

Podratz, Decauwer earn 2023 NHC berths at Los Al

Chris Podratz of Santa Clarita was the winner at LA County Fair NHC Qualifier held last Monday afternoon at Los Alamitos. Podratz is one of the most accomplished horse players in the gate. A U.S. Air Force Veteran, Podratz is now an NHC Qualifier every year since 2010. Podratz earns his 2023 berth thanks to his victory at Los Alamitos. He was one of two players to earn an NHC berth at Los Alamitos on July 4.

In addition to his string of trips to the NHC, Podratz was part of the Final Table at NHC 2020 has cashed 4-times at this grand event. Dennis Decauwer also earned a 2023 NHC berth after finishing second on July 4. Decauwer is one of the best known and most respected NHC ambassadors. He recently finished in the top five at Santa Anita Preakness Handicapping Challenge. The always consistent Louis Constant finished third.

The Highest Churn prize went to Nick Hines, affectionately known as “The Sarge.” This prize is for the player who wagered the most during the contest. Hines finished in fifth place overall. The contest featured a total of 83 entries and cash prizes of \$8,300 in addition to the two NHC berths.

Los Alamitos will host its next NHC qualifying tournament of the year on Saturday, September 24. Rules will be available at LosAlamitos.com in early September.