

MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION

“Never Won a Buckle”



NWAB Class Winner – Kevin Chesler -Congratulations!

When did you start riding?

I started riding when I was in 10th grade. Ever since, I have been hooked!

When did you become interested in cutting?

I was first interested in cutting when I was 18 after going to watch an NCHA show in northern Minnesota. A few weeks later I got the opportunity to ride a cutter, and have been addicted ever since.

When did you start competing in cutting?

I started competing in cutting just this past winter. My first time in the show pen was in January.

Have you ever ridden in any other events?

I have previously ridden in team penning, sorting, speed events, western pleasure, and in college I competed on the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) western show team.

Who has influenced you in cutting?

My biggest influence in cutting is Bob Janssen. He is a cutting trainer in Minnesota and he put me on my first cutter. He warned me it was addicting...he was right. Another great influence is the trainer I work with now, Renea Williams.

What do you like best about cutting?

The best part about cutting is the adrenaline rush, it's unlike anything else.

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

The horse I ride is Mr Jewelena Bar, he is 14 years old.

Who is the sire/dam?

His sire is Mister Colonel Bar who is out of Colonel Freckles and his dam is Jubileena who is out of Doc O'Lena.

Do you have a nickname for your horse?

His barn name is Colonel.

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

Cutting is his third career. He has been a roper, a working cow horse, and now a cutter.

Who trained your horse?

He is being trained by Renea Williams.

Are you riding with a trainer?

The trainer I currently ride with is Renea Williams

Do you have any advice for beginning cutters?

Always watch the cow's eye, sit deep, and have fun. Don't be discouraged by a bad ride or a bad score, cows are unpredictable, but that's what makes it fun!

Tell us about you: Where do you live now?

I currently live in Cody, Wyoming.

Where are you originally from?

I am originally from Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Do you have a job and what do you do?

I work for Trout Creek Ranch as a ranch hand and assistant trainer.

Do you have any other hobbies?

I like to hike, fish, camp, and anything else that involves the outdoors.

Do you have a family?

Yes, I have two brothers

If yes, do they ride also?

My parents ride and have their own ranch back in Minnesota but neither of my brothers ride.

They both serve in the U.S. Army.