

RODEAR RETURNS: COW DOGS TO COMPETE AT FUTURITY

The National Reined Cow Horse Association and rodear organizers Merle and Sandi Newton join forces again to host the Cowdog Rodear Fall Bash during the 2019 Snaffle Bit Futurity®. NRCHA supporters Jeffrey and Sherri Matthews sponsor and organize the event, which was first held in conjunction with the Futurity in 2017.

Modern cow dog competitions showcase a handler and dog working together in a quiet and controlled manner to maneuver cattle. It is a point and timed event, with emphasis placed on the handler's stockmanship as he/she instructs the dog through a number of obstacles. Handlers are horseback for the event.

In 2018, the Open title went to Merle Newton working Mike Jones' dog, "Puncher." The Non Pro Champion Austin Keys worked his dog, "Spur" to the win.

The event preliminary rounds will be October 8 and 9 in the John Justin Arena at 8 a.m. The final round is October 10 in the John Justin Arena following the Beginning Fence class.



Austin Keys and his dog, "Spur," maneuvered cattle through the obstacles for a perfect 90-point score and did it in the fastest time, winning the Non Pro title.