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Amy Anderson, Stephenville, Texas

THOUGH AMY ANDERSON SHOWED FREQUENTLY as a youth, she put horses on the back burner during college. After graduating from Northwest Missouri State University and gaining a specialty in education administration, Anderson spent 10 years as a principal. Along the way, she married well known clinician Clinton Anderson and, in 2008, began working full-time for “Downunder Horsemanship” as vice president.

A few years ago, she decided to get back into showing and started in the NRHA’s rookie division.

“Reining is absolutely addictive,” Anderson said. “I love that it’s a personal challenge. Every time you want to do better than you did the time before.”

Two years ago, Anderson bought her current show horse, Custom Peppy Pistol, from one of Million Dollar Rider and NRHA Professional Brent Wright’s customers and began working with Sam Smith, another NRHA Professional, to

show the horse in the rookie and open. This year, at Gordyville’s Bluegrass Reining Stakes, Smith and Custom Peppy Pistol won the Level 3 and Prime Time Open divisions.

“Sam is an amazing non pro coach and has a lot of patience,” she said. “I think it says a lot about his training program that he can take a horse from the rookie class to the open class and do what he did.”

Though she’s married to a famous trainer, Anderson’s realized that keeping her marriage and Reining separate is a good thing.

“There are some things married people shouldn’t do together and coaching (a non pro) is one of them,” she laughed.

“I never dreamed in a million years that I’d be doing what I’m doing right now. I’m just really enjoying it and thankful for the opportunity to buy this horse from Brent and his customers and to work with Sam.”

CURRENT TOP 20

(As of shows input May 11, 2012)

	Owners	Earnings
1	Larissa Rizzi	\$46,709
2	Bryan L Nelson	\$30,000
3	Ruediger Diedenhofen	\$27,471
4	23 Quarter Horses AZ	\$26,044
5	Katarzyna Roleska	\$25,054
6	Tamra & Pete Kyle	\$23,113
7	Claudio Rizzo	\$18,179
8	Clark Reining Horses, LLC	\$18,119
9	Mary A Jansma	\$16,772
10	Kimberly K Tillman	\$16,000
11	Eifel Gold Ranch Baeck	\$15,188
12	Smart Like Juice Inc	\$14,974
13	Joe Betten	\$14,532
14	Carlie Thompson	\$13,988
15	Gaynia & Gus Revenberg	\$13,892
16	Amy Anderson	\$13,463
17	Robert N Thompson	\$13,316
18	Tim J Anderson	\$13,154
19	Xtra Quarter Horses, LLC	\$13,062
20	Rosanne Sternberg	\$12,615

Mary Jansma, Randolph, Wisconsin

YEARS AGO, AT THE VERY FIRST NRHA FUTURITY SHE ATTENDED, Mary Jansma recalls introducing herself to NRHA Hall of Famer Dale Wilkinson. She was a bit star struck but went ahead and asked if he had any advice for a newcomer to Reining.

“He said ‘Go with the young guys; they’ll work their tail off for you,’” Jansma said. “I took that advice seriously and never forgot it.”

Still today, Jansma follows Wilkinson’s recommendation. Over time, as she and her husband Tom have built up their Bozidar Ranch, that advice has paid off. Working with NRHA Professionals like Jordan Larson and Gunny Mathison, Jansma has watched their horses succeed.

“We’re lucky enough now in business where we can afford to put our horses with anyone, but I love the younger trainers; they have such a wonderful work ethic,” she said. “We’ve

got quite a few horses down in Texas now with all these great young trainers.”

Just this year, Gunny Mathison piloted Shine On Line, the stallion he and Mary own, to win the Cowboy Capital Classic Reining Derby’s Level 4 Open division.

“We’re so proud of that horse. So many times he was supposed to be done with Reining but he just keeps getting better,” she said.

To help run the ranch, the Jansmas depend on their son Jason and son-in-law Rusty. Their daughter Amanda also plays a role, most recently helping Jansma through her cancer battle.

“She’s taken me to every single appointment. I am very blessed with a wonderful family,” Jansma said. “Some of my tumors are shrinking now and I’m hoping to make it to the Futurity this year. There’s nothing like being there in person.”

