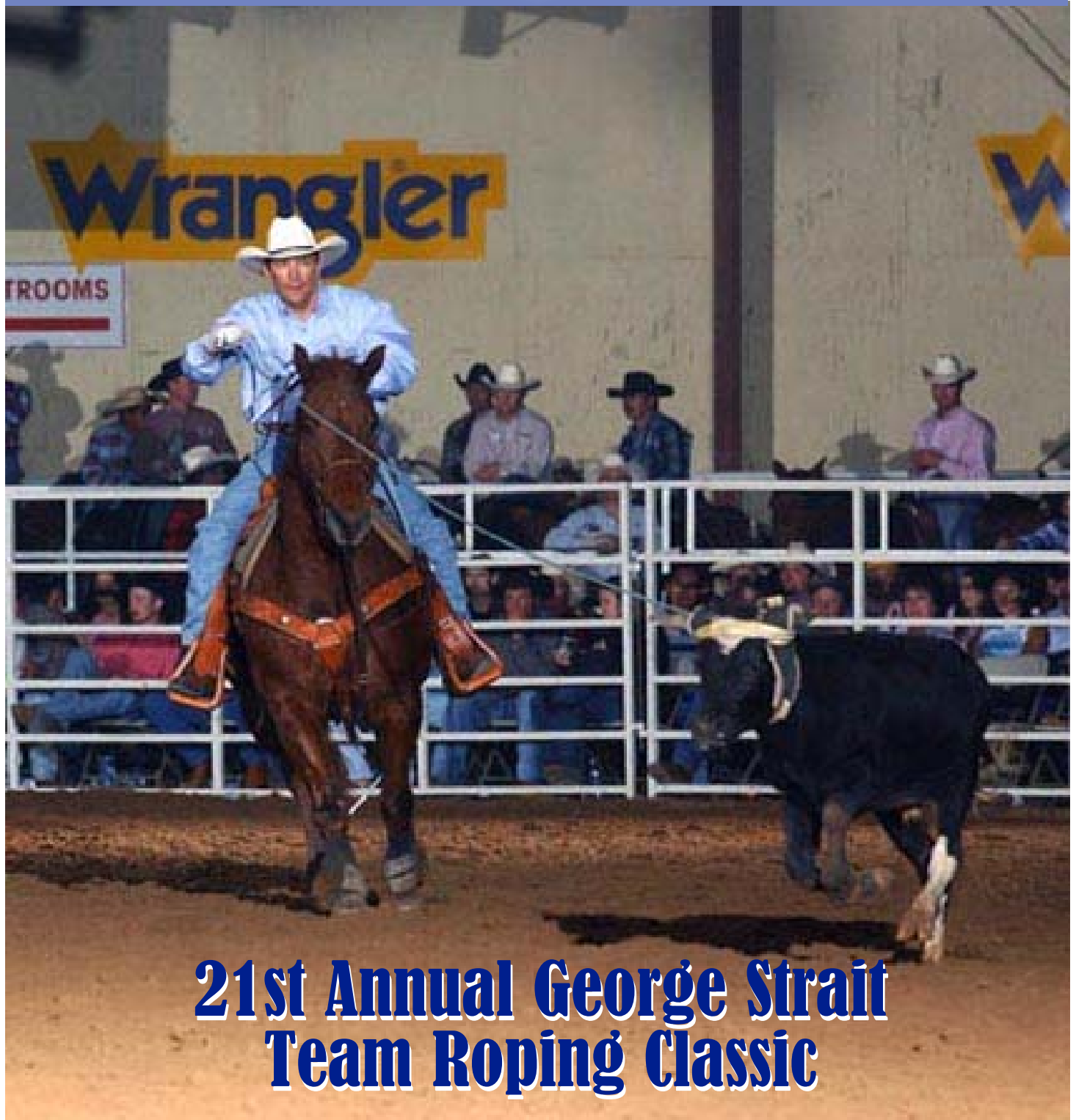


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**21st Annual George Strait
Team Roping Classic**

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21st Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic Sets New Records

It started out with 642 teams and a pile of dreams on Friday morning and ended on Saturday afternoon, as the pressure mounted, with team after team missing an opportunity to grab the golden ring. When the dust settled and the tears dried, Turtle Powell and Kirt Jones rode away with an estimated \$150,000 in cash and prizes. At least a dozen teams had a great shot at winning the championship on the final day but Powell and Jones fended off the pressure the stretch their final steer in less than six seconds to give them the winning time of 18.30 on three head. "This is definitely the biggest roping," said Turtle Powell, the winning header of the GSTRC's top placing team. "There are other big ones but they don't give away trucks and trailers like this. I still can't believe I won it!" Powell and Jones each received a Chevy Dually DuraMax diesel truck furnished by Cavender Chevrolet of Boerne, Texas and Bruton Strait Extreme 3-horse slant trailer furnished by Tractor Supply Co. to go with the \$49,992 they split.

Shane Sproul and John Philipp finished second with a distant 19.92 on three head. For their efforts they both received Twister Saddles and \$15,831 in cash. Sproul also finished second in 2002 with Martin Lucero. Third place in the 2003 GSTRC went to Marshall Samples and Kinney Harrell with a time of 21.27. They each received Gist Buckles and \$10,832 in cash. Four place and \$9,165 each went to Charley Crawford and Jo Jo Lamont while fifth place money of \$7,500 each went to Mike Fletcher and Jett Hillman. Travis Tryan and Kyle Lockett split \$11,665 for their sixth place finish while Daniel Green

and Chris Green earned \$9,998 for 7th. The final and 8th payoff slot went to Chuck Doebbler and Colton Nieman who earned \$4166 each. The best time in each round during Saturday's finals earned \$1200. The



Turtle Powell, Buddy Strait, Kirt Jones and George Strait

first go-round money winners were Jake Barnes and Britt Bochius with a 5.55 and the second go-round money went to David Key and Kory Koontz with a 4.94. The final go-round winners were Shane Sproul and Dugan Kelly who had a time of 4.78.

There were some big money winners on the first day as each go-round paid several winners. First go-round money of \$8,332 went to Florida ropers Nelson Linares and Derrick Freeman with a time of 4.88. The second fastest time of the first go was 4.98 by Daniel and Chris Green who earned \$4,999. Third place in the first go went to Jake Weddle and Cody Lewis with a 4.99. It was worth \$3,333.

Four places were paid for Friday's second

go-round with David Key and Clay O'Brien Cooper taking top honors of \$9,998 with a time of 4.81 while second best was Daniel and Chris Green with 4.92 worth \$7,499. Third place money of \$4,999 went to David Key and Kory Koontz with a time of 4.99 and a fourth place time of 5.03 was worth \$2,500 to J.D. Bacon and Bryan Bacon.

The total cash payout for the 2003 GSTRC was over \$208,000 while the total cash and prize package value was well over \$300,000. Cavender Chevrolet of Boerne, Texas and Tractor Supply Company were the sponsors of the 2003 event. H.E.B. Food Stores put up \$20,000 for Red-wrapped steers during the final days go-rounds but no one was able to pick up the bonus money. Brake Check provided the entertainment

between the second and third go-round on the final day as Jerry Diaz performed. U.S. Smokeless

Tobacco brought in their outstanding scoreboard for this year's event and it provided fans and ropers with a great opportunity to keep up with the action. Wrangler had leather jackets custom-made by Hollywood Classics for the champions. Other sponsors that were a major part of the 2003 GSTRC included Cactus Ropes, Resistol, Justin Boots and Classic Ropes.

George Strait again roped in the Classic but came up a couple of seconds short of the time needed to make the finals. He and Bubba Strait had a very quick 6.92 on their first steer but ended up with a total of 15.88 on the two head. It took at least a 13.29 to make it back for Saturday's finals. 🐾

George Strait Receives Backstage Visit From Astronaut

March 5, 2003 – At George Strait's opening night show of the Houston Rodeo & Livestock Show on February 25, he was visited by Lt. Col. Paul Lockhart, the NASA shuttle pilot who flew the space ship Endeavor to the International Space Station last June. On that journey, Lt. Col. Lockhart took along one of George's belt buckles and a copy of Latest Greatest Straitest Hits that George personalized for the astronaut. When the astronaut requested the items he told George that he wanted to take along something into space that truly represented America. Naturally, George was thrilled to oblige.



George Strait and Lt. Col. Paul Lockhart

After George's sold out performance at the Rodeo, Lt. Col. Lockhart met him

backstage and presented him with three commemorative plaques. One was mounted with the same belt buckle and CD that went into space, another with a photo of the CD floating in the zero gravity conditions with Earth in the background that was autographed from Lt. Col. Lockhart to George "with much admiration," and the third was decorated with photos of Earth from space, the ship's launch and landing and Endeavor's crew as well as an American Flag that went up in the flight. It also features an engraved dedication that reads, "For Keeping Alive the Spirit of Western Music from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the crew of the Endeavor STS 111." 🦄

Team Ropers Cherish Title, Not Prizes

By Lee Scheide
San Antonio Express-News

Turtle Powell was outside the Rose Palace arena, preparing his horse for travel to his next stop on the team-roping carousel. His partner, Kirt Jones, was outside the arena talking with his wife when Matt Tyler and Allan Bach backed into the chutes for the final steer of the 2003 George Strait Team Roping Classic.

Bach only is considered one of the best heelers of all time, with Tyler resting comfortably among the Top 10 headers. "I was thinking that second place was still going to be a pretty good check," said Jones, the header of the pair, who had a combined time of 18.30 seconds on three head.

Powell concurred: "When you are in the top three you think you have a chance, but Matt and Allan are two of the best out there. I was outside when I heard a big cheer and then an 'Ohhhhhhhhh.' I started thinking, 'No way, did we just win?'" Yes, Turtle, you and Kirt just won. Oh, boy, did you win.

The first roar from the crowd came when Tyler cleanly caught the steer's head, then turned the animal for Bach's heeling attempt. The multi-world champion tossed his loop perfectly, but the steer had other ideas, stepping out before it closed, recording a no-time for the team.

Besting 659 other teams over two days of competition, Jones and Powell put their names squarely among the top team ropers with their victory in the 21st edition of the competition. The duo's 30-plus seconds of work over two days allowed them to split nearly \$50,000 and each was awarded a new Chevy pickup and three-horse trailer.

For Jones, of Piedmont, Okla., the spoils of victory were nice, but the prestige of winning the event was even better. "Ever since I was a little boy and started roping, these are the competitions that you dream about winning," Jones said. "You have all the best ropers in the business here and with everyone getting three tries, it's tough to beat the best.

"But if you are going to win something like

this, it usually is going to happen with your regular riding partner, and that's what happened today. Turtle and I have been roping together for a while and we've won a little money, but nothing like this."

The duo began roping together in college, when Jones was at New Mexico and Powell at Tarleton State in Stephenville. They competed in the collegiate national championships, but now have their sights set on bigger arenas.

Namely, the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, where the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo is held for 10 days each December.

Winning an event with the history and tradition of the Strait, while not giving them official money, certainly gives them the confidence needed to push on down the road.

"That's our goal, just like it's the goal of every roper out here," Jones said. "Turtle and I happened to have a very good weekend, at the right time, and it was enough to win." 🦄

George Strait Will Receive The Academy of Country Music's Special Achievement Award For Achieving 50 #1 Hits

He Will Also Perform On The ACM May 21st CBS Telecast

BURBANK, CA — George Strait will receive the prestigious Special Achievement Award at the 38th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards for achieving 50 #1 hits; it was announced today by Bob Romeo, Chairman of the Board of the Academy of Country Music. This special award acknowledges unprecedented, unique and outstanding individual achievement in country music. In December of 2002, George Strait achieved a career milestone by scoring his 50th #1 hit, "She'll Leave You With A Smile" from his 28th CD titled, "The Road

Less Traveled". This set a new record for #1 songs by a single artist in any genre, breaking the long-standing record of 49 held by Conway Twitty. Strait has sold more than 57 million albums during his ongoing and enviable career that has kept him at the top of the country charts for over two decades. In addition to the Special Achievement Award, he is also nominated for the sixth time in the "Top Male Vocalist" category. The Special Achievement Award is not presented every year. In the Academy's 38 year history, there have only

been three previous honorees; George Burns (1980), Jeff Foxworthy (1995) and Garth Brooks (1997).

"We can think of no one with a more deserving career to acknowledge with this honor than the phenomenal accomplishments of George Strait," commented Bob Romeo. "We are also thrilled that George will be performing on the 38th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards Show. This year's show promises to be the best yet." 🎵

Fan Collectable Column: April/May 2003

- The State Journal - 2/28/03. Frankfort, KY. Front cover photo, pp. 12-13 story w/photo.
- Billy Bob's Newsletter - March issue. Ft. Worth, TX. P. 4 photo and mentioned "Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame."
- Texas Monthly - March 2003 issue. Dallas, TX. P. 77 photo of George Strait advertising live album from the Astrodome.
- The Courier - Journal - 2/28/03. Louisville, KY. Scene section, weekend extra, p. 12 "Strait-up Cowboy Music," article and photo.
- American Cowboy - April 2003. Sheridan, WY. P. 17 ad, p. 96 ad (Priefert-Ranch Equipment), Inside back cover - full ad for George Strait's new CD and DVD.
- Houston Chronicle - Feb. 26-Mar. 1. Houston, TN. 2/26 p. 12A mentioned, p. 25A photo w/review; 2/27 pp. 22A, 25A, 31A mentioned; 2/28 pp. 32A, 35A mentioned; 3/1 pp. 35A, 41A mentioned.
- Cowboys and Indians - March 2003. Dallas, TX. Full page ad for George Strait's new CD and DVD p. 38 "Strait to Houston" story.
- Country Weekly - March 4, 2003. Nashville, TN, p. 11 ad for Wal-mart featuring the new CD and DVD, p. 13 ad for CW, p. 68 single and albums chart.
- Country Weekly - 3/18/03. Nashville, TN. Cover shot, p. 4 photo/story feature p. 58, p. 11 letters, p. 27 mentioned, p. 58 feature story, p. 62 charts, p. 95 Cyber Poll.
- Country Music - April/May 2003. Nashville, TN, p. 4 letters, p. 6 mentioned, pp. 12-14 Insider w/Hazel Smith, p. 32 mentioned, p. 70 mentioned, p. 76 review.

The following George Strait Fan Club Members submitted to the Collectable Column...

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21ST ANNUAL GSTRC CHAMPIONS!
Turtle Powell and Kirt Jones
with Buddy and George.



George and Buddy Strait and Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Cavendar
present the keys of the
NEW Chevy Trucks to the CHAMPIONS!



Buddy and George present
runner-up saddles
to Shane Sproul and John Philipp.



Turtle Powell, Buddy, Kirt Jones,
George, Mikka & Joel Bach
from Tractor Supply.



Buddy and George present
GIST buckles to
Marshall Samples and Kenny Harrell.



GSTRC WINNERS - Turtle Powell and Kirt Jones receive
their Championship Jackets from Robert Lever (left) and Karl
Stressman (far right) with Wrangler.



L-R: Walker Strait, John Silva, Kara Strait, Turtle Powell, Denise Strait, Kirt Jones, Norma, George & Bubba Strait, Samantha Lyne, Shala Chappell, Trey Strait, and kneeling: Buddy Strait with granddaughter, Kailey.



Buddy and George Strait



Robert Lever (left) and Karl Stressman (right) from Wrangler present George with his custom made Leather Team Roping Jacket.



Chevy Dually DuraMax diesel truck furnished by CAVENDER Chevrolet.



Reed Flake from Rodeo Video interviews Buddy and George after the Roping.



Bruton Strait Extreme 3-Horse Slant Trailer furnished by Tractor Supply Co.

GEORGE STRAIT #1 SINGLES

Title	Release Date	Peak Position
1. Fool Hearted Memory	5/27/82	#1
2. A Fire I Can't Put Out	5/19/83	#1
3. You Look So Good In Love	9/22/83	#1
4. Right or Wrong	1/25/84	#1
5. Let's Fall To Pieces Together	5/17/84	#1
6. Does Ft. Worth Ever Cross Your Mind	9/4/84	#1
7. The Chair	8/26/85	#1
8. Nobody In His Right Mind Would Have Left Her	4/21/86	#1
9. It Ain't Cool To Be Crazy About You	8/25/86	#1
10. Ocean Front Property	12/22/86	#1
11. All My Ex's Live In Texas	4/6/87	#1
12. Am I Blue	8/3/87	#1
13. Famous Last Words Of A Fool	1/11/88	#1
14. Baby Blue	4/25/88	#1
15. If You Ain't Lovin (You Ain't Livin)	8/22/88	#1
16. Baby's Gotten Good At Goodbye	12/26/88	#1
17. What's Going On In Your World	4/3/89	#1
18. Ace In The Hole	7/17/89	#1
19. Love Without End, Amen	4/6/90	#1 (Five Weeks)
20. I've Come To Expect It From You	10/22/90	#1 (Five Weeks)
21. If I Know Me	3/12/91	#1 (Two Weeks)
22. You Know Me Better Than That	6/11/91	#1
23. Chill Of An Early Fall	9/23/91	#1
24. So Much Like My Dad	6/29/92	#1
25. I Cross My Heart	9/14/92	#1 (Two Weeks)
26. Heartland	1/11/93	#1
27. Easy Come, Easy Go	8/9/93	#1
28. I'd Like To Have That One Back	11/22/93	#1
29. The Man In Love With You	6/14/94	#1
30. The Big One	9/19/94	#1
31. You Can't Make A Heart Love Somebody	12/5/94	#1
32. Lead On	6/13/95	#1
33. Check Yes Or No	9/18/95	#1 (Four Weeks)
34. I Know She Still Loves Me	12/11/95	#1
35. Blue Clear Sky	3/26/96	#1
36. Carried Away	6/17/96	#1 (Three Weeks)
37. I Can Still Make Cheyenne	9/2/96	#1
38. One Night At A Time	3/3/97	#1 (Five Weeks)
39. Carrying Your Love With Me	5/23/97	#1 (Four Weeks)
40. Today My World Slipped Away	9/8/97	#1
41. Round About Way	1/5/98	#1
42. I Just Wanna Dance With You	4/6/98	#1
43. True	8/24/98	#1
44. We Really Shouldn't Be Doing This	9/14/98	#1
45. Write This Down	4/8/99	#1 (Four Weeks)
46. The Best Day	1/5/00	#1
47. Go On	7/17/00	#1
48. Run	10/1/01	#1
49. Living and Living Well	2/4/02	#1
50. She'll Leave You With A Smile	8/26/02	#1

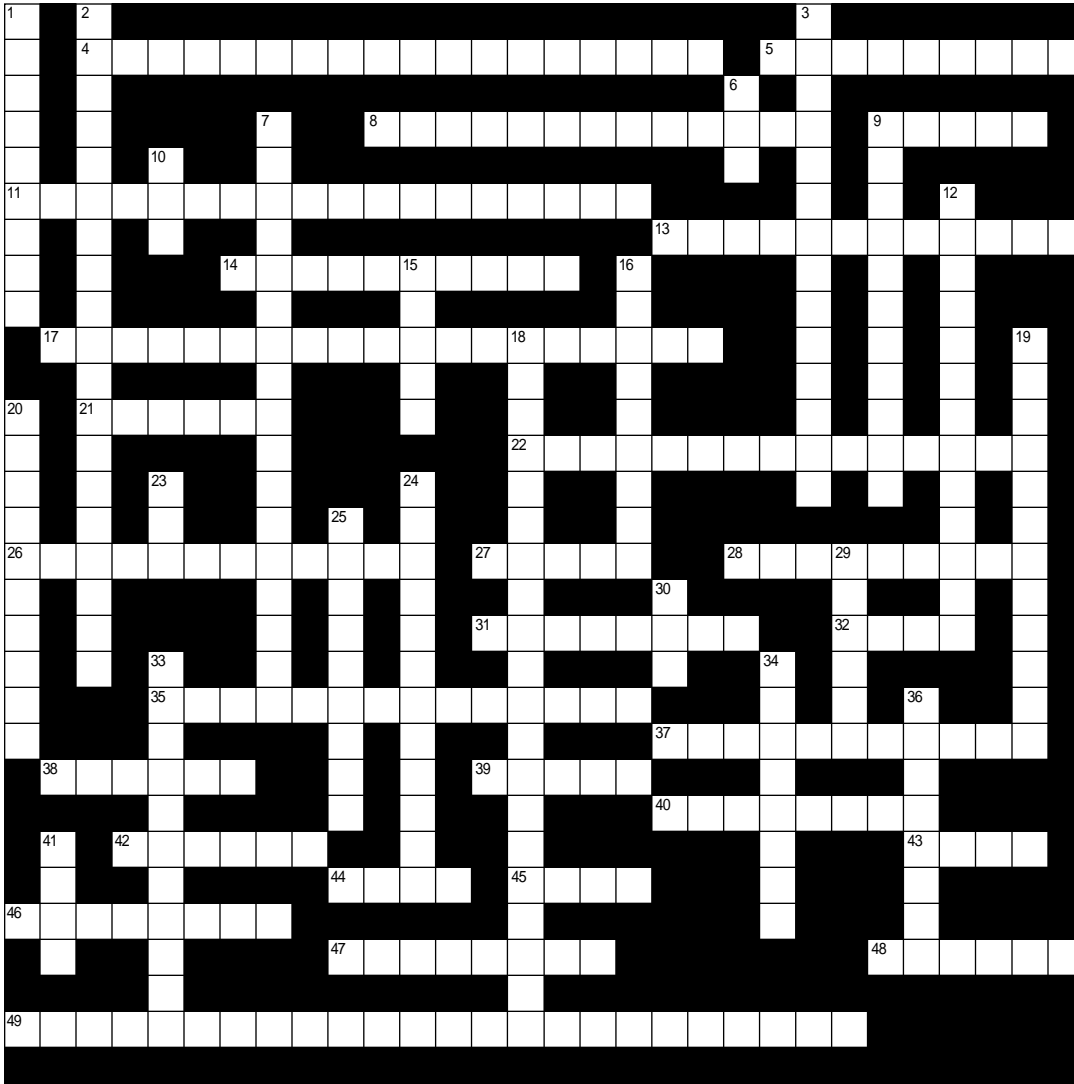
With a total of 50, George Strait has more #1 songs than any other single artist in history.

50 #1 SONGS!

- BY GEORGE, STRAIT'S MADE MUSIC HISTORY! -

Created by: Jeanie Spears, Blue Springs, Missouri

When solving the crossword puzzle, think number ones... each square has to do with one of George's 50 number one songs. Congratulations George on your historical achievement!!!



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ACROSS:

4. A love that is infinite.
5. Sing a song about the _____.
8. _____ and promise to... (4 words)
9. _____ of an early fall.
11. Real estate by the sea.
13. _____ I'm still in love with you. (3 words)
14. This song has a sleeping bag and a cooler of cokes in it.
17. "You can't have it all, all by yourself," is a line taken from this song.
21. I've come to _____ it from you.
22. I'm not yours and baby you're not mine, is how this song begins.
26. The name of George's band.
27. A _____ I can't put out.
28. She'll leave you with a smile was George's 50th _____ song. (2 words)
31. This number one song George can sit comfortably in.
32. To proceed ahead.
35. To enter or exit with ease.
37. Today my world _____, (2 words)
38. _____ last words of a fool.
39. If you ain't lovin, you ain't _____.
40. You can't make a heart love _____.
42. You look so good _____ (2 words)
43. Am I _____.
44. If I _____ me.
45. Opposite of false.
46. I still miss you in a 'round _____, (2 words)
47. _____ your love with me.
48. To entice somebody with false promise.
49. A pro at leaving.

DOWN:

1. What's going on in _____, (2 words)
2. They all reside in the Lone Star state.
3. You know me _____, (3 words)
6. So much like my _____.
7. George's very first number one song.
9. Like a feather flying high, up in the sky, on a windy day, I get _____, (2 words)
10. I'd like to have that _____ back.
12. Suggests taking a note.
15. I know she _____ loves me.
16. I can still make _____.
18. _____ would have left her. (5 words)
19. An un-cloudy day.
20. I just _____ with you. (2 words)
23. Walk don't _____.
24. To mark off positive or negative.
25. Does _____ ever cross your mind.
29. This is the _____ I'm falling in love. (2 words)
30. The _____ in love with you.
33. We really shouldn't _____, (3 words)
34. Let's fall _____ together. (2 words)
36. A popular color for an infant boy's room.
41. It ain't cool _____ crazy about you. (2 words)

- SPECIAL COLLECTIBLES -



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#5099 - Team Roping
T-Shirt (Navy)

Below:
#4900 - Team Roping
Cap (Navy)



(Front of Cap)

(Back of cap: 21st Team Roping Classic)



#5007 - Commemorative T-Shirt

SPECIAL COLLECTIBLES ORDER FORM

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	4900 Team Roping Cap (Navy)		\$20.00	
	5099 Team Roping T-Shirt (Navy)	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	\$25.00	

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		photo & 6 issues of STRAIT TALK sent through the mail) FOREIGN \$25		
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		(Includes photo magnet, sticker, fact sheet, discography, bio, 5 x 7 photo & 6 issues of STRAIT TALK CANADA \$15		
		sent via e-mail - your newsletter will arrive about 2 weeks earlier and all photos will appear in color) FOREIGN \$20		
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		(Same as 1 year membership - CANADA \$20		
		Newsletter sent through the mail) FOREIGN \$25		
	160	FAN CLUB RENEWAL (Newsletter Sent Via E-Mail) - 1 YEAR U.S. \$15		
		(Same as 1 year membership - CANADA \$15		
		Newsletter sent via e-mail) FOREIGN \$20		
	202	BUMPER STICKER (George Strait Horse Design) \$1.95		
	204	BUMPER STICKER (4"x3-1/2" sticker w/Sharp G.S. lettering in Red, White, and Blue) \$1.95		
	211	PHOTO MAGNET (2"x2" square magnet with G.S. American Flag design) \$2.95		
	212	PHOTO MAGNET (1.75"x2.75" rectangular magnet with two wonderful photos of G.S.) \$2.95		
☆☆☆	217	COLOR 8x10 PHOTO (George in White Shirt)..... NEW \$3.95		
	220	COLOR 8x10 PHOTO (From LP "George Strait") \$3.95		
	221	COLOR 8x10 PHOTO (From LP, "Latest Greatest Straitest Hits") \$3.95		
	223	COLOR 8x10 PHOTO (From LP, "One Step At A Time," George in Blue Shirt) \$3.95		
	315	STRAIT RULER (White ruler w/"STRAIT RULER for a STRAIGHT EDGE" logo in blue) \$2.95		
	325	SHOELACES (36" LACES, NEW longer length, white w/G.S. name in red) \$2.95		
	340	BELT BUCKLE (Solid bronze buckle w/sterling silver and gold electroplated classic western design w/G.S. highlighted over a team roping scene. Each buckle will be NUMBERED and gift boxed. Size 4" x 3-1/2".) \$119.95		
	396	CANDLE (10 oz. Vanilla scented candle with cover photo from NEW LP "George Strait") \$12.95		
	409	CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (Trim your tree with our "Merry Christmas Strait To You" ornament, which is the seventh in our series. Each ornament is custom crested and hand-crafted from statemetal, an alloy created to emulate the rich warmth of pewter, unbreakable, double-sided, trimmed with ribbon and boxed for your gift giving convenience)..... \$8.95		
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	506	WIND CHIMES (Large "Nature's Melody" Chimes hand crafted from statemetal, a recycled aluminum alloy created to emulate the rich warmth of pewter. Custom crested with G.S. Rope design and horse medallion which creates deep, rich tones with every gentle breeze. Carson wind chimes stand up to the most severe weather conditions and will not chip, crack or rust. Approx. 5" w x 22-1/4" l, Boxed) \$34.95		
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	554	PHOTO KEYCHAIN Double sided Photo Keychain - containing a Photo from George's latest photo session) \$3.95		
	555	LICENSE TAG (White Plate which reads (STR8 FAN" with "George Strait" on top and "www.georgestrait.com" on the bottom in Tan, Navy and Burgundy)..... \$4.95		
	565	LICENSE TAG HOLDER (Black frame with "George Strait" on top and "www.georgestrait.com" on the bottom) \$4.95		
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	580	HAT PIN (Sterling silver w/G.S. signature in blue) SUPER! \$6.95		
	585	EARRINGS (Sterling Silver w/G.S. signature. For pierced ears only!) \$12.95		
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	650	SONGBOOK (The Best of George Strait 2nd Edition, includes 34 of George's Greatest Hits for Piano, Vocal and Guitar) \$17.95		
	652	CHRISTMAS SONGBOOK (Includes lyrics and music for piano & guitar for all songs on G.S. Christmas Album) \$10.95		
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	655	TEN STRAIT HITS (Songbook) \$12.95		
☆☆☆	660	ONE STEP AT A TIME (Songbook) NEW \$14.95		
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☆☆☆	663	THE BEST OF GEORGE STRAIT (Songbook) NEW \$10.95		
☆☆☆	701	STRAIT BEAR (Super soft and very squeezable 12" Honey Color Bear wearing a "George Strait Across America" Flag Shirt - Matches Youth Shirt #5320)..... NEW \$19.95		
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Anita's Notes:

Welcome to the spring issue of Strait Talk. As we write this issue, in our part of the country, it has finally stopped raining and the sun has come out. You can feel the urge to get out and do a little yard work. For many of you, snow is still in your forecast and others will not see spring for another month or so. When it does finally arrive in your neighborhood we hope you enjoy the outdoors and don't forget your CD player with a little George Strait music. The new "For The Last Time" CD and DVD have done awesome. From the letters and phone calls we have found many fans who could not attend last year's dome show, but feel that they were there from watching and listening to the CD and DVD. George will have a new studio CD that will probably be released in late spring. You will be hearing the new single from the CD, "Tell Me Something Bad About Tulsa", by the time you read this. The new album is tentatively titled "Honk If You Honky Tonk" after one of the songs on the album. We have heard it and it is outstanding. Keep checking the website at www.georgestrait.com for details on the release date.

George will be appearing on the Academy of Country Music Awards Television Show from Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 21st. He has been nominated for two awards including Male Vocalist of the Year and Vocal Event of the Year with Alan Jackson.

On January 26th, I traveled to Las Vegas, NV for a very quick weekend trip as George performed at the Mandalay Bay Hotel. I was truly blown away by the response from the crowd. I loved it. Watching George sing in the round is great. Thanks to all the fan club members that we were able to visit with from California to Massachusetts.

We have just arrived back from the 21st Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic in San Antonio, Texas on March 14th & 15th. If you were there, I hope you will agree that everyone had a great time, even if we were covered with dust and splashed with dirt by the horses. The team roping was very exciting with the championship not being decided until the last steer of the day stepped out of Alan Bach's loop on Saturday afternoon. The fan club members arrived early Friday and packed the stands for a full day of fun. The last group didn't leave the building until about 1:30 on Saturday morning. When I arrived Friday, I was hoping that I would have as much fun as I did last year but it turned out to be even better. The

GSFC members are so much fun. We laughed, watched George, told stories, exchanged addresses, answered a few questions and shopped in the vendor area. We also watched some great ropers, viewed a lot of photos and checked out an awesome scrapbook. We even shed a few tears. Thank you to you all. I had a blast. I can't wait until 2004.

If you remember, we wrote a story on a roper named Nelson Linares from Florida last year. Well Nelson returned to the 2003 GSTRC and almost won it all. In the final go-round his partner roped the heels of the steer, in what would have been close to a winning time, but the rope slipped out of his hand. Nelson did have a great event as he won the first go-round on Friday and took home almost \$5,000. He and his partner had the third best time of the first day and were in great shape to win it all. All the fan club members were emotionally charged pulling for Nelson and shed a few tears at his misfortune, but I am sure he will return again in 2004 and will probably have his own fan club to cheer him on.

We have so many people to thank for a wonderful time in San Antonio. A special thanks go out to George and Norma Strait and Buddy and Denise Strait for all their efforts. Thanks also to Bill Drain for his help.

Congratulations to our puzzle winners and check your mailbox because your items are on the way. Thanks to Jeanie Spears from Blue Springs, MO. for submitting the puzzle.

Remember, you can submit puzzles, stories, reviews and photos also. It's easy. For example, all you need to do is send in a review or any other item and if we use it in Strait Talk, you will earn \$5.00 in Strait Cash, receive your newsletter by first class mail and receive a brand new collectors card. The Strait Cash can be used to purchase anything in the Fan Club merchandise

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Karen Pearce

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Cheri Lawson

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To wrap up this issue, we need to thank all the fans who sent in the beautiful cards for Norma Strait's birthday on Feb. 23rd. We also want to wish George Strait (May 18th) and Bubba Strait (May 14th) very Happy Birthdays.

Let's continue to stand tall and proud. Our thoughts and prayers continue to come forth for our President and our servicemen and women. We thank you for your service to our country. We are very proud of you all. 🇺🇸

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