

Congratulations Briggs Ranch Cutting NWAB Class Winner – Nancy LaCounte



When did you start riding?

My dad bought me my first pony (a POA) when I was 7.

When did you become interested in cutting?

I've been wanting to cut for about 10 years or so.

When did you start competing in cutting?

I started this year.

Have you ever ridden in any other events?

I showed pleasure horses for many, many years.

Who has influenced you in cutting?

Jann and Bill Parker. Bill told me to keep my head above my ass, but in a very kind voice.

What do you like best about cutting?

The best part is being with Bubba.

Tell us about your horse:

I bought Bubba White last September. He is 19 years old.

Who is the sire/dam?

Bubba's sire is Dual Pep and he is out of Savannah White.

Do you have a nickname for your horse?

No

Is there anything interesting about your horse that you would like to share?

Bubba is amazing. He has trained many beginners and Dennis, Holly and their family all showed him. He has won multiple championships in NCHA and AQHA. If I do something wrong, he shakes his head from side to side and tells on me, but in a cute way.

Who trained your horse?

Dennis and Holly Ginkens raised and trained Bubba.

Are you riding with a trainer?

Yes, I ride with Dennis.

Do you have any advice for beginning cutters?

My advice would be to keep your eyes on the cow so you don't fall off and don't beat yourself up, because it is NOT easy.

Tell us about you: Where do you live now?

I live about 10 miles east of Billings with my husband and my mom.

Where are you originally from?

I was born in Iowa, but moved here when I was 2, so I'm pretty much a native.

Do you have any other hobbies?

I have a group of great friends and we go to RSNC Sortings. My husband fishes and I am "net girl" when he catches the fish.

Do you have a family?

My family consists of my mom, whom is 90 years old and lives with us, and my husband, along with an assortment of cats and 2 dogs (one dog really belongs to the neighbors, but she lives with us quite a bit.)

If yes, do they ride also?

My husband used to team rope but now he fishes. My mom has always been afraid of horses, but likes to pet Bubba on the nose.

Is there anything else you would like to mention?

I am so amazed at how everyone I have met at cuttings is so supportive and encouraging. Not all sports are that way. Thank you everyone for making me feel welcome.