



WTPC UPDATES

JUNE 2025



Show #3 Stats:

286 Teams for the weekend
\$14,106 in winnings
\$28,701 pledged Sponsorships

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Congratulations are in order!

Open Sorting Winners: Josh and Melissa Auman

Am Sorting Winners: Veronica Stephens-East and Courtney Murphy

Nov Sorting Winners: Sarah Mealy and Vanessa Nygren

Pro/Am Sorting Winners: Kent Dinelt and Melissa Auman

Green Novice Winners: Claire Jones and Reece Kramer

Open Penning Winners: Kris Johnson, Stefanee Hale, and Vicki Gray

Am Penning Winners: Lisa Maxey, Eva Gagnon, and Kent Dinelt

Nov Penning Winners: Cloey Yancey, Madison Niemi, and Tina Carlson

PAN Penning Winners: Eva Gagnon, Kent Dinelt, and Tawny Felton

Green Nov Winners: Brianna McCloskey, Dee Heggenberger, and Jolene Fleming

July 19-20 Show Entries

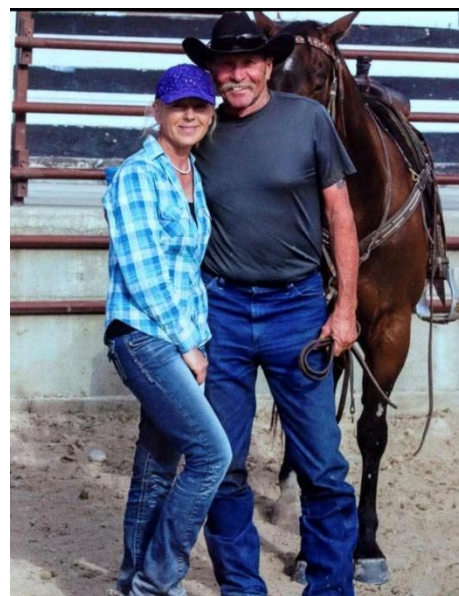
Please email in your July Entries to:

wtpcentries@gmail.com.

June Show Directors: Sarah Mealy and April Yancey

For camping and stalls: text Jake Yancey at (360) 561-4083

Thanks to sponsors...July is an all-class buckle month again!



Board Member Spotlight: Vice President Larry Mielke

If you have been around the penning/sorting world for any length of time, you probably know Vice President, Larry Mielke. Larry, along with his wife, Gwen, owns the Milky Way Ranch in Elma. You might have even sorted there. Larry was one of the founding members of the Westside Team Penning Club, holding the WTPC at this place!

Beyond penning and sorting, Larry is a lifetime member of the Grays Harbor Mounted Posse and has been involved with 4-H and WASET.

Retired now, Larry spends a lot of time working on the ranch. To Larry and Gwen, nothing is more important than family (and friends). They are involved with their family, spending as much time with the grandkids as possible.

Larry continues to champion the sports of penning and sorting. In fact, be on the lookout for events at his place!

As a side note, many years ago, when we began riding WTPC, the most welcoming people in the club when we didn't know a soul were Larry and Gwen and that truly is them still today! Larry thank you for stepping up on the board again this year...you and Gwen continue to do great things on behalf of the membership and the sport, even as you heal from a major surgery on that hand! WTPC is very fortunate for all your support and that same welcoming way. Appreciate you!



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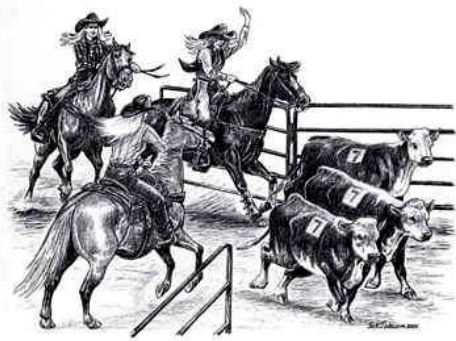
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Thoughts and Considerations from Show #3

- The upsized pens were a huge improvement which received a lot of positive feedback. Thank you again, Larry and Gwen Mielke, and Robert Bouffard for making all those changes happen!
- Vendors...we were asked by a vendor to come and sell product. This is not in our current contract with T90. We are allowed a food truck and coffee vendor. Any additional vendors must receive permission and it may be at a cost, so if you are interested in selling something or providing a service during the shows, please contact Jake Yancey so that he can work with T90.
- Volunteering...please use the sign-up sheets and/or message on FB, email, or text Jake Yancey regarding volunteer spots. We greatly appreciate all the help and knowing you are interested, even if it's something you haven't done before, allows us to plan and focus on areas that need more support. So far, volunteers have been stepping up all over and it shows. We appreciate every cattle management person, gate holder, line judge, scribe, set up and tear down, clean up, numbering cows, pulling numbers...it takes the club to make this all a success. Sign up! We will teach you any jobs you haven't done before! Thanks so much!
- Cattle changes...Had someone ask...we will have more cattle changes when the weather is hot to help the cattle maintain their health. So, if you see us changing herds every 7 or 8, that's just looking out for the hairy beasts!
- The General Meeting had a great turnout! Thank you to everyone who made their way back Saturday night to be a part of the discussions!
 - We did not have 51% of the membership in attendance so no voting occurred but we had some great discussions that will ensure a better understanding of topics at the next meeting in November when we expect a larger turnout to meet the by-law requirements for voting.
 - We discussed sorting both directions, going to the numbered system, changing start times, sorting on Saturdays and Penning on Sundays, awards budget and awards planning, sponsorships, the budget, Jake provided an overview of the efficiencies and savings the club has put in place already this year. We talked about how all the committees are working effectively and encourage future participation by any members who have an interest. We talked about an RSNC show in 2026.
 - We will plan a general meeting with voting just before our banquet this year. Typically, turnout is high so we can ensure everyone has a vote!
- Sponsorships...we have accepted all levels of sponsorships this year and are quickly nearing our goal of \$35,000 for an awards budget that includes buckles to all classes at every show. Every little bit helps, so if you think of someone or a business you could ask...they can always say yes or no...but you are asking! Thanks so much. Our sponsors this year have really been there for the club and we greatly recognize that! We are about \$5,000 shy of our goal right now.
- Comradery...I just have to note we all continue to see everyone happy to help, eager to cheer each other on, and understanding and asking if they see errors anywhere...we make them here and there... But truly, the atmosphere is pretty great at the shows. Thank you for that and thank you for all the new folks that are growing our green novice and novice classes! We are glad you are here and hope you feel supported! Until our July show, enjoy your summer and be safe!