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## 2012 FUTURITY

TODAY- Paint Paso Pink

- \$200K Non Pro Cutting Stakes - 2<sup>nd</sup> Go
- \$50K Amateur Cutting Stakes Go
- Gelding Stakes Open Finals
- Non Pro 5/6 Finals
- Gelding Stakes Non Pro Finals
- NCHA Open
- NCHA Non Pro
- East vs West Bridleless Cutting & Calcutta
- BOD & Sponsor Party - Sky Box

SATURDAY

- San Juan Ranch Exhibitors Breakfast 6-9 am
- \$50K Amateur 5/6 Go
- \$50K Amateur Cutting Stakes Finals
- \$200K NP Cutting Stakes Finals
- \$200K NP Futurity Finals
- Open Cutting Stakes Finals
- Open Futurity Finals
- Live music in the Barn sponsored by Stallion Service Auction

SUNDAY

- \$50K Amateur 5/6 Finals
- Junior Youth Invitational
- Senior Youth Invitational
- \$200K NP 5/6 Finals
- \$50K Amateur Futurity Finals
- Non Pro Cutting Stakes Finals
- Non Pro Futurity Finals



Eric Freitas on Cat Fishin

**\$200,000  
Limited  
Non Pro  
Futurity  
Go Round**

## Fishin for First

The first class on Thursday morning held seventeen hopefuls in the \$200,000 Limited Non-Pro Futurity. Riders may not have earned more than \$200,000 in lifetime earnings showing horses. The horses seemed fresh and distracted in the first herd, with several unconnected from their cows on the south side of the arena. However, Eric Freitas from Santa Maria, California, managed to pull off a pretty clean and focused run, marking a 216 on **CAT FISHIN** (WR *This Cats Smart X Peppy Madonna*) to grab the lead going into the Finals, set for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Eric bought Cat Fishin at the Fort Klamath Futurity as a yearling at an auction, where the colt had been donated to support a fundraiser. Morgan Cromer, who had originally spotted him at the sale, started him and has been working with the gelding ever since. Eric was born and raised in Santa Maria in a farming family. In fact, he is a third generation vegetable farmer and mostly grows broccoli. He showed in Western Pleasure classes as a kid and later rode reined cow-horses for about fifteen years. He became involved with cutting because he had "a cow-horse that

wanted to cut." Eric has three children: son Matthew who is in college, daughter Lauren who is attending medical school and Michelle, a senior in high school. Eric also finished first in the \$100,000 Limited Category.

Three horses finished in second place with 213's: Gina McDonald, an artist and jeweler from Ketchum, Idaho; Debra Flashman from Rancho Murrieta, California; and Jacob Pinheiro from Templeton, California.

Gina McDonald showed **STELLAS SWEET N LOW** (*Sweet Lil' Pepto X Stellas Starlight*) who she calls "Stoli" to have a more masculine sounding name. Gina sells some of her jewelry through the Barbara Couture booth on site called Couture West under the name Celtic Raven. Gina and "Stoli" were also second in the \$50,000 Amateur Futurity Go.

Jacob Pinheiro grew up on the Central Coast of California as the son of a horse-shoer in Santa Ynez. His dad shod lots of horses for cutters, and Jacob ended up hanging out a lot at the Westfall

Ranch in Los Olivos. He and his brother Jeremy were even ring bearers at Russ and Janet Westfall's wedding. Jacob met Morgan Cromer through Russ and soon became an apprentice trainer with her. He rode **HICK OLEANA** (*Hick Chicaroo X Miss Ann Oleana*) today in a smooth, clean and safe run. He said of his horse, "He's been trying to be good all week."

Debra Flashman grew up in North Hollywood when there wasn't solid concrete everywhere. Her parents had a place right across the street from Mr. Ed, the famous talking horse. She said that Mr. Ed was her "first ride." Fast forward to her adult years, where she got into cutting horses through her husband Mike, who let her ride "his hand me downs." Mike and Debra live in Rancho Murrieta where Mike owns Hamilton Jewelry and Debra is in the marketing and publishing business.

**WILD DAINTY ROSE** is Debra's first aged event horse. She said Fons DeBarberson started her, and she is now with Todd Bimat.

For Saturday, November 3, the show starts an hour earlier.  
Cattle will be in at 7:00 am