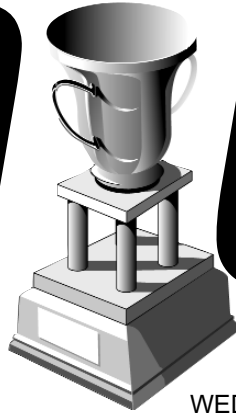


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"Reporting the latest news of the fastest four days in the Golden State"

Wingless Sprints will join Civil War Series tonight

There is a buzz in air of the Northern California sprint car racing population as the four fastest days of racing is rapidly approaching with the 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions at Silver Dollar Speedway in Chico. The event spans September 9 through 12th and begins with a select group of Wingless racing stars that will join the Wednesday night program that also features the Hoosier Racing Tires California Sprint Car Civil War Series.

The Wingless Sprint Car Invitational has become the Gold Cup's newest tradition, opening the annual race on Wednesday night with California's top drivers wingless drivers. This will pay \$1000 to the winner and the number of pre-entries is beginning to grow.

Topping the list of entries in next Wednesday's event will be Chico's own Jimmy Pettit. Pettit was just recently crowned the Wingless Champion of Silver Dollar Speedway in the 2009 Feather Falls Casino Championship Series. As he enters this high profile event, all bets are off for the driver known to his counterparts as "Love Shack" as he has the opportunity race for a win without the worry of championship points.

In 2009, Pettit competed in all 12 of Silver Dollar Speedway's Wingless events. During his tenure, the former Street Stock driver garnered two feature wins and finished in the top five ten different times. He also won four heat races during his quest toward the championship which he won by 26-points over fellow competitor Jay Youngman of Grass Valley. Youngman has slated an early entry in Wednesday's event as well and has one victory to his name this year.

Joining the two previous feature winners will be local favorite Taylor Simas of Chico. During the 2009 racing season, Simas competed in 11 of the 12

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Sean Becker of Sacramento will top the roster tonight as the Civil War Sprint Car Series Pacific Sprint Cup Invitational will open the 56th Annual Gold Cup. -Steve Lamothe photo

Civil War "Pacific Sprint Cup" opens tonight

Every race that the Hoosier Racing Tires Civil War Sprint Car Series presents during the year is always spectacular. On Wednesday, September 9 that is sure to be the case once again as series will open the 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions with the annual "Pacific Sprint Cup Invitational."

This special Wednesday night event will feature the top 32 drivers in the Civil War Series standings in the highest paying event of the season for the series that competes at six different California tracks between the months of March and October annually. The series is host to California's most talented 360 cubic inch

powered sprint car drivers.

Entering Wednesday's high dollar event, defending Civil War Sprint Car Champion Sean Becker of Sacramento leads the point standings by an outstanding margin. Becker is 78-points ahead of Rohnert Park's Brett Rollag entering this 10th

round of series competition. For Becker, nearly any track on the tour has been the site of good fortune over the past two seasons. Silver Dollar Speedway, however, is the track the Oroville native considers home when it comes to dirt track racing. Becker grew up at the Silver Dollar high banks. He learned

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Fantastic Finishes event added Thursday night

The Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions is known historically as the fastest four days of sprint car racing in California. The high dollar event is also known for it's many activities that surround the competition on the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico, California.

This year, the 56th Annual Gold Cup Race of Champions will add a brand new post-race event to his list of activities

that is sure to draw a huge crowd to the Silver Dollar Pavillon Thursday night following the first preliminary night of racing featuring the World of Outlaws sprint car series.

It's being bannered as "Fantastic Finishes, a tribute to the Gold Cup" featuring historical highlight footage of past Gold Cup events for nearly three decades. This historical highlight film has been assembled by veteran videographer Mike

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Civil War; Becker no stranger to the banks of Silver Dollar

the ropes of racing under the wing of his father Delno Becker who raced both dirt modified and sprint cars on the famed quarter-mile track.

Becker is no stranger to the Silver Dollar clay, he has numerous victories here and has championship titles in the Silver Dollar Speedway weekly series as well as the Golden State Challenge Series in addition to his 2008 Civil War title that he won aboard the Scott Miller owned #2sb he will pilot Wednesday night.

"This team works so hard to make this car perfect for me at any track we race," said Becker. "But it is always special for me to come back to Silver Dollar Speedway for the Gold Cup. We're looking forward to a great run on Wednesday night and I'll be back for the 410 show as well."

Rollag is in second place and is poised to complete his best ever season in the Civil War Series. A former Civil War Rookie of the Year as well as a Silver Dollar Speedway Rookie of the Year, Rollag has had many successful laps around the dark

Wingless; Pettit looks for biggest victory of the year

events and claimed 3 top five finishes during his run. Victory lane eluded Simas at his home track all season long, Wednesday will provide another opportunity to return to the front stretch prior the upcoming Wingless Nationals in October.

Two time winner Billy Wallace of Grass Valley has logged an entry. Wallace finished fourth in the championship point standings this season. The former Placerville Speedway two time track champion finished in the top five seven times this year out of the eight events in which he competed.

Rounding out the top five point standings in the Silver Dollar Speedway season was Terry Schank Jr. of Santa Rosa. Schank was a three time winner this season and finished among the top five a total of six times during the year. Schank is among the 23 drivers that have already logged entries in Wednesday's invitational event.

Pettit will not be the only Silver Dollar Speedway Champion in the field Wednesday night. Veteran driver Bobby McMahan of Elk Grove has placed an entry. McMahan won the 2009 Silver Dollar Speedway winged sprint car championship just a week ago and will driver a wingless machine owned by Brian Sperry racing for the Wingless Invitational. McMahan will also be in competition during the World of Outlaws portion of the Gold Cup Race of Champions and will be featured in an upcoming press release detailing the many area champions this event will draw to Silver Dollar Speedway.

The Wednesday Night Wingless Invitational will share the spotlight with the Pacific Sprint Cup Invitational which features the California Sprint Car Civil War Series. The Civil War event will feature the top 32 drivers in the point standings for the traveling Civil War Sprint Car Series. This will mark the 11th segment of the traveling race body and will pay \$3000 to the winner.

For additional information on the upcoming Gold Cup Race of Champions, visit www.silverdollarspeedway.com online. Tickets are available for all four days. Wednesday's events are general seating, Thursday through Saturday all seating is reserved. Tickets can be purchased at (916) 969-7484.

Video; Thursday night event features \$3 Coors Light

Doyle. Doyle's talents behind the camera have been capturing action at Silver Dollar Speedway for many years and most recently he has assumed the role of the Golden State Challenge Series' videographer.

Among the many highlights is early footage of legendary drivers including Doug Wolfgang, Brad Doty, Steve Kinser and many more.

The documentary is an awesome tribute to California's biggest race and a great tribute to all of the hard work put forward through the decades by lifelong racing promoters John and Robbie Padjen, who originally brought the Gold Cup Race of Champions to Silver Dollar Speedway and built it into a nationally recognized event during their dedicated career.

On Thursday night, a giant jumbo-vision flatscreen will be erected in the Silver Dollar Pavillion following the waving of the checkered flag and it is then that the party will begin. Race fans can enjoy a "Happy Hour" atmosphere with \$3 Coors Light and soft drinks on tap along with appetizers while they enjoy the historic videos and camaraderie of fellow race fans and drivers.

Silver Dollar clay. In the 2009 series he has three top five finishes to his name and six top tens. He sits 78-points behind Becker and is 30-points ahead of Sacramento's Herman Klein.

Klein has been a top runner all season long in the Civil War campaign with three top five finishes. Chico's own Stephen Allard is fourth in standings. Allard, driving the Dorothy Lee #4 car this season was chasing Becker for the series title for much of the early portion of the season. Following an ill fated event at Petaluma Speedway the team sat out of the 10th round of competition but has maintained fourth in the standings. The former Silver Dollar Speedway track champion is sure to be a contender in Wednesday's event.

Myles Bishop of Escalon is fifth in the standings with a single top five finish. Placerville's Jimmy Trulli is sixth place. Trulli has had great success at the annual Gold Cup, finishing as the highest 360 sprint car against the 410's multiple times. Former series champion Mike Henry is seventh in the ranks with a win and four top five finishes. Former four time champion and former Pacific Sprint Cup winner Andy Forsberg of Auburn is eighth over Loomis hot shoe Kyle Hirst. Both Forsberg and Hirst have had strong success in 2009 in limited appearances on the tour.

All seating for the Wednesday night event is general admission at Silver Dollar Speedway. The gates will open at 5 p.m. on Wednesday night with qualifying beginning at 6:30. The winged sprint cars will share the spotlight with the Wingless Sprint Car Invitational event. For additional information on the upcoming Gold Cup Race of Champions, visit www.silverdollarspeedway.com online. Further information on the Civil War Series can be found at www.civilwarsprints.com.



Schedule of Events 2009

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
Pacific Sprint Cup/Wingless Invitational 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Hall of Fame Golf Classic 8 a.m.
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP Preliminary Night - T.T., Heat Races,
Non-Qual. race, B & A Main events ñ 6:30pm
Gold Cup Fantastic Finishes, Happy Hour
in the Pavillion after the races!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP Preliminary Night - T.T., Heat Races,
Non-Qual. race, B & A Main events ñ 6:30pm
Joe Hunt Magnetos Chili Festival,
Bikini Contest after the races.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Silver Dollar Sunrise Breakfast open 6am to 11am
Gold Cup ticket office open 9am to 4pm
Hoosier Tire Novelty Booth open 9am to 11pm
Coca Cola Refreshment Center open 11am to 11pm
Coors Beer Garden open Noon to 11pm
Alan's Rib Roast Noon to 2pm
Pit Gate opens 2pm • Front Gate opens 5pm
GOLD CUP RACE OF CHAMPIONS
Finals Night - F, E, D, C, B & A Main events 7pm