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**2017 NRHA European Affiliate Championship Country standings**

<b>POLAND</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	<b>132,5</b>	<b>RUSSIA</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	<b>363,5</b>	<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>ITALY</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>338,5</b>	<b>DENMARK</b>	<b>78,5</b>	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>251,5</b>	<b>NORWAY</b>	<b>70,5</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	<b>208,5</b>	<b>FINLAND</b>	<b>63,5</b>	<b>GREAT BRITAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>0</b>





**Excaliber** (Mr Snapper x Tivios Little Dun It) slid Dutch rider **Gina De Pauw** to the top step of the podium in the Eifel Gold Ranch Baeck \$500-added NRHA European Affiliate Limited Non Pro Championship with a 218 score. "I purchased this horse last year in Italy and we nicknamed him 'Capo', which in Italian means boss, because he is a little bossy but I love him and I am so proud of our title today," said an enthused De Pauw. Second place honors went to **Paula Siekańska** of Poland who rode her **Sugars Smart Player** (Honky Tonk Player x Sugars Doc Tari) to a 216. Tying for third place was **LV Magnum Bobby Chic** (Magnum Chic Dream x Miss Bobby Jac Shoot), with Czech rider **Martina Kolarova** in the saddle, and **Gumps Smooth Step BB** (Little Gump x Wimpys Pearl) ridden by Dutch **Luciano Den Hertog**. The two horse-rider-combinations posted a 213.



An exciting **MEDIA SCENE** \$500-added NRHA EAC Limited Open Championship finals thrilled the crowd on the last day of competition. Once the last rider left the pen, two NRHA Professionals tied to win the Championship with a 217.5: **Alicja Kula** of Poland riding Katarzyna Roleska's **Shining Whiz Olena** (Shiner Olena x Shining Whiz) and **Wim Vervecken** of Belgium riding **Gettin Over You** (Ricochet Rooster x Docs Oak Rosy), owned by Janne Beate Melby. The third step of the podium was occupied by Polish **Bogdan Czarnik** riding **Guns At Nite** for Arkadiusz Naglec with a 215.5 score.







Past NRHA Non Pro World Champions **Gina Schumacher** and **Gotta Nifty Gun** - a.k.a. Frankie - did it again! With a 220.5 score the incredible team repeated their Friday win when they took first place in the Interovo \$5,000-added NRHA Non Pro. Saturday they scored another 220.5 for their very first EA Non Pro Championship title. "Frankie is Frankie," said a smiling Gina. "He is simply a great horse and I love him to death." Not only did the Swiss rider take first place in the Markel \$5,000-added NRHA Euro Affiliate Non Pro Championship, she also clinched the second place - with a 217.5 - riding **Sugar Jasper Chex** (Mucho Chex x Judy Sugar Pride). Both horses are owned by CS Ranch Management SA. **Sabine Schmid**, also from Switzerland, rode her **Gunwork** (I Am Shotgunner x Its Another Footwork) to a 217 and third place honors.



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The Belgian flag flew high on the BGZ BNP Paribas \$10,000-added NRHA EAC Open podium. Taking home the championship was multiple past NRHA Open World Champion **Ann Fonck** riding Steve Vannietvelt and Gina De Pauw's **Gunnerlicious**. Aboard the Paint Horse stallion by Gunner and out of Mifs Doll, Ann performed a great NRHA pattern #12 with the judges paying her back with a 227.5. Only a half-a-point away, past NRHA Open Reserve World Champion **Cira Baeck** rode Piet Mestdag's **Gunners Snappy Chic** (Gunner x Chics Miss Snap) to the reserve championship. NRHA Million Dollar Rider **Bernard Fonck** rode the 2016 NRHA Open World Champion **What A Wave** - a stallion by Tidal Wave Jac and out of What A Sunrise owned by Steve Vanneitvelt and Gina De Pauw - to a 223 and third place honors.





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