



# MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION “Never Won a Buckle”

## NWAB Class Winner – Congratulations! Andrew Seleg



When did you start riding?

I have been riding my whole life ranching and chasing cows but I didn't start riding cutting horses until about October of 2013.

When did you become interested in cutting?

I became interested in cutting last fall when I first started riding. To me it was a fun way to use a horse in a way that I could relate to.

When did you start competing in cutting?

The first time I ever competed in a cutting was at the Briggs Ranch Cutting and I won my class.

Have you ever ridden in any other events?

I have never ridden in any other performance horse events before this one.

Who has influenced you in cutting?

Karen Fellerhoff first got me started into cutting and really helped push me along to ride more but overall the biggest influence has been Jonah Deines. Jonah has really helped me learn how to do everything as right as I can so that I can have the best run possible. His help has really made things simpler and a lot more fun.

What do you like best about cutting?

What I like best about cutting is that I can use what I know about handling livestock to my advantage in the cutting pen to make everything much simpler for myself and my horse.

Tell us about your horse: What is his/her name and how old?

She Is A Gidget Gun, She is 8

Who is the sire/dam?

He's a Peptospoonful /Gidget Gun (Young Gun X Make O Lena)

Do you have a nickname for your horse?

She is called Gidget around the barn

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

Before I started working with her in May and before the Briggs Ranch Cutting Gidget was giving pony rides to little kids and first time riders. She had not been shown in close to 4 years. On top of the fact that in that time she has had no training done.

Who trained your horse?

I don't know

Are you riding with a trainer?

I have been riding with Jonah Deines at Saddle Peak Equestrian Center. He has really helped me to sharpen my horsemanship skills.

Do you have any advice for beginning cutters?

Find a person to help you with getting the best ground work skills possible. That way you and your horse can have the best run possible.

Tell us about you: Where do you live now?

Bozeman, MT

Where are you originally from?

Rosebud Montana farming and ranching

Do you have a job and what do you do?

Ranch hand at Saddle peak Equestrian center

Do you have any other hobbies?

Not really

Do you have a family?

Parents are Steve and Dixie Seleg of Rosebud Montana. I have a brother Jon and a sister Shannon.

If yes, do they ride also?

Yes, they all ride to help gather and move cows but none of them have ever been around the performance side of things.

Is there anything else you would like to mention?