

STRAIT TALK



**George and Buddy Strait at the
20th Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic**

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Over \$250,000 In Cash and Prizes Awarded At The George Strait Team Roping Classic

San Antonio, TX (March 16, 2002) - In the end, it was all about Speed. Speed Williams and Tyler Magnus that is. The magic pair grabbed the top spot at this year's "George Strait Team Roping Classic" with a combined time of 16.30 for three rounds. They each won a Chevy Dually Pick-up Truck, three-horse Bruton trailer and half of the \$46,142 cash prize. After accepting the keys for his truck and posing for photos with host George Strait, Speed exclaimed, "This is a great feeling. It adds to the fairytale I've been living lately. I can't remember how long I've been coming here (to the Strait Classic) but this is the one I've really wanted to win. My partner has won it but I never had."

With only a 0.04 difference in time, second place went to the team of Shane Sprovl and Martin Lucero. They split \$29,236 and won hand-tooled "George Strait Team Roping Classic" Twister Saddles. Tyler Magnus, who won first place, also took third with another teammate, Tee Woolman. They split \$20,003 and each grabbed brand new "GSTRC" Gist belt buckles.

The event, which began at 10 a.m. on Friday morning, started with 562 teams. Each team took a run and the ones who successfully roped their steer in under 11 seconds advanced to the semi-finals. Those teams were scaled down to the top 50 with another roping go. Those elite, clad in their new "George Strait Team Roping Classic 2002" finalist jackets supplied by Wrangler, returned on Saturday to vie for some of the biggest prizes in team roping competition. In fact, over \$250,000 was awarded in cash and prizes this year.

As in Friday's competition, prizes were also awarded to the teams with the top times in each round. The winners for each round took home \$1200 per team. First round went to the team of Shane Sprovl and Martin Lucero, the second to Matt Tyler and Allan Bach and the third round went to the team of Daniel Green and Allan



George Strait Team Roping



Speed Williams and Tyler Magnus

Bach.

In addition, HEB Food Stores held the HEB Challenge, a chance for ropers to win even more cash. If a team finished first in their round with a specially marked steer, they were given the bonus of \$2500. Saturday saw two such winners. First round winners were Shane Sprovl and Martin Lucero. Second round winners were Matt Tyler and Allan Bach.

While host, George Strait, did not qualify in the top 50 this year, he did return to open the event

and greet the sell-out crowd at the Rose Palace. He returned to the paddock to congratulate winners and award prizes during the presentation at the end of the event. On the success of the 20th anniversary of his classic, Strait said, "We had a lot of great ropers here. I really look forward to putting on this event and every year it just gets bigger and better. We've got great sponsors that help so much with the event and I thank them. I also want to congratulate this year's winners. I hope to see everyone back again next year." 🐾

George Strait Team Roping Classic Final Eight Results

Place	Time	Header	Heeler	Payoff
1	16:30	Speed Williams	Tyler Magnus	\$46,142
2	16:34	Shane Sprovl	Martin Lucero	\$29,236
3	17:74	Tee Woolman	Tyler Magnus	\$20,003
4	17.90	Tommy Bierschwale	Cuatro Hinds	\$16,926
5	17.93	Chuck Speck	Boogie Ray	\$13,848
6	20.85	Matt Tyler	Wayne Folmer	\$10,771
7	21.85	Chuck Speck	Wade Clayton	\$9,232
8	23.35	Russel Riggan	Shane Powell	\$7,694

Record Crowd of 68,266, Strait Bid Adieu to Dome

It came down to one last evening of country music at the Reliant Astrodome on Sunday before the rodeo chutes closed and the stage lights were turned down for good. It wouldn't have been a proper sendoff without George Strait on the stage.

On its last day as a RodeoHouston venue, the Dome played host to a record crowd of 68,266. It was the first time there was a rodeo concert with no actual rodeo preceding it.

It was planned as a daylong farewell party, but ticket holders got bonus speeches by other country music celebrities, a visit from a former U.S. president and a beamed-in chat with astronauts in outer-space. All were on hand to experience the so-called eighth wonder of the world one last time.

The Astrodome, formally the Harris Country Dome Stadium, opened April 9, 1965, when the Houston Astros played an exhibition game against the New York Yankees. On Feb. 23 of the following year, Milburn Stone and Ken Curtis (Doc and Festus, respectively, on the television Western series *Gunsmoke*) took the stage as the rodeo's first entertainers under the building's 4,596 acrylic skylights.

Over 37 years, much has happened under those same skylights. In addition to the sports highlights, a host of country and pop legends has passed through the rodeo arena, from Roy Rogers to Elvis Presley, from Garth Brooks to Selena and Boyz II Men. Just this year, the RodeoHouston palette of acts included Bob Dylan, ZZ Top, Willie Nelson, Mary J. Blige and the Kumbia Kings.

For its final performance, however, RodeoHouston and the Reliant Astrodome went back to their roots with Strait, one of traditional country music's biggest stars

and one of the rodeo's most frequent guests. He has also become something of a history-maker locally. His last concert in Houston, on June 11, 2000, was the first ever at the new Astros ballpark formerly known as Enron Field.

Strait's first appearance at RodeoHouston was not as a marquee attraction. In 1984, Eddie Rabbitt canceled on the day of his scheduled show, leaving rodeo organizers scrambling to find a replacement. It came down to Strait, who lived in San Marcos and could get here on time.

"They asked me if I could be at the Houston Astrodome in two hours to play the rodeo," Strait recalled before the crowd Sunday. "I said, 'This has got to be a joke.'"

He was found bird hunting, but he rustled up his band and was flown to Houston on a private jet to perform a show that would begin his rise to fame.

Ironically, throat problems raised concern that the guest of honor wouldn't make it to his own celebration.

Strait was forced to cancel a concert in Memphis, TN on Friday.

For Houston, however, he mounted a brown and white paint horse in unusually frigid temperatures outside the Dome and rode into the building for a nearly two-hour run through more than 20 songs.

He greeted the standing-room only crowd with *Stars on the Water*, from his 4-month-old album, *The Road Less Traveled*, that is about as close to rock swagger as Strait has ever dared. He looked like he kinda liked it, too.

He quickly got back to the basic tenets of Bob Wills country on the violin slow dance, *I Can Still Make Cheyenne*, and the honky-tonk 101 of *Write This Down*.

Strait's irritated vocal chords added a resin to his normally nasal mid-range that

actually benefited his down-tempo, low-light ballads.

After receiving a Lone Star Legend award from former President Bush, a statuette in honor of Strait's good work with the rodeo, Strait dedicated *Love Without End, Amen* to Bush and his wife, Barbara.

That story of fathers and sons, sung with syrup in his larynx, was all the sweeter.

When his band got its giddyup going, Strait didn't visibly appear to be affected. *The Fireman* was a three-alarm string fire with twang. It got a warmer reception than usual since our nation's firefighters have been embraced more closely after Sept. 11th.

Check Yes Or No, with its mix of fiddle, guitars and pedal steel weaving in small circles around each other, was a prime example of Strait's country-classic allure.

A little stiff and stoic when he last played Houston, Strait seemed to feel a little more playful inside the familiar Dome. He snickered a little talking about the controversy his new-versus-old country duet with Alan Jackson, *Murder on Music Row*, caused last year and then unapologetically sang both parts. The "GS" branded inside a tanned, leather outline of Texas on his guitar strap swayed with his hips as he flirted with the front row on *I Just Want To Dance With You*.

It was a three-way tie for song with the biggest reception. *Amarillo By Morning*, a road song that seems as old and American as *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, was given its proper respect as one of the few hits Strait had the first time he played the rodeo. A piano-vamping cover of *Folsom Prison Blues* was an unexpected surprise, and *If You Can Do Anything Else*, with its opening line about living in Houston, tested the ol'Dome's structural strength.

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Pyramid Is Strait Country, That Sweet, Steady Tradition

Concert Review - GoMemphis.com
by Donnie Snow

In record numbers, warm, southern accents accompanied the warm March breeze circling The Pyramid Friday night as country's honky-tonk hero, George Strait, blew in to Memphis for his makeup concert.

Accompanied by the dulcet sounds of Deep in the Heart of Texas, Strait was escorted to the stage very much like a main-event prize fighter to the ring.

Strait took the stage minutes after the scheduled 9 p.m. opening with a rope-a-dope Stars on the Water from his new album "The Road Less Traveled," drawing the crowd in with his country boy charm.

He then dropped I Can Still Make Cheyenne on the still-standing sellout crowd.

With nearly 21,000 singing along to Check Yes or No, a grinning Strait fought through the throat infection that kept him from performing last Friday's scheduled concert without any trace in his voice.

Clad in his trademark black felt cowboy hat and comfortably creased Wranglers, Strait was bathed in red stage lights while singing his old-fashioned, fiddle-featuring homage to Casanova, The Fireman.

Strait never missed a chance to trumpet the heroes of his youth, Lefty Frizzell, Bob Wills and Hank Williams.

He also lamented the trend toward pop in Nashville with a performance of Murder On Music Row, a stinging indictment the heartfelt traditionalist recorded with Alan Jackson.

Strait's laid back demeanor is devoid of the theatrics of Garth Brooks, whose 1993

single-event attendance record Strait shattered by nearly 500.

Elegant and at ease is Strait's stage persona.

Instead of arm-pumping and chest-beating, he moved to microphones on all four sides of the theater-in-the-round stage with a slight swagger.

He delivered the dusty, Texican shuffle I Just Want To Dance With You with confident, country resolve.

Though Strait's music doesn't resemble the raw-boned art of Johnny Cash, he does share some traits with the Man in Black - brilliantly poignant and earnest lyrics and an honest, unpretentious delivery.

Does Fort Worth Ever Cross Your Mind, Amarillo By Morning and a cover of Wills's Take Me Back to Tulsa were some

of the evening's highlights, as well as Strait's hat-tossing final bow during his second encore, The Cowboy Rides Away.

Jo Dee Messina jumped into her own hits like Heads Carolina, Tails California, she sampled others like Journey's Don't Stop Believin', Tammy Wynette's Stand By Your Man and Aretha Franklin's Think.

Strait's performance was The Pyramid's third highest-grossing event ever - sporting events included - behind the combined Elton John and Billy Joel concert last year and an appearance by The Rolling Stones several years ago.

The Stones concert featured a top ticket price of \$125, while the John/Joel pairing had tickets going for as much as \$175. The top ticket price for Strait's performance was just over \$60. 🎸

Record Crowd of 68,266, Strait Bid Adieu to Dome *(continued)*

That combo got some of the crowd two-stepping on the temporary plastic floor where bulls had bucked a day earlier. The steps moved from a slow dance for the new urban cowboy single Living and Living Well to Western swing for a cover of Wills' Take Me Back to Tulsa. Members of Strait's large ensemble Ace in the Hole Band each took turns improvising picking up speed as dueling fiddle players battled through the final chorus.

Nineteen years, 15 RodeoHouston performances and more than 50 top 10 singles later, Strait is one of three rodeo perform-

ers to have played to more than a million Houston rodeo fans. (Reba McEntire and Charley Pride are the others).

At his final Dome appearance, he made it clear that he would be adding to that total. "If you think this party's big, wait until the one next year," Strait said of a planned 2003 appearance in the new Reliant Stadium.

But as a record crowd filed down the gray halls and concrete columns of RodeoHouston's home the last 37 years for the last time, they cheered - not only for Strait, but for the building itself. 🎸



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Speed Williams and Tyler Magnus - 2002 GSTRC Winners



The saddle winners were Shane Sproul and Martin Lucero taking 2nd Place at the GSTRC

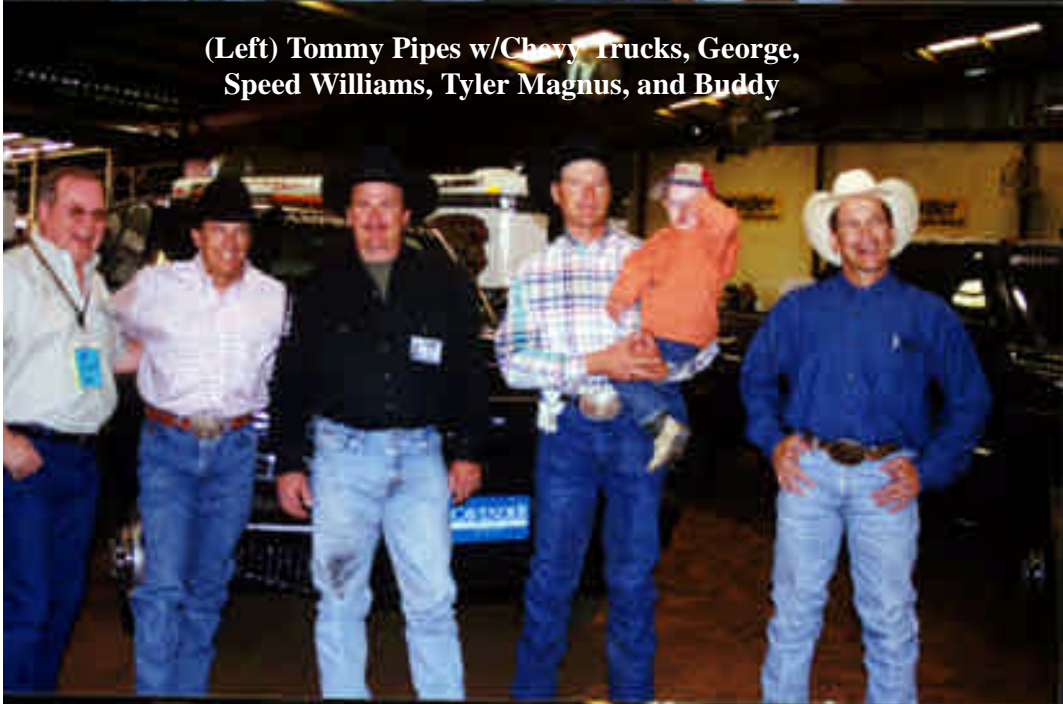


Winners of the Red Bluff Buckles - Lance Brooks and Clayton Grant (they had the fastest time in the First go.





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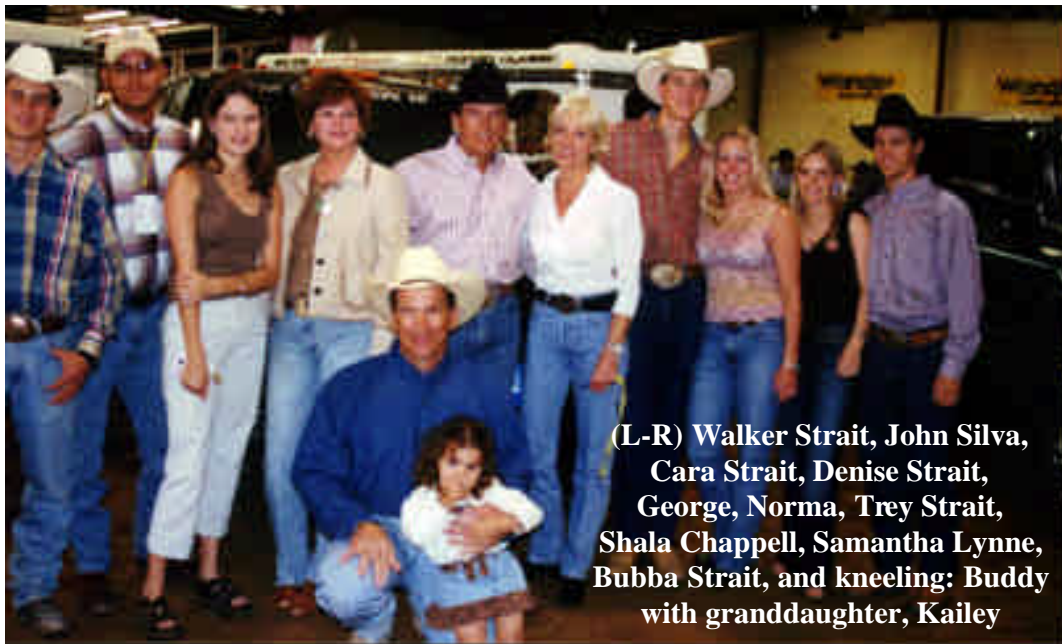


(Left) Tommy Pipes w/Chevy Trucks, George, Speed Williams, Tyler Magnus, and Buddy



(L-R) George, Buddy & winners with Wrangler Epecs Buddy, Karl Strossman, Louis Russo, Speed Williams, Tyler Magnus, Robert Lever, and George





(L-R) Walker Strait, John Silva, Cara Strait, Denise Strait, George, Norma, Trey Strait, Shala Chappell, Samantha Lynne, Bubba Strait, and kneeling: Buddy with granddaughter, Kailey



(Left) Kerry Bruton, Tyler Magnus, George Speed Williams, and Buddy



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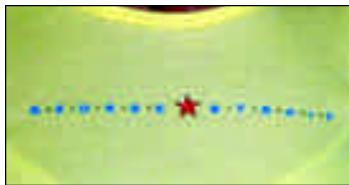
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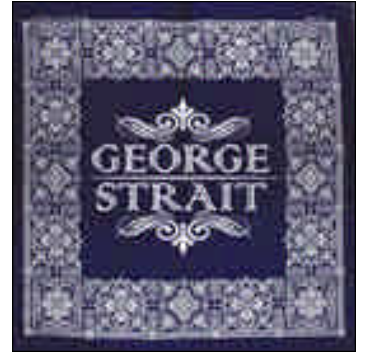
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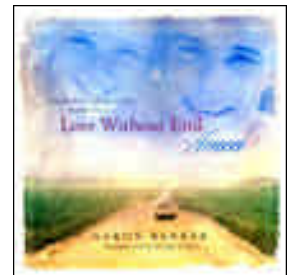
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	703	STRAITHORSE STUFFED ANIMAL(w/navy shirt & logo)	\$14.95	
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	990	CONCERT VIDEO (George Strait "Live" concert performance recorded New Year's Eve 1986-1987 - also includes the music video "Check Yes or No" - VHS only)	\$19.95	
	993	1992 GEORGE STRAITTEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO	\$29.95	
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	989	2000 GEORGE STRAITTEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO	\$29.95	
	988	2001 GEORGE STRAITTEAM ROPING CLASSIC VIDEO	\$29.95	
9999	DVD	"PURE COUNTRY" VHS (Original motion picture) RATED PG	\$19.95	
9999	DVD	"PURE COUNTRY" DVD (Digital Video Disc, Original Motion Picture, Rated PG)	\$24.95	
	1012	WEBSITE COFFEE MUG (13 oz. white website pot belly style ceramic mug with molded spider web design and colorful Official George Strait Fan Club Website Seal and address - www.georgestraitfans.com)	\$8.95	
	1015	PHOTO COFFEE MUG (White mug with 4 color photo process w/George in black hat with background rodeo scene)	\$7.95	
	1026	COASTER SET(Four different coasters with wonderful photos of G.S. - 3-5/8" square coasters made of super absorbent porous sandstone - cork backed to protect your furniture - boxed for your gift giving convenience)	\$17.95	
	1032	COASTER (Cover photo from LP"George Strait" - 3-5/8" square coaster made of super absorbent porous sandstone which will soak up any moisture from your glass - cork backed to protect your furniture - EXCELLENTGIFT!)	\$4.95	
	1055	THERMALMUG (32 oz. Pearl White Sports Mug with Blue Handle and Swivel Lid - Oval 2001 George Strait Country Music Festival Design)	\$6.95	
	1061	SHOTGLASS (GS design in hunter green)	\$3.95	
	1067	OLD FASHIONED GLASS (8 oz. glass with sharp G.S. design in hunter green - specially designed to match the shotglass)	\$4.95	
	1102	CANVAS TOTE BAG (10-1/2x14x5 Natural Color Cotton Canvas Tote with hand/shoulder straps. Perfect for Travel, Shopping, Beach, School or Knitting. EMBROIDERED with round G.S. Daisy design)	\$14.95	
	1105	ATHLETIC TOTE BAG (Black Cotton Canvas bag trimmed in red with black webbed handles and adjustable shoulder strap, front zippered pocket, two end pockets, and a double zippered top opening. Bold G.S. Strait Out of the Box design in red and white on three sides.)	\$29.95	
	1110	STRAITUMBRELLA(42" Arc, 36" Spread; 16-1/2" (length when closed) Navy Blue and White with "If It's Gonna Rain" cloud design from LP"George Strait")	\$17.95	
	1120	BEACH TOWEL(100% White Cotton, Sheared Woven Terry with Large Photo of George and G.S. logo, 30"x60")	\$29.95	
	1125	CASSETTE CASE (Insulated case for 12 tapes)	\$12.95	
	1130	CD CASE (Black insulated case with White G.S. Logo, holds 12 CD's)	\$14.95	
	1150	CHECKBOOK WALLETORGANIZER (Ahandy all-in-one checkbook wallet for women. Compartments for everything! Cards, photos, cash, change, checkbook & pen. Nine double stitched pockets (plus 24 card plastic carrier. Burgundy with tan GS logo)	\$19.95	
III	4050	CAMOUFLAGE BANDANA(Camouflage bandana with G.S. star design specially designed for 2002 tour)	NEW \$7.50	
	4055	RED BANDANA(Red Bandana with G.S. Horse design)	\$6.50	
	4065	BURGUNDYBANDANA(Burgundy Bandana w/G.S. Brand)	\$6.50	
III	4070	NAVYBANDANA(Navy bandana specially designed for 2002 tour)	NEW \$7.50	
	3400	EMBROIDERED CAP(Black Ladies Cap embroidered with G.S. dandelion design)	\$16.95	
III	4003	EMBROIDERED CAP(Mustard color cap with Navy trim, double stitched, embroidered G.S. logo)	NEW \$18.95	
III	4005	EMBROIDERED CAP(100% cotton, 6 panel, low profile khaki color cap with embroidered G.S. tour logo in red and navy)	NEW \$18.95	

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	4200	EMBROIDERED CAP(Solid Red Cap featuring Colorful Bold All Over Embroidery Stretching from edge of bill to back of cap - Country Music Festival Logo).....	\$16.95	
	4400	KHAKI CAP(Khaki Cap Embroidered with GS-01 Country Music Festival Design in White and Navy).....	\$16.95	
	4045	SPORTS TOWEL(11"x18", 100% Cotton Velour Fringed Towel, Vanilla Color with G.S. Embroidered in Script in Tan, Burgundy & Navy) ..	\$9.95	
III	4605	LADIES LONG SLEEVE BABYDOLL(Lemon yellow 100% cotton baby doll long sleeve shirt, side seamed to fit the body, glitter G.S. star logo across front).....	\$19.95	
III	4610	LADIES BASEBALLJERSEY(00% ring spun cotton, white body with pink 3/4 length sleeves. CUTE "George Strait Girl" logo in pink and periwinkle glitter).....	\$21.95	
III	4615	ONE SHOULDER TOP(100% cotton girls top - available in one size only - City lights "George Strait" foil stamping on full chest).....	\$19.95	
III	4620	LADIES BLACK SPAGHETTI TANK TOP(Black ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton Spaghetti Tank, G.S. logo in mid chest with high density shimmer glitter).....	\$19.95	
III	4625	LADIES CAMOUFLAGE SPAGHETTI TANK TOP(100% cotton camouflage spaghetti tank with G.S. Glitter logo across mid chest).....	\$19.95	
III	4630	LADIES KIVI CAPSLEEVE T-SHIRT(Kivi color 100% cotton cap sleeve t-shirt, w/"g" block design shimmering in glitter on front, G.S. patch design on left sleeve in white).....	\$19.95	
III	4635	LADIES BLACK SPAGHETTI TANK (100% cotton black spaghetti tank with rhinestone-like glitter design across front).....	\$18.95	
III	4640	LADIES WHITE CAPSLEEVE T-SHIRT (White ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton, scoop neck, cap sleeve t-shirt w/"George Strait Girl" logo in pink and periwinkle glitter).....	\$19.95	
III	4645	LADIES RINGER TEE (100% cotton sports gray baby doll tee with black trim rib neck and sleeves - G.S. glitter design across front).....	\$18.95	
III	4650	LADIES GREEN/BLUE CAPRAGLAN SLEEVE T-SHIRT (Green/Blue ring spun, 100% superfine combed cotton cap sleeve t-shirt w/"g" G.S. glitter logo on front).....	\$21.95	
III	4655	RED/ORANGE LADIES BASEBALLSHIRT (Red body with orange 3/4 length sleeves, 100% superfine combed cotton, "George Strait Cowgirl" roper design shimmering in orange glitter - CUTE!).....	\$19.95	
III	5008	ROAD CREW T-SHIRT (Charcoal/Heather Gray 100% cotton t-shirt with G.S. Road Crew logo.....	\$18.95	
III	5009	BLACK T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with large photo of George.....	\$18.95	
III	5012	PRAIRIE DUST T-SHIRT (Prairie Dust color 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with 5 photos of G.S. imprinted across front with an American Original flag logo on front and a small... Flag tag logo on back).....	\$19.95	
III	5015	WHITE LONG SLEEVE SHIRT (White 100% cotton long sleeve shirt with "Strait Across America" Eagle design on front and down left arm).....	\$21.95	
III	5023	SPORTS GRAY BASEBALLSHIRT (Heavyweight 100% preshrunk cotton sports gray baseball shirt, 6 button placket w/sporty "George Strait - 02" logo on left front chest, Huge "STRAIT" across back with "02" underneath). Check size: L XL XXL NEW	\$29.95	
III	5150	FAN CLUB T-SHIRT (100% Cotton, White shirt with two great photos of George and his horse, Huge Fan Club design on Back).....	\$18.95	
III	5205	BABYBIB (White Bib with "I Love George Strait" in Blue and Red - CUTE!).....	\$4.95	
III	5300	BABYSHIRT (100% cotton white shirt with little singing cowboy and his dog - "I'm a little George Strait Fan").....	\$8.95	
III	5310	YOUTH TOUR T-SHIRT (Black 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with large photo of George on front and G.S. American Original emblem on back - Matches adult shirt #5009).....	\$14.95	
III	5320	YOUTH FLAG T-SHIRT (White 100% preshrunk cotton short sleeve t-shirt with "George Strait Across America - 2002" logo and SHARPphoto of G.S. and American Flag).....	\$14.95	
III	6515	NIGHTSHIRT (Lavender, 100% heavyweight cotton, 37" long, one size fits all, sparkling glitter lime, white and lemon G.S. logo).....	\$24.95	
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III	9800	EMBOSSUED SUEDE BASEBALLJACKET(Hunter Green lined pig suede baseball styled jacket, metal zipper and Hunter Green trim. G.S. embossed on back with detailed team roping scene - the left front chest is embossed with G.S. cattle brand.).....	\$169.95	
III	9950	TOUR JACKET(Athletic Team Style Jacket, Black Wool Bodice, Red Suede sleeves, deep front pockets trimmed in Red Suede, Snap front with Black collar and cuffs. Colorful chenille G.S. on front left chest and large colorful chenille G.S. "On Tour" logo on back, quilted satin lining. SHARP!).....	\$175.00	
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	905	GREATESTHITS	\$14	\$9
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	907	#7	\$14	\$9
	909	OCEAN FRONTPROPERTY	\$14	\$9
	910	GREATESTHITS #2	\$14	\$9
	911	IF YOU AINTLOVIN' YOU AINTLIVIN	\$14	\$9
	912	BEYOND THE BLUE NEON	\$14	\$9
	913	LIVIN' ITUP	\$15	\$10
	914	CHILLOF AN EARLYFALL	\$15	\$10
	915	TEN STRAITHITS	\$16	\$11
	916	HOLDING MYOWN	\$16	\$11
	917	PURE COUNTRY (Original motion picture soundtrack)	\$16	\$11
	918	EASYCOME, EASYGO	\$16	\$11
	919	LEAD ON	\$16	\$11
	920	STRAITOUTOF THE BOX (Boxed set comprised of 72 tracks and accompanying booklet featuring Strait's comments on each record, plus dozens of photographs, a biographical essay, and complete recording session information.).....	\$49.95	\$39.95
	921	BLUE CLEAR SKY	\$16	\$11
	922	CARRYING YOUR LOVE WITH ME	\$16	\$11
	923	ONE STEP ATA TIME	\$16	\$11
	924	ALWAYS NEVER THE SAME	\$16	\$11
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1982: George received his first #1 hit with this song _____.

1983: These two songs "_____ by Morning" and "A _____ I Can't _____ Out" went to number one.

1984: "You look so _____ in _____," "Right or _____," and "Let's _____ to _____ Together" all three songs went to #1.

1985: CMA & ACM awarded George "_____ Vocalist of the Year" & "Album of the Year."

1986: George won 3 awards including the _____ Music Association & The _____ City News Award for "Male Artist of the Year."

1987: George received 3 Billboard awards including the First Album Ever to Debut at #1 for "Ocean _____ Property." The single of the same name also went to #1.

1988: George was awarded "Male _____ of the Year" by the _____ of Country Music.

1989: George received the "Presidential America Vocation Success Award," it was presented to him by President _____.

1990: "_____ Without _____, Amen" & "I've Come to _____ it from _____" became #1's.

1991: George received "Top Male Country Vocalist" by the _____ Music Association.

1992: This movie was a top ten box office film for 4 consecutive weeks and its soundtrack sold 6 million copies to date _____.

1993: The Academy of Country Music awarded George with the "Tex _____ Award" for his movie "Pure Country."

1994: George received 3 #1 hit songs with "I'd _____ to Have That _____ Back," "The _____ in _____ With You" and "The _____ One."

1995: The ACM gave George "Single of the Year" for "_____ Yes or No." This song was his 34th #1 hit.

1996: George records 4 #1 songs with "I Know _____ Still _____ Me," "Blue _____ Sky," "_____ Away," and song co-written by George's manager, Erv Woolsey "I Can Still Make _____."

1997: George received 10 awards, one of them was from BCMA (British) for "International _____ Vocalist."

1998: Wow! George gets 4 more #1 songs with "_____ About Way," "I Just _____ to Dance With _____," "True," and "We Really _____ Be _____ This."

1999: George received 7 awards, 6 were from Country _____ Golden Pick.

2000: George received the "Entertainer of the Year" and 5 other country awards by TNN along with a CMA award for "_____ Event."

2001: Besides "Entertainer of the Year" and "Impact Award," CMT/ Country Weekly awarded George with "Single, Song, & Collaborative Event of the Year" with duet partner _____ for the song _____.

2002: George still looks good in his Resistol Hat, Justin Boots and _____ jeans.

Answers can be found on your Fact Sheet and Website.

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* All entries must be received by May 10, 2002. **One Entry Only!!!**

Anita's Notes

Welcome to the spring issue of Strait Talk. I started my notes on Thursday, March 14th as we were winging our way to San Antonio, TX for the 20th Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic. My fingers were crossed hoping that George would make the Short go on Saturday. We arrived safe and sound, ready for our great adventure. After all, it has been many years since I had the privilege of being at the GSTRC.

It was smooth sailing all the way with the exception of George not making the Short go. You really do not have any idea how much hard work by so many people goes into putting the roping on. From registering contestants to the roping logistics, the vendors, the security, the ticketing, the parking and so much more. And after all of that, there is the clean up. I watched Norma and Denise Strait first hand working out last minute details while George and Buddy took care of other areas. It truly is a family affair that has evolved into the greatest Team Roping event in the country. It all came off as flawless as humanly possible. What an outstanding job by the family as well as their incredible crew headed by Collie Webb, Bill Drain and Don Jones.

We arrived at the Rose Palace on Friday morning to witness the greatest array of Team Roping Talent ever assembled compete for cash and prizes of over \$300,000. Seven-time world Champions, Jake Barnes and Clay O'Brian Cooper were on hand along with many other Champion Team Ropers including the reigning 5-time World Champions, Speed Williams and Rich Skelton. The list of contestants looked like a who's-who of Team Roping. By moving the event from July to March, the weather was a lot easier on the cowboys, their horses and the steers. In fact, on Friday fans asked that the mist fans be turned off because it was getting too cool in the area. What a switch from previous years. Our day ended about 11 p.m. after the 562 teams had roped and sending out press releases to the news media all across the country.

On Saturday morning we arrived very early to observe the Top 50 teams compete in the Short go for the Championship prizes that awaited the eventual winners. The prizes included two new Chevy dually Pick-up trucks provided by Chevy Trucks and two 3-horse slant Bruton trailers provided by Tractor Supply Company as well as more than \$46,000 in cash. The 3-rounds went blistering fast and by 1 p.m. the Champions had been determined. Speed Williams and Tyler Magnus roped 3-head in 16.30 seconds to claim the Championship. A complete story on the GSTRC can be found on the front page of this newsletter. We've also got some great photos from the event in the photo pages and many more can be found on the

GSTRC website at www.gstrc.com.

On each day we had the pleasure of visiting with many fan club members who had traveled from many places to be there for the event. We met many for the first time and also got a chance to exchange stories with many old friends. I think I was about as happy as a kid in a candy store to see so many old friends and fan club members there. Thanks to all of you for your kindness and support. My greatest story to tell about the Team Roping had to do with a roper from Florida. His name is Nelson Linares. While working on last minute details Thursday evening about 5 p.m. in the Rose Palace roping office, the phone rang and there was a nervous roper on the line asking for someone to help him out. He said he was traveling 868 miles and leaving at 5 p.m. to travel to San Antonio for the roping that was starting at 10 a.m. the next morning. Denise Strait took his call and we all wondered if he would make it on time. The next morning, as I walked down the aisle at the roping, I noticed a cute blue heeler and stopped to talk to the young lady with him. I asked her his name and where she was from. His name was Buster and she was from Florida. I asked if someone in her party roped and if they had called last night around 5



Nelson Linares and Anita O'Brian

p.m. for help. She said that it was her brother, Nelson. We were all so happy that he had arrived safely that I asked to have a photo taken with him and rushed him to the office to meet everyone. Unfortunately, Nelson did not make the finals. We can't wait until next year and I promise that I will not miss any more in the future if I can help it.

George did not make it to the finals this year but Bubba and Trey, both roping with different

partners, came very close and missed out by less than a half-a-second. Believe me, they, along with Trey's brother Walker, will all be back to try again next year and don't be surprised if they do quite well. These guys work very hard at their game and are very good. We would invite everyone to keep checking into the George Strait website at www.georgestrait.com or the GSTRC website at www.gstrc.com for information on next year's date. We hope to have it announced shortly. In fact, I think you will see a consistent flow of information on the 21st Annual GSTRC during the next few months.

We have heard from many fans by phone that attended the Houston, TX show at the Astrodome and enjoyed being one of the 68,000 plus people in attendance. We will let you know about the tickets for next year's show when the information is available. As many of you know, the Memphis show was postponed for one week when George came down with Laryngitis. I saw a few folks from Memphis at the Team Roping and they were still raving about George's performance there at the Pyramid. They thought it might have been the best show they have ever seen him perform. That is very high praise. George is off the road until the fall when he will tour from September into November. The complete tour schedule should be in the next issue of Strait Talk and we will put it on the website before that is it becomes available.

We hope you have traveled to the website at www.georgestrait.com to check out the new merchandise. We have really got some great new items and we are really pleased with the variety this year. We hope you like them. If you don't have a computer, please check out our catalog in the newsletter. Now is a good time to use that Strait Cash you've been hoarding to try out some of the new merchandise.

As you can see, we have a new game in this issue and they are not getting any easier. Jeanie Spears from Blue Springs, MO does a great job. Also, a special thanks to Terry Calonge for helping point me in the right direction to get some great photos as well as for providing us with many of his. Thanks!

If you would like to submit a game or review or a photo, please feel free to do so. You can earn some Strait Cash to use on the new merchandise by doing so. Here is your chance.

This takes us to the closing of another issue of Strait Talk. I will remember this issue for a long time. I met so many Fan Club members in San Antonio and will remember their loyalty to George. Again, I thank you and hope all of you who came to San Antonio had a safe trip home.

Finally, we would like to wish George and George Jr. a very Happy Birthday with many many more to come. Till we all meet again, let's pray for our country, our soldiers and their families. **God Bless America!**

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