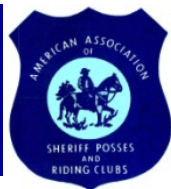


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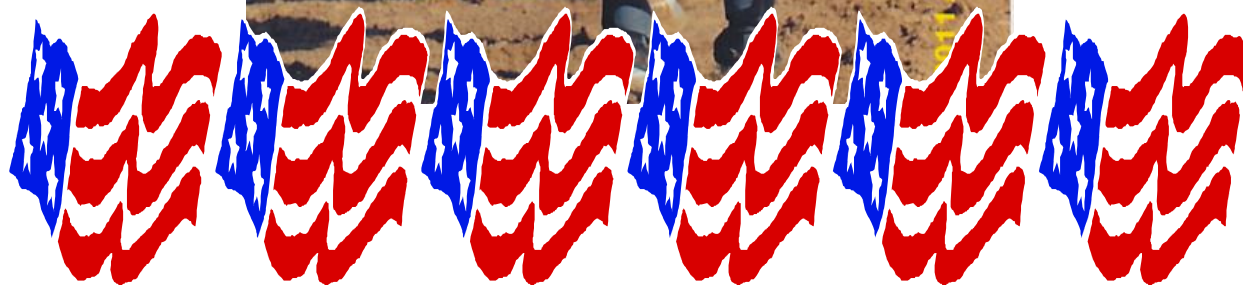
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Hey Everyone,

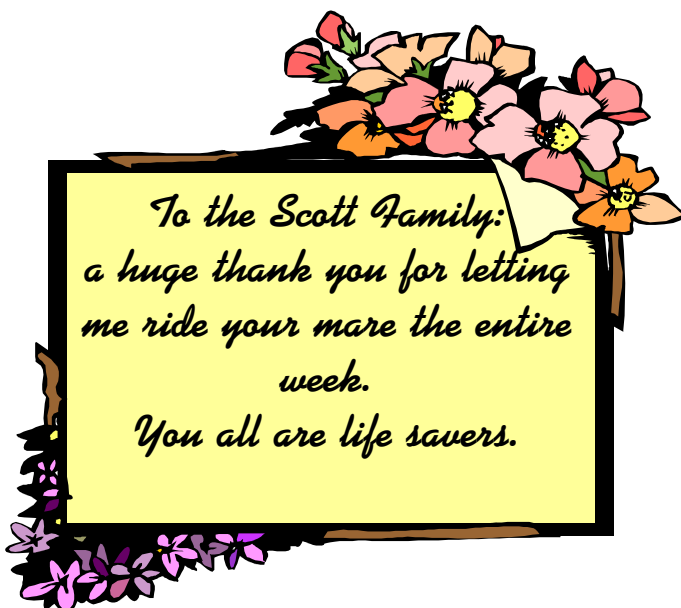
Well it has come and passed and oh man did I have a blast at Playday Finals. I hope everyone did to. It was a week full of fun and lots of great competition. First and foremost congrats to all the winners and thank you to Lisa for working so hard on all the awards, they were awesome for such a tight budget. Also I hope you are feeling better, I hope to see you and Bargain up and running again. Thank you also to all the executive officers and to Kathy Whatley and Janice Blahuta. You ladies are like ten times better than super women.

The week after Playday Finals I went back for the Jim Bowie Days. I had a wonderful time riding Charmie's mare, Nifty. Her name fits her well. Thank you Charmie, Augie, Mike and Ali for having me and letting me ride with all. It was also good to see both Leos and Janice. Leo, Augie and I had lots of fun stopping traffic after the parade. Another congrats to Maci Martin for winning little Miss Jim Bowie Days. I know she will do great representing that rodeo organization.

My next event will be Hailey's Round Up in Lubbock. I am very excited to attend this event I had a great time last year and am looking forward to this year.

My deepest sympathy to Ronnie Elrod and the loss of his super horse Spiderman. Spiderman touched a lot of cowboys and cowgirls lives and will be truly misses. To the Brock's from the Twin Mountain Riding Club, sorry to hear you lost Sparky. Also I want to send my sympathy to Lori Scott from my home club, during Playday Finals she lost her stud colt. He had lots of potential to be a great horse. I am sure Vodka, Sparky and Spiderman are in horse heaven running free.

Until next time I hope to see everyone at Hailey's Round Up and if not at 50/50 for sure. Come out and compete for the association, we need to reclaim our trophy this year.



I also want to thank all the kiddos that came out and played at the stick horse barrel race and at Queen's night. I had a great time both nights. Also thank you to Jackie Skinner, K.D. Foltz, Stephanie Foltz, Ronnie Elrod and my mom for helping me with the Queen's night and playing. Thank you to Misty Martin for also taking care of all the shirts, they looked great!

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*Queen*

*Lauren*





# President Renee Guthrie

Hey Y'all,

Another function down and the year is sweeping by so fast! Finals came and went so quickly, it barely seems real except for the memories. The worst memories of all were the scorching heat and unrelenting wind. I still haven't cooled off or feel like I've gotten all the dirt gone! Thank you to ALL for suffering through and making this an awesome Finals! I have so many of you to THANK for stepping in and busting your tails, I hardly know where to begin!

The morning after arriving, I found Don McEwen out as usual checking on this and that and checking numerous items off his list. I also found Bill Jeter, Garland Hargis and Parker Cantrell, mowing the tricky spots and setting out trash cans. I know Glen and Don had spent many an hour working on tractors and mowing the big open areas. As usual, Charmie got in there and mowed down the tree area days before.

Kathy and Janice were out and about getting everything ready for the Concession Stand. I want to thank Kathy and her family along with Garland for the donation of the new refrigerator we were in need of! Kathy never imagined what this Chair job would cost her financially! (They also donated the new fryer back months ago!)

Thank you is in order for Misty Martin as to putting on another Ranch Sorting on June 12th. Us greenhorns played with some locals that love Sorting and we had a blast! While some of us were playing with steers, Annette, Charmie, Travis, Mike, Levi and Corey were cutting up the old downed cable of the South side track and loading it up on a trailer to haul away. That cable was a serious issue to me for fear someone's horse or kid would trip over it and be injured so I was extremely thankful to get that mess gone! Thanks to ALL that spent a good part of a day getting that taken care of! And...THANK YOU Travis for fixing the sky light in my trailer, it did help a bit with the A/C!!!

Big Thank You to Buster Jones for working on the light fixture in the men's bathroom and for working on the RV breakers and to Billy Privett for getting us the correct ones!!! I guess we would have melted had it not been for these guys making sure we had electricity at our RV sites all week! I also want to THANK Billy and Don for swimming around in the mud hole repairing the broken water spout!

There are so many of you to THANK for helping make this Finals go so smoothly! Larry Mitchell took his job as Rules Chair above and beyond! I couldn't imagine having to make it through a single day of Finals without this man and his expertise or

endless knowledge of the Playday Rules!!! Lynda Knight totally ROCKED as Playday Chair!!! Lynda took on a pretty tough and very thankless job, and still managed to do the MOST PHENOMINAL job!!! It would be nice if ALL of us could walk a mile in the shoes of the Playday Chair or Rules Chair! They take a LOT of HEAT from us and several times were treated beyond RUDE and still managed to keep everything on track!!! If you were one of the one's that were unhappy, please feel welcome to volunteer for one of these jobs next year and see just how "easy" you still think these are!!! Some of our Chair positions are way harder than anything I've ever had to do!!! Larry and Lynda: Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, from the bottom of my HEART!!! For ALL those of you that helped water arenas, plow arenas, drag arenas, work the gates, announce, keep times, and/or judged events, especially those that helped with extra times on Saturday..... THANK YOU so VERY MUCH!!!!!! We could NOT have pulled it all off WITHOUT YOU!!! Each of you deserve a very HEFTY "pat on the back", what HERO'S you are!!!

Kathy and Janice put together not only a fantastic menu for the Concession Stand, but their food was awesome!!! These ladies work very hard way before we even get there to make sure that we are taken care of food wise! They spend countless hours scouting out the best food, at the best prices in order for us to make a nice profit out of the Concession Stand while providing quality, actually enjoyable products and I know they put their hearts and souls into it!!! They take this job on with the utmost responsibility and their driving force is taking care of us. Their reputations for providing us the Best of the Best is a constant worry to each of them! So....respectfully requested: when we have to work in there, we need to PLEASE remember to be respectful of the devotion they have already provided to us and remember that they are "driving the bus" and we need to make their job as easy as possible. Thank you Kathy and Janice for all that you did to take care of us at Finals and mostly for the most FABULOUS Fajita dinner on Friday! I've eaten my share of fajita's from some of the finest Mexican Food establishments and I think yours topped out as the best I've ever eaten!!! How the two of you can take on the Concession Stand AND such a big dinner is a huge mystery to me....

Thank You BOTH for EVERYTHING!!!

I want to especially THANK Queen Lauren O'Brien and the Princesses (Haylie Martin, Maycie Martin, Morgan Johnson, Megan Moody, Deanne Guthrie and Payton White) for all your help the entire week. Lauren, you looked beautiful all day every day and in that heat, I'm sure that was not so easy! Princesses, you did a GREAT job helping...

Lauren with awards and selling those popsicles! Lauren, you had one of the BEST Queen's nights I've ever seen! You girls did an amazing job and I appreciate everything you did to help out!!! Queen Lauren worked in the arena on Saturday morning while all dressed up Queenly, but worked like the rest of us which I do find amazingly COOL and appreciate more than anything!!!

I want to THANK the Moody men (Wayne, Wes and Josh) for putting on the Dance on Friday night. You know that this is now your "official" duty from now till forever!!! LOL!!! You guys are the BEST!!!! Misty, the silver saddle was a PERFECT addition!!!

Lisa Herrington did a remarkable job as Awards Chair on a pretty stingy budget from the Officers and myself! I know I heard several mention how much they liked the insulated mugs with the half price refills. Kind of like the gift that gave all week! That was a GREAT idea Lisa! I want to THANK ALL of those individuals and Districts and Regions that donated saddles this year!!! It was absolutely heart-wrenching to have all 14 saddles donated and to know that so many of you cared enough to make sure we were able to have saddles this year due to your GENEROUS donations!!! I know some of you were a bit disappointed and maybe even a little upset that we only gave through 6th Place this year, but the Rule Book states that unless we have these donated (or as done in the past, had the extra money) do we provide 7th through 10th and at the time we had to order awards (which is 8 to 9 weeks prior to Finals), we just didn't have the money and our awards vendors do not operate on a credit basis. Most of them require a deposit upon placing an order and full payment prior to shipping. I've been in the position of Awards Chair myself not too long ago and this is an extremely frustrating job trying to find the nicest award items available at the most affordable prices in order to NOT require an increase of entry fees on the membership.

Bigger and better awards require more money to be spent and the Association Officer's can NOT let the Association go broke in doing so, and we do have the authority to raise registrations and/or entry fees, but it was my wish to keep our functions as affordable as possible, especially as expensive as it is to come and play in the first place.

Agreeably, this has not been the funnest of years for us financially and for that I sincerely apologize to each and every one of you!!! I am truly THANKFUL to those of you that have jumped in at every turn with your extreme generosity in helping us get back on our feet!!! Hopefully, we have weathered the worst of

the storm and it is my most major concern that we remain heavily in the black for the remainder of this year and that next year will be much, much better and back to a better type of normal!

I want to THANK all of our Chairpersons for the incredible jobs you are doing for this Association!!! The simple fact of your willingness to step up and give so generously of your time, is overwhelming to me!!! I want to THANK all of my fellow Officers of which without a single one of them, I would be totally lost!!! These people that serve along side me are invaluable to me and never take their job less than 100% seriously!!!

Last, but not least, I want to THANK my family for their understanding and support for allowing me to do this job with little complaining on their part! I came alone to Finals with 4 horses, 3 dogs and 4 kids; those 4 kids (Deanne, Rhett, Kelsey and Kelly) stepped up like adults to help me from early each morning until way past their bedtime each night and they pitched in all over the grounds the entire week and I want them to know how very much I appreciate ALL they did to take care of me!!!

On a very SAD note, our Region 3 VP, Donna Rust, due to health issues (I'm sure most of you aware that she has had a knee replacement that is not doing as well as expected and is looking at further surgeries) has stepped down as Region 3 VP. Donna, you have been a GREAT asset to this Association during your service to Region 3 and I have very much appreciated all your hard work and enjoyed working with you! Your input will be missed by all! I wish you the very best with your recovery and hope you will be dancing and riding in a very short while!

May Your Arena ALWAYS Be Too SMALL to Hold ALL Your FRIENDS!!!!  
Renee Guthrie





# Executive Vice President

**WOW!!!!** What a finals! Honestly, looking back at what our association has been through this past year, we have come a long way. Yes it was hot and windy and we all suffered through it. But if you want to complain about the weather better talk to the man upstairs. Awards were great! yes sometimes in the past we have given thru 10th place but that's a donation/funds available situation. I myself am proud to place when i do but honestly, we're there to ride, have fun, visit with people we don't get to see but once a year. If I wanted to be guaranteed a saddle or big prize I'd find somewhere to ride with no one to compete against. We're all grownups, I hope, so we understand bills to pay, money problems, and getting back on our feet in tough times. I want to thank **EVERYONE** that pitched in to help getting the grounds ready, there's was old cable to pick up, trash and scrap and just junk. **THANK YOU ALL!** Ladies in the concession stand are **THE BOMB!** Arena volunteers, I could go on and on. I don't know if any of you saw the Saturday issue of the Bowie News, there was an article and photo of the Martin, McCaig, Moody bunch, and what a family event finals is for them every year. **THIS PEOPLE,...**is what finals and this association is about.

I've included some photos from the pool party and Heath and Carla Elifrits baby shower. *So much fun!*

Queen Lauren, you looked wonderful and I'm looking forward to having you come stay with us for Jim Bowie Days. All the little Princesses, **GREAT JOB!** We are looking forward to hosting the Cowboy shooters then on to 50/50 and Fall Roundup.

**LOVE YOU ALL!!!!**

See you down the road!

Charmie Sanders, Exec Vice



# Playday Finals Winners

#	CLASSIC SENIOR WOMEN	
14	Ruby Crocker	1
10	Donna Howard	2
11	Linda McCaig	3
13	Linda Ivins	4
12	Debbie McLeroy	5
6	Donna Rust	6

#	CLASSIC SENIOR MEN	
25	Larry Mitchell	1
22	Ronnie Maxwell	2
27	Jan Crocker	3
21	Gary Montgomery	4
23	Terry Weeks	5
17	Billy Privett	6

#	SUPER SENIOR WOMEN	
35	Lynn Cox	1
54	Trish Simmons	2
51	Sally Goetz	3
36	Lynda Knight	4
3	Charmie Sanders	5
44	Lisa Herrington	6

#	SUPER SENIOR MEN	
58	Doyle Coulter	1
55	Mark Podell	2
62	Curtis Smith	3
56	Chris Cox	4
5	Wayne Moody	5
59	Kevon Theall	6

#	SUPER PEE WEE GIRLS	
67	Makailey Brock	1
68	Kaiden Roberts	2
65	Caitlynn Fields	3
63	Karlee Brown	4
64	Marie Knight	5
66	Mollie Jean Lane	6

#	SUPER PEE WEE BOYS	
70	Koda Miller	1
71	Cy Egenbacher	2
72	Nathan Patridge	3
77	Noah Rushton	4
76	Tres Brock	5
75	Seth Cox	6

#	PEE WEE GIRLS	
86	Tara Hill	1
81	Shelby Maxwell	2
87	Kylee Scribner	3
92	Loren Moreno	4
85	Brandy Sorrells	5
94	Allison Vaughn	6

#	PEE WEE BOYS	
102	Skyler Smith	1
103	Klyler Kavanaugh	2
104	Moses Simmons	3
99	Rowdy Miller	4
97	Cade Thornburg	5
101	Brandon Elliott	6

#	JUNIOR GIRLS	
137	Delaney DeLaRosa	1
107	Haylie Martin	2
134	Kendall Wheeler	3
141	Anna Pickett	4
129	Molly Spitler	5
140	Cheyenne Scott	6

#	JUNIOR BOYS	
151	Manny Merritt	1
150	Wesley Nelson	2
147	Brandon Rojas	3
148	Wrangler Redding	4
153	Jaylin Mayfield	5
149	Colton Foster	6

#	INTERMEDIATE WOMEN	
158	Shelby Eberly	1
163	Kyra Collins	2
154	Courtney McEwen	3
156	Augie Nobile	4
184	Lonna Lopez	5
157	Jaylan Neatherlin	6

#	INTERMEDIATE MEN	
195	Marcus Cox	1
188	Corey Waggoner	2
199	Tex Coulter	3
186	Wes Moody	4
189	Tab Adams	5
192	Nat McEwen	6

#	SENIOR WOMEN	
220	Kim Otwell	1
210	Jessica Nantz	2
204	Nicole Martin	3
227	Michelle Knight	4
202	Annette Waggoner	5
211	WynnD'Lee Roberts	6

#	SENIOR MEN	
230	Cutter Holloway	1
232	Greg Latimer	2
229	Jason Nelson	3
233	Jessie Lee Brock II	4
228	Slim Wigington	5
231	Eric Savage	6



## NAME THE GAME

The AASPRC is having a contest to name the new game that will take the place of Bowtie next year. The contest is open to all juniors, pee-wee and super pee-wee members. Please, parents and older siblings, this needs to be their idea.

**Race description:** The rider crosses the timer line either to the right or left set of poles. Rider goes on the outside of the first pole, inside the second, outside the third. Going around the barrel, rider proceeds to the second set of poles, going outside the first, inside the second and outside the third and crosses the finish.

**Equipment required:** Six (6) standard poles; one (1) 55 gallon barrel w/ pad

**Measurements:** First pole is thirty (30) feet from starting line

Poles are thirty (30) feet between each going down the arena

Poles are sixty (60) feet apart across the arena

Barrel is centered in the pattern and thirty (30) feet vertically from last pole

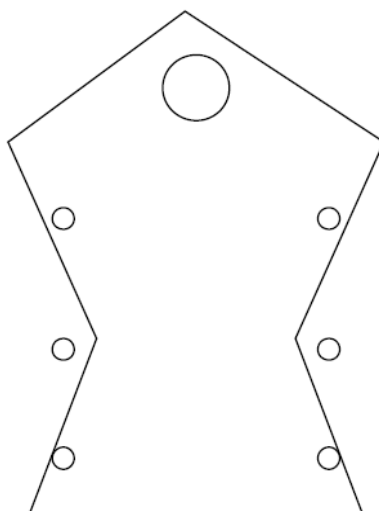
**Penalties:** There will be a five (5) second penalty for knocking over each pole or the barrel.

**Disqualifications:** Failure to run a correct/complete pattern

**Judges:** At least two (2) judges, one on each side of the pattern

Email your entry to me at: [weve.gone.ridin@gmail.com](mailto:weve.gone.ridin@gmail.com)

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# Letters to the Members

To all Association Members,

First of all, I would like to thank all the Officers and numerous other association members who graciously volunteered by putting in countless hours of hard work just so Playday Finals 2011 could happen. There were so many things that needed to be done this year not only financially, but also on the grounds and to certain pieces of equipment that got done due to the hard work of these select few. I would like to name names of those said people, but in fear of forgetting someone I will not, however, most know who they are anyway.

With that being said, I will get to the point of this letter. After hearing several complaints about this years Finals, I was greatly angered due to the nature of the complaints. First, and perhaps the one that angered me the most was that we (the Association), only gave first through sixth high point places. When I was growing up, that was all that was given, even in the daily awards. Getting one of those places was such an honor and something I worked hard every year to get. We always had twenty or more girls in my class, and it was no slack either. I can recall several times when I came in seventh place, yes I was disappointed, but it only made my desire stronger to work harder for the next year. Lately, our Association has had the ability to give out ten places on a daily basis as well as in overall high point. **HOWEVER**, if you will refer to your rulebook on page 35 under part G on number 2, it clearly states that **ALL** seventh through tenth places are to be donated. Therefore, it is my understanding that it is not the Associations responsibility to furnish these said places. Now, how would it be fair after all that has gone on here lately for the Association to ask for more donations from its members after already having to ask for all the saddles to be donated? If I am correct on this there was not even a guarantee that all the saddles were going to be accounted for until the very last minute. With the uncertainty regarding money and how much money the Association had, I feel the officers made the right decisions. So maybe those of you whiners who were complaining because there were so many in your class and you did not get anything should have stepped up and helped out the association or if you did (thank you), got some of your fellow members to do so as well. I know several kids were upset, but it is a **COMPETITION** not a participation contest. You already get something at the beginning of the week for that. Personally, I did not place overall and have not for the past eleven years even with ten places, and I'm not complaining. It just makes the drive to get better and work harder with my horse even stronger. I do not even feel we should give ten places overall, only daily awards because it makes that sixth place bittersweet when you do finally get it. It comes down to the fact that society is purely spoiled us into thinking that we should always get something even if we really did not earn it.

Second, the issue of the dwindling numbers we have seen over the past years. Now days, kids are more involved in other things like sports and other activities throughout the year so it makes it harder to get qualified and attend finals. Also, as we all know gas prices are high and the economy is struggling. However, I do feel there are several areas where certain things can be improved. These can be made not only on the association grounds, but also more importantly among our members in order to get the numbers of participants back up.

Over the years, there have only been a handful of members who volunteered without being asked to take care of keeping our grounds and equipment in the best shape possible (you know who you are). Not to leave out District 31 who hold its playdays on the grounds and pays for its use. In case you were not aware, most of the people who work their butts off to keep the tractors, arenas, and general upkeep of the place are from this district. So all of you who want to complain about how they have "special privileges" or unfair advantages need to ask yourselves what have you done lately to help out. Are you going to step up and take care of things if they are not there anymore? I will leave it at that and move on in fear of getting too personal.

On Sunday after Finals there was an executive board meeting which I attended where our Officers gave the go ahead on several projects that were already approved at convention but tabled due certain issues that arose afterward. I am very excited about the improvements that are going to be made very soon, and yes, we will have to spend money to do so. So all of those who want to complain every time our Officers want to spend money to do something, shut up! We elect our officers for a reason; to make improvements and better our Association, so let them do it! If you are not satisfied with that, elect different ones or step up to the plate yourself.

On a final note, this goes out to the adult members including officers both current and previous. Stop all the bickering, whining, griping, and fighting about the stupidest and pettiest things! I am so sick and tired of seeing and hearing things being brought up over and over again that do not matter for selfish reasons. All I can say is that if you are not happy with something that is going on, do something besides run your mouth. Take your issue to your representative or President. Nothing ever gets solved by sitting in the back corner and running your mouth to everyone, it only makes you not liked and the situation worse. What kind of message are we sending to our youth by acting like a bunch of children ourselves? Instead, why don't our older members or those who have been involved in higher positions, set a good example and encourage our youth to get more involved because we need new and fresh ideas for this Association if we want to survive. Trust me, it is scary thinking of having to be in the middle of all the "b s" that is going on right now. All this turmoil is what is keeping our Association from growing and progressing.

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To keep from going on like a tyrant, I will make this one final plea to ALL members young and old, near or far, to get involved and help out; especially on the grounds. Take a weekend or a couple of days during the week if you live far to come and help work on things or help in the concession when we have other activities going on. I can think of several things on the grounds that need to be done like cable needs to be pulled up from the old track still and the holes filled, stalls need to be fixed and painted, announcer stands need work, and several more things. All you have to do is pick up the phone and ask what you can do. I guarantee that if you step up and help out you will be rewarded on the inside and who knows maybe that sixth place will mean even more to you. Remember, everything counts even the littlest things add up to something big. So, do what you can, when you can and it will make a difference.

Sincerely,  
Shea Cox



Wow did Finals Blaze by this year?! Literally Blaze. I know we have been just as hot in Bowie, but with the Lubbock winds that we brought for all to share, it was like being in a giant convection oven.

The princess program was a great success this year. I am very proud of all of the girls, Deanne, Haylie, Maycie, Megan, Morgan, and Payton. They did all that was asked of them and more. Most of the time they beat me to the awards all dressed up and looking great! I not once did I have to remind them what to wear or what their job was. I hope that this program is allowed to continue for many years to come. Thank you Lauren for looking so great and having a smile on you face every time I saw you no matter how hot it was. I am very proud of you. Thank you for doing a great job!!

My boys and I had a blast this year. Casey's young horse "Merlin" is coming along really good and Corey's horse "Odie" still amazes me. For who doesn't know, he was badly injured back in December. He ran into a tree and broke two vertebrae in his withers. Yes, ran into a tree in Lubbock, Tx. We only have 5 trees on our property, only one in the pasture and that is the one that he hit. Four months in a stall, two months in, hand walking then third month ponying. One month before finals he was released to get legged up then a week before Bowie was let go to compete. He walked into the arenas each day with his tongue hanging out in his happy place going "Whaz Up" Corey? What a character he is. We are really lucky to have him.

I don't know how this happened, but, I was in a run-off for a high-point award for the first time in 20 years that I have been coming to finals. I was so confused when Lisa drove by and told me. I thought she was talking about Corey. Thank you Lisa! If it wasn't for you I may have missed it! I had to run and get dressed and dress my horse. It was the most fun I have ever had at finals. It was a three way tie. Michelle and I were the only ones that rode for the place. She is a very sweet person and has a great horse. You go girl with a 9.9 on Hitch and go! I had a blast riding with you. Maybe next year it we will be running off for the saddle!! LOL!! I won a nice halter and am so proud of it!! Thank you Lisa for doing a great job on awards!

One thing that I have learned over the years, is the difference between "WINNERS" and "WHINERS" I believe that all of my family and friends that come to Bowie are winners. Whether they go home with a saddle or just their participation award they are happy. They are glad to be there even when getting sun-burned and sick, working on un- thankful jobs before anyone else even gets to the grounds, continually doing those jobs after everyone gets there, (Thank you Parker our Super Tractor Driver), doing them because (I'm on vacation! So, I just am only going to do what I have too!), people, are just there to rest and go home with an award don't want to help with anything extra. Winners spend hours on the phone trying to iron out Association/people problems, and have Truck trouble, Trailer trouble, Blowouts (I have actually had 6 on one trip to Bowie), awnings blowing off in a storm trying to get there, trailers almost totaled by running over something in the road, ETC,. They travel out of their way to get breakers so the rest of us can be cool. They show up just to work for their district even though they didn't ride. They spend countless hours in the concession stand. They spend way too much time judging in the arena. With as many members as we have I am always confused why we have to beg for judges. And still, these members are doing those un-thankful jobs even after everyone leaves. Picking up trash, cleaning out bathrooms putting up equipment, cleaning the concession stand (CATHY AND JANICE AND CO. YOU ROCK!!) and plenty of things that the rest of the membership doesn't ever think of. These people are proud to be AASP&RC members and glad to do whatever they can to better the association. Some winners can't do physical work, but find other important ways to support the association. By the way, did you know that we have a crew of "Grounds Fairies" that take care of everything before we get there?? (Thank You Don and Co.) (Renee and Co.) (Cathy and Co.) These people who are my friends "FAMILY", put their heart and soul into this association, and are happy to just be "WINNERS"!!!! If you prefer to be a "WHINER" please continue to come and join in the fun and maybe you will learn to be a "WINNER" like the rest of us someday. I love all of you and will continue to come to Bowie and be a "WINNER" with you.

Annette Waggoner and family

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