

Kevin Stallings Rides Shining Lil Nic to 2009 NRCHA Derby Open Two Rein Championship

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Kevin Stallings rode Shining Lil Nic to top the field of eleven Open Two Rein entries at the 2009 National Reined Cow Horse Association Derby, held at the Paso Robles Event Center in Paso Robles, California. Stallings took the talented stallion to a score of 143 in the rein work, and 147 in the cow work, earning owners Bill and Janiejill Tointon a check for \$1,590.

“He was really good. He ran and stopped good, and turned around strong in the reining. We had a tough cow in the cow work. It ran really hard, but that’s his forte – he’s a great fence horse and you can mark really good on a tough cow,” noted Stallings, of Arizona.

Stallings has ridden Shining Lil Nic, by Smart Shiner and out of Dig A Lil Nic, from the beginning, earning a lengthy list of titles and accomplishments with the flashy stallion. Along with being a finalist at the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity, Shining Lil Nic is a three-time American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show qualifier, and is an NRCHA Open Hackamore National Champion.

“I love this horse. He’s one of the most awesome athletes that I’ve ever ridden. I really want to thank Bill and Janiejill Tointon for giving me the opportunity to ride this special horse,” he said.