



WTPC UPDATES

APRIL 2025



Show #1 Stats:

333 Teams for the weekend

\$16,300.60 paid out in winnings including added monies

\$28,824.39 Club Bank Balance (including sponsorships)

100% volunteer this show! Thank you, volunteers!

Congratulations are in order!

Open Sorting Winners: Jason Pluedeman & Rob Bouffard

Am Sorting Winners: Alisha Wolfe & John Heggenberger

Nov Sorting Winners: Debi Fisher & Wayne Cotton

Pro/Am Sorting Winners: Alisha Wolfe & Josh Auman

Green Novice Winners: Auddie Clark & Ryan Kramer

Open Penning Winners: Alisha Wolfe, Karen Veltman, Kip Veltman

Am Penning Winners: Alisha Wolfe, Jim Schak, Kasia Marsters

Nov Penning Winners: Cloey Yancey, Lily Hallett, Madison Niemi

PAN Penning Winners: AG Garrison, Frank Prantl, Stacy Elwess

Green Nov Winners: Dee Heggenberger, Jolene Fleming, Kevin Wagner



Board Member Spotlight: President Rob Bouffard!

I first met Rob many years ago. He had just bought his first horse, PJ, and he was riding around some trail course obstacles at ScatterCreek Arena. PJ hooked a foot in a tarp and wow did he catch some air.... Hi Rob...nice to meet you... are you okay??? :) ... Rob is an HR Director for Grays Harbor County by day and in his free time, his priorities are family, friends, and his horses. He started sorting at the Flying M alongside Roger Musgrove; he and PJ learned together. Rob began competing in 2011 and has been a member of WTPC ever since. This is Rob's second time serving on the board of directors. He feels honored to be on the board and continue to make WTPC a success!

Rob is passionate about growing team penning and sorting. If you have a question, he is always willing to help. If anyone has questions related to the club, penning, sorting or all things "horse", don't hesitate to reach out!

May 17-18 Show Entries

Please email in your May Entries to:

wtpcentries@gmail.com.

May Show Directors: Jake Yancey and Chris Gildner

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

Thanks to sponsors... May will be an all class buckle month again!

Committees

The Committees are filled! Thanks so much!

If you have an interest let us know!

- ByLaws – Rob Bouffard, Sarah Mealy, Jim Schak
- Ratings – Jim Schak, Vicki Gray, Kris Johnson, Debra King, Heather Anderson
- Sunshine – Kori Serrine
- Sponsorship – Veronica East-Stephens, Maddie Wieland, Jeff Serrine, Kris Johnson
- Awards – April Yancey, Cindy Fuller, Veronica Stephens-East, Tara Kimbrough
- Banquet – Stefane Hale, Cindy Fuller



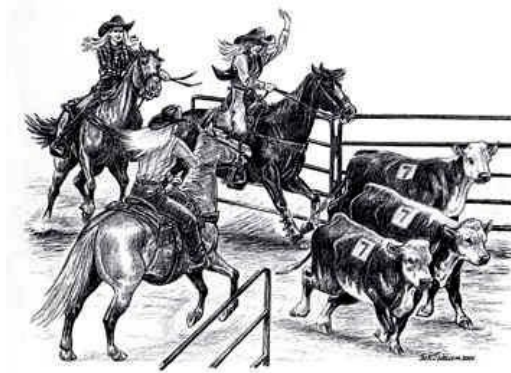


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- ❖ Chiropractic Care Center
- ❖ Double J Trailers
- ❖ Chris Gildner and Sarah Mealy
- ❖ Veronica Stephens-East
- ❖ Peltram Plumbing
- ❖ ...and there are more coming!





Survey Results

182 Views 74 completed surveys.... Thank you!

1. Saddles – would you rather receive a saddle at the banquet or receive a certificate to build the saddle your way?

79% Certificate

21% Saddle at banquet

One wanted a certificate for tack or a nice bit instead

2. If we had the opportunity to purchase saddle certificates locally from Tack Room Too, would you support us local shopping? Tack Room Too offers several brands of saddles including Billy Cook, Circle Y, SRS, High Horse, Paul Taylor, and Scott Thomas. Or would you prefer that we work through a company such as Jeys, Jeff Smith etc.?

56.3% Through a saddle maker

43.7% Buy local

3. We are planning a general membership meeting during the June show. In that meeting we intend to discuss the numbered system for implementation in 2026. Do you support this topic/change for the future?

84.6% Yes

15.4% No

4. Venue – T90 or look at other options:

T90 -58%

Other -41%

5. Saddle Fitter – We have an opportunity to book Burns Saddlery to offer a day of saddle fitting. It would be a Friday prior to the show in the fall. Would this be of interest to you?

56.8% Yes

43.2% No

6. RSNC: We have an opportunity to share a date with RSNC. Logan Wolf would come our way, offer a clinic on that Friday, and run the RSNC show. This would not be a Westside show for points. Is that of interest to you?

87.5% Yes

12.5% No

7. RSNC is interested in coming annually. The board discussed changing the March 3 Man to a regular show and then there would still be 7 shows for the year plus an RSNC. Would you support this idea?

90.1% Yes

9.9% No

8. What is working for the club/What would you like to see different?

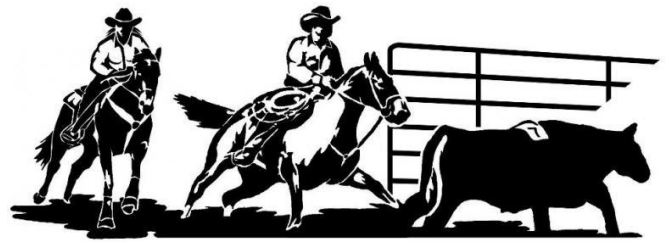
- PLEASE PLEASE change to RSNC ratings system to get ratings back on track and switch to numbered classes.


- I felt the club was so divided between open riders and beginners. So, working more to keep this sport moving forward. It's important for new people coming in feel the support of older members
- Overhaul the rating system. It is rigged. Many people need to move UP and yet they stay in the same class when they should have moved out of it a LONG TIME AGO!!! Many people are NOT GN, novice or amateurs!
- I think this would be a good question after the first or second show
- I'd like more clinics/ practices- opportunities to improve vs only compete. I'd like to see a class for green horses regardless of rider status for exposure- no pay out. This could be ran with green novice to break up the greenies from being so back to back- let their horses have a break. I'd like to see green novice be buckles every month, even if it meant lower or no payout. Most these riders have never won a buckle before and it sucks to win on a non buckle month. Might also encourage more newbies to check out the sport. I'm no longer GN but this is a ongoing thought for 3 years now of mine. I'm concerned about penning being Sunday with how late it ran on Saturday that it will impact my ability to be rested for work Monday. This is deterring me from wanting to pen this year- I don't sort
- Yall are doing great!
- The rating system is rigged and should be overhauled
- Sorting on Saturday
- I like the change of sorting on Saturday and penning on Sunday. I would like if buckles were at every show in each class
- Im just here to ride, im a little iffy about penning on Sundays again. We are going to end up with tired slow cattle, which is why we switched penning to Saturdays to begin with.
- Happier members, lower fees, more volunteers, youth opportunities, never won a buckle class.
- I am very happy with how much more you are involving members and taking feedback. I haven't been able to compete for a few years, but I'm feeling more motivated to make it to a show this year now that things are changing.
- I like that the club has both penning and sorting. I like to see different type of awards given at shows, like buckles for back cinch etc...
- All volunteers
- People are making emotional decisions and have forgotten the context in which the recent framework was designed. For example, penning was moved to Saturday because the majority of the Penners sort and Sunday pennings were suffering numbers due to other opportunities to pen at other shows.
- Penning back on Saturdays
- Explore idea of the need to volunteer a minimum of two shows to be eligible for awards?
- The open communication
- Very happy the club is moving in a better direction. No more people being paid and people can feel better about wanting to volunteer
- Looking forward to this year
- I appreciate the effort put in so far to transparency and inclusiveness! Good job!!
- Adapting the Sort Arena software was a major step towards bringing this club to a more current and efficient club. The next step is to review all set-up pens and look for ways to make the process easier
- Love the new/increased communication. Would like to see no moving of cattle herds behind the sorting pens while riders are competing
- I just appreciate a place semi local to have some fun. Everyone does what they can. Thank you all for stepping up to keep this going.
- A fair rating committee
- Looks great to me
- The new board and structure
- draw in Proam penning and a draw in proam sorting

- I'd like to see us change to the number system. I'm glad sorting has been switched back to Saturday!
- I would like to see no trash in all classes. This would save your cattle especially in the lower classes. The amount of times the cattle get run across the pen with the trash rule would allow for top 10 in classes. having trash is the old way of running a show. That thinking has been eliminated along with the management that controlled this decision and it's time to move on. The new and lower rated riders need to be taught the correct way to pen from the start. Green Novice should have an open rider at all shows. in the event an AM steps in they need to be on a seasoned horse. Too many times we been a part of watching an AM rider on their "new" horse that needs runs. This class is to teach new riders, not the horse. Most AM's don't have the ability to do both. We love helping with this class. Regardless if it's a paid position or volunteer, a judge should not be performing this job with a beer or red solo cup in their hand. It's a bad image for the club and they are ultimately deciding who wins and gets paid with an impaired judgement. Once again, the old accepted ways have been removed and it's time to make a clean start
- It has been good to require the minimum # of shows to be eligible for the end of year added \$, but that show should still be open to all members to ride at. I would like to see a 5 pick 1 draw in the open and even Am classes. It gives those riders more opportunity to enter if they are there for the whole weekend. Numbered system will help to get lower am and lower novs combined into teams. No trash in penning is essentially at every other club and assoc. It saves on cattle, it teaches better cow work. This should be implemented especially in the open and pan. Also to shorten days and save runs and time on cattle, if a team is going over the bubble to advance then they should be whistled off to stop the run. A class meeting before the Nov and GN classes of just a couple of minutes to explain basic rules, arena manners, terminology I think would be great! An assigned liaison for those lower classes to help those new riders and members to be introduced to things correctly would create a strong foundation for them
- I value the sportsmanship and community that I've seen in the last 2 years as a green novice. I think clearer ways for new members to be involved would be helpful. I hope the club continues to value good horsemanship, riding skill, and fairness to the animals above all else
- When all seems to be lost, there are always people who step up. So that is a plus. But I hope that penning doesn't take a back seat to the sorting-focused direction we seem to be going right now (IE, moving sorting to Saturday). Penning entries might take a hit due to this... but it will be hard to tell with the membership being low for the next year or 2 during this "rebuild time" and losing so many members due to the recent conflict. Penning was moved to Saturday years ago to try and increase entries. It was said then, WTPC is the TEAM PENNING club, not the WSC... SORTING club. I hope the switch back is successful, but I see us just being a hamster on the wheel.... repeating the same flip-flop decisions every 10 years. On a different note, Sort Arena is fantastic and I hope the club keeps using it
- Move penning back to saturday
- think about required volunteer hours or payment in leu of
- The new board is fantastic and I expect to see great things happening this year and in the future
- Best board EVER now!
- Create efficiencies where possible, transparency



Lessons Learned Thus Far....



- There was a mistake on the April Flyer and the Arena Fee should have been \$20. You will see this change on the May Flyer.
 - The cattle director and crew tried a new set up in the back with one holding pen on each side for sorting. It worked well, and cattle changes were efficient! This also reduced set up by about an hour...and it added about 30 feet to the warmup area!
 - Jeff Sirrine and Jake Yancey brought in their own chute and extra panels to ensure the cattle had enough room and less chance of injury as we were numbering and un-numbering. It worked really well, and the cattle were in great shape when Kyle came to pick them up. Thank you, Jeff and Jake, for your concern, all the effort, sharing your equipment, and just really hearing our livestock contractor's concerns.
 - Board members are working on adjusting some panels to enlarge the pens. When purchased, the panels had to fit within Stewarts with all the cattle pens behind them...that shorted the pen size by about 5 feet. We are going to fix that.
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- The cattle were fresh and challenging on Saturday and they were rested and worked great for penning on Sunday!
- There was a request to be able to choose to sort both directions (like RSNC) upon rider request. We are assessing that.
- We had lots of volunteers and truly, it was great to see! Thank you so much to everyone who held a gate, judged, line judged, worked in the office, took care of cattle.... Everyone made a difference, and the weekend was great fun!
- The Ratings Committee has a pretty long list of new and returning contestants that we have had to observe. The Ratings document will go back up on the website once the majority of those are finalized...soon. Thanks for your patience. The Ratings documents will contain member riders from 2024 and 2025.
- We chose not to use blanks in the sorting herds this show. Worked just fine!
 - The Coffee was amazing at the show and the food was too! Thank you, April Yancey, for getting all of that coordinated...great choices!

That's all till next time! If you have any questions or suggestions...email, PM, or give a call to one of your board members. Thanks to everyone who participated in the April Show and making it a great two days!

