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Triangle's 40th Spring Sale Continues Record Breaking Sale Averages

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Shawnee, Okla.— Triangle Horse Sales' recent Spring Sale marked the venue's 40th anniversary and achieved a record-breaking average for the event of \$7,550 with an 86-percent sales completion (minus withdrawals). There were 384 catalogued horses featured, and completed sales reached a Top 50 average of \$19,200, up from last year's \$13,600, reflecting the continued demand for high quality performance-based horses.

Bar B Ranch, owned by Don and Beverly Burdette, Lufkin, Texas, dispersed 28 head and consigned the high seller at \$132,000, Hip. No. 129, Yella Izabella, a 2008 palomino mare (Frenchmans Guy x Halo Fame by Dash Ta Fame). The mare had significant earnings as a barrel horse competitor and was sold with an embryo by leading sire, The Goodbye Lane. The mare was purchased by T.J. Hodnett, Crowley, Texas, and helped drive the remarkable Top 10 average to \$43,300.

Bar B Ranch had another top seller with Hip No. 130, Frenchmans Six Dash (Frenchmans Guy x The Stylish Baby by Takin on the Cash), which sold for \$48,000. The 2004 palomino stallion went to Scott Draves, Ellis Grove, Illinois. Overall, the Bar B Ranch dispersal averaged an impressive \$13,400 per head.

"We had a lot of new buyers for this sale," said Jim Ware, owner of Triangle Horse Sales and AuctionWare LLC. "That is always a positive indication there is a strong demand in the market, and the result was horses selling to buyers from various locations, rather than a concentrated area."

"The primary draw for the variety of buyers is the diversity in the horses our sellers provide."

Ware also said the market for broke geldings remains strong. The gelding sale demographic gleaned an average of \$8,000 on 76 head of 3 years old and older.

Among those was the top selling gelding and high selling reining horse for the sale— Hip No. 200 Xtra Brilliant Berry (Wimpys Red Berry x Brillante Diamantes by Shining Spark), consigned by Mozaun and Sarah McKibben, Whitesboro, Texas. Bruce Strinden, Mandan, North Dakota, purchased the gelding for \$60,000. National Reining Horse Association money earners averaged \$25,200 and all categories of reining bred horses averaged \$10,300.

Cutting-bred horses followed in overall averages as a discipline, with National Cutting Horse Association money earners averaging \$15,050 and all categories at an even \$10,000. Hip No. 42, RPL Ich This (Cat Ichi x Ruby Duece by Smart Lil Jerry) was the top seller in this group at \$57,000. Consigned by Bobbie Arnold Atkinson, Henderson, Texas, the 2007 sorrel mare was sold to Hashtag Ventures LP, Stephenville, Texas, with a foal by Dont Stopp Believin and rebred to Stevie Rey Von.

Two gray stallions led the Shawnee Sale session, consisting of ranch, roping horses and solid riders, including Hip No. 334, Played (Playgun x Stylin Caddilac by Docs Stylish Sam) for \$25,500. The 5-year-old was consigned by B & B Quarter Horses, Newport, Nebraska, and was purchased by Hern Farms Performance Horses, Abilene, Kansas.

This was followed by Hip No. 282, Sixes Blue Pick (Sixes Pick x Blue Gunpowder MS by PG Gunpowder). The 2011 stallion was consigned by Kirk Smith, Blocton, Iowa, and sold to Kevin Riggins, Fayetteville, Arkansas, for \$21,000.

The Spring Sale added 53 horses to the Triangle Sales Top \$10,000 Club, designated for horses selling at \$10,000 and more. To date, the club has over 700 members, since it was implemented in 2016.

Triangle Sales features three annual sales per year: Spring, Fall and Winter. The annual Fall Sale is slated for October 25-26, 2019, and among regular sale sessions, will include the Triangle Barrel Horse Classic featuring yearlings eligible for the highly successful John Read Foster Challenge. For more information on this and other Triangle Sales Information, go to www.trihorse.com.

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