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Juan Acosta at the recent Cowhorse Ranch event near Ramona, California.

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Horse trainer, Andrey Ferreir with his son, two-year-old Trent Ferreir. Trent loves being a cowboy and can't wait until he can ride their six-year-old black mustang mare, Lil Bit, in Ranch Sorting events all by himself.



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From the President

Dave Wolfe
RSNC President



Welcome to 2009!

Wow, I am looking forward to another phenomenal year. RSNC is charging full steam ahead and we're expecting 2009 to make last year look like peanuts.

These letters are always fun to write when there is a lot to talk about and this month you'll see that this paper is packed to the brim with tons of exciting RSNC happenings.

First, if you haven't already taken a look at the Calendar of Events, please do so. Over 200 shows are booked for the 2008-2009 season and growing. There should be a series of shows near you but if there isn't pick up the phone and call me with a lead on potential Producers in your area. We have lots of good reasons for them to get involved with RSNC sortings.

One of the latest is a new one-hour instructional DVD that all new RSNC Producers will receive. This DVD can be played on your TV or your computer and guide to successfully running the want to put on RSNC events but have knowing who could run the office, concern with this Producer DVD. Producers is our first priority and to meet your needs.

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it includes a great step-by-step office at an RSNC event. If you been reluctant because of not we now can virtually solve that Once again, the success of our we will continue to work hard

We have three new flyers out for RSNC points races. They describe three ways to win. First, even if you're not fortunate enough to make it to the RSNC National Finals, RSNC has a local series awards. Four sets of laser engraved aluminum stirrups will be provided for awards to any Producer who produces a series of five RSNC events. If you are the high point Beginner (or Graduated Beginner), Rookie (or Graduated Rookie), Novice or Amateur & above in that series, you will be awarded these trophy stirrups. Second is the RSNC Sort for the Vinton Saddle Race. This contest is exactly like last year. The top 20 in each state in each of six categories qualify for 20 to 1 points respectively. Those points will be added to the points earned at the National Finals to determine the Vinton Saddle winners and top ten prize winners in each of the six categories. This creates an edge for the successful contestants throughout the year but still makes it a very exciting contest at the National Finals.

The third flyer outlines an opportunity to "Fly Your State Pride" at the Finals. The state high point individual in each of the 6 categories will be invited to ride as a team for their state. They can fly their state flag and the high point state team overall in the State Championship Extravaganza (an All Levels Handicap class) will win a Vinton Saddle for each of the six team members.

The great news about all of this is, with many brand new revisions to the RSNC website, each Producer will have their own page, and series points can be followed right along with the state and national points. This website is due up in January so be sure to check it out.

Lastly, I want to bring your attention to the National Finals article on page five. I am extremely excited to announce that there is now an opportunity for all contestants to compete at the National Finals in every class for \$50 or less. This is a family oriented association and we want the family to be able to travel to the Finals and compete together. The four Mega Big Classes now have an option A & B. Option A is just as advertised with a \$100 entry fee and a 90% payback. Option B will be a \$50 entry fee and a 70% payback based on a \$50 entry for the total # of teams in the class. Two levels of competition in one class allow the jackpot to be huge for both to share in. Bottom line is, this is exactly like the incentive class without having to fund the incentive portion for those who wish not to. 2009 will be the biggest and best ever for RSNC and we sincerely hope you can join us.

Yours truly,

Dave Wolfe, RSNC President



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WHAT'S IT LIKE TO RANCH SORT IN FLORIDA?

BY DEBBIE MCFARLAND, PALM CITY, FLORIDA

Well it is usually something like this: 78 degrees, mostly sunny, a light southwest breeze, 130 or so teams, added money and prizes, plus, good food! Sound good? Come on down, we would be glad to have you!

Our last show brought contestants from nine hours away! Brian Roberts; a new RSNC member came here from Georgia. He had such a good time he plans to make 5 shows so he can go to the finals.

The new "free membership" to new members has been really good for us here. Also having current members bring in recruits has been great; and it's fun to see who everyone brings! Lots of new faces at the shows these days. At our

last show we had at least 5 new riders in the beginner class. A few of them are new to riding, much less Sorting and competing.

We have a fun time at our shows here in sunny Florida. There is always someone to ride with and lots of people to cheer you on. Our cattle are the freshest you'll probably ever ride on. It's not often that someone gets 10 head at our shows. We are happy to be providing so much fun on horseback for so many people. We're looking forward to a BIG 2009 season. Our first show on January 3rd was our biggest yet with over 200 teams! Need a vacation? Come and visit us- It's Florida after all!!

Happy Sorting!



One of our new members this year jumped right out of the Beginner class and into the money from the #6 class. Courtney Hutto is quickly making a name for herself in the sorting pen. We're proud to have her. She is pictured with Emmett and Tish.



Traveling from 4 hours away is Bob Cornette. Bob has been Team Penning and Sorting since it began. He is a tough competitor and one you want to ride with. He is most always the highest money earner at our shows! Bob usually carries his grand daughter "Sally" along to the shows. She will surely be in the pen Sorting herself sometime soon.

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We have another little competitor that has been burning up the sorting pens in the Beginner class. Sierra Weaver is an eight-year-old young lady riding an awesome all-around little paint horse named Hercules! She has been second place the last two shows. She can really ride and likes to go fast. She is a blast to ride with. She'll be someone to reckon with soon!!



Another fairly new face won her first Beginner class this fall. Marcia Strauss just bought a sorting horse a few months ago. Bubba is a paint gelding that knows his way around the sorting arena. They have become quite a team to beat.



Our most recent Beginner class winner and also a new member is Taylor Cox, below. Taylor is 15-years-old and she came to us from jumping. She just bought Mississippi, a 24-year-old mare. Mississippi has been the first Sorting horse for many and has carried most of them to the winners circle. They too are paired up to be winners.

2009 RSNC NATIONAL FINALS — JUNE 8-13, 2009 PONCA CITY, OK

Since the announcement of the 90% payback in the four mega classes at the 2009 National Finals, the response has been tremendous. Producers all across the country, 26 states so far, have booked five show series so eager contestants in their area can get qualified. As of December 15th we have over 200 RSNC sanctioned events booked. The stage is set and plans are being made to host an unprecedented 3500+ team event. The Play Pen Arena in Ponca City, Oklahoma will be the location.

An additional 300 stalls are being shipped in to handle the onslaught of ranch sorting horses. If the cattle only knew, they would lift their tails and head for the brush. An area adjacent to the arena has been secured to allow all the room necessary for truck and trailer parking so this huge gathering of cowboys and cowgirls can spread out and even pitch a tent right there on location if they wish.

There is no better place than the Play Pen Arena for western ranching lifestyle atmosphere and contestant affordability. We are aware that there are facilities with more amenities, but with that comes tens of thousands of dollars in more costs that are always passed on to the contestant in higher entry fees, office charges and stall costs.

We at RSNC are dedicated to making this a family-

oriented sport so the family can afford to participate. That is the primary reason for moving our Finals to June. Kids will be out of school for summer vacation and the whole family can enjoy the life long memories made by traveling and competing together. Stalls for the entire week will be only \$50 for uncovered and \$75 for covered and there are no tacked on office charges.

Now we would like to address the entry fees. At the 2008 Finals we announced the 90% payback and \$100 entry fee in the four Mega Big Divisions which are the All Levels Handicap, #13 HC, #10 HC and #6w/4 Incentive. This has been received tremendously well by the hundreds of contestants that want to compete for the huge payout which that creates. We even posted examples of what 300, 400 and 500 teams would produce in paybacks. It has lit a burning fire deep down in the competitive spirit of many.

However we also have heard from others that are concerned about the affordability of the \$100 entry fee for the family-oriented contestant. We want you to know that we are listening. Therefore we have created an opportunity for all contestants to compete together with an Option A and an Option B in each of the Mega Big Divisions.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Option A will be just as advertised with a \$100 entry fee and a phenomenal 90% payback based on all teams entered.

Those who don't wish to pay the \$100 at a 90% payback can choose Option B.

Option B will be a \$50 entry fee at 70% payback on the total number of teams in the class.

This is exactly like an incentive class without participating in or having to fund the extra \$50 for the incentive portion.

These two options give all contestants the opportunity to ride together in a huge division with a huge jackpot.

The \$100 entry contestants will get a 90% payback on both the \$100 entry and the \$50 entry, exactly like the standard incentive works.

The \$50 entry contestant doesn't have to pay the additional incentive bonus but doesn't share in the additional \$50 that the \$100 entry contestant paid. Either way there will be a huge jackpot to ride for depending on your choice of entry.

PAYBACK CHART

Following are two examples of teams entered with Option A (\$100/man @ 90% payback) and Option B (\$50/man @ 70% payback).

Example 1: All Levels Handicap

400 total teams entered in Option A & B combined

Option A: 200 Teams @ \$100/man = \$40,000 plus 200 teams @\$50/man = \$20,000

Total	\$60,000
X	90% Payback
	\$54,000

Option B: Total number of teams entered in Class based on \$50/man entry fee @ 70% payback.

400 Teams @ \$50/man = \$40,000

X	70% Payback
	\$28,000

Example 2: All Levels Handicap

400 total teams entered in Option A & B combined

Option A: 300 Teams @ \$100/man = \$60,000 plus 100 Teams @ \$50/man = \$10,000

Total	\$70,000
X	90% Payback
	\$63,000

Option B: Total number of teams entered in Class based on \$50/man entry fee @ 70% payback.

400 Teams @ \$50/man = \$40,000

X	70% Payback
	\$28,000

OPTION A

Payback on \$63,000 purse

1st \$63,000 x 7.5% = \$4,725 for Fast Go

\$63,000 - \$4,725 = \$58,275

1st	25%	\$14,568.75
2nd	18%	10,489.50
3rd	13%	7,575.75
4th	10%	5,827.50
5th	8.5%	4,953.37
6th	7%	4,079.25
7th	6%	3,496.50
8th	5%	2,913.75
9th	4%	2,331.00
10th	3.5%	2,039.63

OPTION B

Payback on \$28,000 purse

\$28,000 x 7.5% = \$2,100 for Fast Go

\$28,000 - \$2,100 = \$25,900

1st	25%	\$6,475.00
2nd	18%	4,662.00
3rd	13%	3,367.00
4th	10%	2,590.00
5th	8.5%	2,201.50
6th	7%	1,813.00
7th	6%	1,554.00
8th	5%	1,295.00
9th	4%	1,036.00
10th	3.5%	906.50

If the 1st place team wins and they paid a \$100/man entry, they will receive \$14,568.75.

OR If the 1st place team wins and they paid \$50/man entry, they will receive \$6,475.

ALL DIVISIONS \$50 ENTRY FEE OR LESS WITH EXCEPTION OF OPTIONAL \$100 ENTRY IN MEGA BIG DIVISIONS FOR 90% PAYBACK

#14 RANCH HAND	\$50/MAN @ 70% PAYBACK	#6/4 INC	OPTION A	\$100/MAN @ 90% PAYBACK
#11 RANCH HAND	\$45/MAN @ 70% PAYBACK		OPTION B	\$50/MAN @ 70% PAYBACK
SADIE HAWKINS	\$40/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK	1-MAN SORT		\$50 @ 60% PAYBACK
#8 HC	\$40/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK	HILLBILLY BAREBACK SORT		\$40/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK
#10 MASTERS	\$50/MAN @ 70% PAYBACK	GRADUATED ROOKIE #12 HC SORT		\$40/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK
ALL LEVEL HC	OPTION A	GRADUATED BEG. RANCH HAND #11		\$35/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK
	OPTION B	ROOKIE #11 SORT		\$35/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK
#13 HC	OPTION A	BEG. RANCH HAND		\$30/MAN @ 60% PAYBACK
	OPTION B			
#10 HC	OPTION A			
	OPTION B			

RSNC MEMBERS FORUM

We want to hear from you! Please send your comments, suggestions or questions to:
Members Forum, c/o RSNC Publications
P.O. Box 1, Wellington, CO 80549
or email: info@rsnc.us

In this month's Members Forum, we received some very interesting letters. One example is from Billy Schenk in New Mexico and the second is from Craig Jensen from Kansas.

Billy's letter is a letter that he sent to all members of his Ranch Sorting club at year end. If you have ever produced events, you will be able to relate to his comments and get a big chuckle out of it at the same time. Thank you Billy, for agreeing to produce RSNC events in this upcoming year and for having such a great sense of humor!

The Double Standard Ranch Penning and Sorting series made it through another season more or less intact. We hope it appeared to be successful for all of you who participated both as production crew as well as for those who rode or watched. The illusion is what counts the most. From a personal perspective it was like being on tornado alert for seven months straight, constantly assessing one catastrophe after another, and then patching it all back together . . . fast!

Generally at the end of the season you announce who your division winners were and who the high point champion is. Think, Oscar ceremonies, red carpet, big production, televised world-wide, all the winners giving their one minute speech. But what if, instead, we listed the names of the dozens and dozens of folks who didn't win a buckle, to recognize all of their competitive efforts that ended, quietly. Then you could figure out who our belt buckle winners were by a process of elimination. Everybody kind of knows who they were anyway. In some of the divisions there was suspense right up to the end. Some of it played out into the night. We didn't have lights at the arena so it was like the old days of old time rodeos — line up the trucks and cars around the round pens with the headlights on. Fortunately, it only happened for the last nine rides of the Draw Sorting. The judges and riders just pretended they could see the numbers on the cows or their stop watches. Here are your 2008 winners:

Novice Penning: Pat Kil	Novice Sorting: Danny Smith
Amateur Penning: Sharon Schenk	Amateur Sorting: Curt Loenser
Open Penning: Jake Jacobs	Open Sorting: Amanda Deerman
High Point Champion: Kurt Loenser	

Here is a list of those who didn't win. Bobby Atwood, Jim Crossey, Gary Fletcher, Rodger Ford, Gary Lesh, Jan Lesh, Jordan Lesh, Roger Shord, Robbie Salsbrenner, etc., etc. There are thousands on this list . . . Tiger Woods, Muhammad Ali, Tom Brady . . . Jasper Vassau, Phillip Cordova, Pam Decker, they were close!

We also appreciate all of the new players who showed up all season long as first time riders.

We hope you got enough of a taste to come back next season.

Oh yeah, and these events would not have transpired smoothly, or at all, without our judges, Roxy, Ann, James, Lexe and Matt, not to mention our steadfast, patient and funny crow's nest crew of Shelley, Delyse, Janice and Lexie (she's multi-talented)!!!

As a final note for the season I want to say for those of us who knew Sam Condo, we're going to miss you. Sam always gave me a ride right from the get go, even when I was the greenest of rookies. Sam kind of reminded me of Sam the Lion from "The Last Picture Show." It was all good.

Billy Schenk, October 2008 newsletter for the Double Standard Ranch

Another example came in the form of an e-mail from Craig Jensen of Kansas. Craig is an RSNC member that addressed a concern that others had also relayed to me since the announcement about the four Big Mega Classes at the 2009 Finals. Thanks to Craig's and others for their willingness to give us this positive feedback.

Entry Fees at the Finals

In my recent Ranch Sorter Magazine I noticed that you are going to charge \$100.00 per ride at the finals this year. I hope that you realize, this is not affordable for many families! I assure you that I will not be able to ride as much as I would like at finals because of the high fees. I realize that to have the big pay back you have to have the fees be higher but I think that you will run off a heck of a bunch of rides doing this and will make the finals a lot smaller event and only be affordable for the people with the deep pockets and big check books.

I would like to see you reconsider the entry fees in all the classes. If you do this, I think that the finals will be bigger and better than they were last year.

Craig Jensen, Scranton, Kansas

We at RSNC are willing and able to make adjustments to support our members and make this year's Finals even bigger and better. We now have "Something for Everyone" with two levels of entry and payback in the four Mega Big classes. This eliminates splitting the pot so everyone can share in one huge purse with 100's of teams. It allows the \$100 entry contestants to win 90% back of both the \$100 and \$50 entry fee. In addition, the \$50 per entry contestant can win 70% back with the excitement of a huge purse with tens of thousands of dollars on the line.

This year, we will give contestants their choice and next year we will have a better barometer of what our members prefer. Thanks again to Craig and others for bringing forth some great suggestions.

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HILL & BILLY

Our good ol' boys Hill and Billy are gathering up all the new exciting info that RSNC is kicking out and are trying to wrap their brains around it.

Hill: Well Billy, they done it agin.

Billy: Whats that Hill?

Hill: Them good folks at RSNC have come out with more good stuff for the upcoming year.

Billy: I seen that they gots some new fancy flyers out. Is that whats your talking about?

Hill: Yeah, them and a whole lot more, like what they got layed out for the Finals in June.

Billy: OK already, now slow down just a speck. Let's start with them fancy flyers. I think they got something to do with points and awards. Oh, and by the way, I thought of some acorns for RSNC. Really Spectacular Newfangled Competition, Rockin' Shakin' Newfangled Competition.

Hill: It's all about why we are lucky to be hooked up with RSNC. They are giving awards away at 3 different levels. 1st is if we go down the road here past Hickory Lane to Jr. Samples place at the Jack Daniels arena and I end up the high point Beginner and you end up the high point Rookie and Miss Rosetta ends up the high point Novice and Jr. takes the high point Amateur & above after 5 shows,

the RSNC is gonna give us some fancy lazer engraved aluminum stirrups for our saddles.

Billy: OK that's cool. Now what's up with the other 2 flyers?

Hill: It's more ways to win but now it's some bigger stuff.

Billy: Like what?

Hill: Well, glad you asked cuz you need to get your feeble little brain wrapped around it cuz me and you need to get on a mission to win some saddles. There's 2 ways to win so lissen up! First, one flyer tells about the repeat of the RSNC Sort for the Vinton Saddles Race that they did last year. That's where all you got to do is be in the top 20 in our state as a Beginner, Rookie, Novice, Amateur, Open or Masters and we get to go to the Finals with 20 to 1 points. Then we add those points to points we win at the Finals to see who wins saddles and prizes thru 10th place in each one of those categories.

Billy: That's just exactly like last year right?

Hill: Yep, and it was down to the wire for everybody to know who won.

Billy: I'm sure I would a won if my truck didn't break down at the motel and I had to have it towed to the arena. Did you know they charged me \$75 fur that?

Hill: That sounds like a lot Billy.

Billy: It was but I was shur I got my moneys worth.

Hill: How's that?

Billy: I pushed on the brakes the whole way.

Billy: OK, I got that one, now what's this new one they got goin'?

Hill: This one is even more cool. If you are 1st in your state in any one of those 6 categories, then there are 6 more saddles to sort for in a special All Levels class at the Finals just for all the High Point winners from each state.

Billy: Ya mean we get to represent our state at the Finals?

Hill: That's right. It's a State Championships Extravagananza or what ever that word is. Bottom line, we bring our state flag and the 6 winners from our state boxes together with 2 rides each to make us 6 teams. All other states do the same and the state that comes out on top wins 6 Vinton saddles. That's one for all 6 members of the state team!

Billy: Hill, me and you got to be 1st in our rating cuz that will be one shindig we got to take a run at.

Hill: OK, sounds like the lights finally came on up there in your noggin. If you ready, I'm ready.

Billy: Let's go git some points. Oh, here is some more acorns: Radically Serious Nonsense Common, Real Sorting Nice Communities, Real Sorting New Camaraderie.

Hill: That's the one I like now let's get back to business.

Billy: What about them Finals in June you was starting to tell me about.

Hill: I'm gonna keep it real simple just for you Billy. Here's the deal. If you wants to ride for tons of money and a 90% payback, you put up your \$100/ride and go win a wheelbarrow full. If you think the \$100/ride is a little rich for your blood then you can ride in the same class for \$50/ride and a 70% payback. All you need to know is that this is exactly like the incentive classes but you don't pay the \$50 into the incentive pot so you don't ride for an incentive.

Billy: Jumpin Jahosafat! 2 classes in one and 2 different entries depending on how much you want to play for. It's Sorting for Everyone!

Hill: With the number of shows and states RSNC already has signed up, and the way they now have Sorting for everyone at every price all the way down to \$25 entry fees, this will be just like the Hill Billy family reunion where there ain't no more frogs left croakin for miles cuz the frogs are all et up.

Billy: Yep, there's only one thing I like more than Ranch Sorting.

Hill: What's that Billy?

Billy: Layin in bed and ringin for the butler.

Hill: I didn't know you had a butler.

Billy: I don't but I have a bell.

ACCURACY OF CONTESTANTS RATINGS

The integrity of an association is obviously dependant on many things but none more important than that of ratings. Over the past 15 years many associations have come and gone due to the simple fact that disagreements have arisen and divided the membership bases with in a club. Or in some instances no effort was put into attempting to accurately rate contestants therefore certain individuals would always win and others would get discouraged and quit. RSNC hopes to take advantage of these valuable lessons learned by going the extra mile to assure its members that ratings are and always will be a top priority with in the association.

Outlined below are the RSNC RATING CRITERIA and the steps that RSNC is initiating to assure that the criteria are followed.

The #1 Beginner is defined as a #1 rated RSNC contestant who has won less than 3 average checks in RSNC events. To initially be rated a Beginner a contestant must be a Novice rider on a Novice horse who has not won 3 checks in any sorting or cow horse competition. A Beginner does not need to become a member for 3 checks the 1st year to ride in the Beginners class (Beginner Ranch Hand Handicap). To ride in all other divisions, a Beginner must have a current RSNC membership. This is an introductory trial for a Beginner into the sport of Ranch Sorting. Day pass rules do not apply if the rider is a Beginner.

The #2/Rookie rating is only for those participants that have never been rated higher than #1 in any sorting/cowhorse organization. Once a #2/Rookie's earnings in RSNC sanctioned events reaches \$1000 and that amount has been confirmed and recorded at the RSNC Headquarters, he/she will no longer be eligible to ride as a #2 Rookie.

A Novice is defined as a #3 or #4 rated contestant that is inconsistent in their ability to sort cattle whether it is because of their cattle reading ability, their ability to get successful partners and/or the ability of their horse. Any new member that has won over \$1000 in Ranch Sorting events will not be rated below a #3 Novice.

An Amateur is defined as a sorter that is just below or just above average in their ability to sort cattle. This is a contestant that can read cattle, is aggressive and confident and is riding an athletic cow horse. From time to time this contestant or their horse will make minor errors that prevent them from consistently sorting. Those that are considered just below average should be a #5 and just above average should be a #6.

An Open Rider is an individual that excels within the sport of Ranch Sorting. These are experienced sorters that have continued to improve and advance within the rating system or professional horseman that have recently entered the sport and their horses and sorting abilities dictate that they are superior to the Novice and Amateur contestants. These could be cutting horse and cowhorse trainers that in a very short period of time have learned how to be competitive in sorting and have advanced to the open level. There are three levels within the open division.

The #7 is considered to good to ride as an Amateur, but either doesn't have an exceptional horse or who may have a slower reaction time than the best riders in the industry. This contestant's win/loss ratio prevents him/her from advancing.

The #8 is a professional ranch sorter. This

contestant can travel anywhere in the country and be competitive in Open Ranch Sorting Divisions but does not consistently win like the #9 contestant. .

The #9 is reserved for the elite within the industry. They reflect the standard of excellence, which all others strive to achieve.

Now that over 200 events are booked for RSNC this season there will be many new contestants coming on board that will need to be assigned a rating. In many instances our producers will have that responsibility. They will ask the contestant to fill out a rating survey which asked specific questions that help them determine a fair rating.

The questions are:

- 1 How many years have you been sorting?
- 2 How many years have you been involved in other cowhorse events?
- 3 How many saddles and/or buckles have you won in sorting?
- 4 How many saddles and/or buckles have you won in other cowhorse events?
- 5 Over the last 3 years how much money have you won in sorting?
- 6 Over the last 3 years how much money have you won in other cowhorse events?

Then it asked you to rate your and your horse's ability on a scale of 1 to 9 with a 1 being a brand new novice beginner and a 9 being a professional.

The last thing asked for is a list of your ratings for all sorting and other cowhorse organizations in which you are or have been competing with in the last 10 years.

If there is any additional information that may affect the accuracy of your rating you are asked to include that also.

From this survey a producer can consistently rate the contestants at his or her event from a number 1 to a number 9. However, this is a probationary rating that is sent to the RSNC office that will be checked against a database of literally tens of thousands of contestants to assure that the survey was accurately completed. If it is approved by RSNC a membership letter will be sent to the contestant with the assigned rating that will be entered into the national database. This will allow the contestant to compete in RSNC sanctioned events all across the US at that rating.

The database is also how the association tracks the success of that contestant at that rating. For every sanctioned show our producers have the

responsibility of sending results from their event. Those results include the dollars won by every contestant and the dollars spent on entry fees by every contestant. Throughout the year those dollars won are divided by dollars spent to monitor the success of contestants. Multiple times a year all members will have their win loss ratio compared against all other contestants of their same rating. Those at the top and bottom of the scale in each category will be moved up or down respectively. All others will stay where they are. This system treats every contestant exactly alike making it the FAIREST possible system available. If at any time during the year a producer suggests that a contestant be reviewed to go up or down, they can contact the office. The ratio may support the producer's request in which case the rating will be changed or it may not, in which case the rating will not be changed.

This system works great until there is a producer who consistently rates all his or her contestants too high or too low and then they travel outside their area, to the National Finals for instance. If 30 states are consistent and accurate and one state has contestants rated too high or low than contestants from that state has an unfair disadvantage or advantage at the National Finals. RSNC wants all contestants to know that a National Finals Rating Committee will be assigned the responsibility to assure this doesn't happen.

Rule 2.5 in the RSNC rule book states:

National Finals Rating Committee: A rating committee will be in place to review all questionable ratings at the 2009 National Finals. It will be the committee's sole responsibility to observe and review all

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RANCH SORTING AT HUSKER HARVEST DAYS

If you are from Nebraska and involved with agriculture in any way what so ever, then you know that the Husker Harvest Days is a celebration in early fall that you must attend. Virtually hundreds of thousands from the farming and ranch communities attend this great event in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Each year, Roger and

Monica Williams produce a Ranch Sorting that is the only live exhibit there. They literally plow up a corn field, bring in a semi-load of panels provided by Behlen and produce the event.

It is fun camaraderie while at the same time a great opportunity to showcase the sport to many who have never seen it. RSNC is excited to have Roger and

Monica on board with some RSNC sanctioned events for 2009. Their first show is scheduled for February 7th. Be sure to check the RSNC Calendar of Events for their dates in St. Paul and Doc Burton Smith's dates in Elkhorn. There are a lot of enthusiastic Ranch Sorters in Nebraska and we hope they can all get qualified to attend the RSNC National Finals this June.

For more information on Husker Harvest Days and RSNC events in Nebraska, contact Roger Williams at #308-750-6271.



Cindy Murray & Dave Wolfe

SPRING CREEK ARENA GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

RSNC would like to thank Brian Kammerdiener and Tommy Roberson of Spring Creek Arena in Gainesville, Texas for being the first of now many arenas across the state to sanction RSNC events. Their dedication to the sport of Ranch Sorting has contributed to many new participants and has set a great example for many to follow.

November 22 was their first event following the RSNC Finals in October and the response was great with over 200 teams anxious to get qualified for the 2009 Finals.

Mr. Bryan Kammerdiener and Mr. Cody McCutchin took the Masters title with

18 teams in the division. Following that was the #13 HC with 36 teams. Kyle Rater and Bryan Blackman were the top dogs earning them \$144 and 7 points.

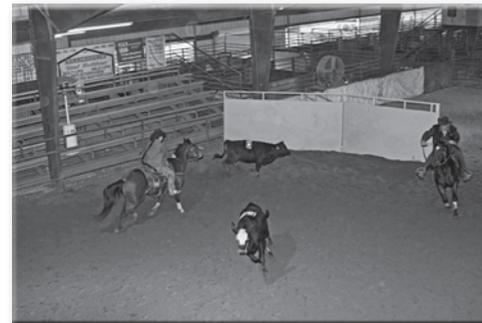
Congratulations to Kellie Herrington and Terrie Dear for their win in the Beginner Ranch Hand class. Those 1st place checks in the sport mean a lot more than the amount of money won and we are glad they are winning.

Dennis Brooks and Tony Gibbs won the #10 HC which was the largest class of the day with 64 teams. That gave them 9 points and \$218 to stick in their pockets.

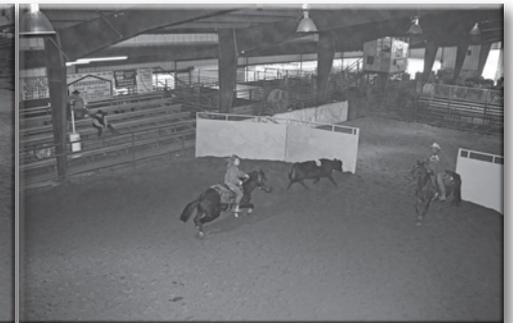
The #6 was next with 43 teams. Terrie Dear and Margie Spence were the only team to sort 19 head so they earned 8 points and \$196 for first place.

The last class of the day was the #3 and a brand new contestant, Mr. Trevor Brook was extremely excited to take home the win with Dean Byrd.

If you're in north Texas or southern Oklahoma you will want to be sure to check out the Spring Creek Arena schedule for upcoming events. They produce great shows and they know how to have fun!



Margie Spence / Bryan Kammerdiener



Michelle Spada / Cody McCutchin



Kellie Herrington / Kathy Gibbs



Kellie Herrington / Michelle Spada



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Join in the fun and be one of the Top 20 Point earners from your State to compete for Vinton Saddles and other great prizes at the RSNC Finals!



Here's how the competition Works...

High point contestants in each of the 6 rating categories from each state that compete in at least 5 RSNC sanctioned events during the season will receive State High Point recognition awards.

The Top 20 High Point earners in each category from each State will enter the Finals in June with 20 points down to 1 point respectively.

At the National Finals - one Vinton Saddle will be awarded to the over all High Point winning contestants in each of the 6 rating categories.

Plus, other great prizes will be awarded through 10th place!.

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VIVA LAS VEGAS!

BY DEBBIE MCFARLAND, PALM CITY, FLORIDA



NFR Rodeo

The RSNC hit Las Vegas; and did we have fun! How much fun was it? Limousines, Cocktails, Fine Dining, Rodeo, Shopping, New Friends, Bucking Stock Sale, Helicopter tour, The Grand Canyon, Earthquakes; YES Earthquakes. Oh, and Gambling! That's how much fun it was!

It all started with 6 of us from Florida flying in. We were met at the luggage rack by Van Gemmill himself; and escorted to our "Castle" motel via stretch limousine. Upon getting checked in we met the rest of the RSNC group for happy hour. Van once again played host and served us all up some cold drinks. We got to meet a few of the other trip winners as well as the newest addition to our RSNC family: Steve and Phil.



Danny McFarland, Dudley & Cheryl Kirton



Van & Jeannine Gemmill

they're a super addition to the RSNC. After quite a bit of chit chatting it was time to find a place to eat and watch the NFR on TV. We found a wild place "with an attitude" right at our hotel. Dicks Last Resort was a riot! Funny hats, napkins blown around the room, balloons in my hair, smart alec waiters; rude bartenders- it was too funny! We had a really good time and it was free; thanks to the RSNC once again.

Friday we were all on our own. I hear there was a lot of

shopping going on while the head honchos were in meetings all day. My husband and I decided to take a walk and check out some of the other hotels. They didn't



Dave & Mandy Wolfe

look that far away! Wrong. We were out of air and energy by the time we got back to our hotel to meet up for a helicopter tour and picnic in the Grand Canyon. We decided to splurge since we had not spent hardly a penny so far. This tour was awesome; it is a great way to see the area. We flew over the strip as well as the Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. The Grand Canyon is as spectacular as you've heard. Next up for the day was the Bucking Stock sale. It was something different to see. Shopping was calling us girls; so off we went to check out Cowboy Christmas. There was so much western, cowboy, cowgirl stuff it was mind boggling. There was almost too much to see in the few days we were there. There were 3 different locations full of stuff just for us. When we all thought we couldn't walk another step; we walked the mile back to our rooms, powdered our noses and headed out for happy hour again! The California group joined in with us. They are super nice and really funny. They seem to be as excited about Ranch Sorting as we are. Once everyone showed up we were off to a very nice dinner at Binions in Old Downtown Las Vegas. The restaurant is on the 24th floor. We had an awesome view of the city below, through floor to ceiling windows-WOW. Along with our awesome meal there was a little EARTHQUAKE! The whole building swayed. It was my first and I hope last earthquake; it was quite unnerving. After dinner our Florida group headed out for a show at the Mirage. We saw the comedian Ron White- he is way to funny! We busted our sides. I think it is safe to say we did more cool things in one day than should be allowed!! Thanks RSNC. But wait, there's more.....

Saturday was pretty much a shopping day for all, with the NFR scheduled to start early Saturday night. The NFR was



everything I thought it would be. A laser light show, Reba Macintyre singing Kevin Speer & LeeAnn Dingman

the National Anthem, and awesome cowboys and cowgirls. The roping was incredible! What a way to end our trip to Vegas! What a show the NFR is.

In attendance were Van, Jeannine, Danny, Debbie, Cheryl, Dudley, Tish, Emmett, Dave, Mandy, Tim, Kathy and Family, Steve, Phil, Jim, Steve, Diane, John, Sandy, Rex, Terri, Kevin and LeeAnn. Our new sponsor Dan Kingcade of Trojan Horse Walkers was also able to join us.

Our trip to Las Vegas was an all out, non-stop, FUN vacation; and RSNC footed the bill. Thank you so much to everyone at the RSNC for going all out for us; your producers and your contestants!!



Sandy Minnich, Kathy & Tim Gilbert



Debbie McFarland



Van Gemmill, Dave Wolfe, John & Sandy Minnich

LAS VEGAS NATIONAL FINALS RODEO PRIZE

Dear Dave,

My wife and I just returned yesterday from the fantastic first place prize trip to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas I received after winning the RSNC Beginner Ranch Hand Sorting class at the finals in Ponca City, OK. We had received a packet in the mail in November with the trip information, airline tickets and hotel information along with contact number if there were any questions or problems. On Wednesday, the day prior to us leaving, we received a phone call from Lisa Weant of the RSNC office, who just wanted to let us know that all reservations and airplane tickets were rechecked and re-confirmed. She also said that we would be greeted at the airport baggage claim area and receive transportation to the Excalibur Hotel and Casino where we would be staying three nights and attend Saturday evening's performance at the National Finals Rodeo. You cannot believe how much that phone call meant to my wife who normally is the one who has to check all our trip confirmations and details.

We were greeted at the baggage claim by Mrs. Jeannine Gemmill, (wife of Van Gemmill, RSNC CEO). Little did we know that being greeted at the airport included a beautiful black limousine ride to the hotel. Jeannine then helped us check in and let us know that we would be meeting you, her husband and several RSNC producers and management personnel for drinks prior to dinner at the Excalibur Dick's Bar & Grill. We were able to watch the National Finals evening events on closed circuit television and get to know and talk with the RSNC folks. We cannot say just how much we appreciated the warm reception we received from everyone and their spouses that afternoon and evening and throughout our entire stay.

The next two days my wife and I explored the three various Cowboy Christmas' convention sites. Friday evening we had a magnificent dinner with RSNC personnel at the downtown Binon's Restaurant. Afterwards, outside the restaurant, a wonderful laser and music show entertained us. Saturday evening topped off this fantastic trip with our rodeo seats at the National Finals Rodeo. We have never seen a rodeo of this caliber as it definitely topped Denver's National Western Stock Show, the Greeley Stampede and Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo we had seen throughout numerous years. Vegas, we'll be back!!!

We cannot express to you enough just how wonderful and worry-free this trip was made for us. We want to thank you and everyone else involved in making this prize something to remember and cherish for a lifetime. The hospitality extended by the RSNC personnel was always very warm, gracious and far more that we ever imagined. You will definitely see me at future RSNC events and at the June 2009 RSNC National Finals in Ponca City.

Sincerely yours,
Rex Walker
Dunnegan, Missouri



Debbie McFarland



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Rex & Terry Walker



Cheryl Kirton, Emmett Whitehurst, Tish Prine & Danny McFarland

NEW YEAR'S SORTINGS — BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER

Out with a bang and in with a blast was the tempo set by 7 RSNC Producers the weekend before, during and after New Years. They were spread out all across the country with Sortings in Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

Tucson, Arizona

Bobby Bishop of Tucson, Arizona set the stage just before New Years with a gathering around the campfire right next to the sorting pens. This was a great opportunity to not only keep warm on a 28 degree morning but also to laugh and visit about Christmas, wives, kids, dogs and of course weather. All we needed were some branding irons and we could have stepped back in time

100 years in the rugged western scenes of Arizona ranching cowboys.

Congratulations to the Arizona winners and thank you for all of your positive comments about RSNC events coming to your state.

Golden, Colorado

RSNC is definitely big in Colorado, home of the National Head Quarters. January 3rd was an RSNC event at the Jefferson County

Fairgrounds hosted by Wolfe Productions. Tons of contestants new to the sport participated along with a strong contingent of RMTPA members.

The first class of the day was the Beginner Ranch Hand with 90 teams of enthusiastic new sorters. Thanks for bringing your enthusiasm to our sport. Amanda Simonson was a big winner earning her 3rd RSNC check making her a new Rookie Sorter. Thanks again

to all of the experienced riders who were willing to ride in the gate for the new contestants.

The All Levels Handicap was participated in by contestants at every rating and the 87 teams that entered all had a fair opportunity to win. Alan Kirkbride and Dave Wolfe were 1st with many other amateur and novice riders in the top 5.

Mr. Kevin Speer was the only contestant to get a time in the Top 10 of the 42 team Rookie #11 Sort. His ability to



Broken Wheel Ranch, Tucson, Arizona

control a wild herd earned him a prestigious 1st place.

Other big winners were Robert Wright and John Melarane in the #11 Ranch Hand, Mike Hansen and Leslie Laing in the #10 HC and Jennifer Rea and Leslie Laing in the #6 HC.

It was a great event with nearly 300 teams competing.

Many will see their names appearing in the points races on the RSNC website this month.



Kip and Wesley Appenzeller



Alan Kirkbride & Dave Wolfe
- All Levels HC winners



Jeff Keller

atmosphere with great camaraderie.

First we started off Saturday morning with the All Levels HC class having 23 teams and winning this class was a husband and wife

duo from Texas, Dan and Jill Spradley. Next was the #11 RH-HC class with 30 teams. Taking home 1st place was Van Gemmill and Thomas Thornlakson. Then it was time to bring in the #6 Sort with 60 teams. A Mother/Daughter combo, Lisa Weant and Jeannine Gemmill, was the winning team here. The #4 class was a large one as well, 42 teams, coming in 1st place here was Christy Bowen and Wendy La'Nee Barnes.

Winning the #10 HC class with 54 teams was Danielle Goyer and Bill Dawdy. To finish off the day we had 24 teams in the #13 HC with Jordan Lesh and Kyle Rogers taking the lead. This was a fast and furious paced class.

Sunday turned cold and frigid but Sorters didn't seem to mind, everyone was having fun.

It was very comfortable inside the arena. We had 20 teams in the All Levels HC with Joel Lesh and Thomas Thorlakson taking the win. The Beginners RH HC class was again very successful and exciting.

Not only did the experienced gate people start hootin and hollerin but the crowd as well as other contestants really got into it and were helping out the beginner sorters.

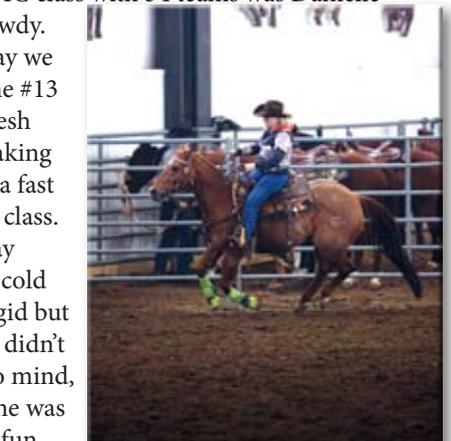
We had 59 teams and the team that finally pulled into the lead was Rae Nell Spies with Jeannine Gemmill holding the gate. THEN, we slowed things down



Logan Wolfe & Bob Reed



Kelcy Melarane



Linda Miller

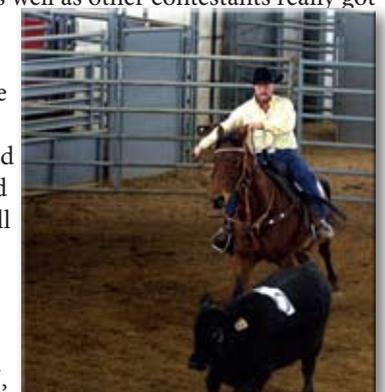


Wesley and Susan Appenzeller

Pen Arena in Ponca City, Oklahoma on horseback Ranch Sorting. We had 386 RSNC teams for our 2 day show and it was Great! We had a nice relaxed



Thomas Thorlakson & Joel Lesh



John Melarane

to give the "Masters" contestants time to regroup and look at the running order. This, by the way, was blown up BIG so that they could read it better. Gary Parli along with Van Gemmill made it to 1st place. Shelley Fitzgerald and Jared Bronaugh beat out 51 teams in the #11 Rookie RH-HC class.

To finish up the show was the FAMOUS RANCH SORTERS of the whole weekend. The Beginner Youth class was awesome. There were 11 teams and every team had the whole place rooting for them. Austin Woods and his mom Christy took home the 1st place winnings but we decided to make it a little extra special for our little sorters and made sure that every kid got to take some cash

home with them. We sure were proud of them. We enjoyed every one of you coming to our arena and look forward to seeing you at our next show.

Some shows were big and others were bigger but as you can see, they all had fun. That is top priority for RSNC. Sure, everyone wants to win a check and at least come close to offsetting their entry fees but, realizing that some will and

many will not, enjoying the competition with friends and family is the only, for sure, attainable goal that we as an association and your producers can work toward providing. I am pleased to say in my conversations with the many new RSNC producers, we are all on the same page and excited about creating an atmosphere conducive to FUN!



Roger Williams



Amanda Simonson



Wesley and Colton Appenzeller-13 HC winners



Lisa/Jeannine



Tom Ranucci



Van/ Thomas Thorlakson



Jeannine/ Rae Nell Spies



Susan and Wesley Appenzeller-All Levels HC winners



Dan & Jill Spradley



Fred Garner and Dave Williams- Masters class winners



Pennie Bishop and Sheila Pirrone-8 HC winners



Sarah McGowen-Beg RH winner



Jared Bronaugh/ Shelley Fitzgerald



Gary Markle



Christy and Austin Woods



Jack Gordon



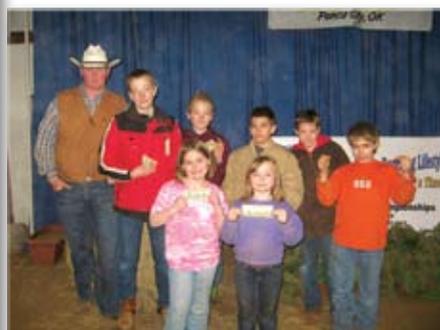
Gary Markle



Danielle Goyer/ Bill Dawdy



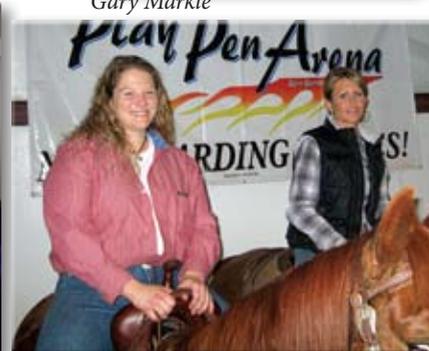
Van/ Gary Parli



Beginner Youth riders



Chris Eastwood



Christy Bowen/Wendy La'Nee Barnes



Jordan Lesh/ Kyle Rogers



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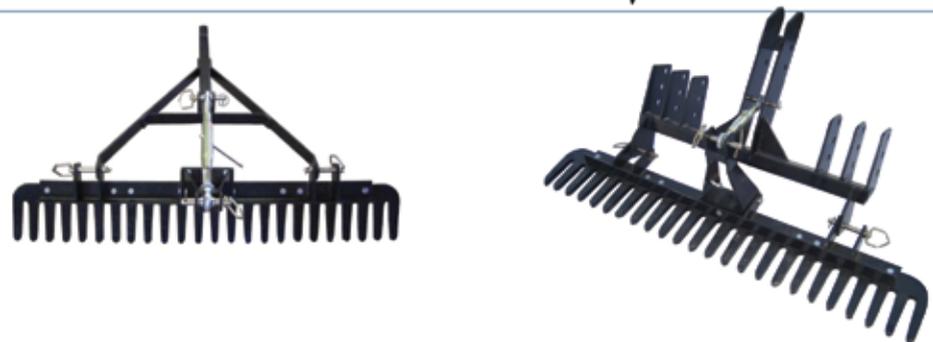
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2008-09 Sort for the Saddle Point Standings

Top 10 Riders By STATE * Indicates Frozen Competitor

RSNC Shows calculated into the points race for this posting :

Boone CO - 10/25/08
Palm City FL - 11/1/08
Thermopolis WY - 11/9/08

Pueblo CO - 11/15/08
Gainesville TX - 11/22/08
Ponca City OK - 11/21/08

Palm City FL - 11/29/08
Ardmore OK - 12/6/08
Bastrop TX - 12/6/08

Humansville MO - 12/14/08
Gainesville, TX - 12/13/08
Ponca City, OK - 01/03/09

Golden, CO - 1/3/09

NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV	NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV	NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV	NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV				
ARKANSAS - AR					Jim Crossey	CO	2.5	5	Amateur	Masters					Tim Gilbert	OK	12.5	2	Rookie				
Masters					Dave Wolfe	CO	0.5	7	Open	Ken Wallace	KS	5.0	4	Novice	Larry Weinauf	OK	11.0	2	Rookie				
Bill Lawless	AR	7.0	7	Open	FLORIDA - FL					MINNESOTA - MN					Lisa Weant	OK	9.5	2	Rookie				
CANADA - CA					Beginner					Beginner					John Adams	OK	9.5	2	Rookie				
Novice					Sierra Weaver	FL	14.0	1	Beginner	Kathy Coleman	MN	2.5	1	Beginner	Sylvia Smith	OK	9.0	2	Rookie				
Thomas Thorlakson	CAN	8.5	4	Novice	Marcia Strauss	FL	12.5	1	Beginner	Novice					Jennifer Jetton	OK	6.0	2	Rookie				
COLORADO - CO					Taylor Cox	FL	10.0	1	Beginner	Steve Olsen	MN	6.0	4	Novice	Carl Martin	OK	6.0	2	Rookie				
Beginner					Virginia Malkemes	FL	10.0	1	Beginner	MISSOURI - MO					Jodi Meller	OK	4.0	2	Rookie				
Amanda Simonson	CO	16.0	1	Beginner	Frank Vitani	FL	9.0	1	Beginner	Beginner					Paula Hart	OK	2.5	2	Rookie				
Chris Eastwood	CO	15.0	1	Beginner	Montana Hataway	FL	6.0	1	Beginner	Bill Colbert	MO	0.5	1	Beginner	Wendy Barnes	OK	2.0	2	Rookie				
Tom Ranucci	CO	14.0	1	Beginner	Johanna Smith	FL	5.0	1	Beginner	Randy Hall	MO	3.0	1	Beginner	Albert Beard	OK	2.0	2	Rookie				
Gary Speaker	CO	6.0	1	Beginner	Nancy Skelly	FL	4.0	1	Beginner	Lacy Reed	MO	3.0	1	Beginner	D.L. Osborne	OK	0.5	2	Rookie				
Jennefer Donnelly	CO	5.0	1	Beginner	Bailey Kirton	FL	2.5	1	Beginner	Ronnie Wilson	MO	3.0	1	Beginner	Novice								
Katrina Chambers	CO	0.5	1	Beginner	Greg Caldwell	FL	1.0	1	Beginner	Weston Hall	MO	2.0	1	Beginner	Hoss Frank	OK	47.5	3	Novice				
Jack(Norman) Gordon	CO	0.5	1	Beginner	Rookie					Dave Sikes	MO	1.0	1	Beginner	Mike Smith	OK	43.0	4	Novice				
Rookie					Courtney Hutto	FL	18.0	2	Rookie	Kenny Sikes	MO	1.0	1	Beginner	Lance Weant	OK	34.0	4	Novice				
Leslie Laing	CO	17.5	2	Rookie	Linda Cirincione	FL	9.0	2	Rookie	Wendy Smith	MO	0.5	1	Beginner	jeannine Gemmill	OK	31.0	4	Novice				
Kevin Speer	CO	17.0	2	Rookie	Courtney Hutto	FL	5.0	2	Rookie	Rookie					Danyll Gemmill	OK	28.0	4	Novice				
Richard Noring	CO	6.0	2	Rookie	Michelle Durrance	FL	4.0	2	Rookie	Sheri Combs	MO	1.0	2	Rookie	Tom Jetton	OK	19.0	3	Novice				
Mike Emberton	CO	5.0	2	Rookie	Matthew Dunmire	FL	3.0	2	Rookie	Sonia Williams	MO	0.5	2	Rookie	Linda Scott	OK	17.0	3	Novice				
Josh Smith	CO	3.0	2	Rookie	Ron McClendon	FL	3.0	2	Rookie	Novice						Tristan McCormick	OK	16.0	4	Novice			
Allison Brantley	CO	3.0	2	Rookie	Shelby Thomas	FL	2.0	2	Rookie	Ralph VanDorn	MO	5.5	3	Novice	Tom Moses	OK	14.5	3	Novice				
Novice					Shannon Royal	FL	1.0	2	Rookie	Bob Peterson	MO	4.0	3	Novice	Jeff Frank	OK	13.0	3	Novice				
Mike O'Brien	CO	25.5	3	Novice	Candi Vitani	FL	0.5	2	Rookie	Laurie Jones	MO	2.5	4	Novice	Christy Bowen	OK	13.0	3	Novice				
Linda Miller	CO	18.0	3	Novice	Novice					Jerry Estes	MO	0.5	4	Novice	Yvette Teele	OK	12.5	3	Novice				
Kason Wolfe	CO	15.0	4	Novice	Roy Thomas	FL	29.5	4	Novice	Open						Dennis Buss	OK	12.0	4	Novice			
Suzy Karlinski	CO	12.0	3	Novice	Ed Parks	FL	23.5	2	Rookie	Matt Stevens	MO	8.5	7	Open	Richard Avara	OK	12.0	4	Novice				
Laura Miller	CO	12.0	3	Novice	Blakely Williams	FL	16.0	4	Novice	Masters					Courtney Blackman	OK	11.5	3	Novice				
John Melarane	CO	11.0	3	Novice	Heather Thomas	FL	15.5	3	Novice	George Payne	MO	1.0	4	Novice	Danielle Goyer	OK	11.0	3	Novice				
Fred Speirs	CO	10.5	3	Novice	Tish Prine	FL	11.0	3	Novice	Jerry Estes	MO	0.5	4	Novice	Gary Parli	OK	10.0	3	Novice				
Lindsay Miller	CO	9.5	4	Novice	Liz McClendon	FL	10.0	4	Novice	Ralph VanDorn	MO	0.5	3	Novice	Kathy Gilbert	OK	8.5	3	Novice				
LeeAnn Budinger	CO	9.0	4	Novice	Emmett Whitehurst	FL	7.5	4	Novice	NEBRASKA - NE					Randy Barbee	OK	8.0	3	Novice				
Bob Reed	CO	8.0	3	Novice	Mike Grier	FL	3.0	4	Novice	Novice					Clay West	OK	7.5	4	Novice				
Robert Wright	CO	8.0	4	Novice	Brian Street	FL	1.5	3	Novice	Randy Warner	NE	7	4	Novice	Tom Scott	OK	6.5	3	Novice				
Julie Phillips	CO	6.5	3	Novice	Dillon Stalhut	FL	1.0	3	Novice	NEW MEXICO - NM					Lucky Barbee	OK	6.0	4	Novice				
Tony Miller	CO	5.5	3	Novice	Danna McFarland	FL	0.5	3	Novice	Novice					Steve Ryan	OK	6.0	4	Novice				
Jennifer Rea	CO	5.5	3	Novice	Amateur					Nugget Grossetete	NM	21.0	3	Novice	Robin Davis	OK	6.0	4	Novice				
Patty Heflin	CO	5.0	4	Novice	Bryan Roberts	FL	13.0	5	Amateur	Masters					Ronnie Steadman	OK	6.0	3	Novice				
Darel Tiegs	CO	4.0	4	Novice	Dudley Kirton	FL	11.5	5	Amateur	Nugget Grossetete	NM	1.5	3	Novice	Kyle Rogers	OK	4.5	4	Novice				
Frank Lucas	CO	4.0	3	Novice	Randy Craft	FL	9.0	5	Amateur	OKLAHOMA - OK					Shelby Brown	OK	4.0	3	Novice				
Karyn Reed	CO	2.0	3	Novice	Open					Beginner					Tim Gilbert	OK	4.0	3	Novice				
Kathy Coulson	CO	1.0	4	Novice	Danny McFarland	FL	33.0	7	Open	Austin Woods	OK	27.5	1	Beginner	Darrel Dye	OK	4.0	3	Novice				
Amateur					Debbie McFarland	FL	32.0	7	Open	Shelly Barnett	OK	17.0	1	Beginner	Marisa Dye	OK	3.5	3	Novice				
Amber Haselip	CO	50.5	5	Amateur	Bob Cornett	FL	18.0	7	Open	Anita Long	OK	16.5	1	Beginner	Pam K. Robertson	OK	3.0	3	Novice				
Jim Crossey	CO	21.5	5	Amateur	Masters					Richard Conner	OK	15.5	1	Beginner	Michelle Bishop	OK	2.0	4	Novice				
Deb Pomerleau	CO	20.0	5	Amateur	Emmett Whitehurst	FL	1.5	4	Novice	Wendy La'Nee Barnes	OK	13.0	1	Beginner	Stacey Frazier	OK	2.0	3	Novice				
Lorie Modlin	CO	19.5	5	Amateur	Roy Thomas	FL	1.0	4	Novice	Teresa Blakley	OK	12.0	1	Beginner	James McDonald	OK	1.0	3	Novice				
Jim Hayes	CO	13.0	5	Amateur	Mike Grier	FL	0.5	4	Novice	Ken Ferda	OK	10.0	1	Beginner	Jackie Barbee	OK	0.5	3	Novice				
Ken Coulson	CO	7.0	5	Amateur	ILLINOIS - IL					Ken Ferda	OK	10.0	1	Beginner	Laura Folsom	OK	0.5	4	Novice				
Dwayne Haselip	CO	7.0	6	Amateur	Rookie					Rae Nell Spies	OK	9.5	1	Beginner	Amateur								
Jim Kinnison	CO	7.0	5	Amateur	Dominic LaMontana	IL	0.5	2	Rookie	Traci Moseley	OK	6.0	1	Beginner	Van Gemmill	OK	48.0	6	Amateur				
Ken Couson	CO	6.0	5	Amateur	IOWA - IA					Landon Ferda	OK	5.0	1	Beginner	Bryan Blackman	OK	43.0	6	Amateur				
Gary Markle	CO	4.0	5	Amateur	Rookie					Justin Snipes	OK	5.0	1	Beginner	Bill Dawdy	OK	15.0	5	Amateur				
Kelcy Melarane	CO	2.0	5	Amateur	Cindy Murrey	IA	7.0	2	Rookie	Dennis Dye	OK	3.0	1	Beginner	Belinda Vanzant	OK	8.5	5	Amateur				
Danny May	CO	2.0	6	Amateur	KANSAS - KS					Britt Woods	OK	3.0	1	Beginner	Mike Keith	OK	8.5	6	Amateur				
Logan Wolfe	CO	2.0	5	Amateur	Rookie					Katherine Kuhlmann	OK	1.0	1	Beginner	Mike Vanzant	OK	5.5	6	Amateur				
Open					Jared Bronaugh	KS	12.0	2	Rookie	Jill Reiss	OK	1.5	1	Beginner	Lee Sellers	OK	0.5	6	Amateur				
Dave Wolfe	CO	57.0	7	Open	Craig Jensen	KS	10.0	2	Rookie	Michael Hermes	OK	1.0	1	Beginner	Open								
Mike Hansen	CO	25.0	8	Open	Tammy Jensen	KS	5.0	2	Rookie	Lane Weant	OK	1.0	1	Beginner	Shelley Fitzgerald	OK	34.0	7	Open				
Rich Smidt	CO	13.5	7	Open	Novice					Carol West	OK	0.5	1	Beginner	Joel Lesh	OK	18.5	9	Open				
Masters					Ken Wallace	KS	32.5	4	Novice	Rookie						Bobby Gray	OK	10.0	8	Open			
Suzy Karlinski	CO	4.0	3	Novice	Henry Herrman	KS	3.0	3	Novice	Harold Spies	OK	33.0	2	Rookie	Jordan Lesh	OK	5.0	8	Open				
Mike O'Brien	CO	3.0	3	Novice	Cathy Reist-Herrman	KS	3.0	3	Novice	Rebecca Ferda	OK	15.0	2	Rookie	Masters								
Laura Miller	CO	3.0	3	Novice	Amateur					Jeremy Woods	OK	14.0	2	Rookie	Tom Scott	OK	6.0	3	Novice				
Bob Reed	CO	3.0	4	Novice	Lowell Westfall	KS	34.5	5	Amateur	Mickey Cantwell	OK	13.0	2	Rookie	James McDonald	OK	5.0	3	Novice				
Darel Tiegs	CO	2.5	4	Novice						Christy Woods	OK	13.0	2	Rookie									

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NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV	NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV	NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV	NAME	ST	PTS	RTG	DIV
Jeannine Gemmill	OK	5.0	4	Novice	Dean Byrd	TX	6.0	2	Rookie	Darrell Boggs	TX	1.0	4	Novice	WYOMING - WY				
Bill Dawdy	OK	5.0	5	Amateur	Kellie Herrington	TX	5.0	2	Rookie	Billy Sanchez	TX	0.5	4	Novice	Beginner				
Bobby Gray	OK	3.0	8	Open	Kathy Mitchell	TX	3.0	2	Rookie	Amateur					Brenda Mosser	WY	4.5	1	Beginner
Van Gemmill	OK	3.0	6	Amateur	Dusty Arnold	TX	1.0	2	Rookie	Tony Gibbs	TX	53.0	5	Amateur	Amanda Moore	WY	2.0	1	Beginner
Gary Parli	OK	2.5	3	Novice	Megan VanRyan	TX	0.5	2	Rookie	Kyle Rater	TX	48.0	6	Amateur	Shannon Pyer	WY	2.0	1	Beginner
Mike Vanzant	OK	1.0	6	Amateur	Novice					Morgan Field	TX	19.5	5	Amateur	Jessa Clark	WY	1.0	1	Beginner
Mickey Cantwell	OK	1.0	2	Rookie	Travis Roberson	TX	55.5	3	Novice	Tommy Price	TX	17.0	5	Amateur	Kaycee Whitt	WY	0.5	1	Beginner
Jeff Frank	OK	0.5	3	Novice	Bryan Kammerdiener	TX	41.5	4	Novice	T.K. Dawdy	TX	11.5	6	Amateur	Rookie				
D.L. Osborne	OK	0.5	2	Rookie	Tammy Hitchcock	TX	33.5	4	Novice	Lynn Tillman	TX	10.0	6	Amateur	Linda Strock	WY	0.5	2	Rookie
TEXAS - TX					Margie Spence	TX	33.0	4	Novice	Open					Novice				
Beginner					Cody McCutchin	TX	32.0	3	Novice	Tommy Roberson	TX	35.0	8	Open	Wendy Baird	WY	11.0	4	Novice
Kellie Herrington	TX	21.5	1	Beginner	Dean Byrd	TX	22.0	3	Novice	Bill Lawless	TX	25.0	7	Open	Allen Roush	WY	6.0	4	Novice
Trevor Brooks	TX	15.0	1	Beginner	Tonya Spence	TX	18.0	3	Novice	Tom Field	TX	15.0	7	Open	Denise Wakefield	WY	5.0	4	Novice
Michelle Spada	TX	3.5	1	Beginner	London Gibbs	TX	18.0	3	Novice	Kyle Rater	TX	5.0	7	Open	Steve Mosser	WY	4.5	3	Novice
Marcia Grenier	TX	3.0	1	Beginner	Laura Roberson	TX	14.0	3	Novice	Trent Field	TX	3.0	7	Open	Corky Davis	WY	3.0	3	Novice
Amy Mitchell	TX	3.0	1	Beginner	Dennis Brooks	TX	9.0	3	Novice	Masters				Shelly Martinez	WY	3.0	3	Novice	
Susie Kammerdiener	TX	2.5	1	Beginner	Tim Hitchcock	TX	9.0	4	Novice	Bryan Kammerdiener	TX	7.5	4	Novice	Slim Clark	WY	2.0	3	Novice
Terri Wilhite	TX	1.5	1	Beginner	Gary Mitchell	TX	7.0	3	Novice	Cody McCutchin	TX	5.5	3	Novice	Devin Coons	WY	2.0	4	Novice
Kelli Miller	TX	0.5	1	Beginner	Pete Muzka	TX	7.0	4	Novice	Gaylon Thompson	TX	3.0	5	Amateur	Kim Pyer	WY	2.0	4	Novice
Sherah Mills	TX	0.5	1	Beginner	Sam Spence	TX	7.0	3	Novice	Tommy Price	TX	2.5	5	Amateur	Chris Allred	WY	1.0	3	Novice
Rookie					Kira DeeAnn Nanny	TX	5.0	3	Novice	Margie Spence	TX	2.0	4	Novice	Amateur				
Terrie Dear	TX	21.5	2	Rookie	Jill Spradley	TX	4.5	4	Novice	Beverly Kelley	TX	2.0	2	Rookie	Alan Kirkbride	CO	9.5	5	Amateur
Kathy Gibbs	TX	20.5	2	Rookie	Dan Spradley	TX	4.0	4	Novice	Dennis Brooks	TX	1.5	3	Novice	Masters				
Beverly Kelley	TX	11.5	2	Rookie	John Long	TX	3.5	4	Novice	Pete Muzyka	TX	1.0	4	Novice	Brenda Mosser	WY	0.5	1	Beginner
Myrna Sandefur	TX	9.0	2	Rookie	Dicky Richardson	TX	1.5	4	Novice	Gary Mitchell	TX	0.5	3	Novice	Steve Mosser	WY	0.5	3	Novice
					Terry Dear	TX	1.5	3	Novice										

GEORGE P. JETT

George P. Jett died just before midnight on Friday, Jan. 9, with family members by his side. Minutes before, he'd listened to his favorite song, Amarillo by Morning by George Strait. Although he had been suffering from pancreatic cancer and the enormous pain that comes with it, he passed peacefully to the relief of everyone who loved him. He was 61.

George grew up in Maryland and married his high school sweetheart, Linda White, whom he met at a New Years' Eve party in 1965. The couple would have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this March. They had three children: Cheryl Jett;

Philip Jett; and Melissa Nucci; plus three grandchildren, Bo Clements, 14; Maddie Jett, 6; and Abby Jett, 2.

In addition to being a loving husband, father and grandfather, George was, in his heart of hearts, a cowboy. He loved spending time in the outdoors, especially at his home overlooking Pikes' Peak in Peyton, CO. He enjoyed spending time with his quarterhorses, Rufus and Buddy, and competing in team penning and ranch sorting events. He especially liked riding with his daughters and his grandson, Bo. As much as the sports themselves, George liked the camaraderie and community they represented. He could

make friends with just about anybody – and usually did – whether it was at a competition, a horse sale or an auction.

George also enjoyed fishing with his son and granddaughter, Maddie, and hunting with his son-in-law, Justin. These activities were also about the fun times they represented, as George – despite his best efforts – rarely caught anything!

About a month before he died, George was able to travel with his children and his wife for a special getaway to Las Vegas, where he fulfilled a lifelong dream and attended the National Pro-Rodeo Finals. He also visited the

racing museum, reliving lots of youthful memories of when he raced cars in his home state.

George worked for years on Pikes Peak but struck out in business for himself in 2000, purchasing the first in a line of trucks that allowed him to earn his living on the open roads.

He was proudest of all of his children and the legacy he leaves with them. He recently asked that he be remembered “as a pretty nice guy” who loved his family. He will be remembered for this – and so much more.



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questionable ratings of contestants. The committee will consist of at least four individuals and at any one time three will vote on a rating adjustment with a unanimous vote required for a change. That change will be in effect for the next division in which that contestant competes. If there is a conflict of interest by a person on the committee, that person will not vote and the fourth committee person will replace them. The committee has full authority and will be 100% supported by the association. RSNC wants members to know that fairness is our

utmost priority and they will not allow underrated contestants to continually compete at the wrong rating.

Additionally, there is a rating review program for any contestant that is confident that they have been overrated.

Rule 2.6 of the rule book states:

Rating Review Program: RSNC has instated a rating review program for any contestant that does not believe their rating is accurate. The review requires a \$200 up front deposit. If after a minimum of 45 entries under the new rating, the win/loss ratio

show that the contestant falls within the bottom 15% of ratios for that rating, then the contestant's rating will be lowered and the \$200 will be refunded. If the rating is not in the bottom 15%, the \$200 will be forfeited and the rating will remain.

In conclusion, RSNC has taken many steps to assure that all contestants within the association have a fair and equal opportunity to compete and enjoy the sport of ranch sorting.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Early Sunday morning, December 21 at an AQHA team penning/ranch sorting event in Verndale, MN there was a barn fire which killed 42 horses. Several RSNC families, including the Longtine's, Kresbach's, Broadwater's, Stetler's and others lost their very valuable penning and sorting horses. In addition to the horses, many of the owners lost all their tack in the fire and drove empty trailers home.

Our hearts and prayers are with Collins James of Ponca City, Oklahoma who is fighting a tough battle with cancer. Collins is a great supporter of our sport and a dear friend to many within the RSNC family. Additionally we would like to wish Jan Lesh a continued and speedy recovery. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Date	Location	Producer/Contact #	Event Date	Location	Producer/Contact
January 23-25, 2009	Ponca City, OK	Richard Conner #580-445-6680	March- TBA*	Platt, SD	Tom Jurgens #605-297-3130
January 24, 2009	Seguin, TX	Dennis Gillett #325-248-4261	April 4, 2009	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener #940-668-1117
January 24, 2009	Elkhorn, NE	Doc Burton Smith #402-289-2118	April 4, 2009	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland #772-781-4359
January 31, 2009	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener #940-668-1117	April 4, 2009	Liberty, TX	David Collins #409-423-5473
January 31, 2009	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer #714-313-0553	April 4, 2009	Elkhorn, NE	Doc Burton Smith #402-289-2118
January 31, 2009	Nixa, MO	Jerry Estes #417-207-0187	April 4-5, 2009	Richfield, ID	Delwin Amy #208-420-1255
January 31, 2009	Elm Springs, AR	John Colburn #918-431-2301	April 5, 2009	Waurika, OK	Chuck Drummond #918-625-0994
January 31, 2009	Ignacio, CO	Doug Hegar #505-320-5124	April 5, 2009	Thermopolis, WY	Ash Whitt #307-864-5715
January 31, 2009	Alma, MI	Rochelle Rondy #989-763-3276	April 11, 2009	Meeker, OK	Mike Keith #405-249-0709
February 7, 2009	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland #772-781-4359	April 11, 2009	Platt, SD	John Dean #605-337-3022
February 7, 2009	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener #940-668-1117	April 11, 2009	Ramona, CA	John Mallon #760-789-7944
February 7, 2009	St. Paul, NE	Roger Williams #308-750-6271	April 11, 2009	Tucson, AZ	Bob Bishop #520-360-4996
February 7-8, 2009	Richfield, ID	Delwin Amy #208-420-1255	April 11, 2009	Humansville, MO	Roger Johnson #417-754-2669
February 13-14, 2009	Hurricane, UT	Kip Bowler #435-574-3789	April 11, 2009	Farmington, NM	Doug Hegar #505-320-5124
February 14, 2009	Ramona, CA	John Mallon #760-789-7944	April 12, 2009	Sante Fe, NM	Billie Schenck #505-412-0421
February 14-15, 2009	Pueblo, CO	Tiegs/Noring #720-938-7423	April 18, 2009	Kaufman, TX	Randy Crockett #979-255-2659
February 14, 2009	Humansville, MO	Roger Johnson #417-754-2669	April 18, 2009	Center View, MO	Karen Phillips #816-536-6316
February 14, 2009	Livingston, TX	David Collins #409-423-5473	April 18-19, 2009	Pueblo, CO	Richard Noring #719-382-5601
February 14, 2009	Tucson, AZ	Bob Bishop #520-360-4996	April 18-19, 2009	Waurika, OK	Chuck Drummond #918-625-0994
February 14, 2009	Purcell, OK	Mike Vanzant #405-590-0466	April 24-26, 2009	Ponca City, OK	Richard Conner #580-445-6680
February 15, 2009	Thermopolis, WY	Ash Whitt #307-864-5715	April 25, 2009	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer #714-313-0553
February 20-22, 2009	Ponca City, OK	Richard Conner #580-445-6680	April 25, 2009	Nixa, MO	Jerry Estes #417-207-0187
February 21, 2009	Platt, SD	John Dean #605-337-3022	April 25, 2009	Kansas, OK	John Colburn #918-431-2301
February 21, 2009	Kaufman, TX	Randy Crockett #979-255-2659	April 25, 2009	Alma, MI	Rochelle Rondy #989-763-3276
February 21, 2009	Center View, MO	Karen Phillips #816-536-6316	April- TBA*	Bulverde, TX	Yancey James #830-377-4017
February 28, 2009	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer #714-313-0553	April- TBA*	Morgan, UT	Shawn Miller #801-201-7710
February 28, 2009	Nixa, MO	Jerry Estes #417-207-0187	April- TBA*	Keenesburg, CO	Mike O' Brien #303-475-7932
February 28, 2009	Elm Springs, AR	John Colburn #918-431-2301	April- TBA*	St. Paul, NE	Roger Williams #308-750-6271
February 28, 2009	Ignacio, CO	Doug Hegar #505-320-5124	April- TBA*	Rock Springs, WY	Cheree Lebrecht #307-389-1648
February 28, 2009	Alma, MI	Rochelle Rondy #989-763-3276	April- TBA*	Rozet, WY	Stacey Thar #307-685-0149
February- TBA*	Bulverde, TX	Yancey James #830-377-4017	May 2, 2009	Wanette, OK	Cos Filiberto #405-383-2109
February- TBA*	Rozet, WY	Stacey Thar #307-685-0149	May 2, 2009	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland #772-781-4359
February 28-March 1, 2009	Richfield, ID	Delwin Amy #208-420-1255	May 2, 2009	Farmington, NM	Doug Hegar #505-320-5124
March 6-7, 2009	Hurricane, UT	Kip Bowler #435-574-3789	May 2, 2009	Liberty, TX	David Collins #409-423-5473
March 7, 2009	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland #772-781-4359	May 2-3, 2009	Richfield, ID	Delwin Amy #208-420-1255
March 7, 2009	Gainesville, TX	Bryan Kammerdiener #940-668-1117	May 9, 2009	Ramona, CA	John Mallon #760-789-7944
March 7, 2009	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer #714-313-0553	May 9, 2009	Queens Creek, AZ	Kip Appenzeller #480-296-1165
March 7-8, 2009	Golden, CO	Wolfe Productions #970-897-2621	May 9-10, 2009	Cherokee, OK	Rick Croft #580-748-2222
March 14, 2009	Mustang, OK	Rob Cosby #405-834-3499	May 16, 2009	Meeker, OK	Mike Keith #405-249-0709
March 14, 2009	Ramona, CA	John Mallon #760-789-7944	May 16, 2009	Platt, SD	John Dean #605-337-3022
March 14, 2009	Humansville, MO	Roger Johnson #417-754-2669	May 16, 2009	Kaufman, TX	Randy Crockett #979-255-2659
March 14, 2009	Livingston, TX	David Collins #409-423-5473	May 16, 2009	Nixa, MO	Jerry Estes #417-207-0187
March 14, 2009	Queens Creek, AZ	Kip Appenzeller #480-296-1165	May 16, 2009	Kansas, OK	John Colburn #918-431-2301
March 14, 2009	Elkhorn, NE	Doc Burton Smith #402-289-2118	May 16, 2009	Center View, MO	Karen Phillips #816-536-6316
March 14-15, 2009	Pueblo, CO	Tiegs/Noring #720-938-7423	May 17, 2009	Sante Fe, NM	Billie Schenck #505-412-0421
March 15, 2009	Thermopolis, WY	Ash Whitt #307-864-5715	May 22-24, 2009	Ponca City, OK	Richard Conner #580-445-6680
March 21, 2009	Platt, SD	John Dean #605-337-3022	May 23, 2009	Alma, MI	Rochelle Rondy #989-763-3276
March 21, 2009	Kaufman, TX	Randy Crockett #979-255-2659	May 23-24, 2009	Boone, CO	Tiegs/Noring #720-938-7423
March 21, 2009	Cortez, CO	Doug Hegar #505-320-5124	May 30-31, 2009	Morgan, UT	Shawn Miller #801-201-7710
March 21, 2009	Center View, MO	Karen Phillips #816-536-6316	May 30, 2009	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer #714-313-0553
March 21, 2009	Purcell, OK	Mike Vanzant #405-590-0466	May 30, 2009	Palm City, FL	Debbie McFarland #772-781-4359
March 22, 2009	Waurika, OK	Chuck Drummond #918-625-0994	May 30, 2009	Purcell, OK	Mike Vanzant #405-590-0466
March 27-29, 2009	Ponca City, OK	Richard Conner #580-445-6680	May 30, 2009	Humansville, MO	Roger Johnson #417-754-2669
March 28, 2009	Anaheim, CA	Adrianna Tanzer #714-313-0553	May 31, 2009	Sante Fe, NM	Billie Schenck #505-412-0421
March 28, 2009	Nixa, MO	Jerry Estes #417-207-0187	May TBA*	Brenham, TX	Larry Byars #713-856-8735
March 28, 2009	Elm Springs, AR	John Colburn #918-431-2301	May- TBA*	Keenesburg, CO	Mike O' Brien #303-475-7932
March 28, 2009	Alma, MI	Rochelle Rondy #989-763-3276	May- TBA*	St. Paul, NE	Roger Williams #308-750-6271
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March- TBA*	Rozet, WY	Stacey Thar #307-685-0149	June 6, 2009	Liberty, TX	David Collins #409-423-5473
			June 6-7, 2009	Richfield, ID	Delwin Amy #208-420-1255
			June 8-13, 2009	NATIONAL FINALS	RSNC #970-897-2901

FUTURE CHANGES WITH RSNC'S WEB SITE

We hope you all had a wonderful and blessed holiday spent with family and friends eating more than any of us should. With the holiday season behind us we're looking forward to a new year filled with fun events and new opportunities for RSNC Members. Here at RSNC we've been looking at numerous ways to add value to the organization and benefits to our members. One of the biggest opportunities identified was

utilizing the internet in a more effective manner. As a result RSNC is now working with the H3B Group, LLC which is as professional marketing company located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Some of you met them in Las Vegas during the NFR. We want to give you a snapshot of what's coming and how it will help the entire organization.

At first you may think the website will take on an entirely new look but that isn't the case. The

appearance will stay the same and changes will be gradual and subtle with the addition of new components over the next few weeks. RSNC's objective is to provide the highest quality support for producers and members.. The website will serve as the local, regional, state and national RSNC community information center for each producer, their events and members. This will be accomplished by developing an individual producer

webpage for every one who is doing at least 5 shows. Each producer can go to this webpage to obtain support materials beneficial and necessary for them to produce successful shows. The website will become the authoritative resource for the sport of Ranch Sorting. Anyone that wants to learn about the sport, what events are planned, type of skill and equipment required, anything about the horses and their skills, what kind of people are

involved or any other question, a person will be able to learn by coming to the website. By making available educational and informative material that is relevant to families who own horses and want to find something they can do as a family with their horses, we believe will help grow the membership. How would you like to have a photo gallery where you could send pictures and videos of your kids participating in

Ranch Sorting that could be viewed by anyone anywhere? We feel this is one of the most important social community elements that we can provide to the members. It's exciting to think about hundreds of videos at different events from all around the country available for viewing at no cost to the members. That's right, submission will be free! There will be video competitions with fun prizes for the winner of the funniest ride, the

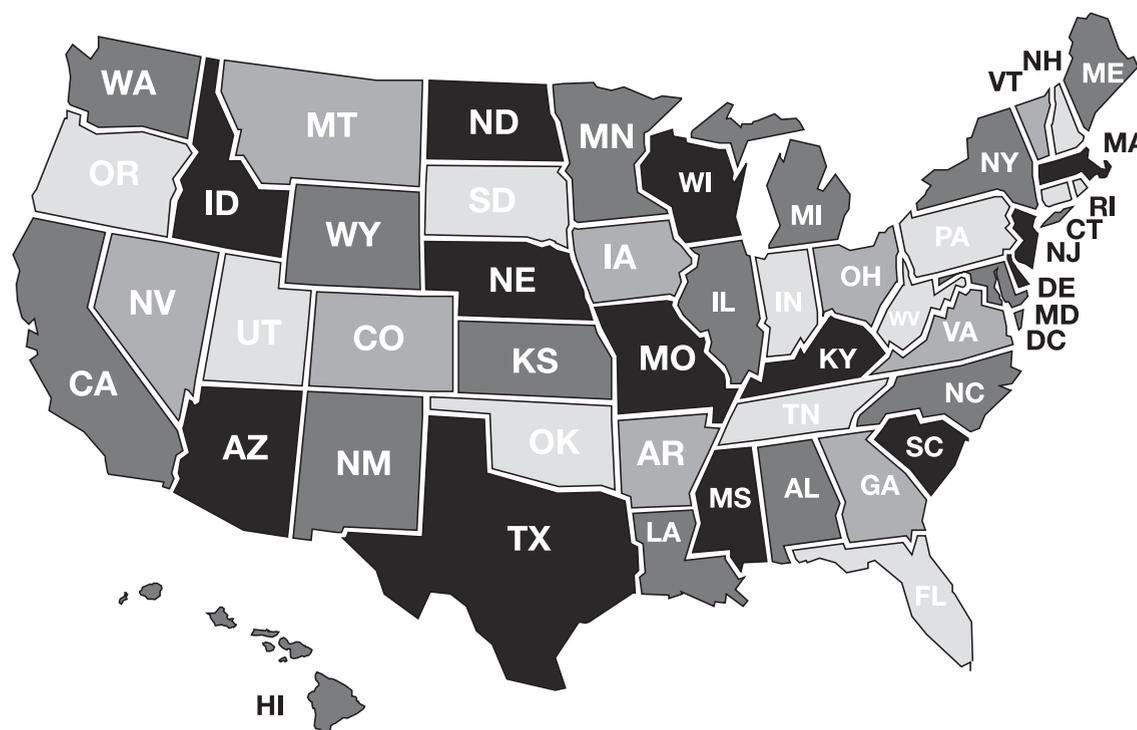
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ATTENTION SORTERS!

RSNC is starting to receive interest from contestants in other disciplines, like cutting, cowhorse and team roping. That is wonderful news for our sport because there are thousands of contestants and family members in those sports that would enjoy the competition that Ranch Sorting has to offer.

One of the common questions that is asked from those contestants is if we are tracking dollars won on individual horses? Much of their value of participation in their disciplines centers around adding value to their horses. Therefore, we would like to get your input about this. Good sorting horses can be very valuable. Would you like to know how much your horse is earning? Would you like to know how much a horse you are considering buying has earned?

RSNC is considering tracking dollars won on horses. Please log on to www.rsnc.us and share your thoughts with us about this. We would like to thank Rick Gaston and others for sharing their thoughts with us about this.



**NATIONAL POINTS ALONG WITH A
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youngest rider, the oldest rider, just to name a few.

There will be a blog section where you can write about your experiences and give direction to others. It will be a place where members can go to learn about events they haven't attended or answers from other members to specific questions they may have. It will be an effective way to make new friends that you may or may not have met. Communicate via email, share pictures and videos before an event then meet your new friends when you arrive. Also included in this section will be a place where you can submit suggestions for the website, events and the organization. We want to hear from you and get your input and

suggestions. Direct communication from the members is a great way to help grow the organization. This section will be a lot of fun. You will see an increase of Association Sponsors on the website in the near future. Sponsors will have direct links to their pages and we encourage you all to support these businesses with your patronage. We're considering a section called "Ask The Expert" where members

and non-members both can submit questions about Ranch Sorting. Questions may concern equipment, skill or horses but there will be an answer for them by someone that really knows. This is another way to connect people to the community of RSNC and provide an opportunity for new people to get involved. We like the idea of providing a section to list

items for sale. This will be a benefit for members where they can post pictures and text about horses, trailers, saddles and tack, pickups and other items relevant to horses and riding. In fact, a lot of non-members will come here to look for stuff. The more people we can get to visit the website the more interest we can develop in Ranch Sorting. This has been a quick overview of the main items now under construction that will be coming your way. We want to encourage you to use the communication section when it becomes available to help us with direction. We always welcome your comments.

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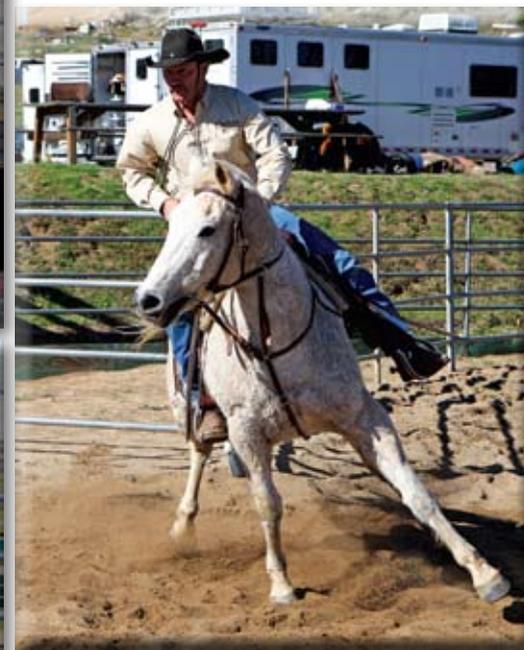
Ramona California was the location for the first RSNC sorting of the year in that beautiful state. John Mallon and Stephanie Sweet were the host along with Steve Helmer as the go to guy. It was a great first event with a lot of interest and many new RSNC members!



Stephanie Sweet making a huge cut.



Scott Peterson and Anna Mae Nu, first in Beginners Ranch Hand, pictured with Dave Wolfe, RSNC.



Steve Helmer doing a dance on his good grey horse.



Juan Acosta and Steve Vaughn, a great split.



Dave Wolfe of RSNC with Stu Scott and CL Robertson first in All levels Handicap.

Dave Wolfe, RSNC, with Jeff Peterson and Gayle Fletcher, second in All Levels Handicap.



Gayle Fletcher and Larry Cressman, first in the #8 Handicap.

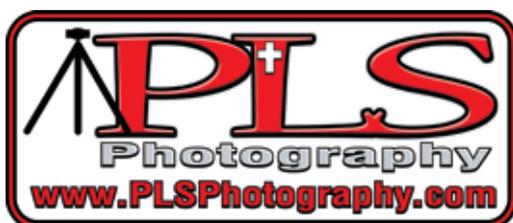


Stu Scott lets them know whos boss.



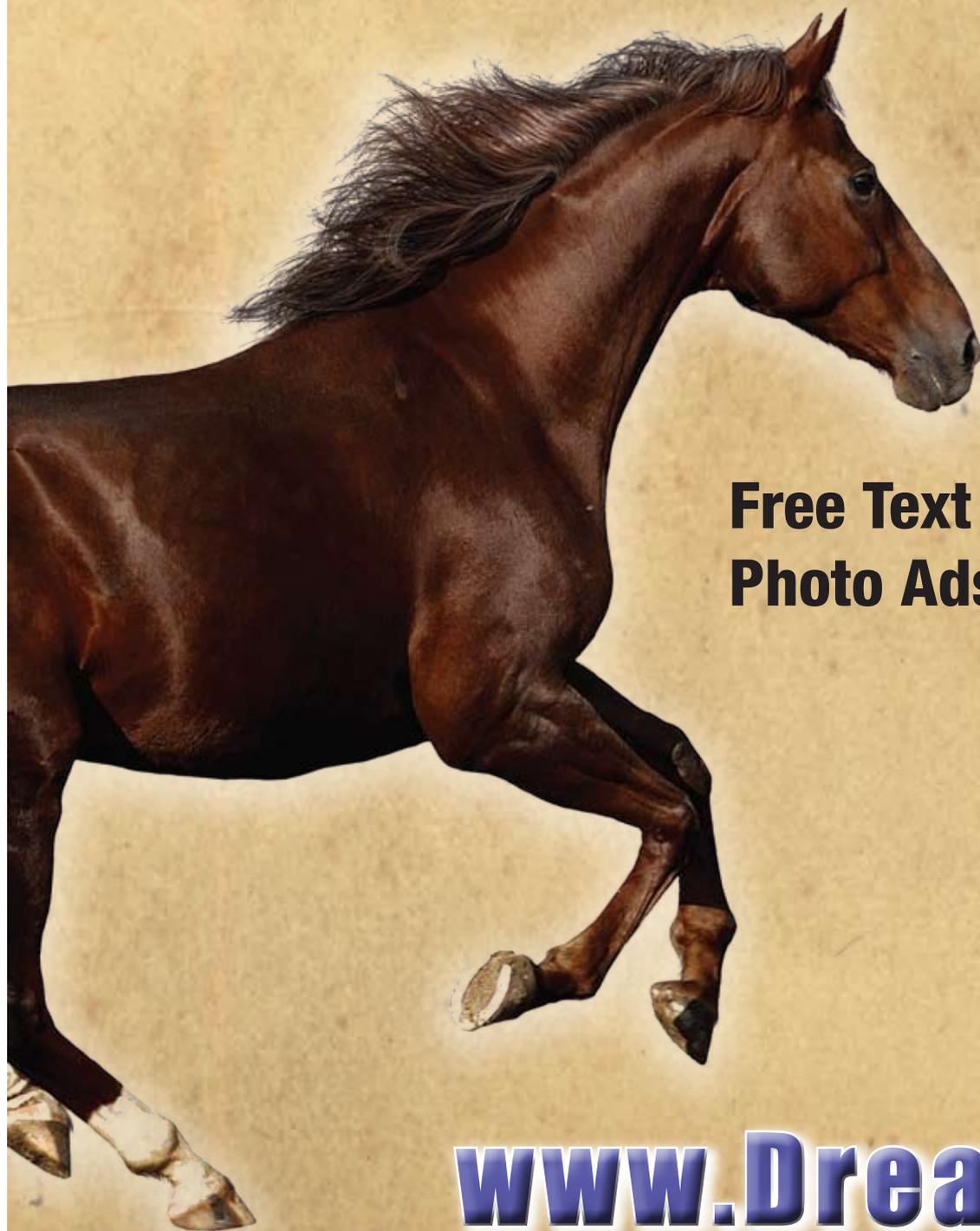
Thanks to Steve Shambeck for the great photos, find more on his web site.

Beginner Anna Mae Nu tries to sort out the right cow among all the ears and hide.



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