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BECOMING A FIERCER COMPETITOR

The Stampede Team Penning Championship has come and gone and it was a rollercoaster! Tough cows, high stakes and an incredible roster of talent made the qualifiers and finals beyond exciting for some and extremely disappointing for others. At competitions such as these it really makes one think about what makes some competitors so successful. I would argue that being a successful competitor doesn't necessarily mean that you always win. Being

a successful competitor means being able to have the mental clarity that optimizes your chances of winning and helps one to remain composed when a win doesn't happen. The following are three things I think helps one achieve not only success but also happiness in the penning arena:

1) Don't Bank on Winning – the saying "live within your means" not only applies to real life but

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FIERCE COMPETITOR *continued*

also to penning life. It always happens – you said you’d only do two teams in the ten and before you know it you’re full in every class. It’s tough to say no when someone invites you to ride with them but don’t get stuck having to win in order to pay for the weekend’s fees. Don’t put that kind of pressure on yourself. Always be fully prepared to win nothing, so that when you do win, it’s a pleasant surprise and bonus, not a relief.

2) Learn to Love the Process – someone once told me that becoming a penner takes three years: **Year one** – you learn to ride. **Year two** – you learn the game. **Year three** – you learn to win. If you get a new horse, you repeat the process. If you take a break, you repeat the process. And sometimes the process repeats itself for no reason at all. In penning, everyone has hot streaks and not-so-hot streaks but learning to embrace it and to not let it rattle you will set you apart.

3) Make it About More Than Just Penning - the best competitors I know understand that what goes on in the arena is only a very small part of what makes competing awesome. For some, competing lets them spend time with their family and friends. For some, it’s about doing something fun and awesome with the horses they love. For others, they just LOVE the game and strategy of penning. Whatever it is that you decide makes penning worth it even when you’re not winning, don’t forget it.

The final thing to remember when you’re penning is that penning is something we do for fun - to distract ourselves from real life. Don’t make it your job. Enjoy it. And I think in enjoying it we set ourselves up mentally to be fiercer competitors and sets us up better to win.

~by **Jesse Dupont**



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& Deb Myslicki



Seven Class Winners:
Holly Farkes, Wayne Murray
& Heather Stairs

**Ltd. Open Class
Saturday Winners**
Eddie Chevallier,
Carther Rice &
Brad Schoepf

**Five Class
Saturday Winners**
Darlene Rae,
Heather Stairs &
Wayne Murray

**Youth Class
Saturday Winners**
Teagan Walker,
Zarek Lee &
unknown adult

Willow Creek Ag Society Series June 24, 2018

**Ltd. Open Class
Sunday Winners**
Leanne Cressman,
Jesse Dupont &
Rene O'Rourke

**Ten Class
Sunday Winners**
Tucker Brown,
Skylar Hansen &
Gord Robinson

**Seven Class
Sunday Winners**
Jake Daniels,
Rob Fritz &
Anise Rask

**Five Class
Sunday Winners**
Darlene Rae,
Jessica Tyrrell &
Holly Farkes

JR. Youth Class Sunday Winners: Chase Hunter, Teagan Walker & unknown adult

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- 0 - Hometown Dental
- 1 - Black Magic Quarter Horses Big Rock Arena/ Gord Robinson
- 2 - Bar T5 Trailers and Tack / Shaylene Hunter
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SEVEN CLASS

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- 1 - OPEN
- 2 - Marsh Ranches / Gord Marsh
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- 4 - Mill Store/ Leslie Eagleton
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Chris Smith

Chelsea Brown, Sal Howell,
Debbie Thompson

Devin Antony, Skylar Hansen,
Karl McGillicky

Hope Elkins, Chris Smith,
Cody Walker

TEN CLASS

Kyle Dingreville, Jesse Dupont,
Sierra Inglis

Josie Abraham, Jennifer Fleming,
Jeanette Wilkie

Cathy Daniels, Tyler Daniels,
Denice Hansen

Tyler Daniels, Sanda Frampton,
Kirsten Kalchbrenner

Amanda Goodwin, Marci Green,
Greg Sokolik

SEVEN CLASS

Sherry-linne Gray, Donna O'Reilly,
Karley Patton

Wayne Dary, Gord Marsh,
Jessica Tyrrell

Jesse Dupont, Carrie Patton,
Karley Patton

Holly Berner, Kris Lane,
Matt Lane

Wayne Murray, Darlene Rae,
Mike Santangelo

FIVE CLASS

Denise Guzowski, Donna
Hillard, Jessica Tyrrell

Denise Guzowski, Denise Peters,
Ev Prestie

Meagan Blyth, Donna Hillard,
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