

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## Belinda Black

### 1. How did you get started in Reining

I showed breed reiners (among other things) in the late 60's early 70's. After marrying a calf roper and rodeoing for years, I stopped competing to haul our daughter at the national level and once she went to college, I wanted to get back doing something. A friend suggested reining. I went to Utah, rode his 2 horses, tried 3 and bought 1. Hollywood Sugar Doc, trained by Brent Wright got me started.

### 2. Favorite moment showing

I'm very competitive and always have been; also the teacher in me wants learning to be a constant. I like my runs where what I've been working on finally transfers to the pen. I guess my favorite moment showing was winning the NPPT at the South Central Affiliate Finals because the work transferred to the show pen, there were amazing horses and riders in the class, and the prizes were great.

### 3. Most embarrassing reining moment

The one thing about reining that makes it hard to get embarrassed about is how hard it is. It's like there's a check list of all that can go wrong and most of us have done them. Reining spectators are knowledgeable and appreciate good maneuvers and runs. To me, it's more like I let the spectators and my horses down than being truly embarrassed. I've done some stupid stuff in the show pen, but I've competed so long, I guess I've embarrassed myself so many times, I'm used to it. (falling off my barrel horse after winning a National Title makes it hard to get embarrassed again)

### 4. Favorite reining maneuver and why

Stopping is the ultimate, but my favorite maneuver is circles. They were the one thing I understood when I started showing so I made sure they were as perfect as possible. To me, there's a lot that goes into great circles, and I really enjoy letting my horse show off the work we do at home.

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**Fun Fact or Favorite Quote:** I'm  
OCD about my saddle pads!  
Everyone backs off until I say it's  
OK!



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