

CHALEE GILLILAND MEMORIAL

Barrels & Bling 2018

C Bar C Expo Center - Cloverdale, Indiana



Bling It On!



Once again, the barrel racing community has shown love and compassion to support a foundation, and to honor an eleven year old girl taken too soon. The Chalee Gilliland Foundation produced our 6th annual “Chalee Benefit Show” on June 29th, June 30th, and July 1st, 2018. Many different states were recognized at the show, including California! Stalls were sold out, camping spots packed, bleachers full, and the arena consisted of people yearning to get their hands on an ORCA cooler, a 5 Star saddle pad, or perhaps a belt buckle.

C Bar C Expo Center (Cloverdale, IN) was a hopping place. We ran approximately 1,200 horses through the gate over the span of the weekend, and gave out about \$55,000!

Above: Riana Gilliland, Chalee’s sister, and Rylee Kelly, Chalee’s best friend, carrying flags in the Grand Entry
Below: Team Bling member and cancer fighter, Sofia Cipri





Not to mention the fantastic awards that were given out as well. Lots of love filled the air that weekend as many came and put their highest bids on silent auction items. In fact, this year the silent auction raised \$3,400!! Our Grand Entry consisted of special guest, Cami Moriarty a 14 y/o trick rider! She added a second horse to her act this year! Once again she amazed us all!

Team Bling, a group of kids, going out and raising awareness for Cys-



Top to Bottom: Trick rider, Cami Moriarty; Team Bling;



tic Fibrosis as well as gaining sponsorships and donations, blew it out of the park this year! Team Bling had their best year yet, raising \$8,000!!

We had many rockets in the Open barrels, and Cindy Patrick and Flit Ta Heaven soared to the top with a blazing 14.612! This time also stuck to end up the fastest time of the weekend, earning Cindy

a customized ORCA cooler. The Young Guns (10 y/o and under non assisted Pee Wee) were not far behind! Jada Johnson with her mount Striker, struck a 15.138 to claim her 1D Young Guns saddle. We had 37 in the Pee Wee (10 y/o and under assisted Pee Wee) and 39 in the Young Guns. These kids really bring the heat in the arena! They also beat the heat by enjoying a huge slip 'n slide that was set up!

Our Mission:

The Chalee Gilliland Foundation, Inc. strives to inspire and empower individuals with Cystic Fibrosis by providing financial and emotional support to them, the barrel racing community, and animal organizations. The foundation was formed to honor it's 11-year-old namesake, Chalee Gilliland, and her endless spirit. While Cystic Fibrosis may have taken her from us far too soon, she lives on in our hearts, and through the actions of the foundation.

Live Free, Be Brave, Chalee Strong!!



2018 marked the 3rd Annual Bling It On Futurity. Ashley Thompson and Seis Shots of Crown took home the 1D Average title, and Bubby Skimehorn and Dun Famous being named the 2D Average Champion. Charlie Woods with Running W Ranch and Tack added a special award to this year's show. Him along with Eddie and Shellye Essenpreis sponsored the "Tracy Martin Fastest Futurity Time Buckle." Craig Brooks was presented this buckle, as he rode

Dashin In Heaven to a 14.905! Future Fortunes was an incentive many were running for in the Futurity as well. 6th Annual also meant the BBR awarded our show to be the "BBR Merck Midwest Regional XTRA."

Some other extra incentives were: KISS, WPRA, WBRL, PBRIP.

Our show was IBRA sanctioned along with NBPA and BFA.

So many volunteers spent countless hours setting barrels, announcing, writing times, or entering entries all in honor of our beloved Chalee. Every year we are blown away by the support people show, the donations people give, and the amazing runs people make. ALL money made at our show goes directly into somebody's pocket with Cystic Fibrosis, allowing them to mark something off their bucket list. Because as shown with Chalee, you never know when your last day will be. So we want these CF'ers to be able to make memories with their families!! We as a foundation, are so blessed with such loving barrel racing family that allows to make someone with CF to do something they have always wanted to do, and forget their sickness for a bit.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!!

L to R: Bling It On Futurity 1D winner, Ashley Thompson with Seis Shots of Crown and daughter Paisley; Bubby Skimehorn and wife Bert; Craig Brooks and the Tracy Martin buckle



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