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Participating at the RSNC in Ardmore, Oklahoma

by Aaron Ralston

As a first time participant at the Ranch Sorting National Championships, I wasn't sure what to expect. I knew the sport was gaining popularity, the regional events I had been too were very successful, but... the association is only four years old, the finals were to be held in Ardmore Oklahoma in July (hot), and more than a couple of major horse events were being held at the same time.

First of all, the air conditioned Hardy Murphy coliseum was the perfect venue and was just big enough to handle the record four thousand plus teams that competed throughout the week. Cattle trucks were in and out delivering the 900+ head to accommodate the competitors, while the camp grounds were full of families, friends, and grills. I was very surprised at the turn out and also at the acceptance of "new blood". Maybe its because I didn't win much, but the Ranch Sorters allowed me into their world with open arms and

every state in between. Just about everyone rode good horses and wanted to learn something new.

Throughout the week I continued to do group and privates lessons as well as compete. As a competitor in a cattle event it is very hard to acquire much of an ego. Sometimes I felt like a hero and other times like a zero, but was always welcomed out of the pen by my new found friends who "com-

plenty of support.

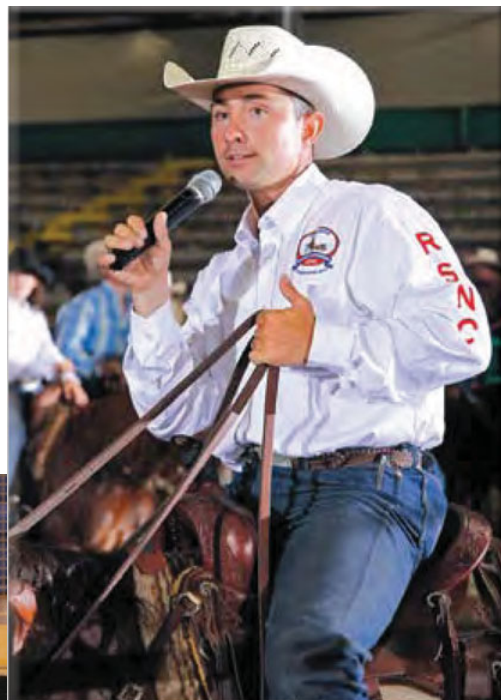
My week started off with some mechanical cow clinics that ran well into the night as I would have to lope off to quickly compete and return to see everyone patiently waiting to finish their sessions. During these sessions I met riders from Michigan, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Florida, and

By the time we got to our celebrity charity Ranch sorting, I had a good feeling that we would be able to raise a respectable amount of money for the Western Wishes foundation. Joined by horsemen such as Dick Pieper, Shawn Hays, Jeff Petska, Gerald Cosby, Benton Bland, Robert Chown, Rusty Dare and ranches like the W.T Waggoner Ranch, the Circle Y, Carol Rose Quarter Horses, Babcock Ranch, and companies like Sweet Pro, Pro Panel, Morinda, and we

Calcutted 16 teams and held a tournament style Ranch Sorting. When the dust settled, Dick Pieper took the title of champion celebrity sorter, while Cowhorse Productions and the RSNC raised a pile of dough for the Western Wishes Foundation.

I now know what to expect at the Ranch Sorting Finals, and I expect to be back next year to visit my new friends and try to get my own piece of the pie.

Stay tuned, sit back, and hold on for the ride.
Aaron Ralston



pletely understood". There's a level of understanding that can only come from participating. You may have all the answers while your sitting in the stands, but you don't "know" until you win some and lose some.

Aaron Ralston was born and raised on his family's ranch in Western Colorado. Horses have influenced his life from his early rodeo career to his accomplishments in reining and working cow horse competitions all over the world. Aaron was the 2004 AQHA Sr. Reining Reserve World Champion and in 2006, he was part of Team USA at the World Equestrian Games, held in Aachen, Germany. Riding Smart Paul Olena, Aaron led the Team to a Team Gold Medal and took the Bronze medal in the Individual Reining Competition. Aaron is also the host of "The Ride" which airs every Monday on RFD TV.

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It's been a busy summer, full of adventure and meeting new people and making new friends. I recently attended the Ranch Sorting National Championship RSNC Finals at the historic Hardy Murphy Coliseum in Ardmore Oklahoma.

It was my privilege to get to know and appreciate the owners of the association, Dave Wolfe and Van Gemmill. Their association has almost 5000 members competing and having fun all over the country. It is growing and ready to explode. Anyone can do it. I was very impressed by how the young and old, male or female can successfully compete, while having a great time. The cattle add an element of excitement and uncertainty as well as the

pace is quick. With 6 arenas set up, they were able to complete about 4000 team runs in six days, including a celebrity sorting to raise money for Western Wishes.

While there, I had the opportunity to get to know Aaron Ralston and Brad Zanin of Cow Horse Productions, producers of "The Ride" that airs on RFD TV. Their show takes a creative look at time-honored disciplines such as reining, roping, cutting, and fence work. Aaron is helping to promote RSNC and has agreed to be a contributor to Horse Digests. I am excited to be able to include Aaron in our group of professionals that provide the great articles and videos for the educational enjoyment of our readers.

We too are proud to announce our support and participation with RSNC whose mission is to lead the industry in developing and improving the sport of Ranch Sorting through affordability and a fair rating system. Their goal is to preserve the heritage and integrity of the ranching lifestyle while providing a family-oriented, competitive riding experience at the grassroots level.

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Dave Wolfe, President of RSNC, Ranch Sorting National Championship comments;



Hold onto your hats if you are anywhere near the RSNC camp! RSNC is pulling out all the stops to make RSNC Ranch Sorting the biggest and best there is! The opportunity for tremendous growth is here, and RSNC intends to seize the moment! No other cowhorse sport is as contagious as RSNC Ranch Sorting. There is no question that success in the sport of RSNC Ranch Sorting is more attainable than in roping, cutting, versatility ranch horse or any other cowhorse event out there. There is a place for riders of all levels at RSNC events - that is being proven by the current membership!

The 2010 National Finals set an all time record in Sorting or Penning for the number of teams with over 4000. The membership is already the largest within the sport - now it is going to EXPLODE! RSNC is giving a free membership to all new contestants that join RSNC at anytime during the 2009-2010 season, as well as all current members that bring a new contestant to compete at an RSNC event anytime between September 1, 2009 and the renewal of their current membership for the '09-'10 season. This is RSNC's way of welcoming new contestants and rewarding our current members who help us grow our sport!

This phenomenal offering has been made by only one other national association; when Denny Gentry sold his team roping company to Equibrand, they opened their doors with the offer of a free one-year membership. That association grew to the tune of 20,000 new members in that year alone! WOW!

The current potential for growth in the sport of RSNC Ranch Sorting is unprecedented! No other cowhorse competition has as much to offer to such a wide variety of riders. RSNC sorting takes place in a controlled environment where a rider can set his or her own pace; less cattle are required for a greater number of teams; it is a timed event where politics do not affect the outcome; contestants of all ages and abilities can

succeed in a competition made fair by ratings and a handicapping system; the variables make it challenging and exciting; furthermore, it can also be a great schooling experience for young horses!

Recently, RSNC polled our association's producers and contestants in order to find out what they thought the association could do to increase participation. When asked about the biggest barrier faced when introducing the sport to others, producers and contestants both felt that the membership fee was a major factor. Many potential contestants were sitting in the wings wanting to try the sport before they committed to a membership. After exploring the possibilities, many people agreed that the offer of free membership would be a huge advantage to the association.

FREE MEMBERSHIP will be a win/win/win situation for everyone involved! Those who have been hesitant to venture into the unknown due to the cost of a membership will now be willing to give RSNC Ranch Sorting a try - we all know they will love it! Existing members will not only benefit from a year of free membership by bringing in one more free member, but will also see an explosion in entries - and PAYOUTS - at sanctioned events. Producers will see an increase in contestants and entries at their events thus making them more successful! RSNC, as a whole, will see more producers willing to sanction events which will bring more sponsors to our sport and MORE ADDED MONEY to RSNC events including the RSNC National Finals!

Being a part of this great association, dedicated to the sport that combines timed event competition with true to life cow work, should be a reality for anyone and everyone who ever wanted to be a part of this great ranching lifestyle! RSNC is making it happen!

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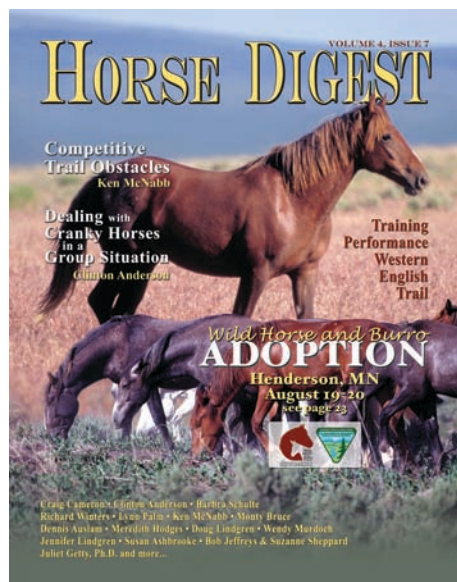
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From the Publishers Desk,
Sometimes a person is fortunate enough to participate in a worthwhile event, for a good cause, and have fun at the same time. It was my turn this past month, along with 31 other horse industry celebrities, as we competed with each other to raise money for the Western Wishes program.

The event was held at the RSNC Ranch Sorting National Championships in Ardmore Oklahoma. The Western Wishes Celebrity Sort fundraiser was a great way to have fun and raise money for kids that are critically ill, severely injured, or physical challenged and love the western way of life. Over \$7,500 was raised for this wonderful charity.

One of the highlights of the evening was to meet and ride with some cowboy legends such as Larry Mahan and to spend time on horseback with Dale Steege of United Vet Supply, one of our valued customers. More than that I consider him as one of my friends and now a sorting mentor. He helped to spot the cattle numbers when I rode and borrowed me a better bit for the event.

Other partners that I was fortunate to spend time working with were Alan and Cindy Talyor of HorseShowWebcasts.com and, of course, my horse Cavallo. We were webcasting the sorting event live through out the week. I took Cavallo down to learn on and compete with. I have been training him for sometime now and we were both rookies at this event.

One of the attributes of the cowboy way is that no matter how rough and tumble the events and way of life might be, true cowboys are God fearing and very patriotic. With the help

of God, cowboys helped to tame the Wild West and feed its people, strengthening this great country that we call home. The land of the free and brave. Even my horse Cavallo seems to know when to bow his head when a prayer is being offered for the safety and welfare of the participants and our country.

I would encourage others to contribute to the Western Wishes program and to spend time with your horses and friends. If you are really fortunate you will be able to do it with your family and loved ones.

May God Bless you, Rahn Greimann

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Rahn meets Larry Mahan, former World Champion Rodeo Competitor.

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HUGE SUCCESS!

2011 Ranch Sorting National Championships National Finals

Ranch Sorting National Championships hosted the Meriel RSNC National Finals in Ardmore, Oklahoma, at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum June 27-July 2, 2011. This spectacular event accommodated 4,093 teams over 6 fun-filled days. The RSNC finals was a huge success, broke many records, and the growth in the sport continues to exceed expectations.

RSNC had contestants attending from as far as Virginia and California and as close as Ardmore, Oklahoma. Winners were awarded an abundance of cash and prizes. For those that were not in attendance people were able to watch via computer on LIVE webcast. The webcast was a hit, since the LIVE Webcast had 7,211 viewers and people were watching from as far away as Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Mexico and Venezuela. LIVE webcast is produced by Alan Taylor at HorseShowWebcasts.com, a Horse Digest affiliate.

A bonus to RSNC Finals was announcing the partnership with outstanding clinicians such as, Aaron Ralston, John Lyons, Kerry Kuhn, Kevin Meyer, Ken McNabb, Charles Wilhelm, and Al Dunning. RSNC is excited to feature and join forces with these clinicians to provide assistance to anyone who has training or clinic needs.

Membership was a big factor during finals. Between June 27 and June 29 there were 140 new members that signed up for RSNC membership on the computer. At that same

time RSNC membership grew to over 11,000 members. This sport continues to explode all across the United States.

RFD-TV was a wonderful addition to RSNC finals. The Ride with Aaron Ralston, All Around Performance Horse, and Cowboy Church were the shows on site filming for fall episodes. Make sure to watch RFD-TV for more highlights of RSNC National Finals.

Western Wishes Celebrity Sort fundraiser was a great way to have fun and raise money for kids that are critically ill, severely injured, or physical challenged and love the western way of life. Over \$7,500 was raised for this wonderful charity.

Thank you to all who joined us in Ardmore, Oklahoma, at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum June 27-July 2, 2011. RSNC appreciates each and every one of you who took part in the 2011 Meriel RSNC National Finals to make it a history making event. Make sure to support your local producer's shows and see you at the 2012 RSNC National Finals!

What is Ranch Sorting National Championships (RSNC)?

It is the mission of RSNC to lead the industry in developing and improving the sport of Ranch Sorting through affordability and a fair rating system. Our goal is to preserve the heritage and integrity of the ranching lifestyle while providing a family oriented, competitive riding experience at the grassroots level.

When was RSNC formed?

RSNC was formally established in the spring of 2007 by horse enthusiasts who compete and participate in different equine events and who saw the potential for Ranch Sorting within the equine industry.

What is the goal of RSNC?

Our goal is to grow the sport to the largest equine sport in the nation. RSNC is helping contestants as a unified force to grow this sport, through exposure and national equine publications and media such as RFD-TV and Horse TV. We offer easy access to exciting competition for beginners, right up through the expert. 75% of all the competitors coming to RSNC events are new to horse sport competitions. It's so easy anyone who can throw a leg over a horse can have FUN and compete. Ranch Sorting allows everyone in the family to COMPETE, WIN and get the recognition and rewards that in most equine sports only the very top competitors receive.

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Experiencing the RSNC Ranch Sorting National Championships



Pictures from RSNC Championship - Top Left - Rahn talks with Larry Mahan, Middle Left - Rahn's first experience at sorting during the RSNC Celebrity Sorting, Bottom Left - Prayer on Horseback, Top Right - Rahn sorting with Dale Steege in inset, Dale was in the background coaching, and Bottom Right - Introduction of Western Wishes

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RFD-TV and Ranch Sorting National Championships – RSNC

Ranch Sorting National Championships (RSNC) organization has been very active the last few months. There are over 400 shows booked for the season, 11,000 members – and growing, Meril RSNC National Finals, Big Daddy Summer Spectacular, and RFD-TV. RSNC continues to increase the momentum and break records along the way, showing why RSNC is the #1 Equine Family Sport.

Meril RSNC National Finals in Ardmore, Oklahoma was held June 27-July 2, 2011. The remarkable event accommodated 4,093 teams during 6 fun-filled days. Most of all, it exceeded and reflected the growth of Ranch Sorting throughout the United States. One of those reflections came in the form of announcing partnerships with outstanding clinicians, such as Aaron Ralston, John Lyons, Kerry Kuhn, Kevin Meyer, Ken McNabb, Charles Wilhelm, and Al Dunning. Bonus, was having RFD-TV on location filming future episodes for The Ride with Aaron Ralston, All Around Performance Horse, and Cowboy Church.

The 11th Annual Big Daddy Summer Spectacular held July 28-31, 2011 was an extraordinary event. Ranch Sorting National Championships hosted a total of 48 students, youth and adults, who received instruction from internationally known horseman, Ken McNabb. It was a captivating event, especially for the kids from ages 7 to 18 of different riding levels, who spent an entire day learning about horsemanship, ranch sorting, and sharing Christian

Fellowship. That excitement poured into the next 3 ½ days of ranch sorting which resulted in 1,713 teams in attendance.

Most exciting and anticipated event of all...RFD-TV will be highlighting Ranch Sorting National Championships on 3 different programs this fall: All Around Performance Horse, The Ride with Aaron Ralston and Cowboy Church. Make sure to mark your calendars for the following dates and times to see the #1 Equine Family Sport Ranch Sorting National Championships in action.

•All Around Performance Horse: October 13, 16, 18, 2011 at 11:00 am and 9:00 pm MST

•The Ride with Aaron Ralston: October 24 and 31, 2011 at 11:00 am and 9:00 pm MST - Cowboy Church: TBA

Make sure to watch RFD-TV for more highlights and updates about Ranch Sorting National Championships.

The Ranch Sorting National Championships organization continues to grow in membership, number of shows produced around the United States, and is excited about the future of Ranch Sorting. We look forward to seeing you at the next we look forward to seeing you at the next Ranch Sorting National Championships event.

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- October 1 - Rockin K Ranch, Vail, AZ - Rob Hanshaw #520-977-7039
- October 1 - Rockin Arrow Arena - Herald, CA - Becky Roenspie #916-698-3574
- October 1-2 - Top Hat Arena - Wheatland, WY - Whip N' Spur Productions - Harvey Gibbs #307-575-7071
- October 1-2 - Clark County Horseman's Park - Las Vegas, NV - Gail Powers

- #702-528-1793
- October 8 - Rockin RC Arena - Ramona, CA - Richard Sadler #619-602-0951
- October 8 - Falcon Ridge - Walden, NY Paul Pilnik #516-639-6666
- October 8 - Prine Ranch - Lithia, FL - Liz McClendon # 813-4784-387
- October 8 - Wolfe Arena - Wellington, CO Wolfe Productions #970-897-2901
- October 9 - Historic Nelson Ranch - Woodland, CA - Historic Nelson Ranch #530-304-0140 or #916-812-5909
- October 9 - *(Tulsa State Fair)* Mustang Arena - Tulsa, OK - Ed Ray #918-812-4537 - pre-entrys begin August 15th and will close when classes are full.
- October 15 - W.B.R. Multi Purpose Facility - Port Allen, LA - Mike McMMain #281-705-6535
- October 15 - Crossfire Arena - Whitesboro, TX - Tommy Roberson #940-284-9665
- October 15 - Bill Cody Tri State Fairgrounds - Amarillo, TX - Ray Lerman #806-753-7883 or Jim Bridwell #806-220-4744
- October 15 - Still Creek Ranch - Bryan, TX - Powell Cannon #936-348-8995
- Oct. 15-16 - Lone Hickory Indoor Arena - Yadkinville, NC - Todd Norman #336-957-0167
- October 15 - Hoss's Ridge - Freedom, NY - Jerod Ellis #716-863-2894
- October 15 - Smoke Rise Ranch Arena-Glouster, OH - Smoke Rise Ranch #740-767-2624
- October 15 - MacClain County Expo - Purcell, OK - Tony Cole #405-919-6446
- October 16 - Cow Palace Arena S a n Francisco, CA Wendy Wedemeyer #209-769-7065
- October 22 - Horseman's Arena - Belen, NM Ray Page # 505-514-5787
- October 22 - Double R Ranch - Mounds, OK - Ed Ray #918-812-4537
- October 22 - Gillette Complex - Gillette, WY - Stacey Thar #307-685-0149

10/7 - Region 3 Barrel Race, Heidelberger Sales Barn, Pine City, MN, 5-7pm exhibitions, 7:30pm start, Cindy Dunsmore 651 464-6460

October 14-16 - UBRA Awards Banquet Barrel Race MN Equestrian Center—Winona, MN info@ubra.org

Nov. 19-20 - Steffen Peters and Janet Foy present "Dressage Through the Levels." Sponsored by Wisconsin Dressage & CTA (WDCTA), Sunflower Farms (about 20 minutes south of Milwaukee). For the auditor and rider application forms, visit wdcta.org or call 608-835-8549.

November 19 -20, 2011 - Chicagoland Equestrian Lifestyle Expo & Holiday Market, at the Lake County Fairgrounds' Expo Center, Gray-slake, IL. Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Complete information online at www.HorsemensCouncil.org or toll-free 1-866-384-9161.

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EVENTS

March 24, 2012 April 7, 2012 - Western Dressage Clinic - Improve your basic riding skills with a focus on Western Dressage. Beginners and gaited horses always welcome. Horse/Rider \$40 Audit \$10 - 11:00AM-4:00PM - Lazy Creek Farm, W 5358 O' 60 Rd. Juneau, WI. 53039 - Contact Claudia-920-349-3623 - Lynne Levy 414-873-2956 www.levyhorsejudging.com

March 31 - Intrigue: Arabian Horse Experience 8:00 AM - 05:00 PM - Miller Coliseum, 304 W. Thompson Lane, #B, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 615.525.3327

March 31 and April 1, 2012-North Central Morgan Association Clinic and Fund Raiser-Rae Ann Bartz-Judging clinic and contest on Saturday 9:30AM; Bill Heiser-Western pleasure and equitation Ride-Ins and audience interaction 9AM Sunday. HyLee Farm, 3460 Country Road JG, Mount Horeb, WI. 608-437-5530 or Gayle Belden 63-439-1675

April 14th - Hope Rides Saddle Fitting Clinic with Cordia Pearson April 14th in Stacy, Minnesota - Equine Haven. The cost is \$30.00 per horse/individual. You can come with or without a horse. Cordia gives a hands on clinic that allows you to learn the key elements to saddle fitting. Information 612-310.6350 • vollie@hoperides.org

April 14th, 2012 - Beyond Horse Massage: The Masterson Method Weekend Seminar-Workshop - Midwest Driving Company, 55065 180th Street, Ames, IA 50010 - 515-450-4820

April 27-29, 2012 - Jane Melby Barrel Clinic in MN! Lee-Mar Ranch Equine Center Starts Friday the 27th at 5pm, \$350 for weekend! Now taking deposits to hold your spot. Will fill up fast. Please call Ginny for more info 320-226-5348.

April 28, 2012 - 9:00 AM - 04:00 PM - Confidence Building Despooking Clinic with Mary Hamilton, at Featherbrook Farms, 20603 County Road 50 Corcoran, MN 55340 - 763-498-6565 - call to register

2012 RSNC National Event Calendar -
<http://www.rsnc.us> - Horse Digest Affiliate

March 30, 2012 09:00 AM - Ranch Sorting - RSNC Eastern Regional - Walters State Great Smoky Mountains Expo Center - White Pine, TN

April 06, 2012 09:00 AM - Ranch Sorting - RSNC North Central Regional - Larimer County Fairgrounds - Loveland, CO

April 21 & 22 - Strait Country Cutting - Strait Ranch, Nevis, MN (MCHA approved)

May 12, 2012 08:00 PM - Town of May 4-H Fun Show - Dead Broke Saddle Club, 170th St - Hugo, MN 55038 - 651-464-2700 (Main Phone) Pricing/Ticket Info - \$25.00 for whole day

May 19th - Hope Rides Lloyd Anderson Horsemanship Clinic May 19th at Oasis Equestrian Center in Lindstrom Minnesota. The cost of the

clinic is \$100.00 per horse or rider combo and runs from 8-5

May 23, 2012 09:00 AM - 04:30 PM - Craig Cameron-Extreme Cowboy Clinic & Race - Cottonwood Creek Equestrian Center - 18550 Evergreen Rd., Cottonwood, CA 96022. Call 530-347-0212 (Main Phone) Pricing/Ticket Info - Clinic including lunch - \$695.00 Auditor/Spectator - pre-registered \$20.00 per day RACE on May 26th - \$135.00 entry fee

May 26-27, Women Over 35 Confidence Clinic with Dennis Auslam, Redwood Stables, Morton, MN. For more information visit our website www.dennisauslam.com or call 507-525 6473. Registration required.

May 27, 2012 09:00 AM - 04:30 PM - Craig Cameron - Working Horsemanship - Cottonwood Creek Equestrian Center, 18550 Evergreen Rd. Cottonwood, CA 96022, 530-347-0212 (Main Phone) Clinic including lunch \$695.00 Auditors/Spectators - pre-registered \$20.00 per day

June 07, 2012 09:00 AM - Mike Bridges - "Seeking Refinement" Clinic at RNR Ranch & Tack, 2697 Nevers Dam Rd, St Croix Falls, WI 54024 United States 715-483-9292 (Main Phone) Pricing/Ticket Info - Participants \$400 for all three days. Auditors \$50 per day.

June 30, 2012 09:00 AM - 04:30 PM - Reined Cow Horse with Sandy Collier - Cottonwood Creek Equestrian, 18550 Evergreen Rd., Cottonwood, CA 96022, United States, 530-347-0212 (Main Phone) Pricing/Ticket Info- Clinic incl. cattle fee and lunch \$490.00 Auditor/Spectator \$25.00 day / \$20.00 pre-registered

Battle in the Saddle



Classes are slated for the 2012 Battle in the Saddle in Oklahoma City. Heralded as the great American western horse showdown, Battle in the Saddle,

July 3-8 in Oklahoma City, is sure to not disappoint. The 2012 event will feature versatility ranch horse competition, cutting, roping, cowboy mounted shooting, barrel racing, working cow horse, ranch sorting and a ranch remuda challenge.

Battle in the Saddle will also play host to the 2012 Merial Ranch Sorting National Championships National Finals. AQHA welcomed the Ranch Sorting National Championships as its new alliance partner. RSNC members who compete on American Quarter Horses have the chance to earn points and qualify for both an AQHA world championship show and the RSNC National Finals during the same class.

Battle in the Saddle is owned by Oklahoma State Fair and managed by the American Quarter Horse Association. All breeds are welcome, but American Quarter Horses competing will receive AQHA points.

Last year's Battle in the Saddle featured more than \$130,000 in added money and an estimated \$300,000 in purses. This year's event will once again be featured on RFD-TV. Be sure get the latest updates on www.battleinthesaddle.com and the Battle in the Saddle Facebook page.

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2012 Upcoming Events

March 24 (Sat) - West 20 Beat the Heat Open Winter Show Series 3 of 3 (10am)

March 31 (Sat) - WI Paint Horse Club Youth Clinic, APHA and AQHA clinicians In April we'll be at the following:

April 12-15 - Equine Affair, Columbus Ohio
April 20-22 - Midwest Horse Fair, Madison, WI
April 27-29 - Minnesota Horse Expo, St. Paul, MN

Check our website for more upcoming events!



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Preparation, the Key to Predictable Performance

by Aaron Ralston

Believe it or not, my competition at the world equestrian games in Aachen Germany was not the first time I had rode for the gold medal. The scenario had gone through my mind a couple of years earlier as a day dream of proving myself to the world. I did not have a plan but I saw myself in the position of representing not only myself and my horse, but the thousands of reining horse fans and equine enthusiasts from across our country.]

I remember as a part of my daydream realizing that I knew nothing about being in a

me to the highest feelings of pride to the lowest fears of failure. For 27 hours I rode one of the largest roller coasters of my life through some of the flattest states in the US. It was during that tumultuous drive that I only had one option, Prepare.

I remembered reading an interview with Tom Brady of the New England Patriots when he was asked if he ever gets nervous, paraphrased, he said only if I'm not prepared. He went on to talk about the detail in which he prepared in order to better predict his perform-

ance. Physically and mechanically I knew I just needed to do what I did to get there, however, mentally I had very little reference to know what to expect. I played all of the situations out in my mind until I exhausted my imagination. I then rode into the arena with more confidence than any time in my career; I knew my horse, accepted the expectations, and told myself "if I held anything back I would regret it for as long as I lived". The result was the high score for team USA and a narrow one point victory over team Canada. I truly feel that the gold medal was not won that day, but during the first daydream and that long drive home from Kentucky that sparked a call to action.

Stay tuned, sit back, and hold on for the ride.
Aaron Ralston

Aaron Ralston was born and raised on his family's ranch in Western Colorado. Horses have influenced his life from his early rodeo career to his accomplishments in reining and working cow horse competitions all over the world. Aaron was the 2004 AQHA Sr. Reining Reserve World Champion and in 2006, he was part of Team USA at the World Equestrian Games, held in Aachen, Germany. Riding Smart Paul Olena, Aaron led the Team to a Team Gold Medal and took the Bronze medal in the Individual Reining Competition. Aaron is also the host of "The Ride" which airs every Monday on RFD TV.

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