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Celebration of Champions- History in the Making



Russell Dilday & Topsails Rien Maker "Slider" made history by becoming the first duo to win the World's Greatest Horseman Three Times! Photo Courtesy of Primo Morales

One may ask what it takes to win the World's Greatest Horseman, but the real question is what it takes to do it three time! Well one horse and one rider can now tell us all what it takes, Russell Dilday and Topsails Rien Maker "Slider" won the prestigious title for their third time in four years during the 2011 NRCHA World's Greatest Horseman. For those who got to witness this history in the making, it was certainly a nail biter. Dilday and Slider took the win by a half a point! The duo placed fourth in the herd work with a 217 score and second in the reining with a 218. They were tied for second with Ron Emmons & Olena Oak with two events left and were trailing leader Todd Crawford & Play Dual Rey by six points. In the end, the duo's chance to take the title would depend on their cow work. The pair drew a tough cow, but were able to take the lead with a 219.5 score. Dilday has plenty to say about his horse, Slider, describing him as "pure" and a horse "with a heart bigger than my hat." Let's hope they are back next year to try to break their own record! Congrats Russell and Slider!



A celebrity reining was held to raise funds for Mosaic Trails. A total of \$8,725 were raised! Two of our celebrities participated, Executive Director, Justin Jonas and Marketing Director, Tom Thompson!

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