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## Dave Wolfe RSNC President

"Wow, Wow, Wow! The most positive, energetic, excited, supportive, open-minded, willing, creative, helpful, and competitive members any association has ever assembled!"
If I had to put it in a nutshell that would just about sum it up. 3,289 teams is World Record breaking, but the positive atmosphere and energy created by enthusiastic RSNC members was unquestionably what made it special.


Last year we were extremely excited about 1,976 teams at the 2008 National Finals. We knew that others agreed, ranch sorting was about to explode. With the announcement of Free Memberships and $90 \%$ payback in the megabucks divisions, we had created a buzz within the sport that was like shoveling coal into the fire. All we had to do was keep the train on track! We soon were scrambling to keep up with a full head of steam that has continued to roar right through the 2009 Finals. Seeing it coming was easy and because of that, the phenomenal numbers were no surprise. I am confident that is why it was so spectacular. We were prepared!
Two years ago, Van and I sat down and projected the number of teams to payback based on 400 teams in a class. Don't feel like you were alone if you were one of the many that thought we were crazy. That was the first step of preparing and we didn't look back because we had convinced each other that it would happen. After the 2008 Finals we knew we needed another day, and no more than 2 or 3 divisions in each arena. We were committed to avoiding marathon nights where contestants might become tired and edgy. Our goal was to be done before 7 oclock every night and create an evening atmosphere of relaxation and camaraderie. The absolute best staff ever was assembled from Charlene who assigned stalls, parking and much more, to Larry Nixon who was in charge of every evening meal including the last. All those 38 RSNC production crew members in between, including Flaggers, Announcers, Office Crew, Cattle Crew and Arena to especially thank Yvette Crew were phenomenal. I would like and games chairman. HELLO
The hello game, the whiner's set the tone for the entire We all realize only a few can key to success is to see to it overwhelming number of
> would like to officially declare Teele who volunteered to be the fun

I would like to officially declare the 2009 RSNC National Finals a Smashing Success!
The new season has begun and this time we have a full year to prepare. We have some big surprises just around the corner so keep your eyes on the website. Also new ratings are located in this issue on page 19. The win/loss ratio of dollars won vs. dollars spent on entry fees allows every competitor to be rated fairly based solely on their performance. Whether you were moved or not is not anyone's decision or opinion. You were moved up, down or not at all solely by your performance based on your win/ loss ratio. That is the RSNC rule.
I would like to thank the eight person rating committee at the National Finals. Their job was to watch contestants to see if there were any extremely misrated. Out of 3,289 teams they only found three that were immediately moved. With contestants attending from 21 states, it shows that the rating system is doing its job. As with anything, constant scrutiny, with improvement as our goal, is necessary and we will continue to be open for your suggestions which are always welcome and appreciated. I am already looking forward to the 2010 RSNC season and National Finals!



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## RSNC MEMBRRS FURUM

As a participant at the finals I just want to say, WOW and OMG, what a great production. I would like to thank the crew for all their hard work and dedication. Thanks to all my riding partners, and special thanks to all the volunteers who made our finals not only FUN, but what a special time for all who attended.

Laura Miller

Dave, Van, and staff, Thank you so much for all your efforts at the Finals. Needless to say the best show ever. I didn't hear one negative. We are grateful.

Rob Cosby
One great time! All of us from Abilene, Texas are ready for 2010. Thanks staff!

Wesley Helmer, Carlos, \& Weldon
We all had a great time. Charlene is the greatest!!!! I am excited about next year
and hope we can get over the growing pains. Keep up the good work!!!!!!!!!!!

John Long
I can't begin to tell you how much fun the finals were in Ponca City. Everything was great,
The RSNC staff and all the volunteers can't be praised enough for all their hard work to keep everything running so smoothly. I enjoyed all the new people that I meet whether from one of the great meals
or the sorter that I drew from the draw pot. Everyone was friendly and nice. This is a great organization to be a part of and a lot of fun. I told one of my friends it was like a week long clinic. I learned a lot from watching the different levels of sorters.
This was my first finals and it exceeded all my expectations. Thanks for a fun week of Ranch Sorting!

Jim Bridwell

## 2009 RULE CHANGES

1) Producers have an option to offer a Beginner Ranch Hand division or a Beginner Sort division. In the Beginner Ranch Hand the Beginner sorts and an upper number rider works the gate. There are 10 numbered and 1 blank cow in the pen. In the Beginner Sort division two Beginners ride together. They can both sort and there are 5 numbered cattle and 1 blank in the pen.
2) In all sanctioned divisions, points will be awarded up through 10th place depending on the number of teams in the class regardless of whether

## HILL \& BILLY

Billy- Jumpin Jehosafat! Them folks at RSNC served up the biggest best sorting us sorters has ever witnessed!
Hill- Boy, you got it right! It was finger lickin good! Billy- HELLO HILL!
Hill- HELLO BILLY!
Billy- We had more durn fun with the hello game and the lucky duck contest and the toilet paper game and all the games then we've had since we went frog giggin when we were kids.
Hill- Ya know Billy, that's exactly why the finals was so good. RSNC is all about having fun. Heck, I didn't win a dime but I had a bushel basket full of fun!
Billy- Well me too but, thanks to the draw options in every class, I got me some great rides with a whole bunch of new friends and I had a bushel basket of fun and won a bushel basket of money!
Hill- Ya know Billy, I wasn't to keen on that draw deal at the finals until I actually saw what a difference it made. We both met and rode with a lot of folks we wouldn't of and I was blown away by how many of us
contestants got a time in the first go or not.
3) All sanctioned divisions will have a 5 ride limit, with a maximum of 4 picked teams. You can enter up to 4 and draw 1 or draw all 5. RSNC strongly recommends that producers require a minimum of one draw in each division with the 1st entry being a draw; contestants can then pick up to 4 more or draw all 5.
Example: (In all divisions must draw 1.5 ride limit.)
draw teams did so good. I guess it stands to reason if everybody is in the draw and not just the ones on the bottom of the totem pole then everybody has the same chance of doing good.
Billy- That's exactly right and that's exactly what happened! They said $20 \%$ were in the draw and draw teams won $22-1 / 2 \%$ of the classes and $21 \%$ of all the money.
Hill- WOW! Who would a thunk it!
Billy- Me and you spend hours pickin partners and we could a done just as good in the draw.
Hill- You would have to have your head in the sand if ya didn't see the potential of what the draws can do to really get this sport exploding all over the country. Billy- Them folks at RSNC lost some entries because some didn't want to come and ride in the draw but they bit the bullet and shot this sport right up to the moon by doin it.
Hill- Ya know what they say Billy.
Billy- What's that?
Hill- No Pain No Gain! No Guts No Glory!

## ATTENTION ALL CONTESTANTS:

Quite often addresses, phone numbers and emails change. To keep up with all of the latest RSNC information, please be sure that the RSNC office has your latest contact information. Call us at \#970-897-2901.

## RSNC 2009 NATIONAL FINALS RESULTS

\#8 HC- 366 TEAMS (non-mega bucks class)

| Fast Go |  |  | Name | Earnings |  | Name |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | | Earnings |
| :---: |
| 1 |

CLAIMER CLASS UNDER $\$ 5,000$ (non-mega bucks class)

| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1 | 6 | 48.18 | Long, John E. | $\$ 111.00$ | Long, Tamah Bullock | $\$ 111.00$ |
| 2 | 6 | 54.95 | Long, Tamah Bullock $\$ 0.00$ | Long, John E. | $\$ 0.00$ |  |

ONE HANDED REINING- 53 TEAMS (non-mega bucks class)

| Fast Go |  |  | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1 |  |  | Roberson, Tommy | $\$ 65.00$ | Frank, Jeff | $\$ 65.00$ |
| 2 |  |  | Frank, Jeff | $\$ 43.00$ | Rea, Jennifer | $\$ 43.00$ |
| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| 1 | 20 | 116.92 | Fitzgerald, Shelley | $\$ 450.00$ | Gemmill, Van | $\$ 450.00$ |
| 2 | 18 | 93 | Roberson, Tommy | $\$ 357.00$ | Frank, Jeff | $\$ 357.00$ |
| 3 | 16 | 112.84 | Horn, David | $\$ 265.00$ | Varilek, Michael (Mick) | $\$ 265.00$ |
| $4^{*}$ | 15 | 106.52 | Wallace, Ken | $\$ 132.00$ | Gemmill, Van | $\$ 132.00$ |
| 5 | 13 | 107.03 | Stevens, Matt | $\$ 119.00$ | Roberson, Tommy | $\$ 119.00$ |
| $6^{* *}$ | 10 | 41.72 | Frank, Jeff | $\$ 0.00$ | Rea, Jennifer | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 7 | 10 | 45.5 | Warner, Randy | $\$ 0.00$ | Varilek, Michael (Mick) | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $8^{*}$ | 10 | 50.13 | Springer, Darren | $\$ 0.00$ | Fitzgerald, Shelley | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $9^{*}$ | 10 | 56.04 | Horn, Kerry | $\$ 0.00$ | Cornette, Bob | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 10 | 10 | 58.3 | Rondy, James E. (Jim) $\$ 0.00$ | Lesh, Joel | $\$ 0.00$ |  |

MASTERS \#10 HC- 184 TEAMS (non-mega bucks class)


| 5 | 19 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 6 | 16 |
| 7 | 18 |
| 8 | 18 |
| 9 | 16 |
| 10 | 15 |


| 149.3 | Vassau, Jasper |
| :--- | :--- |
| 138.99 | Weant, Lance |
| 115.55 | Thomas, Heather |
| 118.74 | Gemmill, Jeannine |
| 111.7 | Davis, Robin |
| 110.06 | Blackman, Courtney |


| $\$ 435.00$ | Deerman, Amanda | $\$ 435.00$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| $\$ 387.00$ | Jetton, Tom | $\$ 387.00$ |
| $\$ 290.00$ | Philman, Jimmie | $\$ 290.00$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | Brown, John S. | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | Gemmill, Van | $\$ 0.00$ |
| $\$ 0.00$ | Rater, Kyle | $\$ 0.00$ | \#14 RH HC- 140 TEAMS (non-mega bucks class)


| Fast Go |  |  | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  |  |  | Blackman, Bryan | $\$ 184.00$ | Rater, Kyle | $\$ 184.00$ |
|  |  |  | Lesh, Jordan | $\$ 88.00$ | Frank, Jeff | $\$ 110.00$ |
|  |  |  | Lesh, Jared | $\$ 74.00$ | Gibbs, Tony | $\$ 74.00$ |
| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| 1 | 22 | 178.2 | Lesh, Joel | $\$ 1,450.00$ | Wallace, Ken | $\$ 1,450.00$ |
| 2 | 21 | 158.81 | Roberson, Travis | $\$ 1,088.00$ | Roberson, Tommy | $\$ 1,088.00$ |
| 3 | 20 | 170 | Blackman, Bryan | $\$ 771.00$ | Stevens, Matt | $\$ 771.00$ |
| 4 | 19 | 154 | Wyatt, Shawn | $\$ 453.00$ | Wyatt, Carrie | $\$ 453.00$ |
| 5 | 18 | 167.1 | Wyatt, Shawn | $\$ 408.00$ | Fitzgerald, Shelley | $\$ 408.00$ |
| 6 | 17 | 158.91 | Belter, Mike | $\$ 363.00$ | Belter, Lisa | $\$ 363.00$ |
| 7 | 17 | 174.72 | Wyatt, Shawn | $\$ 0.00$ | Lawless, Bill | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 8 | 16 | 152.6 | Stevens, Matt | $\$ 0.00$ | Walsh, Megan | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 9 | 14 | 109.18 | Lesh, Jordan | $\$ 0.00$ | Frank, Hoss | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 10 | 14 | 111.34 | McCutchin, Cody | $\$ 0.00$ | Lesh, Jared | $\$ 0.00$ |

1 MAN SORT- 56 TEAMS (non-mega bucks class)

| Fast Go |  |  | Name | Earnings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 |  |  | Brown, John | $\$ 61.00$ |
| 2 |  |  | Rater, Kyle | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings |
| 1 | 6 | 104.87 | Brown, John S. | $\$ 422.00$ |
| 2 | 6 | 153.58 | Philman, Jimmie | $\$ 420.00$ |
| 3 | 5 | 84.67 | Gemmill, Van | $\$ 311.00$ |
| 4 | 5 | 89.7 | Belter, Mike | $\$ 155.00$ |
| 5 | 4 | 46.22 | Brown, John S. | $\$ 112.00$ |
| 6 | 5 | 58.09 | Oglesby, Kenton | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 7 | 4 | 61.55 | Horn, Kerry | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 8 | 4 | 97.59 | Wolfe, Logan | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 9 | 4 | 102.03 | Lesh, Jordan | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 10 | 3 | 76.23 | Lawless, Bill | $\$ 0.00$ |

ROOKIE \#11 HC-210 (non-mega bucks class)

| Fast Go |  |  | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  |  |  | Christian, Troy | $\$ 133.00$ | Lesh, Jared | $\$ 166.00$ |
|  |  |  | Woods, Jeremy | $\$ 80.00$ | Frank, Jeff | $\$ 100.00$ |
|  |  |  | Sayle, Ben | $\$ 67.00$ | Cosby, Rob | $\$ 67.00$ |
| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| 1 | 18 | 159.37 | Elston, Tucker | $\$ 1,066.00$ | Oglesby, Kenton | $\$ 853.00$ |
| 2 | 17 | 157.3 | Sayle, Ben B. | $\$ 902.00$ | Stevens, Matt | $\$ 902.00$ |
| 3 | 16 | 161.15 | Ranucci, Tom | $\$ 574.00$ | Wright, Robert | $\$ 574.00$ |
| 4 | 14 | 134.21 | Ferda, Landon | $\$ 410.00$ | Jetton, Tom | $\$ 410.00$ |
| 5 | 10 | 112.47 | Kammerdiener, Susie | $\$ 369.00$ | Roberson, Travis | $\$ 369.00$ |
| 6 | 16 | 108.14 | Christian, Troy | $\$ 262.00$ | Lesh, Jared | $\$ 328.00$ |
| 7 | 15 | 114.79 | Winn, Jim | $\$ 246.00$ | Rater, Kyle | $\$ 246.00$ |
| $8^{*}$ | 11 | 111 | Tillery, Mary Ann | $\$ 164.00$ | Lesh, Jordan | $\$ 164.00$ |
| 9 | 11 | 111.07 | Reiss, Jill | $\$ 0.00$ | Gemmill, Van | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 10 | 11 | 113.22 | Foffel, (Kenneth) | $\$ 0.00$ | Scott, Tom | $\$ 0.00$ |

BEGINNER RH HC- 162 TEAMS (non-mega bucks class)

| Fast Go |  | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  |  |  | Speis, Rae Nell | $\$ 110.00$ | Jetton, Tom | $\$ 0.00$ |
|  |  |  | Alexander, Stan | $\$ 53.00$ | Jetton, Tom | $\$ 0.00$ |
|  |  |  | Speis, Rae Nell | $\$ 44.00$ | Fitzgerald, Shelley | $\$ 0.00$ |
|  |  | Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings |
| Name | Narnings |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 18 | 133.77 | Gibbens, Yancy (Matt) $\$ 755.00$ | Blackman, Bryan | $\$ 0.00$ |  |
| 2 | 18 | 170.78 | Spies, Rae Nell | $\$ 593.00$ | Lawless, Bill | $\$ 0.00$ |
| 3 | 17 | 162.12 | Harrell, Susan C. | $\$ 366.00$ | Schenck, Billy | $\$ 0.00$ |



|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings | Name E | Earnings | BARE | SORT-4 | EAMS | (mega bucks class) |  |  |  |
| 1 | 26 | 198.82 | Barrios, Braxton | \$402.00 | Roberson, Tommy | \$0.00 | Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings | Name | Earnings |
| 2 | 23 | 199.91 | Bailey, Katie | \$319.00 | McFarland, Debbie | \$0.00 | 1 | 12 | 109.64 | Frazier, Staci | \$199.00 | Wolfe, Logan | \$249.00 |
| 3 | 22 | 202.08 | Barrios, Braxton | \$236.00 | Fitzgerald, Shelley | \$0.00 | 2 | 10 | 108.35 | Wolfe, Logan | \$198.00 | Wolfe, Kason | \$198.00 |
| 4 | 21 | 199.28 | Wolfe, Jaden | \$148.00 | Wolfe, Kason | \$0.00 | 3 | 9 | 99.45 | Cosby, Rob | \$147.00 | Wyatt, Shawn | \$147.00 |
| 5 | 20 | 114.1 | Ingram, Derrick | \$106.00 | Pirrone-Crawford, Sheli | elia \$0.00 | 4 | 8 | 65.65 | Pylman, Colton | \$58.00 | Stevens, Matt | \$73.00 |
| 6 | 20 | 121.53 | Elston, Tate | \$0.00 | Roberson, Tommy | \$0.00 | 5 | 6 | 75.35 | Keith, Mike | \$66.00 | Wyatt, Shawn | \$66.00 |
| 7 | 20 | 131.38 | Hermes, Michael | \$0.00 | Lesh, Joel | \$0.00 | 6 | 8 | 60 | Barrios, Bryce | \$0.00 | Keith, Mike | \$0.00 |
| 8 | 18 | 139.57 | Harmon, Drema | \$0.00 | Williams, Roger | \$0.00 | 7 | 5 | 46.44 | Lawless, Bill | \$0.00 | Elston, Tucker | \$0.00 |
| 9 | 17 | 137.94 | Wyatt, Taylor | \$0.00 | Fitzgerald, Shelley | \$0.00 | 8 | 5 | 47.6 | Frank, Jeff | \$0.00 | Gemmill, Mike | \$0.00 |
| 10 | 15 | 141.23 | Ferda, Bolton | \$0.00 | Gemmill, Jeannine | \$0.00 | 9 | 5 | 57.5 | Wyatt, Shawn | \$0.00 | Wyatt, Carrie | \$0.00 |
| SADIE HAWKINS \#11 HC-163 TEAMS (mega bucks class) |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 | 5 | 57.76 | McFarland, Debbie | \$0.00 | Brown, John S. | \$0.00 |
| Fast Go |  |  | Name | Earnings | Name E | Earnings | LUCKY DUCK SORT- 49 TEAMS (mega bucks class) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Roberson, Laura | \$147.00 | Oglesby, Kenton | \$118.00 | Rank | \# Sorted | Time | Name | Earnings Name |  | Earnings |
|  |  |  | Holzgen, Margie | \$88.00 | Dawdy, TK | \$88.00 | 1 | 12 | 82.64 | Roberson, Travis | \$1,500.00 | Miller, Laura E. | \$1,500.00 |
|  |  |  | Rochelle, Rondy | \$59.00 | Elliott, Chad | \$59.00 | 2 | 12 | 90.12 | Lesh, Jordan | \$1,000.00 | Deerman, Amanda | \$1,000.00 |
|  |  |  | Name | Earnings | Name E | Earnings | 3 | 9 | 97.47 | Cantwell, Josh | \$0.00 | VanDorn, Ralph L. | \$0.00 |
| 1 | 13 | 142.98 | Davis, Robin | \$1,013.00 | Bridwell, Jim E. \$ | \$1,013.00 | 4 | 6 | 44.91 | McFarland, Debbie | \$0.00 | Bishop, Robert | \$0.00 |
| 2 | 13 | 148.37 | Gibbs, London | \$796.00 | Brown, John S. | \$637.00 | 5 | 6 | 45.44 | Roberson, Tommy | \$0.00 | Rondy, Rochelle | \$0.00 |
| 3 | 12 | 137.86 | Rondy, Rochelle | \$615.00 | Elliott, Chad M. | \$615.00 | 6 | 6 | 54.12 | Barnes, Wendy La' Nee | \$0.00 | Warner, Joshua J. | \$0.00 |
| 4 | 12 | 165.33 | Swaggerty, Jennifer | \$362.00 | Blackman, Bryan | \$362.00 | 7 | 6 | 55.19 | Pylman, Colton | \$0.00 | Wolfe, Kason | \$0.00 |
| 5 | 11 | 158.37 | Roberson, Laura | \$326.00 | Oglesby, Kenton | \$261.00 | 8 | 5 | 54.66 | Horn, Kerry | \$0.00 | Fitzgerald, Shelley | \$0.00 |
| 6* | 11 | 165.35 | Goyer, Danielle | \$289.00 | Rater, Kyle | \$289.00 | 9 | 5 | 59.1 | Wallace, Ken | \$0.00 | Buss, Dennis | \$0.00 |
| 7 | 10 | 95.6 | Vanderwarf, Machenzie | . \$174.00 | Tillman, Lynn | \$174.00 | 10 | 4 | 37.97 | Brown, John S. | \$0.00 | Craig, Eldon | \$0.00 |
| 8 | 10 | 105.45 | Goyer, Danielle | \$0.00 | Roberson, Travis | \$0.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | 10 | 108.22 | Phillips, Karen | \$0.00 | Peterson, Bob | \$0.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 10 | 111.42 | Lawless, Bill | \$0.00 | Gemmill, Jeannine | \$0.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

 win the State Saddle Race and it showed. Contestants worked hard all year long to reach or keep that top position to represent their state at the finals. Some traveled miles and miles to make as many RSNC shows as possible to get that \#1 spot in their category. They helped with the Beginner class as well as the Rookie class. Anything to add points to their name. Then came that Saturday afternoon to start "SORTING WITH THE STARS". The competition was fierce; the top four fast go teams in round one were from Colorado, Florida, Missouri, and Texas. But this was a TEAM effort. Just because you had the fastest time didn't guarantee a spot in the top 18 ( 3 states). It was what STATE had the combined fastest times. 3 teams pulled it out for the "Final Top 18". Arkansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. Then, to make things even more competitive, after all the smoke had cleared, the top 3 states had gone heads up in the 4th go with all 18 teams to determine the final go top 10 . The 5th and final go top 10 ran to determine who would take home the 6 Vinton saddles. The dust had cleared, the cattle thought they were finished and the points were tabulated. That is when the unbelievable happened. THERE WAS A TIE! Arkansas and Missouri were neck and neck. These two states gathered their team mates and gave each other a really good pep talk. They had to compete again. Had to do their very best to beat out the other team. Together they roared. Hearts were pumping, the audience was screaming, the cows were scared. No one could tell who was going to win. Everyone was on the edge of their seats, or, the edge of their saddles. It was close. Very close. The saddles were brought out and everyone waited. Anticipation rising....
AND THE WINNING STATE IS.......MISSOURI
Congratulations to the winners of six brand new state of the art Vinton Saddles:
Josh Cantwell George Payne Ben Sayle
Matt Stevens Ralph VanDorn Tonya Wilson
At RSNC we do a lot of boot scootin' two-steppin' and we agree with the old saying "you go home with the ones that brought you to the dance (sorting). These six contestants are
to Michigan to Wyoming... and everywhere in between. The race was on. Everyone wanted to h
going home together. WITH six SADDLES IN TOW. Something to write home to mom about! Taking home 1st runner up plaques was the Arkansas team:
Dan Drewyor Luke Drewyor Matt Drewyor
Claudia HersheyBill Lawless Justin Swarthout
Taking home 2nd runner up plaques was the Nebraska team:
Shawn Johnson Jene Kasperbauer Patrick Mahony
Josh Warner Kay Warner Randy Warner
Missouri claimed the recognition of the best ranch sorting state in the county. But......
Will they be able to defend their title next year? Stay tuned for the next... DAYS OF OUR SORTING LIVES! and we will see you at the 2009-2010 RSNC Finals to find out.

## FUN AT THE FINALS

Without question RSNC members came to the finals to win some big bucks, but that's not all they came for. It's also about having some fun! Yvette Teele was the fun and games chairman and she was on call to inject fun into the event whenever there was a break in the fast paced action of the finals. With an average of 62 teams per hour inside all week there wasn't a lot of arena time however at a moment's notice, when president Dave Wolfe made the call on the "fun phone" to Yvette, she jumped into action.
There were games like the chariot race on bed sheets and the three-man round-up race where three contestants were taped together, back-to-back, and they had to race to the end of the pen and back. For the kids there was a candy bar wrangle and a six-legged race. Then there was the infamous toilet inside all week there wasn't a
paper race. Teams of six raced front to back and rolled a roll of toilet paper over the shoulder and between the legs of each team member to the back of the line and then up again. The team finishing first without breaking the roll were the TP Winners! Lots of these games happened during a power outage caused by a thunderstorm. All the contestants were crowded into the arena to get out of the rain and Yvette did a great job squeezing lemons into lemonade. Game winners got t -shirts that said "Cows tremble when they hear my name" Ranch Sorting National Championships 2009, in addition to Sonic gift cards and beach towels.
All of these games were fun and entertaining, but the three that topped the lists were the Hello Game, the Whiner's Corner, and the Lucky Duck! The Hello Game was played every day and winners

## FUN AT THE FINALS, continued from previous page

received special prizes for simply saying hello or good morning in a cheerful sincere way. It wasn't "morning Dave" that worked. It was "HELLO DAVE" or "GOOD MORNING DAVE" that would get you the prizes. Consequently all week long contestants wer enthusiastically greeting everyone they


Duck entry. Then Rowdy would announce
"Hey Ladies and Gentlemen, we have another Lucky Duck winner" and announce च7 why that winner why that winner
was in the Lucky Duck class. Dave said, "I had contestants coming to me all week with great stories about deserving contestants for the Lucky Duck class. It was fun to give the good met whether they knew them or not.
The Whiner's Corner was set up for just that. RSNC staff and contestants were there to enjoy the week so if someone started being negative, we "in good nature" stuck them in the Whiner's Corner with a bucket to cry in and a baby bottle to suck on. We would announce it on the intercom and make a big deal out of whiners. Without question there was very little whining going


However, we knew that there would be legitimate complaints or misfortunes that would give contestants good reason to be upset. Therefore we created a Lucky Duck Division. The Lucky Duck class was an All Levels Handicap class where all teams that were the first team out of the money and all unlucky contestants or good Samaritans would get a FREE ENTRY to the class. The purse was $\$ 5,000$ with two bags of $1,500 \$ 1$ bills each going to the first place team and two bags of $1,000 \$ 1$ bills each going to the second place team. The four big bags of money were hung from the ceiling for everyone to salivate over all week long. If a contestant fell off his horse or had a cow that absolutely would not yield etc., they were entered in the Lucky Duck class. While at the same time if contestants did good deeds like help settle herds or unload chairs for the dinners or loaned someone a horse because theirs was lame, they got in the Lucky Duck class. Essentially every time a good Samaritan was found or an unfortunate circumstance arose, President Dave Wolfe would be notified and he would decide if it was worthy of a Lucky


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Samaritans a pat on the back and also fun to make a peace offering for some unfortunate circumstances. Rather than complaints, I received requests for the Lucky Duck class! It was simply brilliant, Mr. Van Gemmill!"


## CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS - RSNC NATIONAL FINALS WINNERS



Bryan Blackman \& Cheree Lebrecht


Mike Belter \& Yvette Teele


Hoss Frank \& Jordan Lesh


Joel Lesh \& Ken Wallace


Travis Roberson \& Tommy Roberson


Bryan Blackman \& Matt Stevens


Van Gemmill


John Brown


Jimmie Philman


## 2008-2009 RSNC SORT FOR THE VINTON SADDLES TOP 10 WINNERS

Graduated Beginner Saddle Winner Ranucci, Tom Top 10 Vest Winners Alphabetically through 10th place including ties. Duerksen, Dawn Ferda, Landon Gore, Katie Kammerdiener, Susie Kasperbaur, Gene

Krausz, Summer
Page, Karen Pylman, Colton Speis, Rae Nell Wilson, Tonya

Graduated Rookie Saddle Winner Mike Combs Top 10 Vest Winners Alphabetically through 10th place including ties. Byrd, Dean Caldwell, Greg Dalinghaus, Richard Henderson, Tracy Jensen, Craig

Lebrecht, Cheree
Mahony, Patrick Sayle, Ben
Tillery, Mary Ann Woods, Austin

## Novice

Saddle Winner
Travis Roberson Top 10 Vest Winners Alphabetically through 10th place including ties. Blackman, Courtney Frank, Hoss Gemmill, Jeannine Jetton, Tom Lebrecht, Cheree (placed in Rookie) Schenck, Billy (placed in Masters)
Stevens, Tara
Thomas, Roy
VanDorn, Ralph
Warner, Josh
Warner, Randy
(placed in Masters)
Weant, Lance
Wolfe, Kason

## Amateur

 Saddle WinnerBlackman, Brian Top 10 Vest Winners Alphabetically through 10th place including ties. Brown, John Colberg, Chuck

Crossey, Jim Gemmill, Mike Gemmill, Van
Horn, Dave
Keith, Mike
Rondy, James
Swaggerty, Jenny
Wolfe, Logan

## Open

Saddle Winner
Lawless, Bill Top 10 Vest Winners Alphabetically through 10th place including ties. Fitzgerald, Shelley Gray, Bobby

Lesh, Jared
Lesh, Joel Lesh, Jordan McFarland, Debbie Rater, Kyle
Roberson, Tommy
Stevens, Matt
Wyatt, Shawn

Masters
Saddle Winner
Schenck, Billy Top 10 Vest Winners
Alphabetically through
10th place including ties.
Krausz, Tom
Lawless, Bill (placed in Open) Miller, Laura Moses, Tom Price, Tommy Searles, Jeff Sheppard, Randy Varilek, Mick Wallace, Ken Warner, Randy


Billy Schenck \& Laura Miller
Courtney Blackman \& Danielle Goyer


Logan Wolfe \& Kason Wolfe


Jennifer Swaggerty \& Danielle Goyer


## FREE EATS ALL WEEK

RSNC and some super sponsors teamed up to feed the masses all week long at the RSNC National Finals. "When planning for the Finals, we set the schedule so the show would end early each evening. We wanted our contestants to enjoy a relaxing evening so they would be refreshed and ready for the next day of competition." said Van Gemmill.
Great planning produces great results! The latest evening was 7 pm ; and most were over at 5 or 6 . It's hardly believable that nearly 3,300 first run teams could compete without some very late nights, but the RSNC staff did just that and boy did the contestants appreciate it!
It set the stage for the Dinner Chairman Mr. Larry Nixon and his staff of volunteers to serve up the vittles. Monday night was an open campfire with cook your own hot dogs
and make your own marshmallow s'mores. It was a cowboy campout atmosphere that was family oriented, except for the fact that over 350 hot dogs were stuck on a stick! Sponsored by Heartland Western Wear. Tuesday and Wednesday the food kept getting better with pork loin on Tuesday and brisket on Wednesday. Of course all the fixens went along with both such as a dinner salad, rolls and taters! Additionally, the River Bridge Café supplied some great desserts! Sponsored by Million \$\$ Elm Casino.
Thursday night at 6pm had to be the favorite for most. It was the Producer's recognition banquet so the evening started off with all Producers setting at the head tables and a champagne toast by everyone for their support of the contestants and the association. Each Producer received
appreciation awards along with the Producer's Series Stirrups provided by RSNC. Even though the evening started at 6 pm the preparations started much earlier. How about 3AM that morning! A whole hog was placed over a pit of coals on a rotisserie long before the sun came up. It cooked all day long and was absolutely delicious that evening. There was no question in anyone's mind that those guys had done this before! Sponsored by RSNC. Friday night was a Fish Fry. This was a fresh fish fry and I know because everywhere I went all week long I kept running into locals telling me they were out the night before catching fish for the RSNC Finals. Catfish, Bass and Crappie were fried and served up to perfection. Thanks to the fishermen and sponsors who were Ponca City Firefighters, Oklahoma Fish \& Game

Authority, Lance Weant, Ponca Finance and friends and neighbors.
Saturday night was the Grand Finale with nothing less than USDA Choice Angus Steak. A special RSNC grill was made to grill over 350 delicious steaks for all the happy contestants. Sponsored by Eastman National Bank.
Mothers and wives all week long couldn't say enough about how much they appreciated not 1 , but 6 relaxing evenings without having to cook for the family.
RSNC's sincere appreciation goes out to Mr. Larry Nixon and his entirely volunteer crew of Karen, Jane, Clyde, Dave, Kim, Don, Lynn, Rod, Shannon, Bambi, Butch, Danny, Frank and all the others in the background. It was unquestionably the show maker for all of us!


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## FUTURE OF SPORT HAS ARRIVED! 131 TEAMS IN RSNC YOUTH FINALS!

"This is the most exciting news we could possibly ask for" said president Dave Wolfe. "It has been a long time coming to get youth involved in cowhorse sports, but there is no question that Ranch Sorting has the right components to do just that." Judging from the numbers at this year's RSNC

National Finals, the next generation is out there learning the sport so they can carry it forward.
The Rated Youth Division hosted 50 teams and even more exciting was the 81 teams that competed in the \#1 Beginner Youth Division. This sport is affordable, safe, competitive,
exciting and those components will always attract kids on horses. RSNC is working hard to introduce the sport to State and County Fairs and to Little Britches and High School Rodeo Associations. Ranch Sorting is a perfect fit for mixing horses, cattle and kids.


# Iuly-August 2009 -q-a 1 <br> WOW! 3,289 TEAMS AT THE 2009 RSNC NATIONAL FINALS THE RSNC STAFF WANTS TO SAY...THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF IT! 

Yes, we broke a record for having the most teams ever in any Ranch Sorting organization but, that was not the most exciting thing about the finals. The most exciting thing was you, and all the other contestants. It was so wonderful to be able to meet so many people that we have talked to on the phone and finally was able to put a face with a name and voice. We were able to joke around with you, get to know your personality, razz you a bit (as well as get razzed) and didn't even have to put you or any of our staff members in the "Whiner's" corner. We truly feel that it was
a wonderful ending to our 2008-2009 season.
With the ending of one season comes the beginning of another. It is a season that we are really looking forward to; a season with brand new points, brand new shows and brand new memberships. Some contestants have already renewed their memberships for the new season by bringing a new member to the finals or simply just renewing. For those that have not renewed yet we are providing a membership form for you. You may fill it out and send it into the RSNC office or you can hang on to it and turn it
in at the next show that you attend. Remember, if you are bringing in a new member for the free membership you must put your name on their membership and they must put their name on your membership to update our files correctly.
We hope that you had as much fun at the RSNC 2009 Finals as we did and would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. We will be looking forward to seeing you at many 2009-2010 season sanctioned events.

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NAME:
PLEASE LIST ALL PENNING/SORTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AND YOUR RATING.
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HOW MANY YEARS/MONTHS HAVE YOU BEEN SORTING/PENNING?
HOW MANY AWARDS HAVE YOU WON IN SORTING/PENNING? $\qquad$
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OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS, HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE YOU WON IN SORTING/PENNING? SORTING: PENNING:
ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 9 (1 BEING A BEGINNER/9 BEING A PROFESSIONAL), PLEASE RATE YOUR ABILITY.
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| July 18, 2009 | Gainesville, TX | Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117 |
| July 18-19, 2009 | Pueblo, CO | Darel Tiegs \#719-520-1800 |
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| August 8, 2009 | Ramona, CA | John Mallon \#760-789-7944 |
| August 8, 2009 | Farmington, NM | Doug Hegar \#505-320-5124 |
| August 8, 2009 | Galena, MO | Ben Sayle \#417-873-1136/ MORSA \#417-343-7027 |
| August 8, 2009 | Fulshear, TX | Fred Bray \#281-658-3828 |
| August 8, 2009 | Gillette, WY | Stacey Thar \#307-685-0149 |
| August 9, 2009 | Castle Rock, CO | Ryan Massey \#303-570-2471 |
| August 14, 2009 | Rocky Ford, CO | Gayla Elliott \#719-853-6279 |
| August 15, 2009 | Gainesville, TX | Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117 |
| August 15, 2009 | Temecula CA | Alan Needle \#714-322-0936 |
| August 15-16, 2009 | Pueblo, CO | Tiegs/Noring \#720-938-7423 |
| August 22, 2009 | Hydro, OK | Bill Entz \#580-774-8814 |
| August 22, 2009 | Locust Grove, OK | Abbi Drimmen \#918-598-3313 |
| August 22-23, 2009 | Powell, WY | Michele Haines \#307-645-3080 |
| August 29, 2009 | Anaheim, CA | Adrianna Tanzer \#714-313-0553 |
| August 29-30, 2009 | Ponca City, OK | Richard Conner \#580-716-6444 or \#580-445-6680 |
| September 5, 2009 | Cody, WY | Kate Williams \#307-899-2874 |
| September 11, 2009 | Gillette, WY | Stacey Thar \#307-685-0149 |
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| September 12, 2009 | Fulshear, TX | Fred Bray \#281-658-3828 |
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| September 19, 2009 | Locust Grove, OK | Abbi Drimmen \#918-598-3313 |
| September 19, 2009 | Leslie, MO | Marvin Newman \#314-550-3150 |
| September 19, 2009 | Liberty, TX | David Collins \#409-423-5473 |
| September 19, 2009 | Farmington, NM | Doug Hegar \#505-320-5124 |
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September 24, 2009 (Thurs) Oklahoma City, OK Shelley Fitzgerald \#405-826-3167
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November 21, 2009 Gainesville, TX Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117
November 21, 2009 Temecula CA Alan Needle \#714-322-0936
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December 5, 2009 Fulshear, TX Fred Bray \#281-658-3828
December 12, 2009 Ramona, CA John Mallon \#760-789-7944
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January 16, 2010 Gainesville, TX Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117
January 16, 2010 Gillette, WY Stacey Thar \#307-685-0149
January TBA* Powell, WY Michele Haines \#307-645-3080
February 6, 2010 Gillette, WY Stacey Thar \#307-685-0149
February 15, 2010 Powell, WY Michele Haines \#307-645-3080
February 20, 2010 Gainesville, TX Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117
February 2010 - TBA ${ }^{*}$ Gillette, WY Stacey Thar \#307-685-0149
March 15, $2010 \quad$ Powell, WY Michele Haines \#307-645-3080
March 20, $2010 \quad$ Gainesville, TX Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117
March 2010-TBA* Gillette, WY Stacey Thar \#307-685-0149
April 15, $2010 \quad$ Powell, WY Michele Haines \#307-645-3080
April 17, $2010 \quad$ Gainesville, TX Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117
May 15, $2010 \quad$ Gainesville, TX Bryan Kammerdiener \#940-668-1117

## Tuly-August 2009 <br> RATINGS FOR THE START OF THE 2009/2010 RSNC SEASON

 The Ranch SorterWith so many new members coming into RSNC, our producers have done a great job in initially assigning probationary ratings. As the year progresses those contestant ratings are solidified by their win/loss ratio of their performance or they are moved if it shows they are riding above or below their level. Additionally, a \#1 Beginner is moved after winning three checks or $\$ 500$, whichever comes first, and a \#2 Rookie is moved after $\$ 1,000$ in earnings. The win/loss ratio of dollars won vs. dollars spent on entry fees will take into account all the "whys" and "why nots" that contestants have for winning and losing. The bottom line is, none are more or less important and all are factors in that end result, winning

With the huge growth in new \#1 Beginners and \#2 Rookies in RSNC it only makes sense that all those eager contestants would soon get better. Well, guess what! They Have!!! They are going to clinics and practices and with that comes more success at the pay window. RSNC contestants are growing the organization from the bottom up just like any successful organization should grow. Many of these contestants have started as Beginners and won 3 checks which moves them to Rookies. Now the Rookies are crossing the $\$ 1,000.00$ mark and jumping into the 3 Novice category. This is exactly what we had hoped would happen because now we have lots of 3's in the nine-point rating system who would have been \#1's in the seven-point system. The difference is, they have all had the
and losing. Therefore, the RSNC rating system could not be any more fair. It is your performance on every run made throughout the year that determines your rating. The only thing RSNC has to decide is what \% of each rating category should go up or down to keep the playing field as level as possible. For the last three years, it has typically been 10 to 15 percent across the board. However, this year there will be quite a few adjustments to those percentages.
With all of the new Beginners and Rookies coming into the association in the last few years and all of the practices, clinics and competitions held, there has been a very large $\%$ of one's and two's moved to the \#3 rating. Therefore we have a rapidly growing \#3 category with a lot of variety in
ability. To address this great scenario of contestants moving up the ladder, it is obvious that a higher percentage of \#3 riders need to be moved to \#4's. In addition, a slightly higher percentage of \#4 riders will need to move to \#5's. This is almost like the Baby Boomers growing up within the population. We all knew it was going to happen and now it has. There is now a stronger set of novice riders that are soon to become amateurs. In a few years, some of these amateurs will excel and become open riders and all levels of competition will improve. Congratulations are in order for the below listed contestants that are excelling within this great sport of Ranch Sorting. Everyone's goal should be to climb to the top and then beat the best of the best.

## MOVIN' ON UP

opportunity to gain confidence and be successful along the way.
However, we now need to address the bottleneck this has created in the \#3 rating category. With so many contestants moving up throughout the year into the \#3 rating category and none moving to \#4s until the end of the year, there has become a lot of number 3's with a wide variety of abilities. That is because some make it to \#3's because they are improving rapidly and their skills will continue to move them up; while others are moving up because of sheer persistence. If sorters go enough and enter enough, they will eventually win that $\$ 1,000.00$. This is when the win/ loss ratio takes over and leaves them at a \#3 or moves them beyond a \#3 if they continue to improve. This year, since

## YEAR END RATINGS CHANGES

\#3 to \#4 Appenzeller, Wesley<br>Croft, Rick<br>Crossey, LJ<br>Enyart, Ron<br>Franciscoffi, Ben<br>Goyer, Danielle<br>Hutto, Courtney<br>Keith, Tim<br>Mankel, Mike<br>Miller, Laura<br>Olson, Randy<br>Robertson, CL<br>Sanford, Laura<br>Schenck, Billy<br>Schwarzkopf, Tom<br>Scott, Tom<br>Slack, Dennis<br>Street, Brian Stricker, Adolph Tamme, Val Tomlinson, Roger Vassau, Jasper Warner, Josh Weant, Lisa

\#6 to \#7
Amy, Delwin Blackman, Bryan Brown, John Gebauer, Ronnie Raub, Weston
\#6 to \#5
Campbell, Heather
Fecteau, Ali
Freiheit, Steve
McMillen, Anthony Vanzant, Mike
\#7 to \#8
Wolfe, Dave
\#8 to \#9 Lesh, Jordan


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## DRAW TEAMS IN RSNC

RSNC continues to look at the future and growth of the sport by requiring all contestants to enter the draw at least once in every division at the 2009 National Finals.
As stated by Dave Wolfe president of RSNC. "It's pretty simple, if you want the door to be open for new contestants, you open it so everyone can compete. If you want to continue to trade money with the same few, then you keep the doors closed by refusing to ride in the draw."
Most states and producers have already initiated a required draw in all divisions and have seen great results. The 2009 RSNC Finals required a draw and the results were SPECTACULAR!
Here are some facts surrounding those results.

1. There were 650 plus draw teams out of 3289 which is just over $20 \%$
2. There were 18 divisions with draw teams and 4 were won by draw teams which is 22.5\%
3. Draw teams won $\$ 37,238$ out of $\$ 180,698$ which is $21 \%$

That means draw teams did just as well if not better at the National Finals than the best possible Picked teams.
In addition to the 4 divisions won at the National Finals by Draw teams there were also many more placing. You can't convince any of the 3,285 teams beat by these Draw teams that Draw teams are donated money!
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\text { Danielle Goyer } \\
\text { \#11 RH handicap }\end{array}
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Brian Blackman\end{array}\right]\)| Einda Teams |
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| \#6/4 inc | 224 Teams | Linde |
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| Jasper Vassau |
| Mike Combs |
| Travis Roberson |

We all want to use our best strategy to win and if it is proven that entering a Draw, that is fair with all participants entering, doesn't reduce your likely hood of winning then maybe we should all take a hard look at the pro's and con's of requiring a Draw in all divisions in
all sanctioned events.
Let's do it the Good Old Ben Franklin Way:

## Pro's:

- Great chance to meet a new partner that


## Con's:

- One less Picked Partner out of five you wouldn't have otherwise met.
- Opportunity to welcome new members at all levels of ability to the sport.
- Opportunity for new contestants to show up without partners and have a chance at some good rides.
- Opportunity to make the association and its members a welcoming committee rather than a stuffy association with stuffy members who don't want to ride with others giving them an "I'm too good for you" attitude.
- Puts more money in the pot for everyone.
- Wrong!
- $\leftarrow$ All Draw Rides are donations
- $20 \%$ of Teams won $21 \%$ of the money!
- This sport will grow by 1,000 's with the Draw.

We all have the tendency to look at the short term rather than the long term. Let's work together to grow this sport so in just a few short years there will be 1,000's more competing with millions more to compete for.
The 2010 RSNC National Finals will have a required Draw and we urge all contestants to support RSNC producers who have weighed the pro's and con's and are looking to the future with all of us to make Ranch Sorting the biggest and best cowhorse sport ever!


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## NFR FOR RSNC PRODUCERS

Attention all Ranch Sorting producers!
You are officially invited to join RSNC at the 2009 NFR in Las Vegas!

That's right, RSNC is purchasing a block of rodeo tickets for the Saturday evening performance on December 5 and we want to buy a pair for you.

All you need to do is produce two RSNC sanctioned event between June 13 and December 5.

We would also like to buy your room
for two or three nights at the luxurious Excalibur Hotel.

Four sanctioned events will get you two nights and if you want the whole shooting match of Rodeo ticket, three hotel nights,
plus four sets of laser-engraved RSNC aluminum stirrups, then produce five events between June 13 and December 5.

RSNC is all about growing this sport with your help and we need you there. We will be having a producer seminar at the Excalibur on Saturday morning, December 5, for all producers. It will be a great opportunity to bring us all together to discuss ways to grow your events and the sport of Ranch Sorting. Additionally we are anticipating a special guest speaker that you won't want to miss. Book your sanctioned events today, get your contestants qualified for the best finals ever and then join us in Vegas for some Rodeo Fun!

## HOPE TO SEE YOU IN VEGAS!



## GOW COUNTRY CLASSIE

 FREE RSNC MEMBERSHIPS FOR RSNE APRED $\begin{aligned} & 2009-2010 \text { SEASON!! All new } \\ & \text { contestants and all renewing } \\ & \text { members who bring a new contestan } \\ & \text { to compete at the RSNC event will } \\ & \text { receive a free RSNC Membership! }\end{aligned}$
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Tentative Schedule:
Payback

| Friday | \$2,000 Added All Levels Handicap | \$53/Rider | $50 \%$ |
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|  | \$500 Added \#11 Ranch Hand Sort | \$48/Rider | $50 \%$ |
|  | \$500 Added \#6 Handicap | \$48/Rider | $50 \%$ |
| Saturday | \$750 Added \#13 Handicap | \$48/Rider | $50 \%$ |
|  | \$500 Added \#10 Handicap | \$48/Rider | $50 \%$ |
|  | \$500 Added \#4 | \$48/Rider | $50 \%$ |
| Sunday | \$750 Adder |  |  |

Sunday $\$ 750$ Added Master \#10 Handicap \$48/Rider $50 \%$ \$500 Added Beginner Ranch Hand \$18/Sorter, \$13/Gate 50\% Entry Fees Include \$3/Per Person Sanctioning Fee

49 Teams or less will have one go plus Top Ten
50 or more Teams will have a full first go, top 20 to the second go, and a Top Ten
All Events Top Ten Goes To Be Held Following Beginner Ranch Hand on Sunday
For Rules or Questions, please go to www.rsnc.us
Host Hotel is the Model T Hotel RV Resort 775-623-2588. Mention you are with Cow Country Classic for discount room rate of \$55 which includes a full breakfast in the restaurant!


Stalls are $\$ 50$ for the weekend - Covered Pens are $\$ 45$ for the weekend - RV Spaces are $\$ 25 /$ Night
STALLS, PENS, and RV SPACES MUST BE RESERVED BY AUGUST 1
Events Secretary: Patti Lund 3740 Pershing Lane - Carson City, NV 89704 775-691-6487 nrccha@aies.net
Thanks for choosing to come to our events!


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