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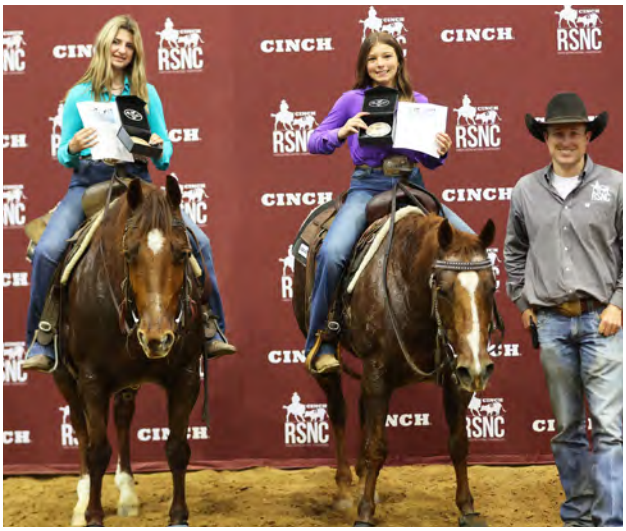

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DEAR RANCH SORTERS,

As we make our final push toward the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals XIX, the spring run of events has been outstanding across the country. Contestant numbers, payouts, and competition all continue to show the strength and momentum of ranch sorting heading into Fort Worth.

RSNC REGIONALS

SPRING RECAP

Northeast Regional Super Sort: April 17–19

Keystone Horse Center in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

2026 Payout: $96,367

Competition was tremendous throughout the weekend. In the US Rider #5 Gold Shootout, Wyatt Erb and Christy Hayes captured the title by sorting 15 head across three rounds in a tough class. Cowboy Mariano and Alyson Oliveira topped the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout, taking home more than $7,500. The Northeast continues to grow rapidly—we're excited to build toward the Northeast Circuit Finals at Garwood Arena this August.

South Central Regional Super Sort: May 1–3

Extraco Event Center in Waco, Texas

2026 Payout: $207,553

Even with 1,800 teams, the footing held up exceptionally well, the cattle were outstanding, and the event still wrapped up in time for dinner each night. An even bigger highlight came in the #5 Gold Shootout when David Harbers and Don Lamont made a spectacular short-go run to edge out Dan Spradley and Jax Manuel by one cow in the final run of the show.

North Central Regional Super Sort: May 16–17

The Ranch Events Complex in Loveland, Colorado

2026 Payout: $78,000

In the #9 Gold Shootout, Amy Hutchins and her draw partner Mike Narachi—returning from injury—claimed the championship with 29 head, narrowly besting Mark Rasmussen and Michelle Freiheit (28 head). Sidney Rasmussen had an exceptional weekend, securing both first and second in the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout. Her win came with Gage Moore, who traveled from Georgia to deliver a perfect 30-head run.

WORLD FINALS XIX UPDATES

Ready to make ranch sorting history

All six sorting pens will be held inside air-conditioned arenas: three in the John Justin Arena and three in the historic Will Rogers Coliseum. This means more pen-to-pen consistency, relief from the Texas heat, and elevated competition in two of Fort Worth's premier Western venues.

Reservations are in, and projections put us on pace to surpass the $1 million payout mark for the second consecutive year—the largest in ranch sorting history.

ROAD TO FORT WORTH

Safe travels & final prep

As you make your way to Fort Worth, please travel safely and remember US Rider is a phone call away to assist you and your animals on the road. The service is an added benefit for RSNC Platinum members, but help is available for all.

Be sure to review the World Finals Event Guide for schedules, reservations, class information and event details.

Thank you for your continued support of Cinch RSNC and the sport of ranch sorting. We can't wait to welcome everyone back to Fort Worth for what is shaping up to be our best World Finals yet.

A FRESH LOOK

A new logo for the association

You may have noticed a refreshed RSNC logo in our World Finals branding. We're proud to announce that June marks the official introduction of a new logo for the association. Ranch sorting has grown into something remarkable, and our identity should reflect that—a design that honors where we came from while speaking to the competitive performance horse world and the multimedia platforms covering it. We're excited to see it represent our community everywhere the sport is celebrated.

Best regards,
Logan Wolfe

Logan Wolfe
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THE PRODUCER BEHIND THE PEN:

HOW **ELAINE JACKSON** BUILT OPPORTUNITIES FOR RANCH SORTERS

After a rain-soaked trip to Texas unexpectedly launched her into producing RSNC events, Elaine Jackson built a reputation for creating welcoming, fair and competitive opportunities for ranch sorters across the Midwest.

| Photos courtesy of **Elaine Jackson**

Above: Elaine chases down a cow to win the Justin Insurance #10 Masters class at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals. Left: Elaine celebrates winning 3rd place at the 2024 Illinois state championship.

For Elaine Jackson, producing ranch sorting events was never part of a carefully mapped-out career plan. It started with a love for horses, years spent in the cutting industry and one frustrating weekend that forced her to create an opportunity instead of waiting for one to appear.

Since then, Jackson has become a familiar face in the ranch sorting community, balancing producing, secretarial work, horse sales and competition while helping create an environment where beginners and experienced riders alike can feel welcome. Whether she's organizing cattle, setting up pens or encouraging first-time sorters, Jackson has built her events around fairness, hard work and giving people a place to compete.

THE RAINOUT THAT LAUNCHED A PRODUCING CAREER

On Mother's Day weekend in 2015, Jackson loaded up her horse trailer and drove from her home in Galatia, Illinois, to Texas with one goal in mind: qualify for the 2016 RSNC World Finals.

Jackson, who came from a cutting background, was determined to work cattle in Texas at the World Finals.

"We drove all night," she said. "I was going to an AQHA cutting on Friday night and then, on Saturday, to the sorting at Laura and Tommy Roberson's. We were waiting to get into our hotel room on Friday afternoon and they called and said, 'We have to cancel the sorting.'"

Needless to say, Jackson was shocked and upset, but the 11 inches of rain that came down in one night put a halt to her plans. She was determined to qualify for her first World Finals, but there weren't any shows within 10 hours of her home in Illinois.

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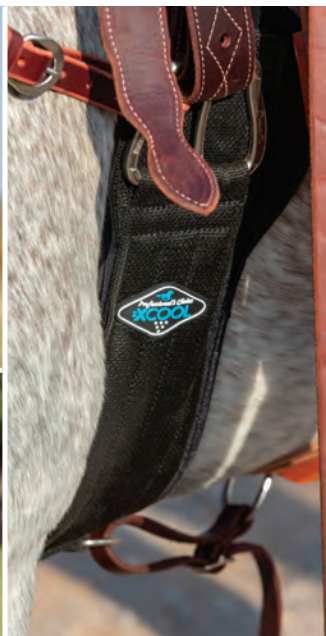

Her solution: Call the RSNC office and figure out how to put on her own show to qualify.

"That Memorial Day weekend, I already had a jackpot sorting scheduled for Saturday and a Round Robin scheduled for Sunday," Jackson recalled. "I said, 'I'll just do RSNC on Monday.' I ran 650 teams in my barn by myself in three days in one pen."

She also seized her qualification and went on to earn her first RSNC World Championship, capturing the title in the #13 Mixed Handicap.

Elaine poses with Whispering Sannman, aka Winston.

Ten years later, in a full circle moment, Jackson emerged on top of the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals in the Justin Insurance #10 Masters class with partner Bill Womack, earning her second World Championship.

HORSES, HARDSHIP AND FINDING HER PLACE IN THE CATTLE INDUSTRY

Long before she became known as an RSNC producer, Jackson grew up with horses on her family's crop farm in Missouri.

There, her love for horses started early. Jackson remembers being dropped off at her local saddle club as a child just so she could sit and watch the annual cutting, dreaming of the day she'd have her own horse to compete on.

When she was 8, Jackson got her first Quarter Horse—a mare that wasn't yet broke. After getting the horse trained, one horseman told her the mare looked like a cutting horse, planting the seed for what would eventually become a lifelong involvement in the industry.

When Jackson was 29, though, she broke her back in a car accident and wasn't sure she would walk again. The experience shifted her perspective and motivated her to finally pursue the discipline she had dreamed about since childhood.

"When I got healed up, I said, 'I am buying a cutting horse,'" she said.

That determination became a defining characteristic throughout Jackson's career. Alongside her husband, Rick, who trains and judges cutting horses, Jackson built a life around the horse industry through competition, secretarial work, horse sales and, eventually, ranch sorting.

Sorting became a natural extension of the cutting horse world for Jackson and her family. Over the years, they've helped introduce cutters to sorting and sorters to cutting, creating crossover opportunities for riders and horses alike.

For Jackson, the two disciplines complement each other well, both mentally and physically. Because the sport is timed instead of judged, riders can focus on reacting naturally and gaining more experience in the saddle.

BUILDING SHOWS FOR THE EVERYDAY SORTER

Having produced ranch sortings and other shows since the early 2010s, Jackson built a reputation for running organized, fair, and welcoming events — something she believes is critical to growing the sport. That reputation comes as no surprise given her range: secretarying cuttings, showing horses, and helping clients buy and sell have long made juggling multiple roles second nature.

"I don't know how to just do one thing," she said. "I don't know how to just go to a sorting and not do anything but ride. I think I'm being lazy if that's all I have to do is worry about me riding my horse."

For Jackson, producing events means constantly planning ahead. But she believes the people attending the events matter even more.

"The biggest challenge is knowing that you're never going to make everybody happy, but you're trying to make as many people happy as you can," she said, emphasizing the importance of consistency and fairness inside the sorting pen.

Her approach has helped create an environment where riders of all skill levels feel welcome, especially beginners.

"My husband and I really think about the little guy," Jackson said. "You can't lose sight of the beginners—you've got to give them a place to go and a place to feel competitive."

LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD

In 2026, Jackson's schedule remains as busy as ever.

Kismet may have played a role in Jackson capturing her World Championship titles exactly 10 years apart, but she has no plans of slowing down anytime soon and is taking aim for the Cinch RSNC World Finals XIX.

Jackson's daughter, Hannah, is also keeping the family on the road as she chases an NCHA Novice Non Pro cutting world championship.

For Jackson, staying involved in the industry has never been about slowing down — it's about continuing to create opportunities for riders, horses and the next generation of competitors.

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JACKSON, MS

The inaugural Dixie National Super Sort brought ranch sorting's finest to Jackson, Mississippi, Feb. 19-21, 2026, for a weekend that paid out $95,098—including $10,000 in added money—and marked a milestone moment for the sport. Before the Gold Shootout final rounds, the Top 10 qualifiers in each class were introduced on the arena floor of the Dixie National Rodeo, the biggest PRCA rodeo east of the Mississippi, for a celebratory welcome to a state hosting its first-ever RSNC Super Sort. When the competition resumed, two teams made the most of the moment.

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CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT: HARPER GRACE PIERCE, JOEL LESH OUT-PERFORM THE PACK

At the first-ever Cinch RSNC Dixie National Super Sort, top sorters Harper Grace Pierce and Joel Lesh made clean runs to clinch the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout title.

| By **Emily Carey**

Victory was claimed by the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout team of Harper Grace Pierce and Joel Lesh at the inaugural Cinch RSNC Dixie National Super Sort in Jackson, Mississippi, Feb. 19-21, 2026, where the team sorted a perfect 30 head over three rounds in 157.28 seconds to earn $6,716.

Pierce, from Williamson, Georgia, rode her trusted partner "Spyder," the 2013 gelding Smooth Spyder Rey by Smooth As A Cat out of Margaret Rey. The horse has been a consistent performer for Pierce in major sorting events and once again proved dependable in high-pressure rounds that landed Pierce at the top of the game.

"Just to do our best and not push them too hard, and just do whatever comes to us," Pierce said of her plan that helped secure both the win with Lesh and a second-place finish with Logan Wolfe in the class.

Lesh, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, was aboard his 2020 mare Hot Baloo (Lil Catbaloo x Hotstuff An Then Sum), known as "Kahlua." The mare has become one of Lesh's top mounts in

the sorting pen and has already helped him claim major wins, including the Championship at the recent Cowtown Showdown benefit, both alongside partner Tanner Keith.

With a solid mount beneath him and a good eye for cattle, Lesh was poised to succeed.

"The cows kind of give you what they had and they just were soft, so we just kind of went to them," Lesh said. "I knew going first, as long as nothing was really shooting out with them being run the first day, they'd be a little calm to start and then they livened up after about team three, which is normal."

Story continues on Performance Report by Horse&Rider

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT: RANDY MOORE, ELLA SNYDER SEAL THE DEAL AT THE DIXIE NATIONAL

Moore and Snyder proved patience and consistency pays off with a win worth nearly $6,000.

| By **Emily Carey**

After several almost-victories over the years, Randy Moore and Ella Snyder finally broke through with a major win, topping the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout at the Dixie National Super Sort. The pair sorted 30 head over three rounds in 156.58 seconds to claim the championship and $5,832.

The win was a product of the strong partnership built over time. Moore, of Yatesville, Georgia, and Snyder, from Fayetteville, Tennessee, have teamed up often in the sorting pen, consistently advancing through rounds but previously falling just short of the top spot.

"We've just always rode good together," Moore said. "We just clicked. We've always done good making it back to the second go, third go, but we've never been able to seal the bill… So, this was a really good one."

Success in the Gold Shootout classes runs in the Moore family. At the Southeast Regional Super Sort earlier this season, Moore's son, Gage, captured the Open Gold Shootout championship in Perry, Georgia, alongside partner Tanner Sperle. The Dixie National win marks another major milestone for the family in the sorting pen, and Snyder was equally excited to seize such a high-reward championship with her partner.

"We've been working for this for a while," she added. "So, getting a big win like this, it's nice. And it's always good to ride with one of our good friends."

Story continues on Performance Report by Horse&Rider

SAN ANTONIO, TX

The San Antonio Super Sort hit all the marks in 2026. The event is a favorite for ranch sorters and the livestock show committee, who contributed a $10,000 youth scholarship, bringing this year's added money to $25,000. (Check Tucker Field's scholarship win story at https://bit.ly/4vlCNdE.) Between the added money and the event's popularity, the Gold Shootout winners' checks saw remarkable growth, too, with the Cinch #13 increasing by 25% and the Professional's Choice #9 blowing up by more than 185% year-over-year!

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CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT: TUCKER FIELD, TANNER KEITH SORT CLEAN TO WIN $8K+ IN SAN ANTONIO

As the only team to sort clean through every round, Field and Keith rode their consistency all the way to the championship.

| By **Emily Carey**

Tucker Field and Tanner Keith delivered a flawless performance to win the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout at the San Antonio Super Sort, sorting 40 head in 219.93 seconds over four rounds to claim the championship and $8,230.

The duo, who chose to ride together as a pick team, relied on consistency and smart cattle work to separate themselves from the field. By the time they completed a clean 10-head run in the final round, the win was effectively secured.

"We just took what they gave us," Keith said. "We were just lucky and got good draws and stayed consistent all the way through and got 10 each round. We had it locked down after we ran the 10 head around the top 10. There was no catching us."

Keith, of Austinville, Virginia, was aboard his trusted 2018 gelding Metal Rebel, "Lucky" (Metallic Rebel x Aristocrats Rose). The gelding has become Keith's go-to mount in big classes and previously carried him to victory at the Cowtown Showdown benefit alongside partner Joel Lesh.

Field, from Granbury, Texas, rode Rio Rojo River Cat (Little Dulces Rey x A Smooth Closer), a seasoned sorting horse

who also serves as a dependable partner for everyday ranch work. The gelding's experience and cow sense proved valuable in the high-pressure shootout format.

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PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT: ADDY HALL, SCOTT HENDERSON TEAM UP FOR $7K VICTORY

Understanding each other's strengths helped Hall and Henderson secure their championship.

| By **Emily Carey**

Addy Hall and Scott Henderson turned teamwork and trust into a championship performance at the San Antonio Super Sort, winning the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout after sorting 17 head in 150.97 seconds across three rounds. The pair earned $7,092 for the victory.

Hall, of Peyton, Texas, and Henderson, from Caldwell, Texas, leaned on a simple but effective strategy that played to their strengths inside the sorting pen. Hall handled the herd while Henderson managed the gate, a division of responsibilities that helped the team stay smooth and efficient through each round.

"She's excellent in the herd," Henderson said of Hall. "And I'm okay in the gate, so, we just ranch handed it."

Hall sees the win as a key component to her growth in the sport.

"Getting this win really means a lot to me because it helped me become a more confident rider, and believe in myself and my abilities," she explained. "It especially helped me learn to trust in my partner, my horse, and myself."

Hall also credited Henderson's steady presence in the pen for helping the run come together.

"Riding with Scott was amazing," she said about her sorting partner. "I felt very confident with him in the gate and loved being on his team. He was always kind and encouraging and was a great partner. I hope we get to ride again in the future and hopefully keep winning."

Hall rode her grandfather's horse, Tuff Little Dottie (Woody Be Tuff x Smart Spare Tari), known around the sorting pen as "Dottie." The dependable mare has developed a reputation for being a natural cattle horse.

"She is an amazing sorting horse and handles cattle very well," Hall said. "She always gives her best when she rides and is an all-around amazing horse. My favorite thing about her is how smooth she sorts. When you get into the herd, she does exactly what you tell her and always delivers."

Story continues on Performance Report by Horse&Rider

HOUSTON, TX

The Houston Super Sort paid out $24,000 more to ranch sorters in 2026 than it did in 2025 with Gold Shootout champions seeing the biggest gains in checks paid. Payton Brzymialkiewicz and Jamie Simon took the Professional's Choice #9 with a synchronized gate strategy, while Cheyenne Koesters and Bodee Kruger finally broke through in the Cinch #13 after years of near-misses.

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PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT: PAYTON BRYZMIALKIEWICZ, JAMIE SIMON CLAIM $7.8K

A smooth, strategic run turned into a $7,814 championship performance at the 2026 Houston Super Sort.

| By **Emily Carey**

Payton Brzymialkiewicz of Waller, Texas, and Jamie Simon from Lafayette, Louisiana, teamed up to win the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout at the Houston Super Sort, sorting 28 head in three rounds in 163.32 seconds to earn $7,814.

The draw team relied on a simple strategy and reliable equine partners to secure the win in one of the event's most competitive classes.

"Payton wanted to stay in the gate and have me in the herd," Simon explained their game plan. "Funny thing is that I had the very same thought, and that gave me added confidence. We worked from the top and sent cows clean to the hole."

The plan paid off as the duo stayed smooth and efficient through each round, proving their partnership despite coming together quickly as a draw team.

"Watching Payton all of these years, I knew I was in good hands and was pumped about my draw," Simon said. "She and I synced right away. I knew I had a few bobbles in Rounds 1 and 2. She went through it with me, and I'm so glad she took the time to do it."

Brzymialkiewicz also appreciated how well the team communicated throughout the class.

"Riding with my partner was good; she listened to everything that I was telling her," she noted.

Strong horses underneath both riders helped anchor the winning performance. Brzymialkiewicz rode a 2019 sorrel mare, One Amazing Cat (Just Simply Amazing x Bad Little Peppy Cat), owned by Tony Field.

"This win means a lot to me because, not only did I win the class with an amazing person, but the horse that I used was Tony Field's, and I'm so thankful to call him family," Brzymialkiewicz said. "She might be little, but she can cover some ground!"

Story continues on Performance Report by Horse&Rider

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT: RODEOHOUSTON RANCH SORTING PAYS $7.8K TO BODEE KRUGER, CHEYENNE KOESTERS

A perfectly timed run and strong partnership helped Koesters and Kruger sort 30 head to top the class.

| By **Emily Carey**

Cheyenne Koesters of Arlington, Texas, and Bodee Kruger from Lake Lillian, Minnesota, captured the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout title at the Houston Super Sort after sorting 30 head in three rounds in 165.90 seconds to earn $7,794.

Although Kruger has won big in Gold Shootout competition before—like when he notably secured the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout championship and a record-breaking $34,000 payday at the 2025 Cinch RSNC World Finals—for Koesters, the victory marked a long-sought achievement after coming close in Gold Shootout classes in the past.

"I have been trying to win one of these Gold Shootouts for a while," Koesters said. "I've been in the top 10s, but not enough to where I can win it. I'm so happy that I won it at Houston. It's one of my favorite shows."

The duo entered the final round with a clear strategy: Keep things simple and aim for a clean run.

"Being the second draw laid us out perfectly," Koesters explained. "We got a decently nice layout, so that helped out a lot, and Bodee and I were really in sync."

Even though the two riders don't get to compete together frequently due to distance, their familiarity with each other's riding style helped the partnership come together when it mattered most.

"We ride together sometimes," Koesters said. "We rode at Las Vegas a couple years ago, and we were super close to winning that class, but it just didn't work out the way we planned it to."

Story continues on Performance Report by Horse&Rider

BLOOMSBURG, PA

In 2026, the Northeast Regional Super Sort in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, paid out $96,367 to Cinch RSNC ranch sorters throughout the region, with Gold Shootout winners hailing from as far north as New York's Canadian border on the St. Lawrence River, as far east as the outer reaches of Boston, Massachusetts, as far south as colonial Culpeper, Virginia, and as far west as Appalachia's Beverly, Ohio.

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CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT: DAN DAVIS, CHRIS MORRIS CLINCH TITLE AND $5,684

Dan Davis and Chris Morris used sharp cattle reads, standout horses and a proven partnership to capture the win.

| By **Emily Carey**

Dan Davis of Gouverneur, New York, and Chris Morris of Culpeper, Virginia, teamed up to win the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout at the 2026 Northeast Regional Super Sort on April 17 at the Keystone Horse Center in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. The pair sorted 28 head over three rounds in 161.23 seconds to claim the championship and earn $5,684 at the annual Cinch RSNC event.

With a challenging set of cattle throughout the weekend, smart strategy and clean execution proved critical. For Davis and Morris, years of riding experience and a lifetime of working cattle helped give them an edge in one of the event's toughest classes.

"I know cattle, and then obviously it takes a good horse, too, to be able to do the job," Davis said. "I say it's 50% horse and 50% the person knowing how to read cattle and get the job done."

That combination of horsemanship and cattle sense showed throughout the finals, but strong horsepower also played a major role. Davis rode his 2017 mare, Cats Babyrey (High Brow CD x Scooters Rey), known around the barn as "Dolly." Though she had never worked cattle before joining Davis' program, she quickly found her calling in the sorting pen.

"She doesn't look cowy, but, when you go into the pen, she just flips the switch on," Davis said.

Morris relied on his 2017 gelding, I Gots The Blues (Cat Man Blue x I Gots The Remedy), nicknamed "Blue," who delivered a standout performance when it mattered most.

"He's definitely one of my top picks in my string," Morris said. "He's reined cow horse trained, but he's probably the best horse I've ever had in my life. He's so powerful you feel like you're riding five horses."

That power came in handy against cattle that gave competitors few easy opportunities. Knowing they needed a plan going into the final round, Davis and Morris leaned on familiarity and trust built from previous rides together.

"We ride so much alike, we kind of knew who could hold the gate or who would go in the herd," Morris said. "We knew we were good."

Story continues on Performance Report by Horse&Rider

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT: 'COWBOY' MARIANO, ALYSON OLIVEIRA MAKE MASSACHUSETTS PROUD WITH $7.5K WIN

Mariano and Oliveira claimed $7,510 after topping the field in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, at the 2026 Northeast Regional Super Sort.

| By **Emily Carey**

Competing against a strong field of ranch sorters and navigating challenging cattle throughout the weekend, Edilon "Cowboy" Mariano and Alyson Oliveira, of Holliston, Massachusetts, secured the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout championship after four rounds of competition. They sorted 25 head in 210.01 seconds to earn $7,510.

Mariano and Oliveira, who are each competing in their first year with RSNC, carried that momentum through the remainder of the event, adding several more top 10 finishes to their list of weekend accomplishments.

Mariano also closed out the weekend as the third-highest regional point earner in the #3-4 Division, capping a successful showing at one of the Northeast's premier ranch sorting events.

As with all Cinch RSNC members who competed at the Northeast Regional Super Sort, Mariano and Oliveira are one show closer to satisfying the five-show requirement to qualify and compete for the $10,000 Northeast Circuit Bonus at the Cinch RSNC Northeast Circuit Finals in Columbiana, Ohio, Aug. 21–23, 2026.

US RIDER #5 GOLD SHOOTOUT: WYATT ERB, CHRISTY HAYES HANG ON FOR GOLD SHOOTOUT GLORY

Wyatt Erb and Christy Hayes teamed up for their first major Gold Shootout win with a standout finals run against a tough herd.

| By **Emily Carey**

Wyatt Erb and Christy Hayes captured their first major Cinch RSNC Gold Shootout championship in the US Rider #5 Gold Shootout at the 2026 Northeast Regional Super Sort, winning $2,988 on April 19 at the Keystone Horse Center in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. The pair sorted 15 head in 154.19 seconds to secure the victory.

For Erb, 16, from Beverly, Ohio, the win nearly never happened.

He initially had no plan to sign up for the class, and it took some encouragement—and a borrowed horse—to get him back in the pen, but the last-minute decision paid off in a big way.

"We ride together as friends, but we never competed together before until this past weekend, and we did great together," Hayes said of her reluctant partner.

The US Rider #5 Gold Shootout featured one of the most challenging herds of the weekend, with many teams striking out in the early rounds. As the last draw in the finals, Erb and Hayes entered with a simple game plan: stay smooth, ride their run and get a time on the board.

"The cows were tough all weekend," said Hayes, who hails from Dawson, Pennsylvania. "But I just told [Wyatt], 'Let's just ride like normal. Let's just get five and quit.' And it worked out."

Their calm approach proved to be the winning formula, as well as the horsepower they brought in the pen with them.

Hayes made a key switch before the finals. After riding her 2019 mare, Whisstlin Dixie (Hashtags x Hisstereya), through the first two rounds, she felt a change was needed and climbed aboard Rebella Bella (Metallic Rebel x Lizzabella) for the championship round."

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WACO, TX

The South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas, paid out $207,553 this year, with Ranch Sorters claiming Gold Shootout victories worth up to $11,000. From the Wolfes' first win since welcoming their newborn son to David Harbers rediscovering his love of the sport thanks to a promising young mare, the weekend was packed with compelling stories. Read on for a full breakdown of the moments that made Waco memorable.

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FROM 1ST OUT TO 1ST PLACE: JESSIE AND LOGAN WOLFE WIN WACO'S PRIEFERT OPEN GOLD SHOOTOUT

Wellington, Colorado's Logan and Jessie Wolfe won the Priefert Open Gold Shootout and $4,720 at the 2026 Cinch RSNC South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas, sorting 27 head in 140.53 seconds across three rounds of ranch sorting competition.

| By **GR Farthing**

Logan and Jessie Wolfe of Wellington, Colorado, claimed the Priefert Open Gold Shootout title at the Cinch RSNC South Central Regional Super Sort—one of the RSNC's marquee events—in Waco, Texas, May 1–3, sorting 27 head in 140.53 seconds across three rounds to earn $4,720.

Sorting on two of their own seasoned horses against a tough set of cattle, the husband-and-wife team were the only pair to sort 20 head through the first two rounds, then came back as high call in the final round to make it count.

The win was a first for the couple since the birth of their first son, McCall, in January and marked Jessie's recent return to the sorting pen and a warm welcome for the latest addition to the Cinch RSNC family.

Spicy Cattle, Sharp Minds

Consistently, the cattle at the South Central Regional Super Sort were reported as tough, making for a great few days of ranch sorting.

"We had a really good group of cattle and it's getting harder and harder nowadays to find cattle that aren't used up or too soft," said Logan, who serves as the event director for Cinch RSNC when he's not competing and is on the front lines of event production throughout the country. "Our cattle supplier did a great job bringing us some fresh cattle that were challenging. A lot of people really enjoy the challenging part of our sport instead of the horse race when possible. So it adds a whole other level of finesse to the game where you have to really slow down, use your mind and be precise."

Jessie echoed the assessment.

"The cattle were tough," she said. "They were a lot like our World Finals cattle: big and strong, and you can't really make a lot of mistakes."

With a good read on the herd, the Wolfes went to work.

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CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT PAYS NEARLY $10K TO YOUNG GUN TUCKER FIELD AND TOP GUN JOEL LESH

Tucker Field is finding his rhythm and, with Joel Lesh providing support, the two netted a $9,686 payday at the 2026 Cinch RSNC South Central Regional Super Sort.

| By **Lillian Jones**

Tucker Field and Joel Lesh claimed one of the largest payouts at the 2026 South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas, stopping the clock in 204.74 seconds with 39 head sorted to win the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout. Their effort paid $9,682.

The win was one of many for both men.

Field won the Laredo Conversions #10 with Brea Vardas for another $3,480, while Lesh added wins in the #14 Ranch Hand with Arielle Weeast for $1,884 and the Ride TV Western Heritage All Levels with Larry Newport for $2,238.

But it was their runs together in the high-stakes Cinch #13 Gold Shootout that proved the most lucrative. Field, 16, has been sorting for nearly 10 years, but is only now beginning to find his rhythm.

"I've been riding our gelding 'Big Boy,' and he's really been stepping it up in the sorting world," Field said. "Since Houston, he's really been doing awesome in it and helping me."

Big Boy, a paternal grandson of Dual Rey with Smooth As A Cat on the bottom side, is more than a sorting horse for the Field family. He helps doctor yearlings and served as Field's ranch rodeo mount at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in March.

That outside experience showed up in the sorting pen. In a class where cattle management mattered, Field said Big Boy's ability to help him stay smooth through the herd played a major role in the win. It also aligned with what Field has been focusing on in his own riding.

"Last year I wasn't very good, and I've just been trying to work on getting better," Field said. "Last year I would just blow through the herd, and they'd scatter everywhere. I've been trying to work on being a lot smoother, and Big Boy really helps me out. He's the main reason I am where I am."

In Waco, Field said, he was confident stepping into the herd knowing one of the industry's best was behind him.

Lesh, who has known Field since he was a beginning sorter, manned the gate and said the team entered the final run in a strong position and adjusted their strategy to fit the cattle.

"We were in the driver's seat coming in," Lesh said. "We just took it easy on them first three or four cows, and then they started lining up and we sped it up from there."

Lesh leaned on his favorite mare, "Kahlua," to help keep things together as the cattle became more stirred up. Instead of forcing the action, the pair stayed patient and waited for the run to come together naturally.

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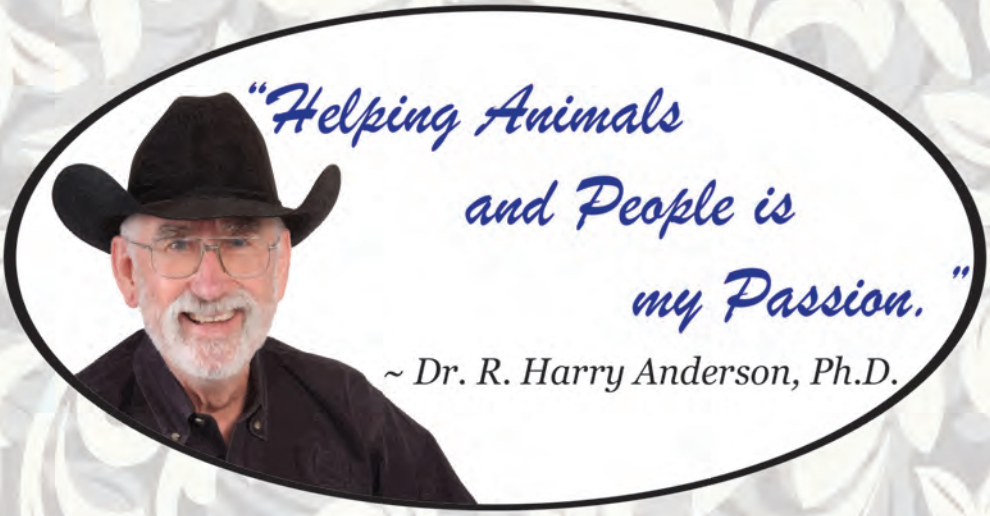
STEVE CAWTHON, BREA VARDAS CAP FAIRYTALE WEEKEND WITH PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT WIN, WORTH $11K

Steve Cawthon and Brea Vardas came together to cash $11,254 at the South Central Regional Super Sort and now have plans to continue their partnership at the Cinch RSNC World Finals XIX in Fort Worth, Texas.

| By **Lillian Jones**

Steve Cawthon and Brea Vardas capitalized on patience, horsepower and a little luck to claim the biggest single-class payout of the Cinch RSNC South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas, May 1–3, winning the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout in 215.36 seconds with 35 head sorted for $11,254.

The win capped a standout weekend for both competitors. For Cawthon, it added another chapter to a career that has stretched across three decades in the sorting pen alongside his wife, Shelby. For Vardas, it reinforced that she belongs among the sport's rising contenders.



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But the story behind the win started long before the pair ever entered the pen for their #9 victory.

Cawthon rode Poncho, registered as Downvalleycat, a gelding he purchased from Tim Field, and the horse's appearance in Waco nearly did not happen at all. Earlier this year, Poncho underwent emergency colic surgery after veterinarians discovered a massive enterolith roughly the size of a cantaloupe lodged inside him.

"We were very fortunate that he survived it," Cawthon, from Hillsboro, Texas, said. "It was a tough deal."

The stone reportedly weighed around 15 pounds and had likely been forming for months before finally causing a blockage. Poncho spent time recovering at the Texas Equine Hospital near Texas A&M under the care of Dr. Hanes and Dr. Canada. In all, his healing spanned 4 months.

Cawthon said the gelding's return to competition was handled carefully, with constant veterinary guidance and limited runs as the horse rebuilt his stamina. Waco marked Poncho's fourth event back.

"We followed all the rules and did everything the doctor told us," Cawthon said. "Everything went textbook."

Even so, Poncho made the most of his limited work. Cawthon only entered him in the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout, where the gelding's calm demeanor and strong mind helped anchor the team through increasingly difficult cattle.

That steady presence paired well with Vardas, a 26-year-old from Campbell, Texas, who came into ranch sorting after first competing in cutting and reined cow horse. While she loved the other disciplines, she said the faster pace of sorting suited her personality better.

"I wasn't having to wait for things to make the move," Vardas said. "I could actually make the move and make things happen."

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DAVID HARBERS, DON LAMONT CLINCH US RIDER #5 GOLD SHOOTOUT SORTING VICTORY WORTH NEARLY $4K AND IMMEASURABLE CONFIDENCE

David Harbers and Don Lamont are locked in on ranch sorting together thanks to their Waco win in the US Rider #5 Gold Shootout.

| By **Lillian Jones**

David Harbers and Don Lamont turned luck and talent into a US Rider #5 Gold Shootout victory at the Cinch RSNC South Central Regional Super Sort, sorting 23 head across three rounds in 166.63 seconds to earn $3,990.

It was the win that almost wasn't. Harbers, from Simonton, Texas, had been seriously considering stepping away from ranch sorting, and as their final, Gold Shootout run unfolded, it wasn't looking great.

According to Lamont, from Albany, Texas, the pair reached the halfway point with only three or four cattle sorted, putting the pressure on to make something happen without

blowing the herd apart. Then, the cattle suddenly flooded toward the gate.

"All of a sudden, I went after a cow and they all came to the gate," Lamont said.

Harbers, working the gate on his blue roan mare, "Charlie," suddenly found himself trying to turn nearly the entire herd while Lamont worked back and forth inside.

As the clock wound down, the remaining cattle began lining up, allowing Lamont and Harbers to sort off the winning 10 head.

"It was like all of them lined up perfectly," Lamont said. "It was a lot of luck, for sure."

For Harbers, the win represents far more than a paycheck. After more than a decade in ranch sorting, the competitor admitted he had reached a point where the sport no longer felt fun. His son, who originally helped pull the family into the RSNC world, had moved on to veterinary school at Texas A&M, and the dry spell that followed slowly drained Harbers' confidence.

"I was at the point I was ready to give up," Harbers said.

Then came Charlie. Registered as Silver Dove Time, the 6-year-old mare is sired by One Fabulous Time and taps into a few foundational cutting horses on the bottom.

Named after Kelly McGillis' character in the original Top Gun movie, Charlie reignited Harbers' excitement almost immediately after he bought her several months ago. He hauled the mare to the Cinch RSNC San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Super Sort for just her second time in the sorting pen, where Tommy Roberson quickly noticed her natural ability.

"Tommy looked at me and said, 'Holy smokes, you need to send this horse off to a trainer, and I don't care if it's me,'" Harbers recalled. "I tossed him the reins and said, 'Then you [train her and] take her to the Worlds.'"

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LOVELAND, CO

The North Central Regional Super Sort in Loveland, Colorado paid out $78,933.50 this year—up 11% from 2025 payouts, which meant better earning opportunities for ranch sorters who made the haul. The uptick was especially noticed in the payouts to the #13 and #9 Gold Shootout champions, whose earnings growth outpaced the total payouts with increases of more than 15% and 13%, respectively. Historically, a healthy stock market return yields 10%, so we're definitely thinking Loveland is a good investment!

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PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT: MIKE NARACHI, AMY HUTCHINS STRIKE BIG

Gold Shootout newcomers Mike Narachi and Amy Hutchins captured the #9 Gold Shootout title at the 2026 Cinch RSNC North Central Regional Super Sort.

| By **Emily Carey**

Mike Narachi and Amy Hutchins topped a stacked field of competitors to win the Professional's Choice #9 Gold Shootout championship in Loveland, Colorado, on May 17. The pair sorted 29 head in 172.44 seconds to earn the event's largest paycheck: $6,070.

The win marked a milestone moment for the duo, who were competing together in a Gold Shootout for the first time.

Big Payouts for First-Timers

As a draw team, Narachi and Hutchins arrived at the final round with a clear game plan.

"Amy led the charge," Narachi said. "She was smart and said, 'let's sort them in the back and make the gate a little easier on each of us.' We had three nice runs."

Narachi rode a pair of horses to the Gold Shootout title: Remain Anonymous (Smooth As A Cat x Shez Sinsational) and his daughter's mare, Shes A Reyl Rebel (Metallic Rebel x Tornados Rey Of Hope), known around the barn as "Cupcake."

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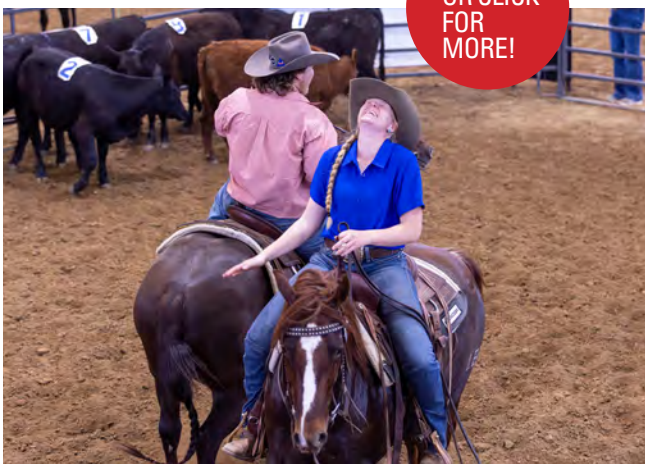

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT: SIDNEY RASMUSSEN, GAGE MOORE EARN $5.7K IN LOVELAND

A Georgia cowboy and a Utah sorter turned survival into success—sorting 30 head on May 16 to pocket $5,760.

| By **Emily Carey**

Sidney Rasmussen and Gage Moore captured the Cinch #13 Gold Shootout championship at the 2026 Cinch RSNC North Central Regional Super Sort on May 16 in Loveland, Colorado. The duo sorted 30 head through the gate in 133.86 seconds to earn $5,760.

Despite living thousands of miles apart, Rasmussen and Moore have teamed up more than a dozen times—and every run together brings a new adventure.

Golden Horse Power

Moore, from Barnesville, Georgia, knows his way around the Gold Shootout winner's pen. He took home the Priefert Open Gold Shootout title at the January Southeast Regional Super Sort in Perry, Georgia, aboard the same standout horse he rode in Loveland: My Cat Boo (Lil Catbaloo x Jalapuno), affectionately known as "Sleigh."

Rasmussen, of Park City, Utah, turned to her reliable partner, LBR Kat (Kit Kat Sugar x Ashado), who she calls "LBR." The 2019 gelding has carried her to the winner's circle multiple times and stepped up again in the Gold Shootout class.

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PEACHY:
CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT THE INAUGURAL DIXIE NATIONAL SUPER SORT

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Jackson, Mississippi, welcomed ranch sorters Feb. 19-21 for the debut of the Dixie National Super Sort and a weekend of championship competition.

The inaugural Dixie National Super Sort brought three days of ranch sorting action to Jackson, Mississippi, where riders of all levels competed for a share of $10,000 in added money.

The event culminated in a Championship Round showdown featuring the weekend's top teams, while Gold Shootout finalists also received special recognition during the Dixie National PRCA Rodeo. In its debut year, the event awarded more than $95,098 in total payouts and prizes.

#12 HC
WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 157.68 SECONDS FOR $2,704
SUZANNE BUTLER & BREA VARDAS

JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS
WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 91.43 SECONDS FOR $1,904
BJ HILBORN & GREG WEATHERFORD

RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 172.17 SECONDS FOR $1,774
JOEL LESH & LARRY NEWPORT

EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH
WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 92.78 SECONDS FOR $732
ANNA BUTLER & HARPER GRACE PIERCE

#2 BEGINNER SORT
WINNERS ON 10 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 91.91 SECONDS FOR $684
BRANDON COLEMAN & ROBIN COLEMAN

MIL-SPEC LINERS #6 HC/4 INC

WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 170.37 SECONDS FOR $2,156

CHAD MORROW & RAY ROBERSON II

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 157.28 SECONDS FOR $6,716

HARPER GRACE PIERCE & JOEL LESH

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 156.58 SECONDS FOR $5,832

RANDY MOORE & ELLA SNYDER

HOLIDAY AUTO GROUP ALL LEVELS

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 124.11 SECONDS FOR $1,968

RANDY MOORE & JOEL LESH

TOTAL FEEDS #8

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 173.74 SECONDS FOR $2,542

ANNA BUTLER & BRONC STOCKTON

HYER #11 ROOKIE

WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 167.28 SECONDS FOR $2,044

TANNER KEITH & BRONC STOCKTON

ALAMO CITY SORTING

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The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo hosted two days of ranch sorting action, Feb. 23-24, highlighted by major payouts and youth scholarship opportunities.

Ranch sorting returned to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Feb. 23-24, 2026, for two full days of action culminating in an exciting finals night on Tuesday.

Riders of all levels competed for their share of $15,000 in added money, while youth competitors also had the opportunity to compete for a $10,000 scholarship. By the end of the event, more than $125,708 had been awarded in cash and prizes.

RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 162.32 SECONDS FOR $2,208
CLORALDO LEAL JR. & KAI CLARK

#12 HC
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 138.6 SECONDS FOR $2,794
KAI CLARK & AUBREE COKER

EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH
WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 86.94 SECONDS FOR $1,030
JADEN RONDY & TUCKER FIELD

JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS
WINNERS ON 21 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 150.65 SECONDS FOR $1,898
ALBERTO VILLALON & DEROY WHITE

#2 BEGINNER SORT
WINNERS ON 10 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 57.67 SECONDS FOR $924
SHELBY CARMAN & GRAHAM BELLER

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 17 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 150.97 SECONDS FOR $7,092
ADDY HALL & SCOTT HENDERSON

ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 144.53 SECONDS FOR $2,384
PATRICK MOELLENDORF & JOEL LESH

MIL-SPEC LINERS #6 HC/4 INC
WINNERS ON 22 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 173.01 SECONDS FOR $2,226
RON VANDERZIEL JR. & DON WEATHERBY

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 40 HEAD/4 ROUNDS IN 219.93 SECONDS FOR $8,230
TANNER KEITH & TUCKER FIELD

TOTAL FEEDS #8
WINNERS ON 24 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 161.67 SECONDS FOR $2,608
MICHELLE DUSING & ROCHELLE RONDY

HYER #11 ROOKIE
WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 164.35 SECONDS FOR $2,868
JOEL LESH & JILL SPRADLEY

WELCOME TO THE SHOW

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Ranch sorters filled the pens in Houston, Texas, March 8-10, competing for major payouts during the 2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Super Sort.

| Photos by **Sperle Western Media**

Ranch sorters brought the action to Houston, Texas, where competitors vied for more than $25,000 in added money. After two full days of competition, the event concluded with Championship Tuesday, where the weekend's final champions were crowned in front of an energized crowd. The Super Sort ultimately paid out more than $151,000 throughout the event.

#12 HC
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 151.48 SECONDS FOR $3,960
JOEL LESH & JENNA O'NEIL

JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 158.98 SECONDS FOR $2,658
ANDREW ZITO & BUBBA MOORE

RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 27 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 150.42 SECONDS FOR $2,604
RICKY HIGHTOWER & CHEYENNE KOESTERS

EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 124.32 SECONDS FOR $1,324
BROOKE BIELSKI & ADLEY RENEAU

#2 BEGINNER SORT
WINNERS ON 10 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 64.77 SECONDS FOR $1,104
KAT LOPEZ & JASMINE CUNNINGHAM

MIL-SPEC LINERS #6 HC/4 INC
WINNERS ON 21 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 150.62 SECONDS FOR $3,186
BROOKE BIELSKI & NIKKI HALE

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 165.90 SECONDS FOR $7,794
CHEYENNE KOESTERS & BODEE KRUGER

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 163.32 SECONDS FOR $7,814
PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ & JAMIE SIMON

HOLIDAY AUTO GROUP ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 27 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 154.53 SECONDS FOR $2,954
PAYTON BRZYMIALKIEWICZ & ANNALISE RIVADENEIRA

TOTAL FEEDS #8
WINNERS ON 25 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 160.49 SECONDS FOR $4,100
BOB MCPHERSON & PARKER LEWIS

HYER #11 ROOKIE
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 143.18 SECONDS FOR $3,250
COLT DOOLEY & TANNER KEITH

KEYSTONE STATE SHOWDOWN:

BIG WINNERS EMERGE AT THE 2026 NORTHEAST REGIONAL SUPER SORT

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Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, welcomed ranch sorters from across the Northeast, April 17-19, for a weekend packed with competition and World Finals implications.

Ranch sorters from across the Northeast gathered in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, April 17-19, to compete for more than $17,500 in added cash and prizes at the 2026 Northeast Regional Super Sort.

The event featured a full lineup of classes for riders of every level and experience, along with regional high-point races as competitors continued their push toward qualification for the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals. By the conclusion of the weekend, the event had awarded more than $96,367 in total payouts.

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 161.23 SECONDS FOR $5,684
DANIEL DAVIS & CHRIS MORRIS

RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 16 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 105.66 SECONDS FOR $1,288
CHANCE BODEN & RILEY LAWLESS

SPALDING LABS WESTERN HERITAGE #6
WINNERS ON 8 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 81.17 SECONDS FOR $1,244
WYATT ERB & CHRISTY HAYES

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 25 HEAD/4 ROUNDS IN 210.01 SECONDS FOR $7,510
EDILON "COWBOY" MARIANO & ALYSON OLIVEIRA

#15 3-MAN 2-GATE

WINNERS ON 12 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 104.62 SECONDS FOR $2,295

TANNER KEITH, CLARA MAS & RILEY LAWLESS

MIL-SPEC LINER #6 WITH #4 INCENTIVE

WINNERS ON 19 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 171.51 SECONDS FOR $1,580

AMY TAYLOR & JAKE TAYLOR

HYER #11 ROOKIE

WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 166.04 SECONDS FOR $1,620

LAYTON DAVIS & DEREK PARTRIDGE

HOLIDAY AUTO GROUPS ALL LEVELS

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 128.42 SECONDS FOR $1,698

JUNIOR RIBEIRO & DANIEL DAVIS

EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH

WINNERS ON 18 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 107.96 SECONDS FOR $792

ANNA BUTLER & CLARA MAS

LAREDO CONVERSIONS #10

WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 176.37 SECONDS FOR $2,370

HANNAH JOHNSTON & CASEY MAY

#14 RANCH HAND

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 155.42 SECONDS FOR $2,066

NELSON MAS & JP DUTRA

JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS

WINNERS ON 16 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 110.82 SECONDS FOR $1,242

DARREN ROBERTS & BRENDA MACAULEY

#10 BEGINNER YOUTH/ADULT GATE

WINNERS ON 9 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 112.72 SECONDS FOR $420

LANE PARTRIDGE & LAUREN BERNER

#2 BEGINNER SORT

WINNERS ON 10 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 96.08 SECONDS FOR $336

BRIGITTE BAUMANN & AUSTIN MANTZ

TOTAL FEEDS #8

WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 166.18 SECONDS FOR $1,608

DARREN ROBERTS & JACKIE CARTESIO

US RIDER #5 GOLD SHOOTOUT

WINNERS ON 15 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 154.19 SECONDS FOR $2,988

CHRISTY HAYES & WYATT ERB

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WINNING BIG IN WACO:

CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT THE SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SUPER SORT

Top ranch sorters and futurity horses took center stage in Waco, Texas, May 1-3, during one of the season's final World Finals qualifying events.

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The South Central Regional Super Sort in Waco, Texas, served as one of the final major stops on the road to the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, bringing ranch sorters together to compete for a share of $20,000 in added cash and prizes.

A marquee attraction of the event was the Futurity classes, which gave competitors an opportunity to test young horses ahead of World Finals competition. The schedule also featured four Gold Shootout classes, offering sorters multiple chances to compete in some of the weekend's highest-stakes and highest-paying classes. Over the course of the event, more than $207,553 was paid back to competitors through cash payouts and prizes.

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PRO FUTURITY
WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 100.11 SECONDS FOR $1,600
KEVIN REESE & LOGAN WOLFE

RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 173.23 SECONDS FOR $2,238
JOEL LESH & LARRY NEWPORT

SPALDING LABS WESTERN HERITAGE #6
WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 172.78 SECONDS FOR $2,256
CALEB RHONE & JAMES HALL

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 39 HEAD/4 ROUNDS IN 204.74 SECONDS FOR $9,682
TUCKER FIELD & JOEL LESH

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 35 HEAD/4 ROUNDS IN 215.36 SECONDS FOR $11,254
STEVE CAWTHON & BREA VARDAS

#15 3-MAN 2-GATE
WINNERS ON 19 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 114.53 SECONDS FOR $1,335
TRITTON CLOUD & BREA VARDAS & CLORALDO "LEAL, JR."

MIL-SPEC LINER #6 WITH #4 INCENTIVE
WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 173.74 SECONDS FOR $3,120
EDDY SEATON & KEN MARKS

HYER #11 ROOKIE
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 136.56 SECONDS FOR $2,666
PARKER LEWIS & RICKY HIGHTOWER

HOLIDAY AUTO GROUPS ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 154.73 SECONDS FOR $2,852
CLORALDO LEAL & CLORALDO LEAL JR.

EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH
WINNERS ON 18 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 112.25 SECONDS FOR $1,036
MANDIE O'NEIL & CHEYENNE KOESTERS

LAREDO CONVERSIONS #10

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 159.76 SECONDS FOR $3,480

TUCKER FIELD & BREA VARDAS

PRIEFERT OPEN GOLD SHOOTOUT

WINNERS ON 27 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 140.53 SECONDS FOR $4,720

JESSIE WOLFE & LOGAN WOLFE

#14 RANCH HAND

WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 166.06 SECONDS FOR $1,884

JOEL LESH & ARIELLE WEEAST

JUSTIN INSURANCE #10 MASTERS

WINNERS ON 26 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 148.12 SECONDS FOR $2,126

BUBBA MOORE & ROBIN WOESSNER

TOTAL FEEDS #8

WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 166.69 SECONDS FOR $3,134

BREA VARDAS & KRYSTAL TINKER

#2 BEGINNER SORT

WINNERS ON 5 HEAD/1 ROUND IN 42.36 SECONDS FOR $300

AVERY HALL & AVA BRIDGES

#10 BEGINNER YOUTH/ADULT GATE

WINNERS ON 13 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 102.26 SECONDS FOR $420

RODRIGUES LIMA & AVERY HALL

US RIDER #5 GOLD SHOOTOUT

WINNERS ON 23 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 166.63 SECONDS FOR $3,990

DON LAMONT & DAVID HARBERS

LOVELAND LUCK:

CHAMPIONS RISE AT THE 2026 CINCH RSNC NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL SUPER SORT

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

Colorado's biggest ranch sorting weekend brought high-stakes Gold Shootouts, World Finals hopefuls and Rocky Mountain action to Loveland, May 16-17.

| Photos by **Sperle Western Media**

As one of the final stops on the road to the 2026 Cinch RSNC World Finals, the North Central Regional Super Sort brought ranch sorters from across the country to Loveland, Colorado, May 16-17, to compete for more than $15,000 in added cash and prizes.

Held at The Ranch Events Complex in the heart of the Rockies, the event featured a packed schedule of classes for riders of every level, along with two high-stakes Gold Shootout classes that delivered some of the weekend's biggest payouts. By the end of the weekend, the event had awarded more than $15,000 in cash and prizes as competitors made their final pushes toward World Finals qualification.

RIDE TV WESTERN HERITAGE ALL LEVELS
WINNERS ON 27 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 168.75 SECONDS FOR $1,416
JESSIE WOLFE & CHRIS MANGOLD

SPALDING LABS WESTERN HERITAGE #6
WINNERS ON 17 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 138.72 SECONDS FOR $1,466
RICKY HIGHTOWER & CHARLIE DRAGER

CINCH #13 GOLD SHOOTOUT
WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 133.86 SECONDS FOR $5,760
SIDNEY RASMUSSEN & GAGE MOORE

HYER BOOTS #11 ROOKIE
WINNERS ON 28 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 163.74 SECONDS FOR $1,516
DIRK BANKS & KEITH HALL

TOTAL FEEDS #8

WINNERS ON 24 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 167.68 SECONDS FOR $1,586

BJ HILBORN & SHYLA NARACHI

#15 3-MAN 2-GATE

WINNERS ON 19 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 117.83 SECONDS FOR $1,404

KRIS DOORNINK & EMILY SPERLE & LILLY O'BRIEN

HOLIDAY AUTO GROUP ALL LEVELS

WINNERS ON 30 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 134.49 SECONDS FOR $1,616

CHRIS MANGOLD & LOGAN WOLFE

PROFESSIONAL'S CHOICE #9 GOLD SHOOTOUT

WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 172.44 SECONDS FOR $6,070

MIKE NARACHI & AMY HUTCHINS

#12/3

WINNERS ON 29 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 163.11 SECONDS FOR $1,608

JOEL LESH & KEN COULSON

MIL-SPEC LINER #6 HC WITH #4 INCENTIVE

WINNERS ON 27 HEAD/3 ROUNDS IN 168.70 SECONDS FOR $1,704

KIT DOORNINK & RICKY HIGHTOWER

#2 BEGINNER SORT

WINNERS ON 10 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 92.63 SECONDS FOR $526

JP WEICHEL & PRESTON MEHRING

EQN SPORTS #18 RATED YOUTH

WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 82.34 SECONDS FOR $432

SIDNEY RASMUSSEN & SADEY RASMUSSEN

#10 MASTERS

WINNERS ON 20 HEAD/2 ROUNDS IN 108.48 SECONDS FOR $1,152

ROD BRYNER & ROBIN WOESSNER

SAVE THE DATES

AUG 21-23

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Garwood Arena
Columbiana, Ohio

OCT 16-18

CONGRESS SUPER SORT

Henderson's Arena
Jackson, Ohio

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JUNE

JUNE 3
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JUNE 6–13
CINCH RSNC WORLD FINALS
Will Rogers Memorial Center
Fort Worth, TX
Cinch RSNC
970-897-2901 office@rsnc.us
$147,000 ADDED MONEY

JUNE 17
The Arena @ Richards Ranch,
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
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JUNE 24
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JUNE 27
Iron Ranch Stables
Hammonton, NJ
Andrew Hamilton
772-940-9344

JULY

JULY 1
Fort Worth Stockyards
Fort Worth, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 1
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 4–5
Limestone County Fairgrounds
Groesbeck, TX
TF Ranch Sorting
Tim Field 817-691-2070

JULY 8
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 10
Louis Mouch Multi-Purpose
Port Allen, LA
SLTSA 225-241-3596

JULY 10–11
Summer Jade Stables
Waterford Works, NJ
Jacque Smith
856-952-4162

JULY 11–12
The Expo at Glen Rose
Glen Rose, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 15
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 17–18
JL Arena, Whitesboro, TX
Jared Lesh
405-269-3467 jaredlesh.com
Jared@jlcowhorses.com

JULY 17–19
Wolfe Arena, Wellington, CO
Wolfe Productions
970-897-2901

JULY 18–19
Paso Robles Event Center
Paso Robles, CA
Just Keep Riding Events
559-285-8185
justkeepridingevents@gmail.com

JULY 22
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 23–26
LCCC – Laramie County
Community College
Cheyenne, WY
Wolfe Productions
970-897-2901

JULY 29
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

JULY 31 – AUGUST 2
Cottonwood Creek Ranch
Wheatland, WY
Pam Haar 307-351-4148

AUGUST

AUGUST 1–2
Brasada Ranch
Powell Butte, OR
Western States Productions
970-420-1536 sortwsp.com
sortwsp@hotmail.com

AUGUST 5
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

AUGUST 7–9
State Fair of Texas
Dallas, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

AUGUST 12
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

AUGUST 14–16
Black Hills Stock Show
Foundation
Rapid City, SD
Thar Ranch Productions
307-660-9501
TharRanchProductions@gmail.com
tharranchproductions.com

AUGUST 19
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

AUGUST 21–22
4K Farm Arena, Yatesville, GA
4K Farms 770-550-8443

AUGUST 21–23
Eagle County Fairgrounds
Eagle, CO
Comin in Hot Productions
Justin Riley 970-988-8413

AUGUST 21–23
Garwood Arena
Columbiana, OH
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AUGUST 22
GM Cowhorse Arena
Poteet, TX
Alan Funk 210-867-7166
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AUGUST 22–23
Leon County Expo Center
Buffalo, TX
TF Ranch Sorting
Tim Field 817-691-2070

AUGUST 26
The Arena @ Richards Ranch
Jacksboro, TX
TR Performance Horses
Tommy Roberson
940-284-9665

AUGUST 28–30
Long Road Performance
Horses Arena, Lemoore, CA
Just Keep Riding Events
559-285-8185
justkeepridingevents@gmail.com

AUGUST 29–30
Wolfe Arena
Wellington, CO
Wolfe Productions
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Preparation is key before entering the pen. Logan Wolfe shares how "situational sorting" can help you anticipate cattle behavior—whether you're first out or watching others go before you. Knowing how the herd reacts gives you an advantage before you sort.

2 **Ranch Sorting Drills Without Cattle**
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3 **The "V" Drill**
This drill is also called the rollback drill. This drill helps you keep your horse's shoulder up, helping him make big moves in the ranch sorting gate.

4 **Drill for Confidence in the Gate**
Also known as the "V" Drill with Cattle, this exercise is all about building confidence. Logan focuses on clear, intentional communication with his horse to help them stay calm in this high-pressure spot in the sorting pen.

5 **Dry Work on Futurity Ranch Sorting Horse**
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BJ HILBORN

I rode bulls up until I was 32 years old. The body got to where it didn't bounce so well, so a friend of mine, Ronnie Mitchell, introduced me to [ranch sorting.] I've been watching it and decided to get into it. Tommy Roberson and his family, Matt Stevens and their family helped me get into it. Joel Lesh has been helping me a lot.

It's a timed event, and it's an event that you can do with your family. I've got both my daughters [competing,] and they're doing really well. My daughter won second place in the Beginner class [at Loveland]. Unfortunately, my run in the Top 10 of the #6 knocked her out of winning the saddle, so that's the downside, but it's a family sport. We get to practice at home and talk about it at the dinner table."

Hometown: Terrell, Texas
Age: 57
Hall of Fame: Silver
Challenge of the Champions: No. 8 in the Amateur division with $27,895.20 in 2026 season earnings. In 2025, Hilborn finished third in the race.
RSNC Member since: 2021
Cinch RSNC World Finals: 2025, 2021
High-money Win: #6/4 Incentive at the 2021 Cinch RSNC World Finals

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