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Director's Letter | Logan Wolfe



Ron Vanderziel won a Fast Go Bonus in the #5 Gold Shootout (p. 19) after traveling from Caliente, California, to the Congress Super Sort in Jackson, Ohio

Dear Ranch Sorters,

It's hard to believe we've already reached the final stretch of the season. Riders across the country have spent all year earning points in the State Finals Points Race—now the time has come to crown the champions.

State Finals season is here

Whether you're climbing the standings, defending first place, or simply planning to enjoy one of your state's best shows of the year, this is your chance to finish strong. Check RSNC.us for your State Finals schedule, see where you stand, and make plans to compete.

More than \$130,000 in State Finals prizes will be awarded across 20+ states, continuing our tradition of recognizing top riders. Every State Finals promises a great prize line, strong competition, and the champion titles—and bragging rights—for the next year.

Recap: Congress Super Sort

We just wrapped a remarkable event in Jackson, Ohio for the Congress Super Sort, and the Northeast continues

to surge. With over 1,700 teams, this was one of our biggest Congress events ever—clear proof of the momentum building in the region.

Even with huge turnout, the crew kept the show running smoothly. Footing was excellent, and we finished at a reasonable hour each night. Top 10 contestants in every division took home Congress Medallions, Gold Shootouts paid like slot machines, and consistent riders who topped the points race earned champion saddles. Hats off to everyone who made it happen.

Improved Rating Change Notifications

To improve communication and reduce confusion at events, rating change notifications are now sent by email and text. Some contestants had been missing updates due to spam filters or email issues. This new system ensures everyone receives their rating changes quickly and clearly.

Supporting the sport and the kids

We also want to highlight a special upcoming event produced by TR Performance Horses. This limited-entry event puts ranch sorting in the spotlight on a historic stage, with hopes of raising \$500,000 for Cook Children's Hematology and Oncology Center.

Cowtown Showdown (for Cook Children's)
Fort Worth, Cowtown Coliseum
Jan. 19, 2026

The event will showcase 100 riders competing for \$100,000, a celebrity ranch sorting, an auction and a live in-arena concert. Even if you're not entered, you won't want to miss it—spectator tickets can be purchased on the Cowtown Coliseum website or tune in to Ride TV to watch the livestream.

Good luck!

Have a great State Finals season, and good luck chasing those year-end awards. We hope to see many of you at our RSNC production events—from Las Vegas to Houston and everywhere in between. We're excited about where we're headed—and we'll see you in the sorting pens.

Logan Wolfe

Event Director, Cinch RSNC





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SORTING FOR A CAUSE:

DON LAMONT CHAMPIONS EFFORTS BEHIND JANUARY'S COWTOWN SHOWDOWN BENEFIT RANCH SORTING



Don capitalizes on his cow's bubble at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals in the Total Feeds #8 ranch sorting. Photo by C Bar C Photography

Don Lamont is proof that the magic of ranch sorting is its members as he turns his passion for the sport into a mission to support Cook Children's Hospital.

FROM THE CATTLE RANCH TO SORTING PENS

Don and Ronda Lamont run a small herd of Black Angus cattle on their ranch near Albany, Texas, where they were in the habit of saddling up to work cows or just hit the trails. But when Don got laid up, ironically, he found ranch sorting.

"I got bucked off a horse at my ranch and broke my collarbone and three ribs because that ground out there is rocky," he said. "I'm sitting there watching Cowboy Channel, and I saw ranch sorting. I called my wife and said, 'I know exactly what we're doing from now on with our horses.'"

Don, who turned 66 in October, healed up and hauled down to Glen Rose to compete in his first RSNC ranch sorting at an event produced by TR Performance Horse's Tommy and Laura Roberson in 2021.

"We took our two ranch horses," Don explained. "We didn't know anything. Just walked in and started riding; knew absolutely nothing."

Though he didn't know it at the time, the event was a pivotal moment for Don, who has since developed a close friendship with the Robersons. In the same time, ranch sorting has become a shared passion for Don, Ronda and many of their 24 grandchildren. And today, it's the platform on which Don and the Robersons plan to raise \$500,000 to help other children in their battles against cancer.

The RSNC community gained a good one when Don Lamont and his wife, Ronda, began ranch sorting in 2021. Now, he's taking ranch sorting to the top while raising money for kids battling cancer.

by GR Farthing

THE COWTOWN SHOWDOWN ORIGINS

In conversation with Don, it doesn't take long to recognize his love of family. Even at the Cinch RSNC World Finals each year, it's hard to pick Don for a partner—most of his rides are already promised to his grandkids if they're competing. And so, when his first wife, Leslie, died of breast cancer when his daughters were still between the ages of 4 and 18, it left an understandable mark.

"That's why we've made this thing non-profit for all of us," Don stated about the Cinch RSNC show he's producing in partnership with TR Performance Horses on Jan. 19, at Fort Worth Stockyard's historic Cowtown Coliseum. "Nobody is making any money. It's all going to Cook Children's and their oncology department."



In May, Don Lamont won a set of Professiona's Choice stirrups in the Masters Division race for Regional High Points at the North Central Regional Super Sort in Loveland, Colorado

When the limited \$1,000-entries opened to the event on Sept. 1, all 100 spots filled within two hours with another 50 on the waiting list. The plan, to date, is to pay \$100,000 to the top seven teams and for everything else to be donated. Even the Cowtown Coliseum is on board and contributing their ticket sales.

"We're going to do a Calcutta for the Top 10, also," Don added. "So, nobody is making a dime. We'll pay the bills we need to pay, and then everything else goes to the kids. That's the plan."

Scheduled for Martin Luther King Day, just on the heels of the kickoff to the Fort Worth Stock Show and a few days before the 2026 PRCA tournament rodeo on Jan. 23. The ranch sorting will feature a single All Levels class and, with \$25,000 added going to the top four teams, the winners are looking to take home a check for \$40,000—a totally unprecedented payout in the sport.

Even beyond the payout, it will be an event unlike any other. In addition to the food and cash bar, ticketed audience members will also be treated to a Celebrity Ranch Sorting exhibition, which so far has spots allotted to film stars and producers, as well as bull riders and other ProRodeo athletes,

though the roster is still being built. Then, fans and contestants alike will get to enjoy the rest of their evening with a live music concert right in the arena.

And all of it, as Don says, is for the kids.

PUTTING RANCH SORTING ON THE MAP

In 2024, Don closed down the year by putting on a private New Year's Eve rodeo at the Cowtown Coliseum that featured Taylor Sheridan of Yellowstone fame as a competitor.

"You wouldn't believe the show last year," Don posited. "I mean, we had pyrotechnics, a Flag Girl, music. The whole deal."

His vision for this event is similar, but he suspects it's going to be a bit of a moment for the sport of ranch sorting, too.

"I'm hoping it's one of the biggest exposure opportunities for the sport," Don said. "I know ranch sorting has been around a long time, but it hasn't quite jumped over the top yet and really been something special in the same way the other disciplines have. I think this will really help put us on the map, so to speak. People are going to see us."

For anyone wanting to cheer the ranch sorters on from afar, log into Ride TV

to watch the livestream, and don't forget to visit promise.cookchildrens.org/goto/CowtownShowdown to make a personal contribution to the fundraiser.

For anyone in town for the rodeo, tickets are available on the Cowtown Coliseum website starting at just \$32, and it will be money well spent given how much entertainment will be offered in the name of helping kids fight the disease that takes more children's lives than any other disease in the United States.

"We're going to have a huge audience," Don said. "People are going to be affected and see what's going on."

THE MAN BEHIND THE MISSION

Don Lamont won't spend a lot of time talking about his professional endeavors when there's more important things like family and more important news like raising a half million dollars with a benefit ranch sorting, but he's built an impressive network as a result of his career endeavors, which began at the tender age of about 8 years old, according to a story he told in 2020 on Episode 40 of the "Dadicated.com" podcast.

"My father had some bottles of sham-



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Like Don, Ronda is all in on ranch sorting, too, and won the Mil-Spec Liners #6/4 at April's South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas.

poo ... they were in a box marked not for sale," Don tells the podcast's host, Philipp Hartmann. "I asked my dad if I could have them... and I went door to door and sold the bottles of shampoo for \$1 a piece. I came back with a fist full of money and asked my dad for more."

About a dozen years later, Don married Leslie and became a Girl Dad to six daughters in the years that followed. When he married Ronda after Leslie's passing, he gained another daughter. Meanwhile, he also owns and operates five different businesses, which makes him a master of time management.

"Delegate. And when you delegate, really let it go. That's the hard part for entrepreneurs: we want to delegate and then we want to look over their shoulder. We really cripple our people by not giving them the freedom to make mistakes or successes.

"I have a firm belief," he continues in the interview. "If you empower the average person with confidence and with the ability and opportunity to succeed, the average person can do extraordinary things."

And it's that sort of belief that, over the years, has compelled Don to great acts of service such as donating a suite at the Rangers baseball stadium to the Children's Miracle Network and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Or even when he piloted his personal bush plane with supplies to support the aftermath of this summer's horrific flooding in Kerr County. From the days following Leslie's untimely death, Don knows firsthand the

impact a single person can have on an entire family's trajectory, and he's never forgotten it.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF RANCH SORTERS

Now with his daughters grown and with families of their own, Don and Ronda get to invest their free time in the next generation.

"Three of them compete regularly," Don said proudly of his 24 grandkids who range in age from infant to 18. "We were all at Cheyenne this year and riding. And me and two of my grandkids won first place in the novice team penning there. We'd never done team penning before, and we wind up winning it!"

Don and Ronda have also swapped their two ranch horses for a string of nine ranch sorting horses.

"We have a covered arena that's lighted, and we have big fans in it," Don said, explaining some recent improvements they've made at the ranch. "We have a sorting pen set up, and we have cattle, so when everybody comes to see Papa, we all go ranch sorting. Maybe five of them have won buckles in the Beginner class. I've had three of them in the Top 10 at the World Finals in the last two years, at least."

For a man who has shaken plenty of hands from the Who's Who crowd, Don doesn't lose sight of the most important parts.

"It's all about the memories."

2025 State Finals



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CO: Dec 13-14

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TX: Dec 27-28

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AMY WHEATLEY:

CAPTURING THE HEART OF RANCH SORTING

Whether she's chatting up riders in interviews or posting live results before the dust settles, Amy Wheatley has become the friendly face and voice that keeps the ranch sorting world connected.

by Emily Carey

Long before she picked up a microphone, Amy Wheatley's story started in the saddle.

"My dad bought me my first horse when I was 4 years old," she said. "I've had one ever since."

On trail rides with her friends, Amy fell in love with horses.

"When I was about 12 years old, [my friends] wanted to take English lessons,"



An English eventer and a team roper, Amy Wheatley found her passion in the sorting pen

Amy said, recalling how her parents weren't so sure they were necessary. "My dad told my riding lesson teacher, 'She already knows how to brush down a horse; I'm not paying for that.'"

Wheatley went on to fox hunt and compete in three-day eventing before meeting her husband, Lenny, a team roper, who was in need of a heeler. Amy stepped right in.

"I learned to heel functionally," she said. "I won't say very well."

TRADING ROPING FOR SORTING

The pair, based in Georgia, spent years traveling to team roping arenas until ranch sorting caught their attention.

"We said, 'Hey, let's go try this,' and that was kind of all she wrote right there," Amy explained.

The Wheatleys dove headfirst into ranch

sorting and never looked back, traveling coast to coast and fully immersing themselves in the sorting culture.

"I've been everywhere," Amy noted. "We've been to Vegas. We've been to Reno. We've been to the Finals. So we know a lot of people, East to West."

In 2015, Lenny became an approved RSNC judge, judging his first show at the Congress in Ohio.

"Lenny judging was really what got me in the door right where I am," Amy said, explaining how they found the balance between judging with showing. "For a long time, he judged and I rode, and we joked all the time about him covering my show bill: 'Thank goodness this money's working!'"

While Lenny judged, Amy was riding, making connections, and witnessing firsthand the positive impact her husband was having on the sport.



Amy with husband Lenny



Amy hosting an EQN Sports Desk interview with the Kruger brothers after their history-making win at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals

“When people tell him, ‘Good job out there,’ it makes me proud,” she said. “It makes me happy that people see what he’s trying to do.”



With “mic” in hand, Amy brings talent and fun times

RANCH SORTING’S STORYTELLER

As Lenny carved out his space in the ranch sorting world, Amy was hard at work leaving her own impact on the sport, capturing the stories and personalities that make ranch sorting special.

With a mic (or sometimes a hoof pick) in hand, Amy began interviewing winners and posting videos and photos on her Facebook page, Sort It Out Productions, in 2018.

“Our first interview was Holly Saigo,” Amy recalled. “She had won something at the Congress, and it started out for fun.”

At the start, Amy teamed up with fellow ranch sorter Beth Lindler in her storytelling ventures.

“I would pick up a brush, a hoof pick, a bottle, anything, and interview people: ‘Tell us about your win and who you rode with; and was it fun, and what got you here?’ And that started Sort It Out Productions.”

In countless ways, these entrepreneurial endeavors paved the way for today’s ranch sorting media.

“I like to walk and talk to all the people,” Amy said, simply. “So, my favorite part is getting to know the people and hear where they’re from and hear their stories.”

AT THE MIC, ON THE MOVE

At the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals, Amy took her storytelling to the next level as a live host of the EQN Sports Desk, sharing interview duties with the Western industry’s on-air talent, Amy Wilson. On camera every day of the event, Amy Wheatley interviewed the newly crowned World Champions and offered live commentary of the rounds for the Ride TV livestream.

Amy’s connections also brought a new layer of excitement to the coverage when she invited top open riders Kody Ward and Joel Lesh to join her on the desk, adding invaluable, real-time insights for viewers watching from home. As a veteran Spanish and Science teacher of 20 years, she credits her teaching background for her ability to connect with people on the fly.

“I teach, and I think that has definitely helped me prepare for the shows and my function at the show, which is basically do whatever’s needed. I think that has really helped prepare me.”

THE TEAM’S GO-TO GAL

When she’s not behind the mic or in front of a camera, Amy is still finding ways to help. Whether holding gates, lending a hand to the announcer or supporting other staff, she’s always ready to jump in, and it’s her enthusiasm, humor and ability to make everyone feel seen that has made her a fixture of the RSNC family.

Scan the code to catch Amy’s World Finals interviews.





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ENTRY FEE PAYBACK



CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS
ROUND 1 (OPEN, AMATEUR, NOVICE, ROOKIE)

*SEE DETAILS BELOW



ALL LEVELS HC

\$65 60%

#12 HC

\$65 60%



#6/4 INC HC

\$65 60%

SATURDAY, DEC 6

Start 8:30 am

*SEE DETAILS BELOW



CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS
ROUND 2 (OPEN, AMATEUR, NOVICE, ROOKIE)



#11 ROOKIE HC (2 Cap Sorter)

\$65 60%

BEGINNER SORT (6 Hd of Cattle)

\$65 60%

#18 3-MAN 2-GATE HC

\$65 60%

SUNDAY, DEC 7

Start 9:00 am

COWBOY CHURCH 8:00 am

#15 3 MAN 2 GATE HC

\$65 60%



CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS

*SEE DETAILS BELOW

ROUND 3 & 4 (OPEN, AMATEUR, NOVICE, ROOKIE)

CINCH RSNC DRESS CODE REQUIRED

Cinch RSNC Rules: All classes are a Pick 4 Draw 1 or Draw up to 5 Rides (except COTC Round Robins). All contestants must have a current and paid 2025-2026 RSNC membership in order to ride. All riders must sign an Equine Network Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity of Equine Network in order to compete and collect show winnings.

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COWBOY TOWN Showdown

ROOMS & STALLS (MUST BE BOOKED BY NOV. 20)

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- Ranch Sorters must have a room at the Plaza Hotel & Casino to reserve stalls.
- All stall reservations must be made in advance directly with the Plaza Hotel & Casino.

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 - If any invited contestant cannot attend, their spot will be filled from the wait list in order of sign-up.
 - The wait list opens Oct. 1, 2025 at 8:30 AM (MT) for contestants outside the Top 10.
- Entry Fees (*sanctioning fees extra)
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 - 80% Payback (PB) across all divisions
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 - Rounds 1-3 (Qualifying Rounds):
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Each contestant rides 9 times per round (27 total rides)
Points from these rounds determine advancement
 - Round 4 (Finals):
Top 5 (50%+) advance to the Championship Round Robin (clean slate)
6th-10th place (50%-) advances to the Consolation Round Robin (clean slate)
- Projected Payout
\$16,000 Paid Out Per Division (based on a full 10 entries per division)
 - Rounds 1-3
Each Round Winner - 1st - \$1,500; 2nd - \$1,000
 - Championship Round (Top 5 - Clean Slate)
1st - \$2,500
2nd - \$1,500
3rd - \$1,000
4th - \$500
5th - \$500
 - Consolation Round (6th-10th - Clean Slate)
1st - \$1,500
2nd - \$1,000

MEMBERSHIP:

- All Ranch Sorters must hold a current membership for the 25-26 season
- Memberships can be purchased onsite or by calling our office
- Cinch RSNC Memberships are good July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
- Cinch RSNC Silver Memberships are free to members 70 & Over

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- Current Coggins & Health Papers required for all out of state riders.

COWBOY TOWN
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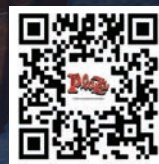
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STRIKING GOLD IN OHIO: NORTHEAST GOLD SHOOTOUT CHAMPS REIN IN \$39K AT 2 SHOWS

Between August's first-ever Northeast Circuit Finals and October's Congress Super Sort, the champion teams of the Cinch RSNC Gold Shootout classes averaged more than \$6,500 each in two weekends spent in the Buckeye State.

By Emily Carey



Champions Olivia Parks & Aubree Coker



Champions Harper Grace Pierce & Gavin Defabrites

GOLD SHOOTOUT PAID \$13,000 TO TWO TEAMS AT INAUGURAL NORTHEAST CIRCUIT FINALS

Champions Olivia Parks & Aubree Coker and Gavin Defabrites & Harper Grace Pierce rose to the top at the Cinch RSNC Northeast Circuit Finals, earning more than \$13,000 in the high-reward Cinch #13 and Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout classes.

Olivia Parks and Aubree Coker all in for \$5,060 win in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout

The inaugural Cinch RSNC Northeast Circuit Finals brought sorters from across the country to Columbiana, Ohio, Aug. 15-17, where more than \$13,000 was awarded to four Gold Shootout champions. Ranch sorters battled it out for paychecks, buckles and Northeast Circuit Finals Champion titles.

Three Springs, Pennsylvania's Olivia Parks and Aubree Coker of Palm City, Florida, claimed the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout championship after sorting 28 head in 139.99 seconds, earning \$5,060.

The duo had already proven their partnership earlier this year at the Houston Super Sort, where they finished second in the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout (behind Parks, no less, who won the class with Nelson Mas). In Ohio, they executed their plan to perfection.

"I just wanted to be smart and sort as many as I could without taking too many chances," Parks said.

That strategy paid off big. Parks again made a run at the top spots, cashing in on second- and third-place finishes with partners Mas and Kai Clark, leaving only seconds separating the top teams.

For Coker, who claimed the 2025 Amateur Challenge of the Champions title at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals in June, the win adds to an already impressive

resume of Gold Shootout championships, including a title at the Northeast Regional Super Sort earlier this season.

“Olivia and I ride super well together, and she’s one of my favorite partners in the sorting pens,” Coker said. “I was so grateful for the opportunity to compete up there. To win another Shootout class was so exciting and made the weekend worth the travel.”

Gavin Defabrites and Harper Grace Pierce dominate the Professional’s Choice #9 Gold Shootout to earn \$8,348

Gavin Defabrites of Atco, New Jersey, and Harper Grace Pierce of Williamson,

Georgia, were paired together in the Professional’s Choice #9 Gold Shootout through a draw, a match that proved profitable as they sorted 24 head in 170.79 seconds in the Professional’s Choice #9 Gold Shootout, earning themselves championship buckles and a payout of \$8,348.

Heading into the final round, the cattle didn’t let up, making everyone work hard to get a time on the board. As the third pair out, this young team didn’t let the challenge slow them down.

“I always say, ‘Let’s just do what we can do,’” Defabrites said. “That’s what we do best—just try to get a time and have fun.”

For Defabrites, winning a Gold Shootout was a breakthrough and an indicator of exciting things to come.

“I’ve been knocking at the door the past few shows,” said Defabrites, who won the Hyer #11 class at the Northeast Regional Super Sort show in April at Garwood. “It feels good to finally be here.”

This win marked Pierce’s third Gold Shootout championship title in 2025. For taking first in the Professional’s Choice #9 Gold Shootout at the South Central Regional in Waco in April, followed quickly by her Cinch #13 Gold Shootout win at the Northeast Regional Super Sort that same month, plus this coup, the program has paid Pierce nearly \$11,000, which doesn’t account for the Gold Shootout money she’s won outside of first place.

2025 CONGRESS SUPER SORT GOLD SHOOTOUTS PAY EIGHT CHAMPIONS \$26,000

The 2025 Cinch RSNC Congress Super Sort delivered more than \$81,000 in Gold Shootout payouts alone, with the four champion teams claiming nearly \$26,000 of the earnings for their wins.

Held in Jackson, Ohio, the 2025 Congress Super Sort delivered an exciting lineup of classes—including the debut of the brand-new #5 Gold Shootout, which expanded opportunities for riders at every level to compete for major checks and national recognition. With record payouts, fresh divisions and unforgettable stories, the show embodied everything the Gold Shootout program stands for: big dreams, golden opportunities and the strong community that keeps ranch sorting growing nationwide.

Debut of the #5 Gold Shootout draws big success for Anna Butler and Dane Malmberg



Champions Dane Malmberg & Anna Butler

The inaugural #5 Gold Shootout was a crowd favorite, with Anna Butler of Walterboro, South Carolina, and Dane Malmberg from Elmwood, Illinois, topping the class after sorting 27 head in 170.52 seconds to earn \$4,768.

Despite its first-ever status, the class drew riders eager for a shot at high stakes sorting at their level.

“We saw tremendous success with the Gold Shootout program and wanted to offer it to every level of rider,” Cinch RSNC Event Director Logan Wolfe explained. “With the introduction of the #5 Gold Shootout, we now have a spot for anyone that wants to compete in these high stakes classes.”

Butler, the 2025 #8 Youth World Champion, agreed.

“It was very exciting to ride inside the #5 Gold Shootout,” she added.

A random draw paired Butler and Malmberg—two riders who had never competed together before—but they quickly found a rhythm.

“I didn’t keep up with my cow count,” Butler said. “I just rode each run and tried to make 10 head each time because the cows had been soft, and I thought we may need that.”

Butler rode Lil Ripper (Dont Stopp Believin x RPL Ich This), her 2018 gelding, while Malmberg brought his versatile 2010 gelding JK Style (Peptos Stylish Oak x Ima Rio CD).

For Malmberg, the weekend was full of surprises.

“I was there for Friday and Saturday and was kind of all set to pull out,” he said. “But I saw that #5 Shootout and it was super, super intriguing. I was just like, ‘Man, if

you’re going to get lucky and have a good run, that’s the class to do it.’ When I woke up Sunday morning, I said, ‘You know what? Let’s try it.’ So I went in, got my Gold membership and entered the class. It worked out fantastic.”

Malmberg credits JK Style for much of their success.

“We really just use him at home on the ranch, pushing cattle around the pasture,” he explained. “My daughters basically learned to ride on him. Literally two days before we came to Congress, he was giving a lesson to my daughter’s friend who had never been on a horse. He is just the all-around perfect package for us.”

Golden ride for Meghan Dold and Kody Ward in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout



Champions Meghan Dold & Kody Ward

Appleton, New York, ranch sorter Meghan Dold teamed up with Fort Lupton,

Colorado's Kody Ward to sort a clean 30 head in 133.76 seconds, taking home a \$6,906 payday in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout.

Dold was riding her husband's horse, Ronald Reygan (Rey Dual x Uno Reba), a 2019 gelding who's new to the sorting pen but no stranger to competition.

"His first sorting show was actually the World Finals this year," Dold explained. "We bought him the day before and kind of threw him into the sorting, and he took right to it. He's worth his weight in gold. He really hasn't said no to anything we've asked of him. He is just a force to be reckoned with."

For Dold, winning at this level was especially meaningful.

"This is my first time really riding in those classes this year," Dold said. "I was always afraid to put the money up. It's too nerve wracking."

The Gold Shootout's higher entry fee comes with a higher reward, making it a thrilling challenge for riders ready to test themselves. For Ward, who currently has a series of instructional videos releasing on Ride TV, that risk was worth the 20-hour haul to Jackson.

"You kind of go into the weekend with a select few classes that you're putting a lot of emphasis on," he said, "That's obviously one of 'em... That ride with Megan, we actually just set up right before the class, and it all worked out."

Ward piloted 4-year-old Bad Bonnie Lena (Badboonarising x CR Catalena Cat) to the championship.

First Congress, first win for Jr Guedes and Carmen Lowe: Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout



Champions Jr Guedes & Carmen Lowe

A lucky draw turned into a \$7,104 win for Jr (Carlos) Guedes and Carmen Lowe after they sorted 35 head over four rounds in 223.31 seconds to capture the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout title.

"Winning that big class was absolutely fantastic!" exclaimed Guedes, who has only been ranch sorting since January. "I feel so fortunate to have made such great friends in

such a short amount of time."

For Guedes, from Edison, New Jersey, this was only his third sorting event ever—and one he'll never forget. He credited fellow sorters Tanner Keith and Daniel Davis for helping him get started and loaning him horses to ride.

Lowe, of Summerville, Georgia, has been sorting since 2013, and this victory represented years of persistence and passion. Her family and grandparents cheered her on from the sidelines, sharing in an emotional celebration.

Heading into the final round, the new partners kept their plan simple—stay calm, stay clean and get the job done. They pushed seven head through with precision to seal the deal.

Open Gold Shootout: Victory for Derek Partridge and Tanner Keith



Champions Derek Partridge & Tanner Keith

Longtime ranch sorters Derek Partridge and Tanner Keith claimed the Open Gold Shootout championship, sorting 30 heads in 132.71 seconds and earning \$7,106.

For Partridge, of Groveland, New York, the win came at a pivotal time.

"I quit my day job teaching and went to training horses full time," Partridge explained. "I always wanted to train horses. That was my life dream."

He rode Cool Blueish (Cool N Hot x Aristoblue), a 3-year-old mare he raised and trained himself.

"From the first time we put her on a cow, she was determined to not let a calf get past her," he said. "And I'm like, well, she might not make a cutter, but she's going to make a hell of a sorter."

Just a day later, Partridge was injured in an accident during the Total Feeds #8 class, making this win all the more memorable.

Keith, who travels nationwide competing and selling horses, said attending the Congress Super Sort was an easy decision.

"Oh, I knew it going to be big show," Keith explained. "Every show you come to, you see a new face."

And winning certainly made this stop sweeter for the Austinville, Virginia, horseman.

GET IN ON THE CINCH RSNC GOLD SHOOTOUTS

Cinch RSNC introduced the Gold Shootout program to their members in the 2024-2025 season as a high-reward option for their most competitive members. To enter, members must possess a Platinum or Gold Cinch RSNC membership. Gold Shootout classes now include the Priefert Open GS, the Cinch #13 GS, the Professional's Choice #9 GS and the US Rider #5 GS.

Additionally, Platinum or Gold members who qualified last season were able to compete for \$75,000 in added money at the 2025 World Finals. For more information, visit rsnc.us/rsnc-membership/

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TOP SIRES OF THE 2025 CINCH RSNC WORLD FINALS

From 40 winning horses at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals, these sires emerged as the top producers of ranch sorting world champions.



Catty Hawk

Ranch sorting is growing faster than ever—and the horsepower behind the champions is following suit. By examining the pedigrees of 40 winning horses at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals, a few sires clearly stand above the rest. Here are the top performing sires in ranch sorting.

WINNINGEST SIRES

1. Catty Hawk

Catty Hawk (High Brow Cat x Scarlet Dance) is a 2005 sorrel stallion double registered with the AQHA and APHA. According to QData, he earned \$240,297 in NCHA competition between 2008 and 2013, with standout performances in major aged events. He produced his first foal crop in 2011, and since then, his offspring have earned more than \$4.1 million—not including ranch sorting earnings. As a direct son of High Brow Cat, he carries forward one of the most powerful sire lines in the Western performance world.

Catty Hawk's 2025 Ranch Sorting World Champs

Cohiba Cat (Hey Looky Here, by Dual Rey)

- Winner of the #18 3-Man, 2-Horse
- Owned by Alexis Y Holt, ridden by Kai Clark

Hawk N Roll (Reyl Purdy, by Dual Rey)

- Winner of the APHA Chrome Cash Non-Pro Futurity
- Owned by Tracey Oneil, ridden by Rey Echeto

Oaklie (Seven S Gun Moll, by Playgun)

- Winner of the All Levels
- Owned by Amy Koesters, ridden by Cheyenne Koesters

One Catty Badger (Montanas Dual Badger, by Reys Dual Badger)

- Winner of the Total Feeds #8
- Owned and ridden by Cherrie Mahon

2/3. High Brow Cat (tie)

High Brow Cat (High Brow Hickory x Smart Little Kitty) is a 1988 chestnut AQHA stallion and one of the most influential sires in Western performance history. According to QData, the legendary sorrel retired in 1995 having earned \$110,784 in NCHA competition before becoming a record-breaking, Hall of Fame sire. “Cat” went on to produce earners of more than \$96 million across cutting, cow horse, reining, and ranch events—making him both an NCHA and an AQHA all-time leading sire. His impact continues through multiple generations, with sons and grandsons like **Metallic Cat**, Smooth As A Cat, WR This Cats Smart and, notably, **Catty Hawk** carrying on his prolific legacy.

High Brow Cat’s 2025 Ranch
Sorting World Champs

- Cat Creydenials** (Rey Of Oak, by Dual Rey)
- Winner of the APHA Chrome Cash Pro Futurity Incentive
 - Owned by Jodi Distad, ridden by Travis Freiheit

Judgement Day (Bet On Houston, by Peptoboonsmal)

- Winner of the Lucky Duck
- Owned by Troy and Shale Davis, ridden by Chet Barrett

Trappin Cats (Dual Lena Pearl, by Dual Pep)

- Winner of the Graduated Rookie
- Owned Amy Buchanan, ridden by Jenny Buchanan

2/3. Hottish (tie)

Hottish (Spots Hot x Stylish Play Lena) is a 2008 AQHA sorrel stallion who has made

a name for himself both in the show pen and as a sire. According to QData, Hottish earned \$301,200 in NCHA competition, highlighted by victories at the 2012 NCHA Derby and multiple major aged-event finals. His first foal crop arrived in 2014, and his offspring quickly made their mark in cutting, cow horse, and other performance arenas. To date, Hottish has sired earners of more than \$10 million and, just this year, he made rank as an NRCHA Million Dollar Sire.

Hottish’s 2025 Ranch Sorting
World Champs

- Ashados Hot** (Ashado, by Smart Little Lena)
- Winner of the #18 3-Man, 2-Gate
 - Owned and ridden by Scott Knight
- Hotnsmooth As Stella** (Smooth Stella, by Smooth As A Cat)
- Winner of the #8 Youth
 - Owned by Scott Knight, ridden by Abigail Knight
- Lookee Yonder** (Reyzy Moon, by Cats Moonshine)
- Winner of the Mil-Spec Liners #6/4
 - Owned Swinging D Ranch, ridden by London Dickson

SIRES OF NOTE

Each of the following sires produced two world champion horses at this year’s Cinch RSNC World Finals

- **Bamacat** (High Brow Cat x MH San Tules Dually)
- **Bet Hesa Cat** (High Brow Cat x Bet Yer Blue Boons)
- **Dual Rey** (Dual Pep x Nurse Rey)
- **Metallic Cat** (High Brow Cat x Chers Shadow)
- **Smooth As A Cat** (High Brow Cat x Shes Pretty Smooth)

3 MOST PREDOMINANT
LINEAGES

High Brow Cat (1988) plays a significant role in producing top-performing ranch sorting horses. Though he didn’t directly sire the most world champions this year, his name appears 20 times when looking at the list of paternal and maternal grandsires and another seven times when looking at great-grandsires. Three world champion horses show High Brow Cat twice when looking at four generations, including **Hawk N Roll**, of whom High Brow Cat is the paternal grandsire and the sire of his maternal granddam. In total, High Brow Cat holds 30 places in the pedigrees of 40 world champion ranch sorting horses.

By comparison, **Dual Rey** (1994) is the second-most prevalent sire, holding 13 spaces. As mentioned above, Dual Rey is the direct sire of two world champion horses, and he is the grandsire of seven (though he appears eight times due to being the paternal and maternal grandsire of **Asturia**, **winner of the Hyer #11 Rookie**). In the great-grand category, he appears three times.

On the heels of Dual Rey is **Peptoboonsmal** (Peppy San Badger x Royal Blue Boon), the 1992 sire who appears 11 times in the lineages of these 40 world champion ranch sorting horses. Though this \$28 million stallion didn’t directly sire any of this year’s champions, he is the grandsire of four and appears in the fourth-generation column seven times.



3 MOST PREVALENT SIRES

Most influential sires of the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals when looking at four generations.

Name of Sire	pedigree	Sired a 2025 Champion	Grandsire	Great-grandsire
High Brow Cat	High Brow Hickory x Smart Little Kitty	3	20	7
Dual Rey	Dual Pep x Nurse Rey	2	8	3
Peptoboonsmal	Peppy San Badger x Royal Blue Boon	0	4	7
Total		30	13	11



SHES PRETTY SMOOTH:

THE GRANDDAM OF RANCH SORTING'S WORLD CHAMPIONS

Though not a single mare produced more than one world champion ranch sorting horse at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals, a look at the granddams revealed Shes Pretty Smooth as the mare with the most.

Out of pedigrees gathered on 40 of the winning ranch sorting horses at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals, a few sires were found to be a common thread across several champion horses. A look at the mares, however, wasn't quite as telling.

Instead, it took looking back to the granddams to see where the patterns emerged, and they did so in the 1991 mare Shes Pretty Smooth.

HER WORLD CHAMPIONS

In 2025, a total of five ranch sorting horses out of Shes Pretty Smooth claimed World Champion titles at the Cinch RSNC World Finals. Four are second-generation get, and one is the great-grand-foal of the mare.

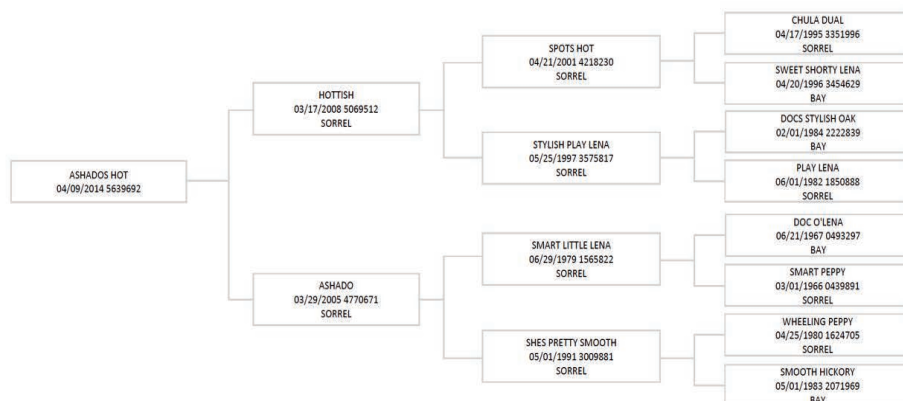
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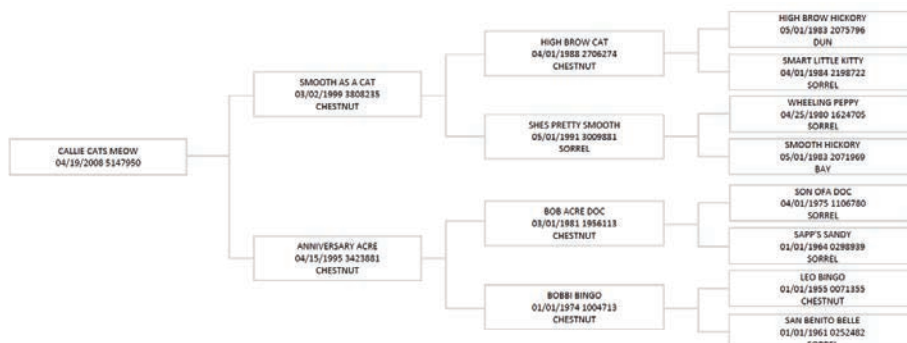
GRAND-GET

- **Ashados Hot** (2014 Mare)
 - Owned and ridden by Scott Knight in the #18 HC 3-Man, 2-Gate



Callie Cats Meow

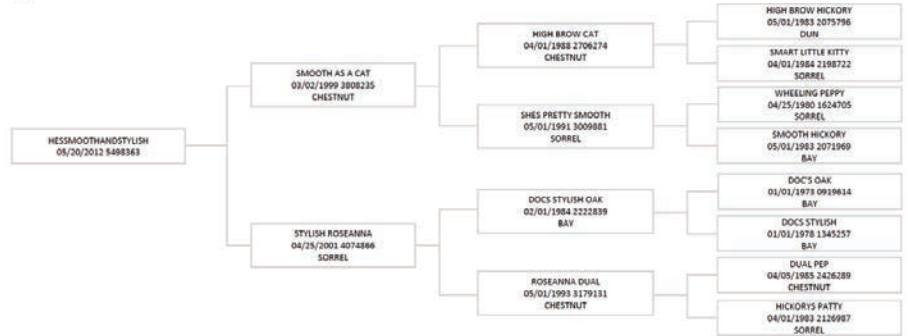
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 - Ridden by Sierra Woods in the Hyer #11 Rookie





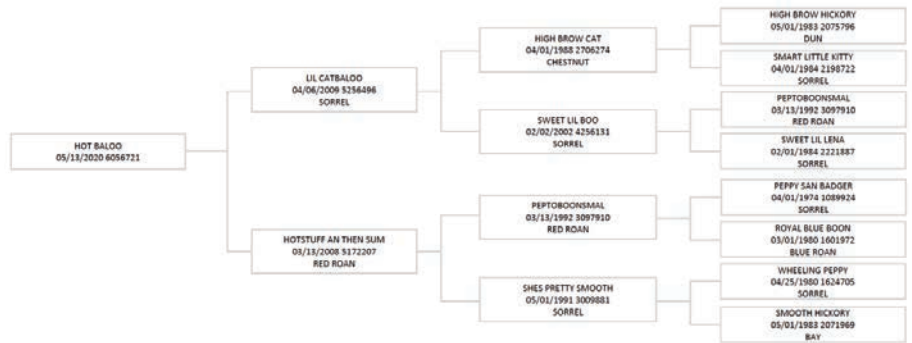
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- **Hessmoothandstylish** (2012 Gelding)
 - Owned by Ramón Novoa and ridden by Alejandro Serpone in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout



Hot Baloo

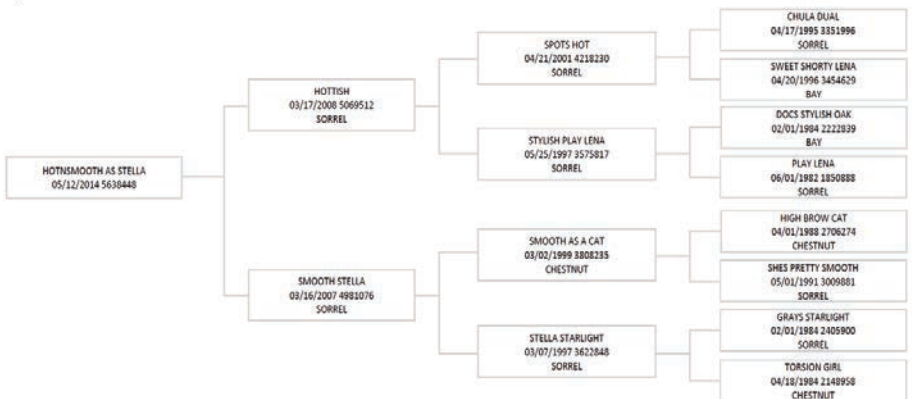
- **Hot Baloo** (2020 Mare)
 - Owned and ridden by Joel Lesh in the Open



Hotsmooth As Stella

GREAT-GRANDS

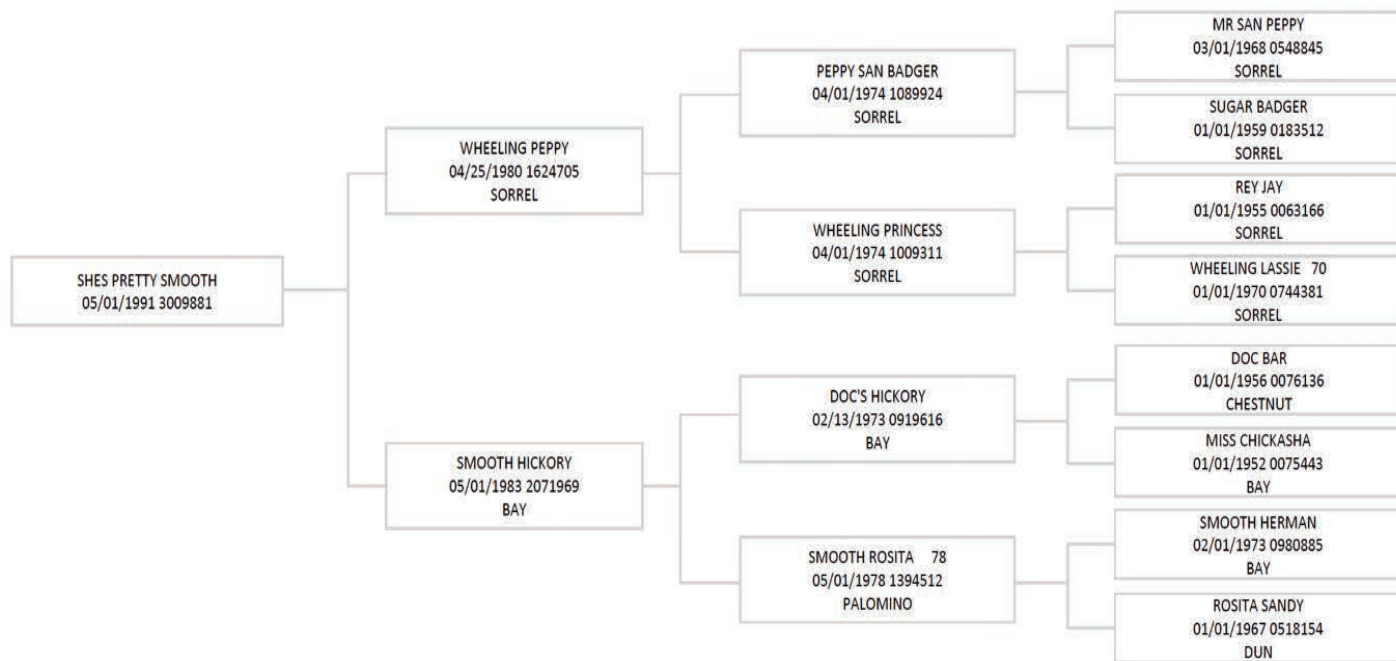
- **Hotsmooth As Stella** (2014 Gelding)
 - Ridden by Abigail Knight in the #8 Youth



ABOUT SHES PRETTY SMOOTH

Shes Pretty Smooth (1991–2016) is a sorrel mare with \$75,526 in lifetime earnings by Wheeling Peppy and out of Smooth Hickory. As a 3-year-old, Shes Pretty Smooth was the NCHA Non-Pro Futurity Champion and, just a year later, was piloted to the Augusta 4-year-old Non-Pro Futurity championship title by Tommy Manion, who purchased the mare—bred by Augusta, Georgia’s William S Morris III—in 1994.

The accomplished mare was out of the 1983 bay Smooth Hickory and sired by Wheeling Peppy, a 1980 own son of NCHA Hall of Famer Peppy San Badger. Both Shes Pretty Smooth and Wheeling Peppy came from the Morris’ storied Creek Plantation, now a 14,000-acre cattle, timber and breeding farm located just over the line in Martin, South Carolina.



SHES PRETTY SMOOTH’S FOALS

In her own breeding career, Shes Pretty Smooth produced at least 17 money-earners that won more than \$1.26 million.

Smooth As A Cat

Out of Shes Pretty Smooth’s foals, **Smooth As A Cat** (1999–2024) takes the cake with \$500,000 in lifetime earnings. By **AQHA Hall of Fame sire High Brow Cat**, the colt was bred by Aubrey, Texas’s Manion Ranch and is an NRCHA \$2M Sire as well as an NCHA Horse of the Year and Hall of Famer. Of the ranch sorting world champions descended from Shes Pretty Smooth, Smooth As A Cat sired two—Hyer #11 Rookie champion Callie Cats Meow (out of Anniversary Acre) and Cinch #13 Gold Shootout champion Hessmoothandstylish (out of Stylish Roseanna). The stallion is also the maternal grandsire of #8 Youth world champion Hotnsmooth As Stella (Hottish x Smooth Stella, out of Stella Starlight).

Ashado

Not to be confused with the 2001 Hall of Fame Thoroughbred, this **Ashado** (b. 2005) is another product of the Manion Ranch, this time by **\$42.3 million sire Smart Little Lena**. Purchased by Morris in 2020 and in service at Creek Plantation, Ashado was bred to NRCHA Million Dollar Sire Hottish to produce the 2025 Cinch RSNC ranch sorting world champion Ashado’s Hot.

Hotstuff An Then Sum

Sired by **\$28 million stallion Peptoboonsmal, Hotstuff An Then Sum** (b. 2008) was yet another Manion Ranch baby who was most recently acquired by cutting’s 2010 Zane Shulte Award recipient JB McLamb in January 2025. In between, the mare has earned \$12,475 in LTE and is the dam of a handful of money-earning foals, including Joel Lesh’s Hot Baloo (Lil Catbaloo), aboard whom he won the 2025 Cinch RSNC Open ranch sorting world championship.



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WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
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WESTERN HERITAGE #6
ASPEN REESE & BRANDON PIERCE
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Winners on 17 head/3 rounds in 164.15 seconds



CINCH #13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT
AUBREE COKER & OLIVIA PARKS
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PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT
HARPER GRACE PIERCE & GAVIN DEFABRITES
\$8,348.00

Winners on 24 head/3 rounds in 170.79 seconds



#15 3-MAN 2-GATE

ELIZABETH ERB, RANDY WEIDNER &
TOMMY PERKINS

\$1,686.00

Winners on 12 head/2 rounds in 112.19 seconds



MIL-SPEC LINERS #6/4HC
MEGHAN DOLD & JOSH VARA

\$3,276.00

Winners on 29 head/3 rounds in 153.27 seconds



HYER #11 ROOKIE

MATT STEVENS & KAREN NARBURGH

\$3,240.00

Winners on 23 head/3 rounds in 159.49 seconds



ALL LEVELS HC

KAI CLARK & MATT STEVENS

\$2,918.00

Winners on 20 head/2 rounds in 87.66 second



#18 RATED YOUTH

SAM RUBSAM & RENDER PIERCE

\$600.00

Winners on 17 head/2 rounds in 99.42 seconds



LAREDO CONVERSIONS #10

ERIC ROSS & AARON BERRY

\$1,824.00

Winners on 20 head/3 rounds in 120.53 seconds



JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS
RANDY WEIDNER & DARREN ROBERTS
\$1,558.00

Winners on 26 head/3 rounds in 166.42 seconds



#14 RANCH HAND
JESSIE WOLFE & HARPER GRACE PIERCE
\$1,472.00

Winners on 29 head/3 rounds in 162.88 seconds



#2 BEGINNER SORT
DARLENE RAYNOR & DELYLA DODD
\$80.00

Winners on 2 head/1 round in 56.01 seconds



YOUTH BEGINNER/ADULT GATE
ELLA SNYDER & LANE PARTRIDGE
\$450.00

Winners on 9 head/2 rounds in 103.23 seconds



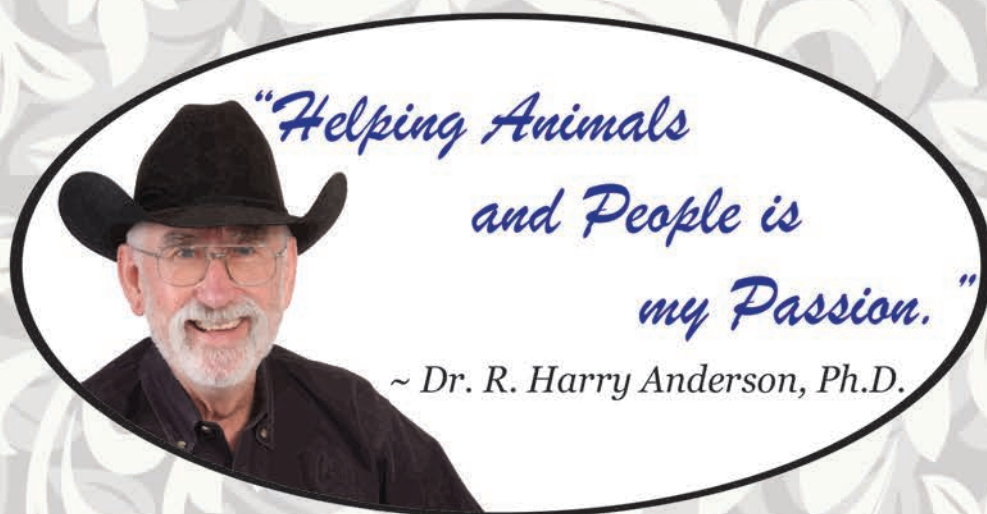
#12
ASPEN REESE & KEVIN REESE
\$1,732.00

Winners on 30 head/3 rounds in 143.72 seconds



TOTAL FEEDS #8 HC
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CINCH #13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT
MEGHAN DOLD & KODY WARD
\$6,906.00

Winners on 30 head/3 rounds in 133.76 seconds



PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT
JR GUEDES & CARMEN LOWE
\$7,104.00

Winners on 35 head/4 rounds in 223.31 seconds



#15 3-MAN 2-GATE
MASON RAY, LOGAN WOLFE &
DEANO LOVECCHIO
\$1,473.00

Winners on 19 head/2 rounds in 101.37 seconds



MIL-SPEC LINERS #6/4HC
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HYER #11 ROOKIE
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ALL LEVELS HC
DANIEL DAVIS & TIAGO FREITAS
\$1,986.00

Winners on 30 head/3 rounds in 131.90 seconds



#18 RATED YOUTH
HARPER GRACE PIERCE & RAELENN BERRY
\$620.00

Winners on 20 head/2 rounds in 87.49 seconds



LAREDO CONVERSIONS #10
CONNIE PARTRIDGE & DANIEL DAVIS
\$2,650.00

Winners on 30 head/3 rounds in 135.70 seconds



JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS
JEFF CARDINAL & MIKE WELDON
\$2,046.00

Winners on 27 head/3 rounds in 169.65 seconds



OPEN HC GOLD SHOOTOUT
TANNER KEITH & DEREK PARTRIDGE
\$7,106.00

Winners on 30 head/3 rounds in 132.71 seconds



#2 BEGINNER SORT
CIRO LOPEZ & LIAM DAVIS
\$874.00

Winners on 15 head/3 rounds in 117.84 seconds



#10 YOUTH BEGINNER/ADULT GATE
EMMA SPARKS & ELLA SNYDER
\$718.00

Winners on 19 head/2 rounds in 109.28 seconds



#12
SARA HOLSTON & KRIS DOORNINK
\$2,164.00

Winners on 30 head/3 rounds in 143.81 seconds



TOTAL FEEDS #8 HC
TARA SCHAFER & TOM FRITH
\$2,462.00

Winners on 28 head/3 rounds in 166.71 seconds



#5 GOLD SHOOTOUT
DANE MALMBERG & ANNA BUTLER
\$4,768.00

Winners on 27 head/3 rounds in 170.52 seconds



HOLIDAY AUTO GROUP CHALLENGE OF THE CHAMPIONS

TOP 10 (as of Mon., Nov. 17)



OPEN CLASS

1. Kris Doornink \$25,515
2. Logan Wolfe \$22,373
3. Joel Lesh \$14,559
4. Jessie Wolfe \$14,082
5. Matt Stevens \$13,353
6. Travis Roberson \$11,394
7. Tanner Keith \$10,509
8. Kody Ward \$10,283
9. Derek Partridge \$9,398
10. Dave Schaffner \$9,256

AMATEUR/GRADUATED AMATEUR CLASS

1. Kai Clark \$12,512
2. Wayne McNeel \$11,469
3. Scott Finley \$11,390
4. Viann Hegge \$11,270
5. Arielle Weeast \$11,186
6. Sadey Rasmussen \$10,824
7. Christy Pritchett \$10,677
8. Mike Weldon \$10,614
9. Kim Christy \$10,288
10. Sidney Rasmussen \$9,677

NOVICE/GRADUATED NOVICE CLASS

1. Randy Weidner \$17,832
2. Suzanne Butler \$14,494
3. Meghan Dold \$13,298
4. JP Pedro \$9,803
5. Anna Butler \$9,348
6. Ricky Hightower \$8,991
7. Piper Edwards \$7,247
8. Deano Lovecchio \$5,951
9. Tommy Perkins \$5,597
10. Robin Woessner \$5,501

BEGINNER/ROOKIE/ GRADUATED ROOKIE CLASS

1. Jerry Davis \$14,124.00
2. Kathy Doornink \$8,652.00
3. Kasia Marsters \$7,685.00
4. Kit Doornink \$7,636.00
5. Ray Williams \$7,413.00
6. Don Lamont \$6,729.00
7. Dan Spradley \$6,229.00
8. Jesse Stanfill \$5,828.00
9. Cheyenne Menees \$4,628.00
10. Shelby Wright \$4,492.12



Most recently, Kris Doornink added to his leading earnings on the year when he won the All Levels as well as the #12, shown here with Sara Holston, at October's Congress Super Sort.

SOUTHEAST Regional SUPER SORT

\$20,000 ADDED IN CASH & PRIZES

FRIDAY, JAN 23

Start 8:00 am



Spalding Labs



WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS HC

ENTRY FEE ADDED \$ PAYBACK

\$55 60%

WESTERN HERITAGE #6 HC

\$55 60%

#13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

\$145/\$160 85%

Platinum, Gold members only. Platinum members: \$145/ride.

#9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

\$145/\$160 \$10,000 60%

6-ride limit (pick 5/draw 1 or draw up to 6).

Platinum, Gold members only. Platinum members: \$145/ride.

#15 3-MAN 2-GATE

\$65 60%

SATURDAY, JAN 24

Start 8:00 am



#6 HC/4 INC

\$55 60%

#11 ROOKIE (2 Cap on Sorter)

\$55 50%

ALL LEVELS HC

\$65 60%

#18 HC RATED YOUTH

\$40 60%

#10 HC

\$55 60%

OPEN HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

\$185/\$200 80%

#5 floor on rider. 3-ride limit (pick 2/draw 1 or draw up to 3).

Platinum, Gold members only. Platinum members: \$185/ride.

SUNDAY, JAN 25

Start 8:30 am

COWBOY CHURCH 7:30 am

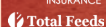
#14 RANCH HAND HC

\$55 60%



#10 MASTERS HC

\$55 60%



#8 HC

\$55 60%

#2 BEGINNER SORT (6 Hd of Cattle)

\$30 50%

#10 HC BEGINNER YOUTH/ADULT GATE

\$30 50%



#5 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

\$120/\$135 80%

#2 floor on rider. 3-ride limit (pick 2/draw 1 or draw up to 3).

Platinum, Gold members only. Platinum members: \$120/ride.

PRODUCER HAS THE OPTION TO ADJUST BASE TIME AS DEEMED NECESSARY

CINCH RSNC DRESS CODE REQUIRED

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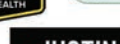
PAYMENT INFORMATION

CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARD

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Credit Card Fee: 4% (non-refundable).

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FULL REGIONAL PRIZELINE: \$10,000 ADDED PRIZES

- Regional High Point Divisions: #1-2, #3-4, #5-&-Up and Masters.
- A Cinch RSNC Trophy Saddle is awarded to division champions, except in the Masters. Additional prizes are awarded to Masters champions and to the 2nd and 3rd place contestants in each division.
- The following classes are excluded from the points race: all Gold Shootout classes, #18 Rated Youth and #10 Youth Beginner Adult Gate.
- Masters Regional High Point winners are determined by adding points from eligible classes to points earned in the Justin Insurance #10 Masters. Prizes are awarded only to members who compete in the class.
- In the event a contestant wins the same placing in two divisions, the contestant will keep their rating division prize and will move down a placing in the Masters division.

GOLD SHOOTOUT CLASS RULES:

- Gold Shootout classes are reserved for Platinum and Gold members. You can upgrade or purchase a new membership on site or online.
- Platinum members receive a \$15 ride discount on all GS class entries.

GOLD SHOOTOUT GO-ROUND RULES

	# ROUNDS	1ST GO	2ND GO	3RD GO	4TH GO
111 Teams or More	4	x	30%	30%	Top 10
Less than 110 Teams	3	x	30%	Top 10	

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- RSNC Silver Membership is free to members 70 & over

STALLS, RVs & SHAVINGS:

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- Early Bird Stall Prices: \$145/event OR \$40/night
- Early Bird Deadline: Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026
- Book RV sites at sitereservations.com
- Shavings: \$8-\$14 at showsavings.com (select: HB#1 Horse Barn 1) or at the onsite office, 8am-7pm daily. Outside shavings prohibited.

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IT'S SHOW TIME! (down)

By GR Farthing

Ranch sorting
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NFR by night.
Make the most
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Cowboy Town
Showdown
experience
with this
guide to all
things
Las Vegas
during NFR
week.

A photograph of a cowboy wearing a hat and a plaid shirt, riding a dark horse in a rodeo arena. The background shows the arena's structure and other horses.

COWBOY TOWN

Showdown



Ariat #9.5 World Finals Champions Robert Covington & David Perry

The rodeo world is headed to Las Vegas for the NFR and, this year, Cinch RSNC will be right there with them Dec. 5–7, 2025, as ranch sorters take over the Plaza Hotel & Casino for three thrilling days of competition at the premiere Cowboy Town Showdown & Challenge of the Champions Invitational.

The event is a first of its kind, giving riders the chance to sort by day and soak in all the NFR festivities by night—from Cowboy Christmas shopping to rodeo watch parties and more. There is a lot to take in, so keep this ranch sorter's insider's guide handy to get the most out of your Vegas vacation.

DOWNTOWN DOINGS

With the Plaza as home base, there's more than enough fun to find within walking distance.

ALL AT THE PLAZA

The Plaza Hotel & Casino is an official host hotel of the NFR, and its downtown location at the junction of Main and Fremont makes it a true hub to have the most fun.



NFR Watch Parties

In 2025, the American Hat Company Watch Party hosted by CN Productions features two options:

- **Plaza Showroom:** This free event is for the whole family. Bring the all-ages crew to watch the NFR rounds to catch the live broadcast with special guests, win nightly door prizes and enjoy drink specials. Doors open nightly at 5:00 p.m., Dec 4–13, in the Showroom, located on the first floor, adjacent to the casino's Main Pit Area.

- a. **On Dec. 4**, preceding the regularly scheduled watch party, the doors will open early to host a special **Cinch RSNC Back Number Ceremony** for the ranch sorting competing in the **Challenge of the Champions Invitational**. All are invited to the Showroom to cheer on the 10 riders going for glory in the three-day tournament.

- **Gold Buckle Bar:** Also free to attend beginning at 5:00 p.m. each night, this event is for the 21-and-over crowd and features big-screen action, special guests and door prizes, as well as live music following the NFR.

Downtown Christmas Expo

Located on Floor 3 in the 19,000-square-foot Plaza Convention Center and Ballroom, the Downtown Christmas Expo is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The carefully curated shopping event features a diverse array of apparel and accessory designers, artisans, jewelers and Western couture. Bonus: a purchase made at the Expo earns you free parking with validation.

More Core Arena action

Kimes Ranch Rope for the Crown Breakaway Championship, Dec. 5-6

Be sure to check out the next-door arena for some action from the

fastest equine sport on dirt. Last year's champion, 2022 NFR qualifier Beau Peterson, took home more than \$20,000 for her win, so you can count on catching some top tier action from the stands.

Stock Dog Trials, Dec. 8-9

Technically, the ranch sorting will be buttoned up by the time to stock dogs get to work, but they get going at 8:00 a.m. both days, which gives you a few hours before check-out to watch these working dogs do wonders.

WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

• Downtown Hoedown on Fremont Street, Dec. 3

If you're in town early, this free outdoor concert has become a highly anticipated NRF kickoff event for the last many years. The music begins at 4:00 p.m. with three different stages. Corey Kent headlines the Main Street stage at 5:15 p.m., Josh Ross headlines 1st Street at 6:15, and at 3rd Street, Midland takes the stage at 9:30 after opening act Mackenzie Carpenter.

• Fremont Street

Of course, Fremont Street is an experience no matter the day of the week, and each day from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on the hour, visitors can marvel the world's largest LED canopy screen Light Show or even take flight along it on the SlotZilla zipline. Just around the corner, a few daytime hours at The Mob Museum (aka the National Museum of Organized Crime & Law Enforcement) will present a vivid and engaging experience.



Vegas Vickie's

• Afternoons with Vickie at Circa, Dec. 3-13, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Celebrate a good day of sorting with His and Hers NFR-themed cocktails at the Circa hotel's lounge, Vegas Vickie's, named for the iconic neon kicking cowgirl sign. With each drink purchase, you'll be entered to win an exclusive Vegas Vickie's x NFR jacket.



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ROUND 8
purple wave AUCTION

ROUND 9
KIMES RANCH

ROUND 10
QUANTA



Kimes Ranch 2024 RFTC Finals Champion Beau Peterson

• Nightly concerts at the Golden Nugget Showroom

Find the full NFR Week concert schedule at goldennugget.com

- Dec. 4: **Dillon Carmichael**
- Dec. 5: **Mark Chesnutt**
- Dec. 6: **Sammy Kershaw**
- Dec. 7: **Ray Wylie Hubbard**
- Dec. 8: **Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan**

AROUND TOWN NFR by night

• The NFR runs Dec. 4–13 this year and the Cowboy Town Showdown is set to wrap up each day with time to put horses up, clean up and catch the action at the Thomas & Mack, whether that's from the stands around the little yellow arena or from a booth at the watch party. Each of the 10 rounds begins at 5:45 p.m. For full schedule, visit nfrexperience.com

- Dec. 4: Opening Night / Throwback Night
 - National Anthem: Morgan Myles
- Dec. 5: Round 2
 - Opening Act: Jarrod Morris
 - National Anthem: Jeffrey Steele

- Dec. 6: Round 3 / Golden Night featuring the Golden Circle of Champions
 - Opening Act: Tribute to Contract Acts
 - National Anthem: Equine Network's Sarah Rowe!
- Dec. 7: Round 4 / Memorial Night
 - Opening Act: Jackson Dean
 - National Anthem: Walker Montgomery
- Dec. 8: Round 5 / Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night
 - Opening Act: Jenna Paulette
 - National Anthem: Charley Cox



Head to Horseman's Park

From Dec. 6 through Dec. 13, Horseman's Park is home to the Patriot Event:

America's Richest Combined Equine Events. This year, **Patriot Las Vegas** includes the **Hooey Junior Patriot Finals**, the **College Showdown** and the **Junior World Finals of Team Roping**.

For the full schedule with information on arena locations, qualifiers, semi-finals and finals throughout the week, visit patriontevent.com.

- Dec. 6
 - Barrel Exhibitions
 - Pole Bending Exhibitions
- Dec. 7
 - Barrel Racing
 - Goat Tying
- Dec. 8
 - Barrel Racing
 - Pole Bending
 - Goat Tying

South Point scene

- **National Finals Breakaway Roping** (arena)
 - Dec. 2: Round 1–5
 - Dec. 3: Rounds 6–10
 - 2:00 p.m. daily
- **Ariat World Series of Team Roping Finale XIX** (arena)
 - Dec. 5–14
- **Riata Showcase Horse Sale** (arena)
 - The actual sale is during the Cowboy Town Showdown, but the preview is Dec. 6, immediately following the conclusion of the #13.5 Bloomer Key Card Advantage roping
- **Cinch Western Gift Show** (exhibit hall)
 - Dec. 2–14
 - 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Live music** (showroom)
 - Aaron Watson; Dec. 4–6
 - Chancey Williams; Dec. 7

More cowboy shopping spots

- **Cowboy Christmas**
 - Dec. 4–13
 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Las Vegas Convention Center: South Halls, Levels 1, 2
- **Cowboy Marketplace Gift Show**
 - Dec. 4–13
 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Horseshoe Las Vegas
- **Country Christmas**
 - Dec. 4–13
 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 - Rio Las Vegas

More live music

Many artists are playing multiple nights, and this is just a sampling of who is in the lineup. Find the full schedule at nfrexperience.com

- **Dec. 4**
 - Rodney Carrington @ David Copperfield Theater, MGM Grand
 - Ned LeDoux @ Veil Pavillion, Silverton Casino Hotel
 - Brad Paisley @ Encore Theater, Wynn Las Vegas
 - Jacob Ryan Marshall @ The International Bar, Westgate Las Vegas
 - Tim McGraw @ The Colosseum, Ceasars Palace
- **Dec. 5**
 - The Red Clay Strays @ The Theater, Virgin Hotels Las Vegas
 - Brandon Saiz @ Gilley's Saloon, Treasure Island Hotel & Casino
 - Tyler Booth @ Level Up, MGM Grand
 - Kansas @ Pearl Concert Theater, Palms Casino Resort
 - Caden Gillard @ The International Bar, Westgate Las Vegas
- **Dec. 6**
 - Zac Brown Band @ Sphere Las Vegas
 - Wynona Judd @ The Venetian Theater
 - Olivia Harms @ The International Bar, Westgate Las Vegas
- Old Dominion @ PH Live, Planet Hollywood Hotel & Casino
- Corb Lund @ The Space Las Vegas
- **Dec. 7**
 - Lainey Wilson @ T-Mobile Arena
 - Eddie Clendening Trio @ Nowhere, Fontainebleau Las Vegas
 - Santa Jam, starring Brett Young @ Pearl Concert Theater, Palms Casino Resort
 - Wynn Williams @ Zouk Nightclub, Resorts World
 - Matt Castillo @ The International Bar, Westgate Las Vegas
- **Dec. 8**
 - Josh Weathers @ Zouk Nightclub, Resorts World
 - Nathan Dean and the Damn Band @ Gilley's Saloon, Treasure Island Hotel & Casino
 - Scotty Alexander @ Gilley's Saloon, Treasure Island Hotel & Casino
 - Mae Estes @ Rio Event Stage, Rio Hotel & Casino
 - Seth Ward and the Silence @ The International Bar, Westgate Las Vegas

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THURSDAY, FEB 19

Start 8:00 am

RIDE
TV

WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS

W/#6 INC HC *Runs to Completion*

ENTRY FEE ADDED \$ PAYBACK

\$60 \$1,000 60%



CINCH #13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

\$145/\$160 \$1,000 80%

**Platinum member entry fee \$145*

MIL-SPEC
SPORTS

#6 HC/4 INC

\$60 \$1,000 60%

EQUUS
SPORTS

#18 RATED YOUTH HC *Runs to Completion*

\$40 \$500 50%

#12 HC *Runs to Completion*

\$65 \$1,000 60%

FRIDAY, FEB 20

Start 8:00 am

HOLIDAY
AUTO GROUP

ALL LEVELS HC

ENTRY FEE ADDED \$ PAYBACK

\$60 \$1,000 60%



PROFESSIONALS CHOICE

\$145/\$160 \$1,000 80%

#9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

**Platinum member entry fee \$145*

HYER

#2 BEGINNER SORT *Runs to Completion*

\$40 \$500 50%

JUSTIN
INSURANCE

#11 ROOKIE HC *(2 cap on sorter)*

\$60 \$1,000 60%

#10 MASTERS HC *Runs to Completion*

\$65 \$1,000 60%

Total Feeds

#8 HC

\$60 \$1,000 60%

SATURDAY, FEB 21

Start 8:00 am



CINCH #13 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

**CHAMPIONSHIP
ROUNDS**

MIL-SPEC
SPORTS

#6/4 Inc

HOLIDAY
AUTO GROUP

ALL LEVELS HC

Professional's Choice

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 HC GOLD SHOOTOUT

HYER

#11 ROOKIE *(2 cap on sorter)*

Total Feeds

#8 HC

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GOLD SHOOTOUT RULES:

- The Cinch #13 & Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout classes are reserved for Gold & Platinum members only. Upgrade or purchase a Gold or Platinum membership at the event to enter
- Platinum Members receive a \$15/ride discount on all Gold Shootout entries
- Special Go Round Rules will apply to all Gold Shootout Classes

GO ROUND RULES - SHOOTOUT CLASSES

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- Early Bird Deadline: Friday, Feb. 6
- Book stalls, pre-bed shavings & RV sites on rsnc.us
- Shavings: \$10/bag (2-bag minimum)
- RV prices to be posted on RSNC reservation page

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- Qualify for the Cinch RSNC World Finals
- Current Coggins and Health Papers Required for all out of state riders
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CINCH RSNC DRESS CODE:

All contestants at a Cinch RSNC sanctioned show must wear Western attire: a Western hat is optional, but a collared western button-down shirt and boots are required. Tank tops, tee shirts, polo shirts and ball caps will not be allowed. The first dress code violation by any member will be result in a warning. Each violation after will result in a "no time" for that ride.



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NEW RELEASES ON **RIDE** TV

A few weeks ago, Ride TV began rolling out the latest series: **Sorting Smart with Kody Ward**. Complete with a download-able workbook to check off your progression at home, his first playlist releases feature futurity-level ranch sorting horses, demonstrating how he builds foundation and confidence before stepping into live cattle. Viewers watch him introduce dry work drills, develop cow sense through flag work and warm up a 4-year-old cutter transitioning into the sorting pen. Each session offers practical insight into equipment choices, timing, responsiveness, and training for success in the pen.



Kody Ward

1. Dry Work on Futurity Ranch Sorting Horse

Kody Ward introduces “Old Yeller,” a promising young horse in training for ranch sorting. In this session, Ward walks through the equipment he chooses for this horse and explains why each piece is important for building responsiveness and control. He then demonstrates key dry work drills, focusing on collection and teaching the horse to stay soft and behind his hands—laying the foundation for success in the sorting pen.

2. Flag Work on Ranch Sorting Horses

Kody Ward works “Old Yeller” on the flag, teaching him to frame up and follow the cow’s movements. Ward explains that a ranch sorting horse almost needs to be a cutting horse first, and he demonstrates how flag work helps prepare a horse to “do what the cow does.” This session highlights the importance of timing, positioning, and responsiveness before stepping into live cattle work.

3. Warm Up Session on a 4-Year-Old

This talented mare, who earned money as a 3-year-old in cutting, is now transitioning into a ranch sorting career. Kody Ward demonstrates how he warms her up, focusing on responsiveness, body control, and setting the foundation for success in the sorting pen.

2025-2026 UPCOMING CINCH RSNC LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

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Cowboy Town Showdown & Challenge of the Champions Invitational

Las Vegas, NV, at the
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Dec. 5-7, 2025

Las Vegas turns into Cowboy Town each December with the arrival of the National Finals Rodeo, the mega-paying Ariat World Series of Team Roping Finale, The Patriot Rodeo and now, the Cinch RSNC Cowboy Town Showdown & Challenge of the Champions Invitational.

Open to everyone, this sorting event features three standard classes daily in the heart of Las Vegas during the biggest week in Western sports, and our first-ever Invitational is designed to play a major part in getting ranch sorters on their way to qualifying for the Challenge of the Champions tournament at the 2026 World Finals. With only 10 per division, the odds—and the energy—will be high.

COTC Invitational 4-1-1:

- Estimated payout is \$64,000
- Invitations to the Top 10 Open, Amateur, Novice and Rookie contestants
- If a Top 10 contestant can't attend, a waitlisted rider will be called to fill the spot

Plaza Deadline:

- Rooms must be booked through the Plaza by Nov. 20
 - Call: 877-687-5875
 - Code: SRS25
 - Online: <https://book.passkey.com/GO/SRS25>
 - Or, scan the QR code
- When you book your room, you'll receive your stall code
 - Stalls are first come, first served.



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Equine Center
Feb. 19-21, 2026

Held during the **Dixie National Stock Show & Rodeo**, this brand-new show lets contestants sort by day and enjoy one of the South's most iconic rodeos by night. We're getting the details lined out on stalls and more, so keep an eye on the Ranch Sorting National Championships (RSNC) Facebook page for event info and updates.

RSNC RETURNS TO TEXAS:

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Ranch Sorting
San Antonio, at the Freeman Coliseum
Feb. 19-21, 2026

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Ranch Sorting
Houston, at NRG Arena
March 8-10, 2026

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2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals
Fort Worth, at the Will Rogers
Memorial Center
June 6-13, 2026

2025-2026 UPCOMING CINCH RSNC EVENTS

NOVEMBER

14-16	Cedar Rapids, IA ~ Kirkwood Equestrian Center - 2025 IA/MN/WI STATE FINALS	Freiheit Cowhorses 507-251-7249
14-16	Waynesboro, GA ~ BSC Arena	SA Productions #803-513-8656
15-16	Glen Rose, TX ~ Somerville County Expo	Tommy & Laura Roberson #940-284-3305
15-16	Alberta, Canada ~ Cattlac Ranch	Kurt Robson #403-471-7859
15-16	Eloy, AZ ~ KPH Arena	Kruger Performance Horses #320-905-2562
21-23	Dillsburg, PA ~ Diamond 7 Arena - 2025 PA/NY STATE FINALS	Amanda Knorr #267-663-3947
22	Mountain View, AR ~ Nixon Animal Hospital Arena - 2025 AR STATE FINALS	Bill Nixon #870-504-2906
29-30	Lemoore, CA ~ Long Road Event Center	Wendy Wedemeyer #209-769-7065
29-30	Buffalo, TX ~ Leon County Expo Center	Patrick Moellendorf #830-955-4047

DECEMBER

5-7	Las Vegas, NV ~ Core Arena - COWBOY TOWN SHOWDOWN	Cinch RSNC #970-897-2901
6	Zachary, LA ~ CB Farms	Chris Brian #225-287-2740
6-7	Alberta, Canada ~ Robson Arena	Kurt Robson #403-471-7859
6-7	Bandera, TX ~ Bandera Sorting Arena	Julie Mydland #623-606-6963
6-8	Carthage, MO ~ Lucky J Arena - 2025 MO STATE FINALS	WSP Show Mgr: Tanner Sperle #303-845-2564
12-13	Waterford Works, NJ ~ Summer Jade Stables - 2025 NJ STATE FINALS	Jacque Smith #856-952-4162
12-14	Waynesboro, GA ~ BSC Arena	SA Productions #803-513-8656
12-14	Sturgis, KY ~ John Arnold Arena - 2025 KY STATE FINALS	Aaron & Davana Berry #270-704-2733
12-14	Lithia, FL ~ Florida Ranch Sorting Arena	Liz McClendon #813-478-4387
13-14	Loveland, CO ~ The Ranch - 2025 CO STATE FINALS	Wolfe Productions #970-231-8951
13	New Iberia, LA ~ Sug Arena - 2025 LA STATE FINALS	Troy Rue #337-281-3920
13-14	Glen Rose, TX ~ Somerville County Expo	Tommy & Laura Roberson #940-284-3305
19-20	Galatia, IL ~ Jackson Arena	Elaine Jackson #618-499-0606
20-21	Coriscana, TX ~ Navarro Youth Expo Center	Tim Field #
27-28	Glen Rose, TX ~ The Expo - 2025 TX STATE FINALS	Tommy & Laura Roberson #940-284-3305
27-28	Eloy, AZ ~ KPH Arena	Kruger Performance Horses #320-905-2562

JANUARY

2-4	Coolidge, AZ ~ Lonestar Equestrian Center	WSP #970-420-1536
2-4	Huron, TN ~ James K Taylor Arena - 2025 TN STATE FINALS	Stanfill Performance Horses #731-301-7203
9-10	Galatia, IL ~ Jackson Arena - 2025 IL STATE FINALS	Elaine Jackson #618-499-0606
9-11	Lithia, FL ~ Florida Ranch Sorting Arena - 2025 FL STATE FINALS	Florida Ranch Sorting #813-478-4387
10-11	Paso Robles, CA ~ Paso Robles Event Center - 2025 CA STATE FINALS	Wendy Wedemeyer #209-769-7065
10-11	Athens, AL ~ Weatherford Farms Arena - 2025 AL STATE FINALS	Greg Weatherford #256-777-8477
16-18	Rapid City, SD ~ 2025 SD STATE FINALS-BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW	Thar Ranch Sorting #307-660-9501
16-18	Waynesboro, GA ~ BSC Arena - 2025 GA STATE FINALS	SA Productions #803-513-8656
19	Fort Worth, TX ~ The Coliseum	Tommy & Laura Roberson #940-284-3305
23-25	Perry, GA ~ Purdue Arena - SOUTHEAST REGIONAL SUPER SORT	Cinch RSNC #970-897-2901
24-26	Eloy, AZ ~ KPH Arena	Kruger Performance Horses #320-905-2562

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FEBRUARY

- 6-8 Phoenix, AZ ~ Horse Loverspark WSP #970-897-2901
6-8 Lithia, FL ~ Florida Ranch Sorting Arena Florida Ranch Sorting #813-478-4387
13-15 Red Bluff, CA ~ Tehema County Fairgrounds WSP #970-420-1536
14-15 Glen Rose, TX ~ The Expo Tommy & Laura Roberson #940-284-3305
19-21 Jackson, MS. ~ Kirk Fordice Equine Center - **DIXIE NATIONAL SUPER SORT** Cinch RSNC #970-897-2901
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20-22 Buckeye, AZ ~ Buckeye Equestrian Center WSP #970-897-2901
23-24 San Antonio, TX ~ **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo** Cinch RSNC #970-897-2901
28. Eloy, AZ ~ KPH Arena Kruger Performance Horses #320-905-2562



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