

Miss Smarty Chex x Smart Little Lena) and her rider Jay McLaughlin, Gainesville, Texas. McLaughlin was piloting the mare for owner Carol Rose, and he clinched a 439 score: 218.5 dry work and 220.5 cow work.

For McLaughlin, an AQHA, NRCHA and NRHA pro with \$738,192 in combined earnings, it's a privilege to ride the offspring of the NRHA and NRCHA Three Million Dollar Sire Shining Spark. "Those Shining Sparks, they're a different breed," he said.

Lil Miss Shiney Chex's win at the World Show pushed her earnings over the \$100,000 mark to \$107,305, according to **Equi-Stat**. Over the last two years, the 8-year-old mare and McLaughlin have achieved a top-10 finish in the Open Bridle at the NRCHA Derby, two NRCHA Open Bridle World Championships, two top-10 finishes at the AQHA World Show and \$44,882.

"She's a special mare. She's just like the Energizer Bunny. She was prepared to win it, and we just didn't draw the cow to win it on," McLaughlin said after the Senior Cow Horse finals. "She can run so fast and do some cool stuff. I really love that mare. I'm taking her to the World's Greatest Horseman in San Angelo [Texas] in January, and that will be her last show before she's retired. I'm really looking forward to it, but I'm not at the same time, because I don't want to see her go to the broodmare pasture."

Luckily, McLaughlin said he has a 2-year-old colt in training by Peptoboonsmal out of Lil Miss Shiney Chex who's exactly like his mother – except for the his color, red roan. —EH

Junior Working Cow Horse

Genuine Masterpiece and Jay McLaughlin competed last and competed best during a 15-horse set on Nov. 18 in Oklahoma City with a 218.5/221.5/440 score as the 5-year-old stallion earned \$7,121 and a Junior Working Cow Horse AQHA World Championship.

The horse (Shining Spark x Kings Masterpiece x Peppy San Badger)



Genuine Masterpiece and Jay McLaughlin won the Junior Working Cow Horse title.

(Left) Solano Cat and Ron Ralls finished as Reserve Champs in Junior Working Cow Horse.

and McLaughlin, a former Missouri trainer now based at Carol Rose Quarter Horses in Gainesville, Texas, clicked from start to finish in their final combined reining and cow work run.

Genuine Masterpiece had "done enough to make a name for himself," McLaughlin said, while making several Open finals and earning a combined \$46,038. Still, this was the first time the horse ever won a high-profile limited-age event.

"That horse just felt ready when he went in the gate," McLaughlin said. "When I trotted into the middle and loped off, I could tell we were there to show. He was just perfect the whole way."

Genuine Masterpiece's breeder and owner, Wagonhound Land & Livestock, has bases in Douglas, Wyo., and Weatherford, Texas. It has become well-known during recent years as a force to reckon with at cutting events across the country, with a roster that includes former standout cutter turned successful new sire WR This Cats Smart. Wagonhound has also expanded into

the cow horse and reining worlds in recent years. Genuine Masterpiece and McLaughlin placed eighth at the same AQHA World Show during the Junior Reining competition with a solid, final-round 218.

Genuine Masterpiece represents Wagonhound Land & Livestock's "first serious effort" with a working cow horse, said its owner Art Nicholas. Nicholas traveled to Oklahoma City to watch the horse McLaughlin calls "G-Man" compete.

"These are the kinds of horses that we are trying to raise," Nicholas said. "It's tough to have this much success right out of the chute. Now you are really expecting it. This is an event I like. It puts all the components together. We are big fans of the working cow horse program." Nicholas also credited McLaughlin and his boss, Carol Rose, for helping his ranch's budding working cow horse program get off to a quick start with a World Championship. Rose made sure all arrangements were completed as her stallion, Shining Spark, met up with Nicholas' mare,

Senior Working Cow Horse

61 Entries – \$50,562 Total Purse
Horse/Rider/Pedigree/Owner/Score/Money

Shine Smartly 99M (Shining Spark x Smartly Dressed x Smart Little Lena)	Shawn Hays	
Walter Greeman & Tammy Hays	443.5	\$10,112

Lil Miss Shiney Chex 02M (Shining Spark x Lil Miss Smarty Chex x Smart Little Lena)	Jay McLaughlin	
Carol Rose	439	\$8,090

Peptomatic 99S (Peptoboonsmal x My Kinda Party Doll x Colonel Flip)	Jamie Peters	
James Peters	438	\$7,079

Junior Working Cow Horse

59 Entries – \$48,905 Total Purse
Horse/Rider/Pedigree/Owner/Score/Money

Genuine Masterpiece 05S (Shining Spark x Kings Masterpiece x Peppy San Badger)	Jay McLaughlin	
Wagonhound Land/Livestock	440	\$9,781

Solano Cat 05S (High Brow Cat x Smartest Solano x Smart Little Lena)	Ron Ralls	
Shannon & Hershel Reid	437.5	\$7,825

Ima Smoking Mister 05S (Mister Dual Pep x Miss Smoking Remedy x Master Remedy)	Ron Ralls	
Shannon & Hershel Reid	434	\$6,847

Amateur Working Cow Horse

58 Entries – \$17,997 Total Purse
Horse/Rider/Pedigree/Owner/Score/Money

NMSU Truckin Chex 98S (Nu Chex To Cash x NMSU Doc Truckle CJ x CJ Sugar)	Karen Stallings	
Kevin Stallings	439.5	\$3,599

Heza Nuther Digger 00G (Diggers Rest x Hotroddin Suzy x Colonel Hotrodder)	Melinda Horn	
Melinda Horn	434	\$2,879

Musical Jazzy 04G (Spooks Jazzman x Musical E Jackie x Zan Parr Jack)	Gay Lenz	
Gay Lenz	433	\$2,520

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Kings Masterpiece, to facilitate the birth of Genuine Masterpiece.

While out-pointed 224.5 to 221.5 in fence work during the finals by Reserve Champion Solano Cat (High Brow Cat x Smartest Solano x Smart Little Lena), a 5-year-old stallion ridden by Ron Ralls, Gainesville, Texas, Genuine Masterpiece and McLaughlin made up for that by outscoring Solano Cat and Ralls by 5.5 points – 218.5 to 213 – in the reining.

Genuine Masterpiece's chances in the reining were helped by McLaughlin's emphasis on that portion of the stallion's training, includ-