof Goerlich astride Dualetta Deville with Frank Lindner and Dmach Termintior placing second. Sandra Niedostatek and Peponitas Lit Girl became Youth High-Point of the year with Christina Cox-Domnick and Talk About Jason placing second.

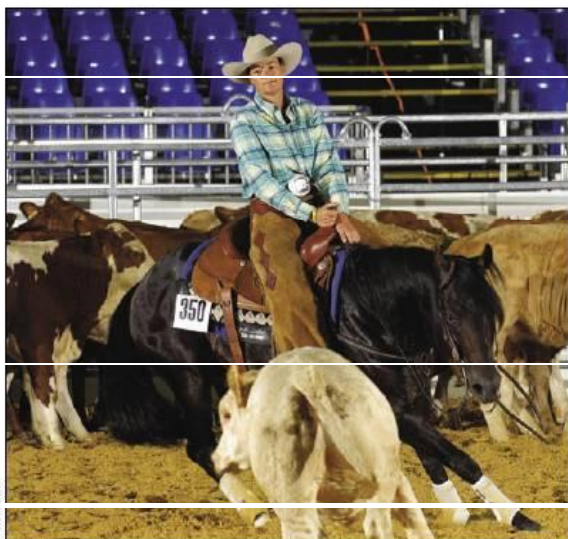
Ken Welch chosen for Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame

Six new honorees, including cutter Ken Welch, have been selected to join the ranks of distinguished inductees at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas. The induction ceremony will be on January 15, 2009, at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and Museum. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction and dinner, followed by the induction ceremony 7:00 p.m.

Inclusion into Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame is bestowed on individuals who have shown excellence in competition, business, and support of rodeo and the western lifestyle in Texas. As one of the 2009 inductees, Ken Welch is a former PRCA Champion Saddle Bronc rider. Born into a ranching family, Welch is the son of Buster Welch. Welch worked with the legendary cowgirl, Helen Groves, to develop a successful cattle and horse operation around the Baird, Texas area.

Other 2009 inductees include: Jim Bob Altizer, Tommy Lee Jones, Tyler Magnus and Rope Myers.

Jim Bob Altizer's accolades include 1959 RCA Calf Roping Champion, 1979 Pro Rodeo Hall of Famer and 1995 National Cowboy Hall of Famer. He competed in the National Finals calf roping 10 times and in the NFR steer roping six times. A successful actor, author and producer, Tommy Lee Jones was selected for his accomplishments as a rancher and champion polo player. He also breeds champion Polo ponies. Cowboying since an early, Tyler Magnus is a nine-time NFR qualifier and 1995 NFR Average Winner in team roping. He currently stars in his own television show "The Roping Show with Tyler Magnus" on



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