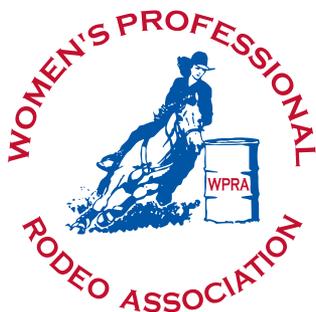


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The WPRA Futurity and Derby program is the beginning steps of turning barrel horse prospects into champion rodeo horses.

The program, which began in 2006, is for building better rodeo horses that will last through the years. The program gives members a place to take young horses and introduce them to the competition arena but in a more relaxed atmosphere.

The Futurities are open to horses 5-years-

old and younger that are competing for the first time, while the Derby program is for 6-and 7-year-old horses, as long as they did not compete in Futurities as a 4-year old. A horse that starts his competitive career as a 4-year-old has two years of eligibility, but as a 5- and 6-year-old.

The program has proven a great training ground for building rodeo horses of the future.

Sun Frost horses take Futurity, Derby titles to Dakotas

By Julie Mankin

A 7-year-old granddaughter of Sun Frost and a 5-year-old great-granddaughter of the late stallion claimed the Derby World Championship and Futurity World

Championship for 2014 under Fonda Galbreath and Cindy Baltezare, respectively.

Baltezare competed at the very first Old Smith Days futurity in 1978 as the lone contestant from South Dakota, and she was a director in the WPRA back before there were even circuits.

But the grandmother from Beresford, S.D., hasn't lost a step – she won more than any other rider at WPRA-approved futurities in 2014. Baltezare earned \$10,885 at 12 futurities to clinch the world championship on a 5-year-old product of her own breeding program.

Baltezare, 61, was raised by parents who



Cindy Baltezare jockeyed Famous Drifty Go to the 2014 WPRA 1D Futurity World title with a very impressive 331 points at 12 futurities to Molly Otto's 192 points. WPRA photo by Peggy Gander

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trained and showed horses in the AQHA, and her experience was mostly with reining and pleasure horses prior to college. That's when she tried her hand at barrel racing.

"My first horse was just a big old gelding that I think I paid \$400 for," she said. "It took me a long time to get him going because I didn't know what I was doing. But I won my first college rodeo buckle on that horse."

She married her college sweetheart, and Cindy and John Baltezare have been raising and training horses for a living ever since – along with having two daughters.

"I just raised kids and rode colts for people," Cindy said.

Throughout the 1990s, she went to the Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo 12 times on 12 different horses that were all under the age of six. At one point while riding outside horses, she ran across the Sun Frost bloodline and fell in love. The Baltezares decided to create their own stallion – which turned out to be a palomino full brother to Kristie Peterson's famous world champion, Bozo. PC Frenchman's Mark was by Sun Frost and was one of the 14 foals out of Loiseaux' mare Casey's Charm.

"I still have PC Frenchman's Mark, who's 20 now," said Baltezare. "We kind of got into the breeding deal with him. I remember we brought Casey's Charm here and weaned that little colt in the barn. That's pretty amazing."



Fonda Galbreath dominated the 2014 Derby standings finishing the year with 156 points aboard Frosted Cookies. She barely missed winning the average title at the WPRA World Finals, missing the title by an agonizing four-hundredth of a second. WPRA Photo by Peggy Gander

The Baltezares wanted a second stallion and Cindy thought the Dash Ta Fame line would cross nicely on PC Frenchman's Mark, so they bought Holy Bart (by Dash Ta Fame out of an On A High daughter). Now 12, the stud has sired Hart Ta Fame – the 2011 WPRA world champion futurity horse and 2012 reserve world champion derby horse – and Holy Exclusive Leo, on whom Ivy Hurst broke the arena record at the Guymon pro rodeo last summer and has qualified for The American Semi-Finals.

"The futurity mare I'm riding is a combination of both studs," Baltezare said. "She's by Holy Bart out of a daughter of PC Frenchman's Mark. That is, like, so cool."

The mare's name is Famous Drifty Go, and her mother, Frenchman's Drifty Go, was a standout futurity horse for Baltezare in 2004. Baltezare calls the dam "Drifty" and this mare's nickname is "Lil Drifty." She comes by it naturally – she's barely 14.2 hands tall.

Baltezare and Lil Drifty kicked things off in Arizona at the January futurities and stayed consistent all season – even clocking what many feel was an arena record during a futurity at the Gollis Arena in Spearfish, S.D. Unfortunately, in October at the World Finals in Waco, they tipped a barrel.

"I give credit to the WPRA for hiring T.C. Long, the arena director at the World Finals," said Baltezare. "The event was well organized and well run. We had a good time and enjoyed Waco."

Performing better in Waco was graduate student Kelly Allen, who won a tough World Finals Futurity aboard the 5-year-old mare Charge My Corona. She placed fourth in the first round, which was won by Kassie Mowry on Firewatermakemehappy; then Allen returned in the finals with a wicked 15.0-second run to win the average and \$4,867.

Charge My Corona is by the 12-year-old stallion Hot Corona and out of Rag Doll Edition, who is double-bred Advocator (by Top Moon and out of a Sugar Bars/Leo dam). Hot Corona is by Corona Cartel out of a Dash For Cash mare.

Texas barrel racers might be seeing more of Baltezare this winter, however. When the mid-November cold snap hit South Dakota, Baltezares loaded several horses and high-

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tailed it to their winter home in Fletcher, Okla. Cindy had just a few weeks to ready Lil Drifty's full brother for the BFA World Championships Futurity.

"We're a pretty small outfit – it's just John and I with not a lot of advertising dollars," she said. "Ours is a young program and I'm hoping to see good things come out of this colt, which I've actually sold."

In 2015, Baltezare looks forward to hitting the circuit rodeos on Lil Drifty and putting the finishing touches on another full sister, as well.

Tonya Hebert and MP Speedin Ta Fame took the title in the 2D Futurity year-end standings with 33 points, while Stacy Bevan and DC Wickedfrench Wine we second with 28 points.

Galbreath, the 2014 WPRA Derby World Champion, is an equine veterinarian from Oakes, N.D., who's only been barrel racing for a few years.

Fonda Galbreath, DVM, not only dominated the WPRA derby season, but came within an agonizing four-hundredth of a second of winning the average at the World Finals, too, on her 7-year-old mare, Frosted Cookies ("Lola"). She was edged out by Jackie Ganter, who won the average aboard Bobbie Gene to cash a check worth \$1,956.

But Galbreath earned \$1,491 for her second-place finish, and her \$5,890 in earnings this season at eight derbies gave her more year-end points than those of Kathy Grimes, who had a great season on KG Justiceweexpected.

Galbreath, 30, traveled to Waco for the World

Finals with Molly Otto of Grand Forks, N.D., who was the runner-up champion on her Futurity horse (and who also trained Galbreath's horse). The pair kept both reserve world championships in the truck, which made for a better ride home.

"It was a really long ways to drive down there," said Galbreath, who also won the Northern Region Futurity Tour championship, three weeks later. "It took us two days. We stopped overnight in Kansas on the way."

Galbreath had grown up riding cutting horses. After becoming an equine veterinarian, she met Wrangler NFR barrel racer Jane Melby, who asked her to come work on some horses. That led to Galbreath asking Melby to train a horse for her.

"When I got that horse and first began going to barrel races, it was mostly just to meet people and grow my business," said Galbreath. "Now I enjoy running barrels more than anything else."

Galbreath and her husband own a veterinary practice they bought from his parents. There, they treat cattle, horses, and small pets with one other veterinarian. Galbreath estimates she sees about 30 percent of her clients at the clinic but does most of her work on the road, scheduling time for horses on the way to and from whatever weekend event she has entered.

She purchased Lola just over a year ago from Stacey Lundstrom, also of North Dakota, after Otto had trained the mare and campaigned her for Lundstrom at the 2012 futurities.

"My goal this year was to go to the derbies and some rodeos," Galbreath said. "Now I've



Tonya Hebert and MP Speedin Ta Fame captured the WPRA 2D Futurity World Title with 33 points. WPRA photo by Peggy Gander

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won the derby world championship, and she's becoming a rodeo horse."

Having filled her WPRA permit in July, Galbreath purchased her first card for the 2015 season and is making a run at Rookie of the Year. Currently ranked 18th in the world standings, Galbreath has high hopes for Lola, who she thinks has enough "grit" for the rodeo trail.

"When I go in to make a run, she's all business," Galbreath said. "She seems to handle all situations; I've won lots of money on all types of ground. Initially, I worried about her at rodeos because she gets scared easily, but the rodeo money I've won has mostly been in performances."

Lola is by PC Laughing Sundust, by Sun Frost and out of a Laughing Boy/Leo mare. On the bottom, she's out of Cookie Dash by Dodadash (by Dash For Cash out of a Streakin Six daughter) and out of a mare going back to Three Bars and Ed Echols.

Baltezore's and Galbreath's mares should no doubt bring pride to South Dakota's Cowan family, who owned the late Sun Frost. Deceased in 2007, he was a blend of Driftwood, Hancock, Doc Bar, Three Bars and Super Charge. While best known as the sire of Bozo, Sun Frost had progeny that recorded more than \$2 million in earnings.

WORLD CHAMPIONS

FUTURITY:

2014 – Cindy Baltezore/Famous Drifty Go
2013 – Lacey Kuschel/Western Goldmine
2012 – Sandra Hart/LM A Classy Design
2011 – Sandra Hart/Hart Ta Fame
2010 – Bo Hill/Phame
2009 – Jan Duquette/Magico Fire Water
2008 – Leslie Maynard/LRM Lightning Watch
2007 – Judy Melvin/MNMs Vanilla Sky
2006 – Kay Blandford/Talents Dark Angel

DERBY:

2014 – Fonda Galbreath/Frosted Cookies
2013 – Ashley Baur/Love Man's Darling
2012 – Ashley Baur/Love Man's Darling
2011 – Rissie Parker/Letta Lash Do It
2010 – Kindell McKaniel/Parkers Secretary
2009 – Lisa Ruhnke – First Banana
2008 – Susie McConaghie – Super Hero (PT)
2007 – Lacy Billingsley – Shawne Dash

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It remains one of the most indelible images of WPRO history. Blonde curls bobbing, bat clinched firmly between her teeth, a barely teen-aged Clayton, N.M., cowgirl roared into the history books of barrel racing. Charmayne James was just 14 when she and super horse Scamper won the first of a record 10 straight world championships. Along the way, she captured the hearts of rodeo fans across the nation.

The site of young girls guiding their top equine partners flawlessly through a barrel pattern disappeared in the mid-nineties when the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association initiated a mandatory age limit of 18 years of age for competitors at PRCA sanctioned rodeos. Due to the relationship between the two sanctioning bodies at the time, the WPRO followed suit and little girls no longer had a place in professional rodeo.

Beginning in 2007, the WPRO instituted the WPRO Junior Division for all girls aged 17 and under. The junior division introduces a

whole new group of members to the ranks of professional competition and allows mothers and daughters to compete for world points at some of the same events.

Juniors run in WPRO Junior sanctioned races as well as co-sanctioned divisional races and rodeos to earn points for the WPRO World Finals. Juniors can only earn points in WPRO Junior Division races, in co-sanctioned rodeos, and in the 1D of co-sanctioned divisional races. Juniors do not compete against WPRO members for points are not eligible to enter WPRO events or rodeos.

Among the big name races co-sanctioned for the WPRO juniors is the world renowned Josey Junior World Championship barrel race. Hosted by legends RE and Martha Josey, the 1980 WPRO World Champion, this race has played host to thousands of aspiring barrel racers through the years, many of whom have gone on to tremendous success in the ranks of the WPRO.

Ganter wins Junior World Title, Now Focused on 2015 Rookie of the Year Title

By *Kristen M. White*

When she decided to go for it, Jackie Ganter was going to win the Junior World Championship, no question about it.

And she did just that. Ganter captured the Junior World Championship title with \$27,024 won at 15 rodeos, and was so far ahead that she'd already won the title at the end of September when the year cutoff. No one could catch her at the World Finals.

This was the first year for Ganter to try for the world title, but having several friends who had competed in the past, she knew she wanted

to try once.

"I knew this was my last year because I was turning 18 and going to by my pro card, so I decided to go for it this year," she said. "I thought it would be something cool to go after, and I had a goal to win this year. Kind of a bigger goal, since it was my last year – if I ever wanted to win it, it had to be this year."

Ganter said she made sure she made the WPRO Divisional Circuit co-approved events count that had junior money in them. Because it was a limited number of runs she had to work with toward the Junior World standings, she gave it her all every chance she got.

"It was a tough year for sure. The people that were behind me in second, third and fourth kept me running for it," she said. "It was really great."

Even though she had the world title wrapped up before the end of the year and the Junior World Championships, Ganter didn't become complacent.

"Even if you're like \$5,000 ahead, there's always a chance that somebody could catch you. So I just try to win the most I can," she said. "I never looked at the standings. My mom would look and tell me that I was leading the

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Karsyn Daniels captured the average title in the Junior Division during the 2014 WPRC World Finals with a two run total of 30.50 seconds. WPRC photo by Peggy Gander

standings.

“When we got to the Finals, she told me I’d won and that I was about \$10,000 ahead – that was crazy!”

It was a good thing she was that far ahead and that she turned 18 after the season cutoff, so that she did not jeopardize her junior standings by buying her WPRC permit. By purchasing her WPRC permit prior to the WPRC World Finals, she was not eligible to compete in the Junior race.

At the Junior World Championships, Karsyn Daniels won the average in 30.50 seconds on two runs. Dally Parker was right behind in 30.60 seconds, with Sydney Schleich coming in third.

During the season, Ganter called on the services of not one or two horses but four – all of which contributed to her success. She said she and her mom, Angela, knew from watching so many cowgirls in the past stumble after a horse got hurt or sick that they wanted her to have a whole arsenal of horses.

“None of them will have to run multiple times in a weekend or have their legs run off,” Ganter said. “You see a lot of people at the end of the year have a horse that’s hurt or has problems, so hopefully having four, I will still have four, really good, sound, health horses!”

Her horses Blazin Baby J, Cartels Fame, Guys French Jet and Bobbie Gene all put in great performances through the year, and she’s

happy to have them all by her side for the future of pro rodeo.

Anter didn’t always run barrels. She rode English style in her early years, and when she was 12 her pony that she’d won so much on got hurt and had to be retired. Never having “the same feelings” about another horse after much looking, she decided to try running bar-



Jackie Ganter captured the Junior Division World Title prior to arriving at the WPRC World Finals. Ganter collected several nice awards as a result from WPRC President Carolyn Vietor. WPRC photo by James Phifer/rodeobum.com

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rels instead, which is what her mom had always done.

“She started me slow and built me up, horse by horse, adding a little speed,” Ganter said. “Pretty quickly I started really winning.”

So it was during her junior year at Wylie High School in Abilene, Texas, that she decided to make a go for the Junior World title. Now that she’s a senior, she’ll graduate early in December and said she plans to begin taking some online general courses for college, giving her more flexibility for rodeo.

It was less than a week after the season finished and Ganter had the title wrapped up that

she celebrated her 18th birthday by purchasing her WPRA permit. She filled it immediately at a WPRA Divisional Circuit co-approved event. Now with her WPRA card now in hand, her next goal is to make a run for Rookie of the Year in 2015.

“I won as much as I could to try and get into the winter rodeos, which was my short-term goal. I hope I’ve gotten into a few,” she said. “Then I’m just going to go along and see how everything goes. I will definitely go really hard in the summer because my horses are big, outdoor horses, so I’m really looking forward to that.”

WORLD CHAMPIONS

- 2014 – Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas
- 2013 – Kylar Terlip, Frontenac, Kan.
- 2012 – Brookelyn Owens, Muldrow, Okla.
- 2011 – Kylar Terlip, Frontenac, Kan.
- 2010 – Callie duPerier, Bandera, Texas
- 2009 – Lake Mehalic, Oro Valley, Ariz
- 2008 – Tara Timms, Leedy, Okla.
- 2007 – Madison Montchal, Atalisa, Iowa

CIRCUIT CHAMPIONS

2008

Badlands: Cassidy Kruse
California: Caitlyn Loomis
First Frontier: Rebecca Weiner
Great Lakes: Madison Montchal

Mountain States: Cassidy Wahlert
Prairie: Tara Timms
Texas: Emily Efurd
Turquoise: Lake Mehalic

2014 WPRA FUTURITY/DERBY POINTS

Official standings as of Oct. 27, 2014

FUTURITY

	NAME	HORSE	POINTS	MONEY
1.	Cindy Baltezare	Famous Drifty Go	331	\$10,885
2.	Molly Otto	Carmans Fantasy	192	\$4,447
3.	Linda Vick	KN French Dot Fame	155	\$7,661
4.	Lynn Kohr	SL Crusade For Cash	119	\$6,506
5.	Kathy Grimes/Kim Kammenzind	Paints His Shirt Red	84	\$3,873
6.	LaTricia Duke	Racin For Fortunes	82	\$11,682
7.	Lyndee Stairs	Twolinkstofirewater	82	\$1,098
8.	Bo Hill	Jitterbugz	74	\$5,239
9.	Tasha Welsh	Lillenaloohoo	70	\$3,508
10.	Janet Staton	Fameolicious	61	\$5,897
11.	Kathy Grimes	KG Katy Bar The Door	55	\$2,710
12.	Kim Chesmore	BV Take My Wago	52	\$1,358
13.	Tami Semas	KN Fabs Gift of Fame	45	\$4,380
14.	Jolene Montgomery	Mr JB 1031	44	\$2,760
15.	Nicole Ratkowski	Streakin Irish Paddy	44	\$1,131
16.	Hilary Van Gerpen	Rebels Cash Cartel	43	\$885
17.	Kelly Allen	Charge My Corona	42	\$4,868
18.	Margaret Jones	Famous Empress	42	\$1,012
19.	Lynn Kohr	Dun Got Charmed	37	\$414
20.	Brittany Barnett	Badgers Smart D Chex	37	\$739

2D FUTURITY

	NAME	HORSE	POINTS	MONEY
1.	Tonya Hebert	MP Speedin Ta Fame	33	\$2,486
2.	Stacy Bevan	DC Wickedfrench Wine	28	\$778
3.	Robyn Herring	Letta Girl Roll	23	\$2,252
4.	Patti Hovland	Frenchys Little Bug	18	\$449
5.	Tonya Williams	Idreamofjennielake	15	\$237
6.	Shelly McAdams	Kid Rock It	12	\$698
7.	Jenna Cadwallader	Frenchmans Lilly	12	\$571
8.	Hannah Koch	Request Te Firewater	12	\$473
9.	Kim Kammenzid	Paints His Shirt Red	11	\$432
10.	Fonda Galbreath	Playing in the Sugar	11	\$323
11.	Shawna Letcher	Showmedamoneyhoney	11	\$295
12.	Amy Robinson	Hay Sol Sister	10	\$673
13.	Sandra Hart	MK Tias Rockin Holiday	10	\$269
14.	Ann Gilbert	Cherry Red Firewater	10	\$198
15.	Megan Williams	LLP Streakin Moon	9	\$1,019
16.	Vicky Benedetti	Buds Famous Sund	6	\$1,445
17.	Brooke Jeter	Nickadot	6	\$1,019
18.	Fallon Taylor	Caliente Café	6	\$891
19.	Toni Horkley	FG Texas Bug	6	\$329
20.	Amber West	All Warm N Fuzzy	6	\$320
21.	Melissa Taylor	TFFourOverDrivinNFame	6	\$240
22.	Hannah Kaufman	JB Hickory San	6	\$100

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DERBY

	NAME	HORSE	POINTS	MONEY
1.	Fonda Galbreath	Frosted Cookies	156	\$5,890
2.	Kathy Grimes	KG JusticeWeExpected	89	\$5,185
3.	Amy Schimke	Its Complicated	60	\$1,690
4.	D'Ann Gehlsen	Streaking Sonofagun	52	\$1,361
5.	Emily Rothstein	Nicks Victorya Grace	44	\$650
6.	Amber Moore	CP Dark Moon	43	\$2,328
7.	Brittany Barnett	Firewater Ellie	38	\$436
8.	Lynn Kohr	Cash N Time	37	\$1,050
9.	Lanette Pritchard	Firewaters Faith	35	\$2,215
10.	Jackie Ganter	Bobbie Gene	20	\$1,957
11.	Rusty Rae Quam	Blue Is Rare	19	\$534
12.	Erin Ricotti	Famous Scarlett	18	\$4,194
13.	Erin Ricotti	Royal Star Commander	18	\$3,781
14.	LaTricia Duke	Happy To Run Em	16	\$1,258
15.	Cheri Graves	Too Smart To Shine	15	\$335
16.	Lisa Nicholas	Stoli My Guy	10	\$839
17.	Kimmi Byler	JL Thirddimesacharm	10	\$364
18.	Lacey Kuschel	Western Goldmine	10	\$189
19.	Samantha Pidkowicz	Miss Daisy Mae	10	\$33
20.	Elissa Johanson	LB Boon	9	\$188
21.	Kassie Green	Designs of Red	9	\$126
22.	Kynder Starr	Alotaheartabifame	9	\$94

2014 FINAL WPRA JUNIOR STANDINGS

1.	Jacqueline Ganter	Abilene, Texas	\$27,024
2.	Merrill Mundy	Parrish, Fla.	\$19,064
3.	Karsyn Daniels	McKinney, Texas	\$11,234
4.	Sydney Schleich	Kersey, Colo.	\$9,530
5.	Casey Oliver	Bellevue, Fla.	\$8,362
6.	Caitlyn Wood	Petaluma, Calif.	\$7,704
7.	Rylee Elliott	Newberry, Fla.	\$7,337
8.	Emilee Jackson	High Springs, Fla.	\$6,355
9.	Shelby Vinson	Worthing, S.D.	\$5,608
10.	Mollie Brantley	Oconee, Ga.	\$4,463
11.	Patton Ann Lynch	Crawford, Texas	\$4,426
12.	Karlee Wesley	Atascadero, Calif.	\$3,923
13.	Ava Antolik	Georgetown, Texas	\$3,737
14.	Dally Parker	Collinsville, Texas	\$3,661
15.	Rylee Butler	Arcadia, Fla.	\$3,561