

WTPC UPDATES

APRIL 2026

Show Stats:

320 Teams for the weekend

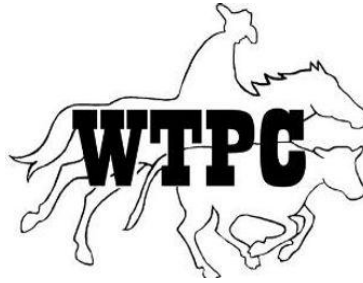
\$19,190 in winnings!

Congratulations Raffle Winners:

50/50: Vicki Gray

Headstall: Penny Aske

Boot Rack: Ryan Kramer



May 30-31 Show Details: Show Entries

Please email in your May Entries to:
wtpcentries@gmail.com.

May Show Directors: Chris Gildner
and Katie Justice

For camping and stalls: text Katie
Justice at (206) 854-0759

Congratulations Class Winners!

Open Sorting Winners: Josh Auman, Jason Pluedeman

Am Sorting Winners: Madison Niemi, Kaidence Yancey

Nov Sorting Winners: Ranie Creamer, Ryan Kramer

#9 Sorting Winners: Alisha Wolf, Kaidence Yancey

Green Novice Sorting Winners: Dan Fisher, Bubba Taylor

Open Penning Winners: Rob Bouffard, John Heggenberger, Melissa Auman

Am Penning Winners: Dee Heggenberger, Kaidence Yancey, Tracy Reed

Nov Penning Winners: Madison Niemi, Braden Roth, AG Garrison

#12 Penning Winners: Jim Schak, Braden Roth, Karen Veltman

Green Nov Penning Winners: Ranie Creamer, Dee Heggenberger, Ryan Kramer



Member Spotlight: Melissa Auman

Meet board member Melissa Auman. She built her foundation riding and training mostly barrel horses. That chapter of her life took an unexpected turn when a good friend convinced her to attend a WTPC show. From that moment on, she was hooked and eventually barrel horses turned into cow horses.

Today, she shares her life with her husband, a highly respected cow horse trainer who, like her, found himself drawn into the sorting scene. Together, they blend their skills and passion, creating cow horses both for their own program and for the public.

Outside of the arena, she balances her horse-driven lifestyle with a successful career in real estate—selling houses to help keep the operation running strong. Family remains at the heart of it all, especially with their daughter following in their footsteps, developing her own love for barrel racing and penning. As a family, they enjoy the journey of training and producing quality cow horses and competing all over the country. Thank you for supporting WTPC this year Melissa!



Thoughts and Considerations from Show #2

- We got a new food vendor...Kyle the BBQ Guy! Food was great and the best news...they will be back in May!
- **Reminder: When pulling a trailer into T90, please use the trailer entrance (it has a sign on the gravel road). T90 does not want trailers using the main spectator entrance.**
- We will do more daily raffles at the shows, custom items plus 50/50 raffles, **so bring your cash!** It's been a lot of fun to raffle off quality items. Thank you to Laura Pauls and Kevin Wagner for your contributions to the April show of a nice working headstall and Kevin's beautiful custom boot rack! We are always looking for donations of more custom items. If you want to contribute, please contact Kevin Wagner or Heather Anderson.
- **Sponsorship Update:**
 - Saddle sponsor slots are almost filled!
 - We have buckles covered through the month of **JUNE** at this time, so we are looking for more sponsors. We really want to keep this going for everyone!
 - We are still working on sponsorships for the rest of our year end awards as well. If you have an interest or know a person or business who might be interested in donating, we have donation forms available on the website.
 - If you have any questions regarding sponsorships, please reach out to any board member. Kevin Wagner and Heather Anderson are leading the effort this year.
- **Roughing update: Judges reminded everyone at the beginning of the show that they would call out for roughing. We did lose one cow in show #1 (\$2,640.00). Thank you for being good stewards in show #2...cows did much better. The Board also made some different feed choices and worked some hours to create safer areas for the cattle as they travelled from the pens to the arena and back (fixed several gates, wrapped posts, added plywood to the numbering chute, added padding around the chute). Dusty, the owner of T90, replaced some fence boards and added hog fuel to the pens so the cattle could lay down comfortably out of the mud.**
- **Merch! We have clothing and other options available online at <https://westside-team-penning-club.printify.me/>**
- **Reminder: Instead of a September show at T90 there will be a one-day event at the Milky Way Ranch in Elma. Larry and Gwen are opening their place for us offering a 3 man 6 go on September 12! Mark your calendars!**



Big Changes at Westside Team Penning: Class Mergers & Year-End Awards Update

Westside Team Penning riders, get ready for an exciting shift in the arena! To streamline our events and create highly competitive, balanced pens, the club's Board of Directors is officially announcing a structural change to our class lineup and year-end awards.

Here is everything you need to know about the new class mergers and how your points will be tracked for the rest of the season.

The New #18 Handicapped Class (Formerly the Open Class)

The traditional Open class is officially being absorbed into a brand-new **#18 Handicapped class**. To ensure a smooth transition, the board has approved a special point-transfer rule: **Open riders with a rating of 5 or 6** will bring their currently accumulated Open class points directly with them into the new #18 class.

- **Year-End Saddle:** The new #18 Handicapped class will serve as the official **Saddle class for Open riders rated 5 or 6 only**.

The #12 Handicapped Class (Absorbing the Amateur Class)

Similarly, the Amateur class is being merged into the current **#12 Handicapped class**. If you have been competing in the Amateur class, your hard work will not be lost—**ALL points earned in the Amateur class will be moved directly to the #12 Handicapped class**.

- **Year-End Saddle:** The #12 Handicapped class will now be the official **Saddle class for Amateur riders rated 3 or 4 only**.

How Points Accumulate in the #12 Class

With these mergers, we want to make sure everyone understands how they are earning points toward our year-end awards while riding in the #12 class. All riders in the #12 class will accumulate points for the PAN awards, but the breakdown looks like this depending on your rider rating:

- **Riders Rated 1 or 2:** You will earn points exclusively toward the year-end **PAN division**.
- **Riders Rated 3 or 4:** You are in the sweet spot! You will accumulate points toward *both* the **Year-End Saddle AND the PAN division**.
- **Riders Rated 5 or 6:** You will earn points toward the **PAN division** (Remember: your Saddle points are tracked in the #18 class).

Get your teams together, calculate your ratings, and we look forward to seeing everyone ride hard in the newly updated #18 and #12 Handicapped classes at the next penning.



Sponsors!

We cannot thank everyone enough for committing to our club!

From price cuts for equipment, donated cattle feeders, raffle items, and commitments for buckle, saddle, high point awards, and more...our community is stepping up for WTPC. Below is a list of paid contributors to date with many more names committed. **If you would like to be a sponsor, just ask a Board Member.** We are fortunate for each one of our sponsors!

Stretch in Stride Equine Massage



- Art and Penny Aske
- Melissa and Josh Auman
- Straight Line Erectors, Inc.
- The Farm Store
- Billy Grimmert & Heather Anderson
- Kiperts Tractor & Trailer Sales and 4-Star Trailers
- Stretch in Stride Equine Massage
- Electric Motor Service & Controls
- Upper Left Accounting
- Lacey Collision Center
- Tractor Supply
- Kip Veltman
- Laura Pauls
- Kevin Wagner
- Baileys IGA
- N Investments/NYCO

