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From the President

Dave Wolfe
RSNC President



Attention producers, TODAY is the day you need to make plans for your spring RSNC events! The interest in this sport is EXPLODING. If you haven't looked at the RSNC calendar of events, please do so! There is an enormous amount of activity being generated by new producers all over the United States.

Whether you are a contestant or a potential new producer, it is time to start the ball rolling for spring. If there isn't an event in your area, lets work together to get one there! Start out on a small scale and invite your friends, neighbors, and any other horse enthusiasts in your community. Post flyers in feed stores and gas stations - you will be surprised how many people will show interest in Ranch Sorting!

If you don't own an arena, go rent the local fairgrounds; they are usually affordable and always have the facilities to accommodate this sport. Get the 4-H and the FFA involved. They may be interested in doing concessions as a fund-raiser; furthermore, they may also be willing to help-out with the labor end. Since RSNC began offering free membership to all 4-H and FFA members, we have received a lot of positive response from both the youth and their leaders.

Offering a clinic prior to a show is a great way to gain interest. Per their requests, I have committed to putting-on Ranch Sorting clinics to 4-H and FFA clubs across Colorado. Kids are enthusiastic and eager to learn; the clinics always prove to be a blast.

So, if you are a producer, please consider contacting your local youth organizations and offering a clinic for members and their families. If you are a youth leader, contact RSNC and we will find a producer in your area to put-on a clinic. These clinics are a great introduction to the sport and a confidence-building prelude to an actual competition.

Clinics and local shows are also the perfect lead to getting a sorting event at the county fair. These fairs need activities in which entire communities can participate. Furthermore, many state fairs are now offering a sorting competition and using county fair events as qualifiers. So, call your local fair board office. They will welcome the suggestion and be willing to provide facilities and assistance. The RSNC has fair packets available; just contact the office and we will get one to you or to the fair board.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL SPRING! Many fairs already have their schedules set; get your event going NOW!

On another note, RSNC has added two great communication tools for our association. The RanchSorter© publication will be sent out six times a year to all members, sponsors, and other industry related organizations. Each edition will include results and photos from recent events as well as information on upcoming shows and clinics. Updates in the point standings will be listed as well a current calendar of events. Additionally, each issue will spotlight an RSNC producer. Members are welcome and encouraged to submit photos and articles to be considered for inclusion in the publication.

Also available is the RSNC website; it has a new look and is updated on a daily basis. With the rapid growth of the sport, current updates are essential. So, if you want the most current calendar of events or want to know where you stand in the points race as of today, go to www.rsnc.us and check it out.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone to get involved in the members' forum. The RSNC continually strives to improve and to meet the needs of our membership. Please share your ideas, opinions, and suggestions by emailing info@rsnc.us or mailing them to:

RSNC National Headquarters
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Once again, the time is NOW. Saddle-up, ride hard, and beat the buzzer!

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CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE

from *The Fish Philosophy*

I've had choices since the day that I was born.
There where voices that told me right from wrong.
If I'd have listened... No, I wouldn't be here today.
Living and dieing with the choices I've made.

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FEATURED PRODUCER

LINKED D COWHORSES DEBBIE & DANNY MCFARLAND

*Danny McFarland, Wyatt Hendry,
Debbie McFarland, Garrett Hendry*



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RSNC's Featured Producer is Linked D Cowhorses headquartered in Palm City, Florida. Linked D is the family-owned operation of Debbie and Danny McFarland. In addition to training and selling horses, the McFarlands also run cattle and construct agricultural facilities. Talk about a turn-key deal! They can build your arena, supply the cattle, and sell you the horses! When asked what attracted Linked D to RSNC, Debbie says, "The rating system ...it's made the whole deal!" Debbie explains that the RSNC rating system makes winning attainable for every level of rider. "It's made room for everybody."

Debbie says that the recent changes to the ratings have caused a stir among members, but she sees it as a positive thing. "We needed a place for our beginner riders [to be competitive]." She commends the association for "...attempting to improve ..." and "sticking to their guns."

When describing a Linked D produced show, Debbie says they strive to make their events family-oriented. By keeping the atmosphere that of "backyard fun", Debbie and Danny have watched their shows grow from 35 teams at their first event to 166 teams at their latest. What is the key to a successful production? Debbie says. "Good food and a good time." She adds that she is also a stickler for starting on time.

Debbie also emphasizes the importance of audience participation. She says that since RSNC allows "spotting"

from the stands, her spectators have become "...crazed for the Youth and Beginners!" She says that neighbors and local people from town come-out to watch even if they aren't a rider or have a family member riding. Debbie says that her spectators add a lot to the excitement.

The growing interest of the youth has been a huge contribution to the Linked D program. McFarland mentions, again, the family-orientation of the sport. She says that often a parent starts-out just hauling a kid to the show, but before

**"Get a good horse ...
let it help you learn."**

long, they are competing as well. Debbie explains that her own sons, Wyatt and Garrett, were a big influence on the decision to start producing shows. Both sons compete in the Youth division as well as Beginner/Rookie level classes.

Linked D shows cater to the youth by making sure "nobody leaves empty-handed." All youth contestants are given some type of prize; Debbie says she has seen kids get more excited over a sweat comb than they would have been over a twenty-dollar bill. She admits it is sometimes a challenge to come up

with enough "stuff" to go around, but it is worth the effort.

Debbie's advice to someone new to the sport, "Get a good horse ...let it help you learn." She says that she is seeing a variety of horses at her arena, but most prevalent are the aged, cowbred Quarter Horses.

To someone considering becoming a producer, McFarland says "...keep it nice; keep it fun." She stresses the importance of promoting your events. She says that it can be tricky to find the right places to post flyers, but it is a must. Despite having produced shows for the past 6 years, Debbie says she still meets people that live in her area, that aren't aware of the ranch sorting events produced by Linked D. There is obviously still a lot of growing-room in the sport.

Debbie states that she and Danny are. "...proud to be sanctioned by the RSNC; it gives us credibility." She also commends the association's integrity and reemphasizes being "...real happy with the rating system." Debbie says that she sees the change as not only benefiting the competitors, but also the producers; "...it was necessary in order to grow the sport."

Editor's Note: I want to thank Debbie for her time. During the course of our interview, she bathed two children and put them to bed; she also made preparations for her next show and gave me advice on advertising sales. It was a pleasure to talk to her. Furthermore, Debbie's unselfish, in-it-for-everybody attitude embodies the spirit of the RSNC. Thanks, Debbie!



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- ★ At the National Finals, all points earned in any division will be added to the points you entered the Finals with to determine the top ten prize winners in each category, including the 6 Vinton Saddles.
- ★ The Top 20 from each division, in each State will be eligible for year end awards.
- ★ A contestant throughout the year can earn points in any State, but will represent the State in which they live.
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RSNC KICK-OFF SHOW AT THE MY JESTIC

My Jestic Ranch of Eustis, Florida, hosted its first ever RSNC sanctioned event on October 20th. Producer Randy Craft comments, "It was great to see [people] from all over Florida come out and participate. We saw a lot of new faces in the sport and several new members."

Randy sends out special CONGRATULATIONS to the Beginners' Class contestants. He says all the riders "...did such a good job sorting for first time!" He also gives a BIG THANKS to Cassidy Long, Debbie McFarland, and Chase Wilbanks for working the gate in the Beginners' division; he greatly appreciates the support!

Craft proclaims the My Jestic's first show a success and is looking forward to a great year. Class results for the October

20, 2007 events are as follows.

All-Levels Handicap Class: Debbie & Danny McFarland, 1st; Lynn Church & Rick Phillips, 2nd. #6/4 Incentive Class: Lynn Church & Karen Scott, 1st; Lynn Church & Wyman Griffis, 2nd; Cassie Church & James Long, 3rd & Incentive Champion. Beginners' Class: Kim Long, 1st;

Wyatt Hendry was the winner with the most cows sorted; Emily Green, Garrett Hendry, and Landen Craft also competed. Senior Youth Sort winnings went to Shelby Thomas and Cassidy Long. The enthusiasm of the youth, parents, and spectators was noted by Producer Craft; he expressed his ap-

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Wyatt Hendry, 2nd; Shelby Thomas, 3rd. #2 Class: Julie Aldridge & Danny Cordle, 1st; Kenny Cahill & Danny Cordle, 2nd; Julie Aldridge & Shawn Craft, 3rd. In the Junior Youth Sort,

precipitation and recognizes what a vital role the kids are playing in the success of the sport. He thanks everyone one who showed-up and made the event GREAT!

WE'RE STILL GROWING!

The second show at My Jestic Ranch in Eustis, Florida was even BIGGER than the first! Producer Randy Craft was excited about the growth between just two events. Contestants from all over the state of Florida showed-up in Eustis to get-in on the fun!

Randy extends an invitation to everyone, "If you have a horse and are looking for some family fun ... come on out and experience what everyone is talking about! From beginners to open riders, we have a class for you. This is a family event you don't want to miss - it is two-man Ranch Sorting at its best!"

Once again, Randy was energized by the Begin-

ners' and Youth divisions. Of course, the support from the established members is VERY MUCH appreciated, but the growing number of Youth and Beginner riders is a testimony to the rapid expansion of the sport. Craft sends out a big thanks to ALL participants and the spectators who contribute to the fun and success of the shows.

Class placings at the November 17, 2007, event are as follows.

All Levels Handicap Class: Wyman Griffis & Bob Chavers, 1st; Lynn Church & Wyman Griffis, 2nd; Chase Wilbanks & Danny Cordle, 3rd. #6/#4 Incentive Class: Wyman Griffis & Bob Chavers,

1st; Roy Thomas & Bob Cornette, 2nd; Debbie McFarland & Heather Thomas, 3rd; Rick Phillips & Leonard Harris, 4th & Incentive Champions. Beginners' Class: Kim Long, 1st; Jennifer Chavers, 2nd; Jennifer Rice, 3rd; Linda Zangla, 4th. Gate Riders: Lynn Church, Cassidy Long, Shawn Craft, Lynn Church. THANKS!!! #2 Class: Jennifer Chavers & James Long, 1st; Kim Long & James Long, 2nd; Brenda Vann & Jennifer Chavers, 3rd; Ray Austin & Linda Austin, 4th.

The win in the Junior Youth Sort went to Emily Green; Wyatt Hendry and Zachary Smith also competed. Congratulations to all the youth!!

SORTING IN SUNNY FLORIDA

It's 2008 and Linked D is already steppin' in high cotton with the RSNC. While most of you are stuck in the cold, we're running for the shade. Yes, here in Sunny South Florida - we're out sorting!

Our first two shows of 2008 have had really good turnout with 156 teams and 170 teams respectively. Although we shoot to keep our shows fun & short, we welcome the growing interest in the sport. We have been starting the shows earlier in account of the 80 + degree heat - such is our dilemma.

We added trophy buckles to the awards in most classes; this has been a huge hit! Who doesn't want to win a fancy Maynard trophy buckle? The contestants here lay claim to one before the show even starts! Seriously, though, it has been a huge honor to present so many riders with

their very first trophy buckle.

The youth competitors have us all talking - or should I say yelling! By the end of the Beginners' & Youth Class, the whole crowd is hoarse! It is too much fun to coach and spot for the kids and the new riders. Armchair football players don't have anything on us!

Not only are the young people bringing joy to our hearts, they are bringing their parents with them to the events. It's hard to stay at home when the kids are so eager to GO SORTING! Before I started, I didn't have a clue how much fun it would be to compete in sorting with my own kids.

The young competitors are moving right on up the ranks and are actually dominating the #6 class. At our last show, there was a youth member on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th place team!

I have been luring kids into the ring with some fun prizes. From trophies to halters to ballcaps, every kid takes something home. They look at a jolly ball or a grooming box like they are a hundred dollar bill! I believe the youth are really the key to growing this sport, and isn't that a great way to do it!

The Beginners' Class has also generated a lot of interest and brought newcomers to our events. The Beginners' division is a great way to get your feet wet (for us southerners) or break the ice (for you northerners)!

Here at Linked D Cowhorses, we are looking forward to a big spring & summer season full of RSNC Ranch Sorting! So, come on down! In the fall, this Florida crew is hoping to round-up a wagon train and head to the finals; it'll be a blast. Don't miss out!



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RSNC SORTS ON TOP OF THE WORLD IN WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO

The show on January 19th in Westcliffe, Colorado occurred during a big cold snap, the temperature was 0 or below HOWEVER this facility was unbelievable! They had stalls for horses and the Indoor arena was heated! We were in our short sleeved shirts all weekend and had no clue what was or wasn't happening outside. This is one of the prettiest places on the face of the earth. There was a real nice affordable motel (The Westcliffe Inn) just a mile away. There will be another Sort in Westcliffe on February 16th so make plans now and come on up!



Mac Wright sorts at the Westcliffe, CO event.

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PIECES OF THE PAST

By Staci Frazier, Editor

Hello Friends! I hope that over the course of the next year, I will have the pleasure of meeting many of you. One of the great things about RSNC events is the friendly atmosphere; the competition is just part of the fun!

Recently, I was skimming through a 1969 (YES, I did say 1969) Western Horseman and came across the poem I am sharing with you today. I was struck by the timelessness of its message, and I knew that with so many Americans having loved-ones serving in the armed forces, it needed to be re-published. So, I called the magazine expecting red-tape.

Let me say that my faith in the "real world" was renewed. First, a REAL LIVE PERSON answered the phone! I was immediately transferred to an assistant editor who ANSWERED the phone! When I gave my request, she said that instead of putting me through the magazine's paperwork, she would just give me the author's contact information. Guess what! She gave me a HOME PHONE NUMBER! She didn't even ask for any of my blood.

It doesn't end there. Somewhat nervous because I knew this person was going to have NO IDEA who I was, I called. The most lovely person ANSWERED the phone. Poet Carole Jarvis, author of His Only Son, not only gave her permission for the printing of her work - she didn't ask for a penny. Furthermore,

she expressed sincere interest in me and my work with The Ranch Sorter© as well as the sport of ranch sorting.

In the course of our visit, I learned that there are still people out there that will give their time to a stranger, and communication can actually take place without email, voicemail, or HOLD.

Mrs. Jarvis requested a copy of the magazine; so, I hope she is reading this so that I can say, "Thanks, again!" She was kind enough to offer more of her work for future articles; so, be sure to look for her name.

If any of you have something from the past that you want to share... poems, stories, jokes, advice... please email it to publications@rsnc.us or mail it to:

Pieces of the Past
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Ponca City, OK 74601

In addition to being entertaining, I hope that you'll find the pieces in this column to be inspiring and educational. The nice thing about the past is that we have all the time in the world to study and learn from it, and so we should.

Staci Frazier is originally from North Dakota and still considers it "home". She now lives in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, with her husband and children. She teaches high school English and writing in addition to doing freelance work for the RSNC.

His Only Son

BY CAROLE JARVIS

It's been almost a year now, since Charlie went away,
A fact that Daddy never shows, yet he counts each and every day;
For Charlie was his only son, and though he loved all three,
a part of him was in that boy, that eluded Sis and me.

Ranch folks have a closer bond, than any other kind,
And from the day that boy could walk, he was never hard to find;
Wherever Dad went he would go, no matter what the season,
To help fix fence or set a post, he didn't need a reason.

How proud Dad was the first time that Charlie roped a calf,
But then fell off when old Buck stopped; we tried hard not to laugh;
But he kept growing, Charlie did, and kept on learning too,
'Till there was nothing on our ranch, that Charlie couldn't do.

They moved the hay in summer time, and stacked it in a row,
Fed it through winter's months, when icy winds would blow;
Then in the big ranch kitchen, when supper was all through,
Dad and Charlie talked about, the many things they'd do.

The bull calf that they new would top next spring's yearling sale,
The well pump that they ordered it came clear out by rail;
They both would roll a cigarette and then my Dad would say,
"Guess we'd better get some rest, tomorrow's another day."

But one tomorrow brought the word that Charlie had to go
And fight a war to keep the piece - just how, we didn't know;
So Charlie kissed us girls goodbye, and shook his daddy's hand.
And soon the letters that he wrote, were sent from a foreign land.

He vaguely spoke of missions, and battles that they fought,
But most of all he wrote about, the things he missed a lot;
Mom's homemade bread and apple pies, cold milk, and fresh churned butter,
A windmill softly creaking, the kittens with their mother.

Pain would fill my Daddy's eyes, as the letter was put away,
He'd take my Mother's hand in his, and they would kneel to pray;
And Sis and I would kneel down, too, and ask the Lord above,
To bring our Charlie safely back, and guard him with his love.

And then we'd add another prayer, "Oh please God, let wars end,
So everyone can live in peace, the way that you intend;
And all the Charlies can come home to those who wait and pray,
And fill the empty lives they left the day they went away."

Choose Wisely

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T akes	T akes
I ndividuals	I ndividuals
T hrough	T o
U nbelievable	U nbelievable
D ifficulties	D ifficulties
E veryday	E veryday

"...history is who we are and why we are the way we are..."

David C. McCollough

"The future is the sum of tiny choices made
this instant, second, minute, hour, day, year..."

Van Gemmill

RSNC MEMBERSHIP IS UP... UP... AND AWAY!!

RSNC IS EXPERIENCING PHENOMENAL GROWTH!

Membership continues to grow as RSNC gallops into 2008. These numbers reflect how ranch sorting is growing as a sport. At the 2007 AQHA World Championship Show, ranch sorting registered the LARGEST performance classes in both the Open and Amateur divisions. According to AQHA show results, over \$134,000 in purse money went to ranch sorting competitors! RSNC Association President, Dave Wolfe, doesn't anticipate any change in the current surge of interest. When asked why people are drawn to RSNC, Wolfe says, "The sport itself is controlled enough for a novice rider, yet competitive enough for the professional. RSNC makes it even more appealing with its ranking and handicapping. These allow the experienced rider to pair with the novice rider, and team can still be competitive. This attracts a lot of people, especially husband/wife teams and parent/child teams." Wolfe also states that the affordability of RSNC events has caught a lot of attention. At a sanctioned event, where paybacks average 60%, a Beginner Ranch Hand rider can enter for \$15 per ride. Furthermore, as the association grows, producers from all over the country are hosting events. This means less travel expense for the contestants and less trailer-time for the horses; especially for those members in the rural communities. "We are striving to meet the needs of our members; that is our goal," says President Wolfe.



Above, Dave Wolfe.



Above, Whitney Curtis.



Above, Darel Tiegs.

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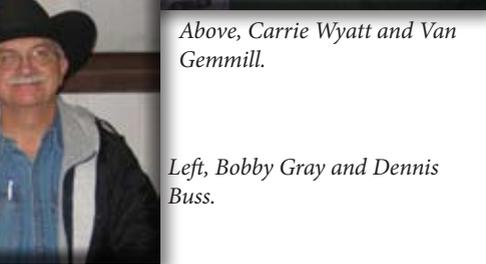
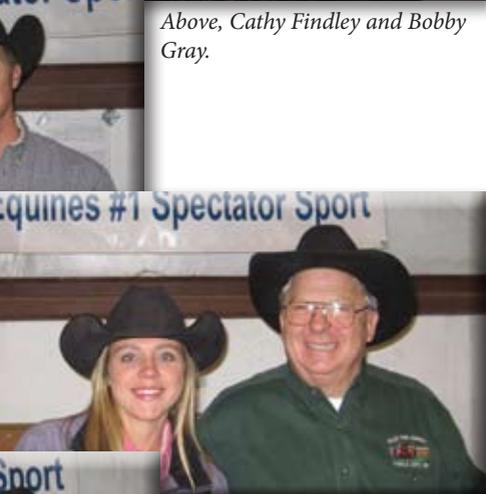
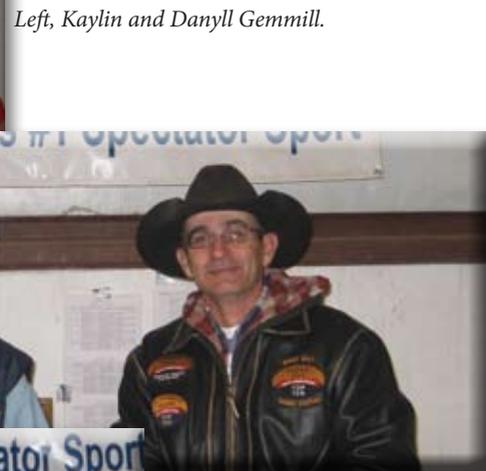
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Left, Jeannine Gemmill and James McDonald.



Below, Dennis Buss and Jeannine Gemmill.



Left, Kaylin and Danyll Gemmill.

Above, Cathy Findley and Bobby Gray.

Above, Carrie Wyatt and Van Gemmill.

Left, Bobby Gray and Dennis Buss.

Above, Bill Lawless and Shawn Wyatt.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & RSNC: NOW THAT'S A PARTY!

The New Year was brought in with rip-roarin' style at a multitude of RSNC shows. Arenas in Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado, as well as other states around the country, hosted holiday weekend events. Many producers held after-hours events in conjunction with their competition - after all, it was the start of a New Year

One such happening was held at a place known for its partying fun, the Play Pen Arena in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Over the holiday weekend, the Play Pen hosted over 700 teams. Just as the sign out front says, "If you can't have fun at the Play Pen, you can't have fun." Ponca City producer, Van Gemmill, started his celebration of the new year on December 27th

with a double AQHA show and for the next 5 days the fun never stopped! Saturday, December 29th, shot out of the gate with a #11 Handicap class. Carrie Wyatt took her team to the top spot; Van Gemmill assisted in the win. Cathy Findley and Bobby Gray wowed the crowd with their winning runs in the #8 Handicap class, and Mike Keith partnered with Shawn Wyatt to take the All Levels Handicap honors. Dennis Buss and Bobby Gray mastered the Masters' class with an exciting set of sorts.

Cousins Kaylin and Danyll Gemmill swept the Youth division. Wyatt Shultz-Gemmill, also a cousin, was in the placings as well.

The pace was never broken as the Incentive classes got underway. In the #6/#4 Incentive class, Bobby Gray and Cathy Findley proved them-

selves, once again, with the fastest average. The teaming of Lance Weant and James McDonald proved profitable as they won the money in the incentive competition.

In the #3/Rookie Incentive class, Beginner/Rookie Ronnie Steadman and Rookie Marsha Kloxin won the average by almost an entire minute! This earned them first-place money in the incentive as well. Congratulations to a great team!

Another Beginner/Rookie that showed up, kicked butt and took home the cash was Larry Weincoff. With Shawn Wyatt in the gate, the

class. The race was close, but Flawless Bill Lawless and Shawn "Western Territories" Wyatt had the fastest draw and dropped the competition in both the average and the incentive battle.

The day was wrapped-up with a #3/Rookie Incentive. As expected, the Rookies were tough. Collins James and Ken Wallace had the fast run when they sorted 10 head in 40.16 seconds, but the average and the incentive went to husband and wife team, Steve and Kathy Findley. It goes to show that love really does conquer all! Monday, December 31st,

"Talk About Fun"

got even MORE exciting when full-arena sorting was added to the scheduled team-penning. Talk about fun!

New Year's Eve

team had the first-round fast time and won the average.

A special addition to the Saturday event was a Bonus Class. This low-entry-fee, fun-for-all attracted a ton of teams. Winning the 2 sort average was Christy Gemmill and Shelley Fitzgerald. The ladies turned in 20 head in 91.52 seconds - you GO girls!!

Saturday night was full of laid-back comradery with friends new and old. As always, the true spirit of RSNC shined brightest outside the arena.

The Sunday show was jump-started in true RSNC style with an All Levels Handicap Sort. Shelley Fitzgerald escorted Bobby Gray to a championship and Shawn Wyatt to the runner-up position; Shelley has proven again girls rule!

The All-Levels was followed by a #9/7 Incentive

was celebrated with another World Famous Karen and Larry Nixon cook-off. If you haven't experienced the products of the Nixons' culinary talents - you've missed out!!

After a great meal, wonderful conversation, football and more fun than we can put in print, the crowd headed for Ponca City's infamous nightclub, The Rockin' Horse. Let's just say, the name fits! The place was rockin' and Ranch Sorters were rollin' well into 2008!

We won't mention last names, but a young lady named Shelley has proved her abilities to be well-developed on the dance floor as well as in the saddle.

All present are confident that our party was the best party. So, if you missed it this year, make plans for next year because New Year's Eve and RSNC: Now That's A Party!

COLORADO HAS BIG NEW YEAR'S RANCH SORTING

Contestants from all across the state attended the 11th Annual Wolfe Productions New Year's Ranch Sorting and Penning. The event was co-sanctioned with Ranch Sorting National Championships and Rocky Mountain Team Penning Associations.

It started on Saturday and ended on Monday, however that wasn't the original plan. Due to a big Colorado snow storm, the Friday, Saturday, Sunday event was changed on Thursday to a Saturday, Sunday, Monday event. That meant a lot of e-mails, phone calls and spreading the word at the last minute. Fortunately, it was a unanimous decision that Plan B was the new best plan.

Due to a hardy bunch of sorters and penners the weekend turned out great with 650 teams competing.

For RSNC the big day was Saturday. This was a Finals of a Twelve Show Series that producers Linda Miller, Ric Noring, Brian Peterson and Dave Wolfe produced. They each contributed cash to the Finals and that cash was matched by RSNC to double the amount of prizes available.

Points were kept for contestants within the series and at

the Finals. Saddles were up for grabs for the high point of #1, 2 and 3 and above contestants. The #1 winner was Jeff Rein who literally went from a new comer to the hottest thing in the sorting pen since hot apple pie. Congratulations Jeff on your dedication to learn and improve. It has definitely paid off. By the way, he accepted his new rating with pride and honor, just the way we all should.

The #2 high point winner went to no other than Jeff's lovely wife, Cindy Rein. Once again there isn't a more deserving recipient of this award. Cindy made almost every event and her enthusiasm for the sport is contagious.

The last saddle given away was for the #3 and above contestants. The lead in points for this saddle changed numerous times throughout the series. Diane Moen was in the lead for a while but missed a couple of shows and that set her back. In the end, it came down to a cut throat, you're sleeping on the couch battle, between husband and wife, Dewayne and Amber Haselip. When the finals were complete the points were tallied and Dewayne was victo-

rious. We hope it was worth the sacrifices you made?

Another big attraction of the event was the awards given out to all graduating Beginners. These were new contestants that won three checks throughout the series. They each received a personalized barn wood picture frame with the RSNC logo, Colorado/Wyoming Winter Series Champion and their photo inside.

The Beginner Ranch Hand Divisions proved to be a huge success, bringing a lot of new contestants to the sport. There were over 100 Beginners that competed at least once throughout the series. So the decision was made to award all top ten placing Beginners in the Beginner Ranch Hand Division at the Finals with the same great picture frame awards.

Secondly there were 42 Rookies and because of that a special Rookie Ranch Hand Division was created and very well received. Buckles were awarded in all other divisions and a lot of exciting and enjoyable competition made for a great New Years event.

The entire results are posted on the RSNC web site.



Above, State Producers Ric Noring and Linda Miller with Beginner Average winners J.J. Schuz, Sherry Slade, Jeff Mass, Gery Noonan and Joe Pothier.

Right, Winter Series Saddles winners Jeff and Cindy Rein, Dewayne Haselip with RSNC President Dave Wolfe.



Left, Graduating Beginners, Kelly Bell, Bill Daniels, Jason Dittmar, Don Edling, Jake Jacobsen, Troy Gordon, Colleen Malcolm and Ric Noring.

Left, John Shifty and Amber Haselip, #6 winners.



Left, Kevin Speer and Mike O'Brien.





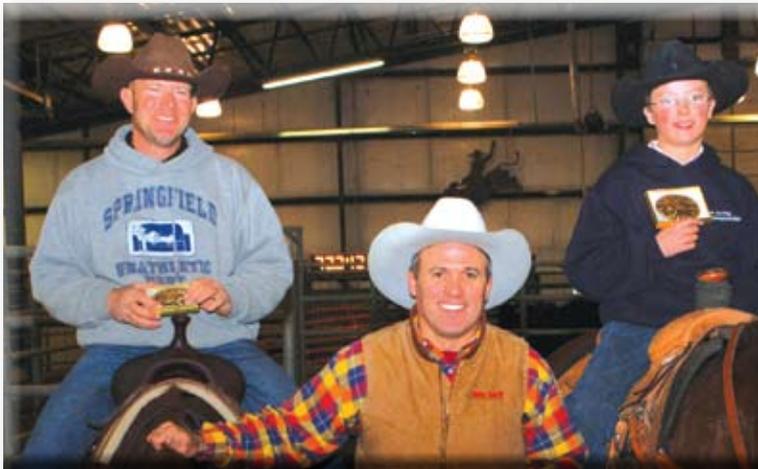
Above, Mike O'Brien and Chuck Crickenberger.



Above, Gery Noonan sorts at the NSRC event in Colorado.



Above, Liz Miller and Cindy Rein, #3 winners



Above, David Stearn, Jeff Keller and Kason Wolfe.



Above, Dave Wolfe with Buckle winners Chuck and Jo Crickenberger.



Above, Dave Wolfe and Whitney Curtis, all levels winners.



Above, youth buckle winners Kason Wolfe and Jase Staudt.



Above, Bill Daniels and Greg Curtis, masters winners, congratulated by Dave and Jaden Wolfe.



Above, Amber Haselip and Logan Wolfe, #8 winners.

A BLOWOUT OF A FIRST SHOW

2CCL Productions has lifted off. For those of you who are wondering what 2CCL stands for, just come to our next show and find out.

As the fog rolled into Ponca City, the 2CCL Productions found some rays of sunshine in the sorting pens. There was a heavy fog and slick roads Saturday morning. It made it a little tough to get around early, but by midday flags were up and cattle were ready.

One of our beginners graduated out of the beginners' class and is now a 2. Congratulations go to Crystal Martin from Ponca City. Bobby Gray helped her win her graduating check. Bobby rode with a lot of our beginners and we would like to give him a special thank you. We know the beginners that got to ride with him knew it was a real treat. Second in the beginners was Rebecca Ferda, way to go Rebecca! A special thanks goes out to all the beginners that came out to support us. We know that you are the future of our sport and can't do it without you.

After the beginner class on Saturday we ran a #4, 5, 7 & 9. #4 Champions were Jackie Barbee and Crystal Martin. Reserve was Jodi Miller and Tom Moses. #5 Champions were two bad hombres, Rick Avara and Mike Smith.

From this part of the show all the way till the end, it got a little ugly. Two traveling mates that came down from Dodge had quite a rivalry going on. One of these guys would be leading the race and at the very end the other partner would edge him out. It was looking like only one would be riding back to Dodge...in the front of the pickup! I think they finally worked something out. It was something about whoever won had to drive the whole way and the other one could

snore as loud as he wanted. Thanks for coming Gene Carson and Tom Bogner!

By the way, congratulations to Tom on winning the #7, #9, and Masters.

Also, congratulations to Gene on winning 2nd in the #7, #9, #10 and 3rd in the Masters.

Saturday winners also included the #7 Champions, Tom Bogner and Tom Moses; as well as the #9 Champions Tom Bogner and Gary Parli.

On Sunday we ran the Masters, 13, 10, 6 & the 11RH. #10 Champions were James McDonald and Bobby Gray. Reserve champions were Yvette Teele and Gene Carson.

The #11 Ranch Hand Champions were Steve Ryan and Bobby Gray. #13 Champions Hoss Frank and Shelley Fitzgerald. Reserve Yvette Teele and Lance Wentz.

The #6 class was blown away by new co-owner of the Play Pen, Darrell Dye. Winning 1st with Dennis Buss, and 2nd with Kimber Leslie. Great Sorting Darrell!!!

Masters Champions were Hoss Frank and Tom Bogner. Hoss was on fire! He came back in the #13 to win with Shelley! Way to go Hoss! We love ya!

At the end of the weekend no one left empty handed. The Sign Farm of Adair, Oklahoma, provided signs to all entries. The signs display 2CCL's motto, "Wow, What a ride!" Also, a few special ones to some unique and well deserving individuals.

Thanks, again, to all who came and supported our show. We know that it is the people who come and ride that make sorting so much fun!

With the new ratings and new classes, sorters rode with their old friends, experimented with some new ones, and new teams were formed. A lot of dynamite came

out of this small package.

So, if you want to know more about 2CCL Productions, come to our next show on February 23-24 in Ponca City. We have a new schedule, different classes, lower entry fees, Gist buckles to winners of four classes, and all the FUN you can handle. Hope to see you there!

Below, Bob Gray and James McDonald.



Above, Darrel Dye and Dennis Buss.

Tom Bogner and Gene Carson won their signs for traveling the farthest and supporting us both days!



Left, James McDonald.



Above, Shelley Fitzgerald and Hoss Frank won the #13.



Above, Tom Bogner and Hoss Frank, winners of the masters.

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2007 SORT FOR THE SADDLE FINAL STANDINGS

2007 started with great anticipation and excitement! The first Sort for the Saddle race was on, and the competition was tough! Some of the most tenacious contestants proved to be the Beginners and Rookies. For some, this was the first time they were given an even-handed opportunity to win saddles and other high-stakes prizes – and they were determined to do it!

As the points race progressed, it was evident to the RSNC office that members were watching closely and wanted to see the most current standings possible. For this reason, the office made a practice of contacting producers immediately after each show so that points could be updated for the anxious contestants.

On the part of RSNC, positive lessons were learned about accuracy and efficiency. Keeping the ever increasing point totals current in the office, on the website, and in the publication was a challenge; however, it was a priority to the association to keep all data updated.

At the start of the '07 season, it was determined that the Sort for the Saddle points race would continue until the end of the calendar year; it would not end at the RSNC Finals in October. This kept the momentum going and

made the yearend shows that much more electrifying! As the season came to a close, several divisions had contestants neck and neck for first place. Despite the gritty, nail-biting closeness of the competition, members were still cheering on their rivals and embracing the lighthearted comradery that is the essence of RSNC. In the end, points were totaled ... saddles, buckles, halters, and many other prizes were taken home... and everyone looked forward to 2008.

A few changes have been made for the 2008 Sort for the Saddle contest; be sure to checkout rsnc.us for the new rules AND the current point standings in your state. Everyone has an opportunity to take home a prize; so, get out there and SORT!



Above, Carrie Wyatt and Van Gemmill.



Right, Christy Gemmill and Van Gemmill.



Above, Bobby Gray and Van Gemmill.



Left, Cathy Findley and Charlene Wheatley.

MASTERS

- | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | Ken Wallace | Saddle |
| 2. | Bill Lawless | Saddle Pad |
| 3. | Devon Lyles | Vest |
| 4. | Hoss Frank | Vest |
| 5. | James McDonald | Vest |
| 6. | Dennis Buss | Breast Collar |
| 7. | Collins James | Breast Collar |
| 8. | Paul White | Breast Collar |
| 9. | William Daniels | Breast Collar |
| 10. | Pam Robertson | Breast Collar |

BEGINNERS

- | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | Robin Davis | Saddle |
| 2. | Christy Wood | Saddle Pad |
| 3. | Makyla Jones | Vest |
| 4. | Marisa Dye | Vest |
| 5. | Ronnie Steadman | Vest |
| 6. | Rod Bronaugh | Breast Collar |
| 7. | Gary Bell | Breast Collar |
| 8. | Taylor Wiedel | Breast Collar |
| 9. | Lanna England | Breast Collar |
| 10. | Wyatt Hendry | Breast Collar |

ROOKIE

- | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. | Gary Parli | Saddle |
| 2. | Tom Moses | Saddle Pad |
| 3. | Kason Wolfe | Vest |
| 4. | Jeffrey Rein | Vest |
| 5. | Diana Frank | Vest |
| 6. | Tom Jetton | Breast Collar |
| 7. | Christy Gemmill | Breast Collar |
| 8. | Danyll Gemmill | Breast Collar |
| 9. | Cindy Barton | Breast Collar |
| 10. | Don Edling | Breast Collar |

NOVICE

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|-----|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Carrie Wyatt | Saddle |
| 2. | Jeannine Gemmill | Saddle Pad |
| 3. | Logan Wolfe | Vest |
| 4. | Lindsey Miller | Vest |
| 5. | Steve Findley | Vest |
| 6. | Cindy Rein | Breast Collar |
| 7. | Keith Robertson | Breast Collar |
| 8. | John Melarane | Breast Collar |
| 9. | Steve Ryan | Breast Collar |
| 10. | Lance Weant | Breast Collar |

ALL LEVEL

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Shawn Wyatt | Saddle |
| 2. | Shelley Fitzgerald | Saddle Pad |
| 3. | Van Gemmill | Vest |
| 4. | Dave Wolfe | Vest |
| 5. | Rob Cosby | Vest |
| 6. | David Hall | Breast Collar |
| 7. | Bobby Gray | Breast Collar |
| 8. | Mike Keith | Breast Collar |
| 9. | Amber Haselip | Breast Collar |
| 10. | Dewayne Haselip | Breast Collar |

**MORE PHOTOS OF WINNERS
ON PAGES 14 AND 16!**

2007 SORT FOR THE SADDLE FINAL RESULTS

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Above, Carrie Wyatt and Van Gemmill.



Above, Danyll Gemmill and Van Gemmill.



Above, Van Gemmill and Darrell Dye accepting for Marisa.



Above, Gary Parli and Van Gemmill.



Right, Ken Wallace and Van Gemmill.



Above, Jeannine Gemmill and Van Gemmill.



Right, Carrie Wyatt and Van Gemmill.

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2007 SORT FOR THE SADDLE FINAL RESULTS

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Above, Lance Weant and Van Gemmill.



Above, Tom Jetton and Van Gemmill.



Above, Robin Davis and Van Gemmill.



Left, Steve Findley and Van Gemmill.



Left, Carrie Wyatt and Van Gemmill.



Above, Ronnie Steadman and Van Gemmill.

Left, Shelley Fitzgerald and Van Gemmill.



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NAME OF PRODUCER & ARENA (from origin of this application) _____

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(Please list names on right of application form)
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 Phone: Day _____ Eve _____ E-Mail _____

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ID# _____	ID# _____
Relationship to member _____	Relationship to member _____
SS# _____	SS# _____
Birth Date (M/D/Y) _____	Birth Date (M/D/Y) _____
Name _____	Name _____
ID# _____	ID# _____
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SS# _____	SS# _____
Birth Date (M/D/Y) _____	Birth Date (M/D/Y) _____

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IMPORTANT: Please be sure to complete RSNC First Time Member Survey on the back of this application page. Be sure to request additional copies of the Survey from your Producer if needed for additional family members.

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A completed RSNC First Time Member Survey is required for each additional family member listed on the front of this form. Please request additional copies of this Survey form from your Producer as needed.

Primary Applicant's Name:

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 Assigned rating #: _____ Assigned by: _____

The number you are about to receive is based upon your answers to the following survey. It is a temporary number and may be adjusted at any time within the next six months. Your official number will be assigned through the RSNC Classification Office.

How many years have you been SORTING? ____ years ____ months • PENNING? ____ years ____ months
 How many saddles have you won SORTING? _____ • BUCKLES? _____ || PENNING? _____ • BUCKLES? _____
 How much money have you won SORTING in the last three years? _____ • PENNING? _____
 On a scale from 1-9 (1 is beginner; 9 is professional), please rate your SORTING ability _____ • PENNING ability _____
 On a scale from 1-9 (1 is green; 9 is very experienced), please rate your SORTING horse _____ • PENNING ability _____

Please list any other sorting or penning clubs where you are a member or have been a member, and your rating with those clubs.

CLUB OR ASSOCIATION:	THEIR RATING RANGE:	YOUR LATEST RATING:
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_____	_____	_____

I am applying for #1 Beginner Status
 (I have NEVER won 3 checks in Ranch Sorting or Team Penning competitions)

I am applying for #2 Rookie Status
 (I have NEVER been rated higher than 1 in ANY Sorting or Penning organization and have never won more than \$1000 in Sorting competition)

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...

What happens in Vegas can't always stay in Vegas!

That's right; some things are just too good to keep secret. While I promised to not tell all, we have to share some of the fun that went on during the RSNC trip to the NFR.

As many of you know, part

time getting this lively bunch there so they could let their hair down and truly enjoy themselves. Everyone landed in Vegas bright and early on Thursday morning.

They headed downstairs to the luggage claim and were greeted by Van and Jeannine

exception of Cheryl Cosby who definitely knew the routine of having beautiful babies. She was there to relax and rest because she and Rob were just weeks away from the arrival of their ninth little wonder of the world. By the way, congratulations to both of them. It's a boy, born on January 30, 2008.

The atmosphere at Vegas is especially exciting during the NFR because of all the Rodeo contestants and fans that are in town. This is the week that you see more cowboy hats in the casinos than not,

Gentry was hosting the World Championship of Team Roping. This casino has a state of the art arena attached to it. There were ropers there from all across the U.S. going after a million dollar purse. We all got to watch Mandy Wolfe try to get her share of that pot of gold in one of the ropings. Unfortunately, as the old saying goes, "There's always next year."

Friday night was another one of those "under promise and over deliver" nights. We all gathered at our favorite watering hole for a few drinks and then headed across town to the famous Bennie Binions Restaurant. I did mention that eating was one of our top priorities didn't I? Well, you don't just eat at Bennie Binions; you savor the flavor while looking out through huge glass windows on the 40th floor over the lights of



the City of Las Vegas. From crab legs to prime rib and everything in between, we ate until the world looked level. That was definitely an experience rather than a meal. We all toasted the celebration of our RSNC success and truly enjoyed the opportunity to eat, drink and be merry.

Since both Duke Frank and

Suzie Lyles were recovering from recent leg injuries, some went back to the hotel while others took a stroll down the strip, partaking in enjoyable activities. This is where my memory gets a little foggy, as promised! As far as Duke & Suzie (Hoss Frank and Devon Lyles wives), they continued their attack on the

"Under Promise and over deliver!"

Van Gemmill



The arrival to Las Vegas was greeted with this "ride" from the airport to the hotel.

of the big buzz at the RSNC Finals was the all expense paid trips given away to winners of the Beginner Ranch Hand, Masters and Shoot Out Divisions. Each contestant that won these divisions also won an all expense paid trip for two to Las Vegas and the National Finals Rodeo. This included airfare, motel and National Finals Rodeo tickets.

Just as anticipated, it was a blast! Those attending were Dave and Mandy Wolfe, Van and Jeannine Gemmill, Bill and Karen Entz, Hoss and Duke Frank, Devon and Suzie Lyles, Robin Davis and Ronnie Steadman, Rob and Cheryl Cosby, Shawn and Carri Wyatt and Shelly Fitzgerald and Charlene Wheatley. The departure date was December 8th, the hour was predawn. We didn't want to waste any

Gemmill, who arrived a day early to make some special preparations. "Under promise and over deliver!" is Van's motto. He sure lived up to it that morning with a limousine waiting for everyone to be escorted to the hotel. There's nothing like a limousine ride to make you feel especially welcome and just a little pampered.

Upon arrival at the hotel everyone was treated to a quick and easy check in at the beautiful Excalibur Hotel for a three night stay. Right off the bat a few headed for the card tables but most were hungry so they headed for the breakfast buffet. From there on out the pattern was set. We ate, slept and gambled. Some ate more than others, while others gambled more. It seemed that very few slept

much with the

so finding the RSNC bunch was never easy. Even at 2:30 a.m. I was headed from the roulette table to the black jack table and practically ran into Van who had a big crowd of cowboys gathered around the craps table. It was obvious that he was on a roll, so rather than look over his shoulder and change his luck; I headed on off to my own pot of gold (I wish!).

On Friday we all headed out to the South Point Casino where Denny



Members of the RSNC Las Vegas group.



Left, Mandy, Shelly and Robin.

dy Warner. We had a couple spare tickets so we invited them to attend the Rodeo with us. We met once again at our fa-

there, all the way from a #1 Beginner to Open riders.

We listened, took notes and have implemented several of the suggestions made. The last thing we did before heading off to the Rodeo was vote on the new RSNC logo. There were two logos made for review and the strong majority like the new logo that you see today.

We left early and attended a Country Band concert for about an hour at the bar at the Thomas and Mac. Then we walked over to our seats in the big arena. All 20



casinos including, but not limited to, wheel chair races all the way across the casino.

Saturday was a whole new day and after a late breakfast, the anticipation continued to build toward the NFR. We were very sorry that Steve Ryan and his wife could not attend due to the passing of Steve's mother. Shortly before the rodeo, we ran into other RSNC sorters, Cindy Murray and Ran-



Rodeo Time!

vorite watering hole about an hour before leaving for the Rodeo. From there we went to a VIP reception where a special presentation was made to Van and Jeanine Gemmill for their efforts on behalf of RSNC and their great hospitality.

Then we took the opportunity to ask the group as a whole some key questions about ways to better serve the membership of the organization and how to manage the tremendous growth, especially at the bottom end. The input was great because we had a good cross section of the membership



Dinner at Bennie Binion's.



Left, Duke Frank and Charlene Wheatley.



Above, Carrie and Shawn Wyatt.

tion that Texas and Oklahoma are home to more great cowboys than you can swat with a flyswatter. They packed the house!

Folks let me tell you, the NFR is a production that you have to see to believe, with

lights, fireworks and entertainment all in honor of the great American Cowgirl and Cowboy tradition. Their performance was spectacular and we were all proud to applaud their accomplishments.

After the Rodeo the casinos were calling some of us, but the young and the restless (Shelly, Mandy, Carrie, Robin and Charlene) decided to ride the roller coaster and the stratosphere before calling it a night. Everyone agreed that it was a reward that they will remember forever and that they will be first in line to try to win it again.

This year we are including opportunities to recognize and award RSNC producers for their dedication to the association. So be sure to encourage a producer near you to participate!



Left, Devon and Suzi Lyles.

2008 Sort for the Saddle Point Standings

Top 10 Riders BY STATE (Includes all January shows and February 2nd show in Palm City, FL)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	POINTS	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	POINTS	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STATE	POINTS
COLORADO-CO				Langford	Elton	FL	4.0	Rookie			
Beginner				KANSAS-KS				Lewis	Michael	TX	7.0
Wright	Mac	CO	3.0	Novice				Kelley	Beverly	TX	4.0
Burke	Kassi	CO	1.0	Carson	Gene	KS	10.0	Novice			
Curtis	Brett	CO	1.0	Bogner	Tom	KS	6.0	Blakely	Marcy	TX	9.0
Rookie				Kloxin	Marsha	KS	4.0	Blackman	Courtney	TX	8.0
Noring	Richard	CO	0.5	NEVADA-NV				Hitchcock	Tammy	TX	8.0
Novice				Amateur				McKown	Christi	TX	8.0
Latka	James	CO	3.5	Ray	Al	NV	2.0	Thompson	Karol	TX	8.0
Miller	Ron	CO	2.0	NEW MEXICO-NM				Boggs	Cheri	TX	7.0
Curtis	Greg	CO	2.0	Novice				Field	Brittany	TX	7.0
Miller	Laura	CO	1.5	Grossette	Nugget	NM	6.0	Spradley	Dan	TX	7.0
Open				OKLAHOMA-OK				Kammerdiener	Bryan	TX	6.5
Wolfe	Dave	CO	2.5	Beginner				Strange	Shannon	TX	6.0
FLORIDA-FL				Dye	Darrel	OK	11.0	Amateur			
Beginner				Hall	Alison	OK	9.0	Roberson	Tommy	TX	23.0
Stalhut	Dillon	FL	38.0	Martin	Krystal	OK	7.5	Sucamele	Jatona	TX	10.5
Yazji	Dounia	FL	10.0	Ferda	Rebecca	OK	5.0	Blackman	Brian	TX	10.0
Kirton	Bailey	FL	9.0	Woods	Jeremy	OK	4.0	Thompson	Gaylon	TX	9.5
Wilfong	Cara	FL	8.0	Woods	Christy	OK	4.0	Oglesby	Kent	TX	9.0
Royal	Ashton	FL	7.0	Whitman	Matt	OK	2.0	Matthews	Staci	TX	5.0
Vitani	Frank	FL	7.0	Minnich	Sandy	OK	1.0	Johnson	Ritch	TX	3.0
Smith	Allen	FL	4.0	Weinkauf	Larry	OK	0.5	Boggs	Darrell	TX	0.5
Cirincione	Linda	FL	2.0	Adams	John	OK	0.5	Open			
Sands	Bailey	FL	2.0	Rookie				Field	Trent	TX	31.5
Comstock	Joe	FL	0.5	Black	Charles	OK	8.0	Field	Tom	TX	14.0
Rookie				Frank	Torie	OK	3.5	McLain	John	TX	7.0
Hendry	Wyatt	FL	21.0	Burk	Barbara	OK	3.0	UTAH-UT			
Green	Emily	FL	12.5	Avara	Richard	OK	1.0	Beginner			
Parks	Ed	FL	11.0	Jetton	Jennifer	OK	1.0	Bird	Pam	UT	1.0
Austin	Linda	FL	7.0	Novice				Rookie			
Vitani	Candi	FL	7.0	Frank	Hoss	OK	13.5	Brady	Laura	UT	3.5
Austin	Raymond	FL	6.0	Entz	Bill	OK	11.5	Novice			
Craft	Shawn	FL	4.0	Buss	Dennis	OK	9.0	Chadwick	Neal	UT	10.0
Thomas	Shelby	FL	4.0	Jetton	Tom	OK	9.0	Helm	Dave	UT	5.0
Royal	John	FL	4.0	McDonald	James	OK	8.5	Franciscaffi	Ben	UT	4.0
Parks, Sr.	Edward	FL	2.5	Ryan	Steve	OK	6.0	Gubler	Casey	UT	4.0
Novice				Teele	Yvette	OK	5.0	Bowler	Ed	UT	2.0
Thomas	Roy	FL	32.5	Parli	Gary	OK	5.0	Tillery	Jack	UT	1.0
Thomas	Heather	FL	32.0	Frank	Jeff	OK	3.5	Bird	Myron	UT	0.5
Ettinger	Mary	FL	17.5	Weant Lance OK 1.0				Amateur			
Kirton	Cheryl	FL	14.5	Amateur				Chadwick	Brody	UT	7.5
McFarland	Danna	FL	13.0	Trammel	Dave	OK	16.0	Peterson	Ben	UT	4.0
Williams	Blakely	FL	12.0	Vanzant	Belinda	OK	6.0	WYOMING-WY			
Whitehurst	Emmett	FL	10.5	Vanzant	Mike	OK	3.0	Beginner			
Smith	Nicki	FL	8.0	Baker	Ronnie	OK	1.5	Carter	Joseph	WY	1.0
Griffis	Wyman	FL	6.5	Open				Moore	Amanda	WY	1.0
McClendon	Liz	FL	6.0	Gray	Bobby	OK	12.0	Strom	Dee	WY	0.5
Amateur				Fitzgerald	Shelley	OK	10.5	Rookie			
Canady	Ryan	FL	8.0	OREGON-OR				Munn	Brandon	WY	3.0
Craft	Randy	FL	3.0	Novice				Brindle	James	WY	2.0
Kirton	Dudley	FL	2.0	Johnson	Bonnie	OR	5.5	Hatten	Kara	WY	1.0
Chavers	Robert	FL	0.5	TEXAS-TX				Hatten	Kacy	WY	1.0
Open				Beginner				Novice			
McFarland	Danny	FL	35.5	Wagner	Bruce	TX	5.0	Rosengreen	Shirl	WY	3.0
McFarland	Debbie	FL	23.0	Flemister	Eddie	TX	3.0	Wakefield	Denise	WY	3.0
Cornette	Bob	FL	13.0	Hitchcock	Tina	TX	1.0	Coons	Rob	WY	0.5

PRODUCERS DON'T MISS OUT

Make Plans To Attend The RSNC Producers' Party At The 2008 NFR!

The following incentives will be awarded to the first 20 producers who host a minimum of six (6) RSNC shows, generating 1,000 teams collectively, between October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008.

TO THE FIRST FIVE PRODUCERS:

A FREE TRIP FOR TWO TO THE '08 NATIONAL FINALS RODEO IN LAS VEGAS!
This package includes airfare, 3 nights at the Excalibur Hotel, and 2 NFR tickets!

TO THE NEXT FIVE PRODUCERS:

3 nights at the Excalibur and 2 free NFR tickets!

TO THE NEXT TEN PRODUCERS:

2 free NFR tickets!

LOOK!! THERE ARE 5 OTHER WAYS TO WIN!!!

Other prizes and awards will be given to top producers in the following categories:

- #1 MOST RSNC EVENTS PRODUCED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2007 & OCTOBER 1, 2008
- #2 MOST RSNC TEAMS, COLLECTIVELY, DURING THE '07-'08 SEASON
- #3 MOST NEW MEMBERS, COLLECTIVELY, DURING THE '07-'08 SEASON
- #4 MOST RSNC EVENTS HOSTED BY A NEW PRODUCER
- #5 MOST RSNC TEAMS, COLLECTIVELY, GENERATED BY A NEW PRODUCER

Rules for this RSNC Producer Incentive Program:

1. The contest starts October 1, 2007 and ends October 1, 2008.
2. No producer can win in more than one category.
3. In order for a producer to receive a "new member" credit, the membership application must state the name of the individual who produced the event at which the new member joined
4. Producers must submit complete results and appropriate fees before they will be given credit toward any incentive program.
5. Airfare and other prizes are awarded to the producer and his/her spouse or significant other. They are non-transferable nor exchangeable.
6. Winners will be announced at the 2008 RSNC National Finals.
7. In the event of a tie, the award goes to the producer whose 2007-08 shows generated the most new members.

Please Note: ALL RSNC PRODUCERS ARE INVITED TO THIS EVENT! We would love to see you there! RSNC is proud to offer this generous RSNC Producer Incentive Program and will provide the specified prize packages above for the contest winners. All others planning to attend will be responsible for their own hotel, airfare and NFR tickets.

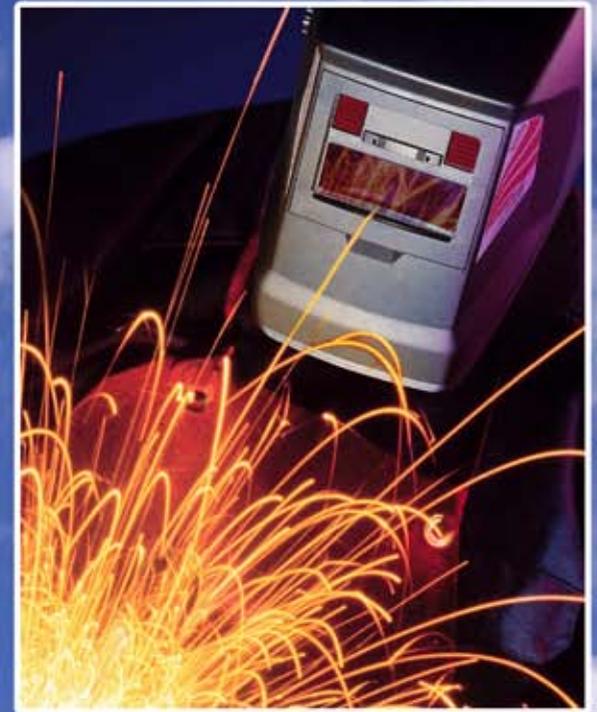
**To show our appreciation to the RSNC Producers,
we are offering fabulous Producer Incentives —
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Rodeo Tickets to Producers Who Qualify!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7-9, 2008	Play Pen Arena	Ponca City, OK	Darrel Dye 580-716-6444
March 8, 2008	Top Hatt Arena	Wheatland, WY	Traci Hatten 307-322-4352
March 14-15, 2008	Cross Hollow Event Center	Cedar City, UT	Kip Bowler 435-632-1028
March 15, 2008	Sport Horse Arena	Stillwater, OK	Kay Lippert 405-323-3840 or 405-707-0555
March 15, 2008	A Painted View Arena	Westcliffe, CO	RSNC & Curtis Ranch 970-897-2901
March 15-16, 2008	Spring Creek Arena	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener 940-668-1117
March 16, 2008	Double Barrel Arena	Boone, CO	Darel Tiegs 719-520-1800
March 22, 2008	Keith Arena	Meeker, OK	Mike Keith 405-249-0709
March 22, 2008	My Jestic Ranch	Eustis, FL	Randy Craft 352-551-9871 or Jean Permenter 352-636-8853
March 22, 2008	Minatare Arena	Scottsbluff, NE	Howard Hale 308-783-2150 or 308-220-8262
April 5, 2008	Linked D Cowhorses Arena	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland 772-781-4359
April 5, 2008	Double Bar C	Wanette, OK	Cos Filiberto 405-383-2109
April 12, 2008	Top Hatt Arena	Wheatland, WY	Traci Hatten 307-322-4352
April 12, 2008	My Jestic Ranch	Eustis, FL	Randy Craft 352-551-9871 or Jean Permenter 352-636-8853
April 12-13, 2008	Keith Arena	Meeker, OK	Mike Keith 405-249-0709
April 13, 2008	Double Barrel Arena	Boone, CO	Darel Tiegs 719-520-1800
April 19, 2008	A Painted View Arena	Westcliffe, CO	RSNC & Curtis Ranch 970-897-2901
April 19, 2008	Spring Creek Arena	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener 940-668-1117
April 19, 2008	Sport Horse Arena	Stillwater, OK	Kay Lippert 405-323-3840 or 405-707-0555
April 26, 2008	Anaheim Hills Saddle Club	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer 714-313-0553
April 25-27, 2008	Play Pen Arena	Ponca City, OK	Darrel Dye 580-716-6444
April 25-27, 2008	The Ranch-Larimer Co. Fairgrounds	Loveland, CO	Wolfe Productions 970-897-2901
April 26, 2008	Minatare Arena	Scottsbluff, NE	Howard Hale 308-783-2150 or 308-220-8262
May 3, 2008	Linked D Cowhorses Arena	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland 772-781-4359
May 3, 2008	Double Bar C	Wanette, OK	Cos Filiberto 405-383-2109
May 3, 2008	Rawhide Arena	Blairstown, MO	Peggy Craig/Ervin Bauer 816-517-6742 or 660-638-4373
May 10, 2008	My Jestic Ranch	Eustis, FL	Randy Craft 352-551-9871 or Jean Permenter 352-636-8853
May 10-11, 2008	Keith Arena	Meeker, OK	Mike Keith 405-249-0709
May 17, 2008	A Painted View Arena	Westcliffe, CO	RSNC & Curtis Ranch 970-897-2901
May 17, 2008	Sport Horse Arena	Stillwater, OK	Kay Lippert 405-323-3840 or 405-707-0555
May 17, 2008	Spring Creek Arena	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener 940-668-1117
May 24, 2008	Minatare Arena	Scottsbluff, NE	Howard Hale 308-783-2150 or 308-220-8262
May 24-26, 2008	Play Pen Arena	Ponca City, OK	Darrel Dye 580-716-6444
May 25, 2008	Double Barrel Arena	Boone, CO	Darel Tiegs 719-520-1800
May 31, 2008	Anaheim Hills Saddle Club	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer 714-313-0553
June 1, 2008	Latigo Trails Equestrian Center	Elbert, CO	Chad Tuttle #719-495-9046
June 7, 2008 (tentative)	Linked D Cowhorses Arena	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland 772-781-4359
June 7, 2008	Sport Horse Arena	Stillwater, OK	Kay Lippert 405-323-3840 or 405-707-0555
June 7, 2008	Rawhide Arena	Blairstown, MO	Peggy Craig/Ervin Bauer 816-517-6742 or 660-638-4373
June 14-15, 2008	Keith Arena	Meeker, OK	Mike Keith 405-249-0709
June 20-22, 2008	Play Pen Arena	Ponca City, OK	Darrel Dye 580-716-6444
June 21, 2008	Spring Creek Arena	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener 940-668-1117
June 21, 2008	Minatare Arena	Scottsbluff, NE	Howard Hale 308-783-2150 or 308-220-8262
June 22, 2008	Double Barrel Arena	Boone, CO	Darel Tiegs 719-520-1800
June 28, 2008	Anaheim Hills Saddle Club	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer 714-313-0553
June 28-29, 2008	The Ranch-Larimer Co. Fairgrounds	Loveland, CO	Wolfe Productions 970-897-2901
July 4-6, 2008	Play Pen Arena	Ponca City, OK	Darrel Dye 580-716-6444
July 5, 2008	Rawhide Arena	Blairstown, MO	Peggy Craig/Ervin Bauer 816-517-6742 or 660-638-4373
July 6, 2008	Latigo Trails Equestrian Center	Elbert, CO	Chad Tuttle #719-495-9046
July 19, 2008	Sport Horse Arena	Stillwater, OK	Kay Lippert 405-323-3840 or 405-707-0555
July 19, 2008	Spring Creek Arena	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener 940-668-1117
July 26, 2008	Anaheim Hills Saddle Club	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer 714-313-0553
July 23-27, 2008	Cheyenne Frontier Days	Cheyenne, WY	Wolfe Productions 970-897-2901
August 2, 2008	Rawhide Arena	Blairstown, MO	Peggy Craig/Ervin Bauer 816-517-6742 or 660-638-4373
August 10, 2008	Latigo Trails Equestrian Center	Elbert, CO	Chad Tuttle #719-495-9046
August 16, 2008	Sport Horse Arena	Stillwater, OK	Kay Lippert 405-707-0555
August 17, 2008	Double Barrel Arena	Boone, CO	Darel Tiegs 719-520-1800
August 27 & 28, 2008	Colorado State Fair	Pueblo, CO	RSNC 970-897-2901
August 30, 2008	Anaheim Hills Saddle Club	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer 714-313-0553
September 6, 2008	Rawhide Arena	Blairstown, MO	Peggy Craig/Ervin Bauer 816-517-6742 or 660-638-4373
September 7, 2008	Latigo Trails Equestrian Center	Elbert, CO	Chad Tuttle 719-495-9046
September 27, 2008	Anaheim Hills Saddle Club	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer 714-313-0553
September 28, 2008	Double Barrel Arena	Boone, CO	Darel Tiegs 719-520-1801

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ATTENTION ALL RSNC SORTERS!

Read this carefully. The Sort for the Saddle race is underway! The Top 20 Point Earners in EACH DIVISION from EACH STATE are in the running for the saddle and other awards. All riders that graduate from a Beginner or Rookie in 2008 are automatically qualified in those two divisions. Point totals follow the rider; therefore, points from any RSNC sanctioned class are added to the individual's total and advance the rider in the standings of all divisions in which he or she is qualified. This is EVERYONE'S chance to be a SADDLE WINNER! So, get out there and ride!

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