

# Horse of The Year Award



Noreen & Spooks

The Saskatchewan Reined Cow Horse Association (SRCHA) recently named Spooks Delta Dude the 2012 SRCHA Vetoquinol Horse of the Year at the annual SRCHA Classic Futurity & Derby show at Praireland Park in Saskatoon on Sept 7-8-9. This is a very special award as it is voted on by the actual members of the club to decide who they think is most deserving of the award which is meant to represent the horse that most personifies a willing attitude and natural cow sense and that makes an athletic consistent team with their rider. Spooks Delta Dude is a 5 year old American Paint Horse Stallion trained and shown entirely by his owner Noreen Fenske of Jedburgh, Sask. Spook has been shown in the SRCHA for the last 3 years and has been a crowd favorite from the beginning, possessing such personality and presence that everyone just seems to love him. He is a sweet tempered stallion and a tremendous athlete – super in the herd-work and very cowy. The Saskatchewan Reined Cow Horse Association holds shows throughout the province every summer and is dedicated to the promotion of the truly special horse that is the reined cow horse and the very special people who breed, show and train them by encouraging safety, fun, good horsemanship, proper cattle handling and good sportsmanship at their events which provide competition for all levels of adult and youth riders. ***Congratulations, Noreen!***

Noreen Fenske also recently competed with her Paint horse stallion Spooks Delta Dude at the prestigious Canadian Supreme in Red Deer Alberta. This competition features the best Cutting horses, Reining horses and Working Cow Horses from across western Canada and the northern United States every year at this time at Westerner Park in Red Deer. Spook was entered in the Working Cow Horse Non-Pro Snaffle Bit/Hackamore 4&5 year old class. This was the first time for either Spook or Noreen to compete outside Saskatchewan and they definitely held their own in the show pen, and in their class of 12 entries, placed tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the first element the herd-work and put in performances that were definitely on par with the other competitors in the other elements as well. Considering the magnitude of the show and the scale of the competition attending they felt they put on a great performance all around, a few mistakes made and some nerves to overcome but all in all felt that they had a good showing and now have some great experience to draw from and are looking forward to what they will do next very possibly going back out next year to do it all again. It has been a dream and goal of Noreen's to compete at this major show and the overall experience was definitely not disappointing just to be part of that atmosphere and the scope of the whole show was amazing and to feel like they were right in the mix in the competitions they competed in was very rewarding in itself, especially when considering that there was no professional paid trainer in the back-ground, something not very many of the other competitors could say. ***Congratulations, again!***

