

# STRAIT TALK

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**George Strait Making A Successful Run  
At The 2005 GSTRC**

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## Williams & Cooper Take Strait

Fifteen world team roping championships between them, but never as a team. Those titles belong to Speed Williams and Clay O'Brien Cooper, the champions of the 23rd Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic, March 11-12 in San Antonio, Texas. Both Williams and Cooper were claiming their second titles – Williams won the GSTRC in 2002 with Rich Skelton, while Cooper took his first title in 1995 with Tee Woolman.

For their 15.90 seconds on the final three head, Williams and Cooper hauled away \$72,735 in cash and each received a brand new Chevy Twin-cab dually diesel truck from Cavender Chevrolet in Boerne, Texas and a matching Bruton Strait Extreme 3-horse trailer. Neither stopped there, as both placed again in the average, adding to their bankroll. Cooper also won third with his legendary former partner Jake Barnes, while Williams picked up fourth place with his former partner Brad Culpepper. Williams also picked up a fast time check in the third round Saturday with Skelton.

"It was great to win the Clay since he's been a hero of mine forever. The downside was breaking the barrier for Rich in the second round," said Williams. "The George Strait Team Roping Classic has become one of the most lucrative ropings that professional ropers can go to," he continued. "Last year Allen Bach won about \$100,000 by winning first and second, that's as much as we can make all year at the rodeos."

In addition to the lucrative payoff of the GSTRC, it was also the second stop on the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Majors Challenge Tour. Top average winners were vaulted into good position in the Majors Challenge, which awards \$10,000 each to the top header and heeler at the end of the season. Qualifying events for the Majors Challenge include the Wildfire Open to the World, George Strait Team Roping Classic, Bob Feist Invitational and USTRC National Finals Open.

It was only .46 of a second that separated the top two teams at this year's GSTRC and only .79 covered the top four. Kevin Stewart and

Casey Chamberlain headed into the final round in third place, but posted a 5.55 to take the lead. The next team of Shane Sproul and Boogie Ray clocked a 5.91, but it was the Williams/Cooper run of 5.56 that would push Stewart and Chamberlain to second. They split \$46,065 and took home a saddle apiece. Stewart and Chamberlain also picked up first-go money with a 4.88 but added a \$15,000 bonus by winning on an HEB red wrapped steer. Nick Sartain and Michael Jones duplicated the feat in the second round as they also pocketed \$15,000 by winning on another HEB red wrapped steer.

A total of 502 teams, representing 33 states, converged on the San Antonio Rose Palace on Friday morning. The GSTRC features a two head qualifying roping on Friday, with the top 50 progressing to Saturday's finals, where the slate is wiped clean and teams start from scratch.

David Key and Kory Koontz picked up a pair of buckles as the fastest qualifying team on

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Speed Williams and Clay O'Brien Cooper congratulate on win



George and Buddy Strait congratulate Clay and Speed

# New George Strait CD "Somewhere Down In Texas" In Stores June 28th

"Somewhere Down in Texas," George Strait's new CD, will be available for sale in retail stores on June 28th. The highly anticipated CD contains the new smash single by Strait, "You'll Be There," which was the highest debuting single of his illustrious award winning career. It is rapidly climbing the country music charts at the present time. Fans can keep track of the single and album progress each week on the home page of the George Strait website at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com).

The new CD was again co-produced by Tony Brown and George Strait and includes eleven songs. Included in the package, in addition to the new hit single, "You'll Be There," written by Cory Mayo, is a duet with Lee Ann Womack called "Good News, Bad News" that she co-wrote with Dean Dillon and Dale Dodson, and a remake of the great Merle Haggard song "Seashores of Old Mexico" that Strait has performed many times in concert. Other songs on the album are "If The Whole

World Was A Honky Tonk," written by Brian Simpson, Ashley Gorley and Wade Kirby, "Somewhere Down In Texas" by Dana Hunt Black, Tim Ryan Rouillier, "Oh, What A Perfect Day" by Monty Holmes, Buddy Brock and Jeff Silvey, "Texas" by Steven Dale Jones and Phillip White, "Ready For The End Of The World" by Clint Daniels and Tony Martin, "She Let Herself Go" by Kerry Kurt Phillips and Dean Dillon, and "By The Light Of A Burning Bridge" by Walt Aldridge and Michael White.

Musicians who contributed to the album were Bryan Sutton and Steve Gibson -Acoustic Guitar; Michael Rhodes - Nylon String Guitar; Brent Mason - Electric Guitar; Glen Worf - Bass Guitar; Eddie Bayers - Drums; Steve Nathan - B-3; Matt Rollings - Piano; Paul Franklin - Steel Guitar; Stuart Duncan - Fiddle and Mandolin. Background vocals were handled by George's touring duo of Wes Hightower and Marty Slayton.

Fans who will not have the opportunity to pick up the album at a retail store may order it from the George Strait General Store at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com).



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two head after Friday's roping. The cut-off to make the top 50 teams was 12.03 on two head.

The fastest time turned in during Friday's first round was a 4.47 posted by Richard Taylor and Shane Edmondson. They took home \$12,120 for the round win, while Sartain and Jones claimed \$14,547 for their 4.55 in the second go.

Friday Qualifier: 1st go. Richard Taylor/Shane Edmondson, 4.47, \$12,120. 2nd: Wade Wheatley/Britt Bockius, 4.73, \$7,270. 3rd: David Key/Kory Koontz, 4.77, \$48945. 2nd go: 1st: Nick Sartain/Michael Jones, 4.55, \$14,547. 2nd: Blake Teiseira/York Gill, 4.65, \$10,910, 3rd: Camish Jennings/Tommy Zuniga, 4.67, \$7,273, 4th: J.D. Yates/Casey Chamberlain, 4.91, \$3,637.

Saturday Finals: 1st go Kevin Steward/Casey Chamberlain, 4.88 \$1,800. 2nd go Nick Sartain/Michael Jones, 4.45, \$1,800 3rd go Speed Williams/Rich Skelton, 4.17 \$1,800.

Average: 1st: Speed Williams/Clay O'Brien Cooper, 15.90, \$72,734, trucks, trailers. 2nd: Kevin Steward/Casey Chamberlain, 16.36, \$46,065, saddles. 3rd: Jake Barnes/Clay O'Brien Cooper, 16.47, \$31,518. 4th: Speed Williams/Brad Culpepper, 16.53, \$26,669. 5th: Shane Sproul/Boogie Ray, 16.69, \$21,820, 6th: Matt Sherwood/Brian Wilkerson, 17.40, \$16,971. 7th: Wade Wheatley/Corey Petska, 17.43, \$14,547, 8th: Garrett Tonozzi/York Gill, 18.08, \$12,122.

The dates for the 24th Annual George Strait Team Roping

Classic have been set for March 10th and 11th of 2006 and will again take place at the San Antonio Rose Palace.



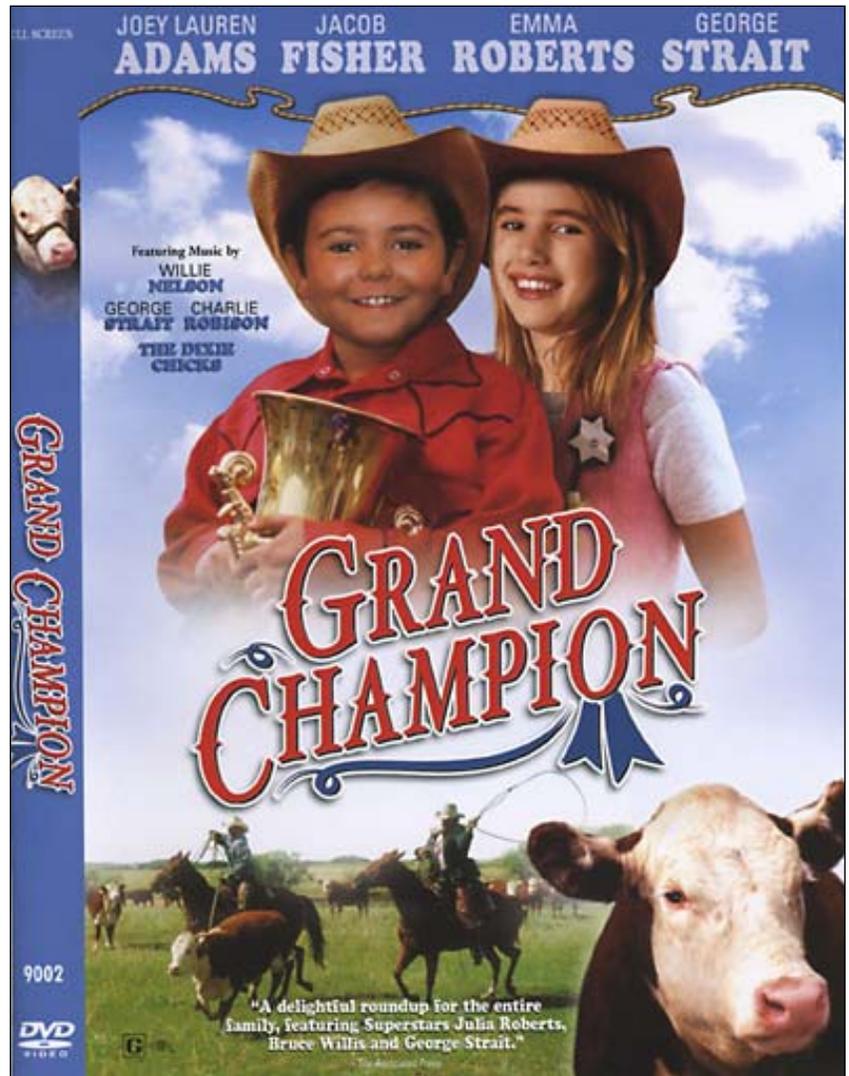
George and Buddy congratulate Kevin Steward and Casey Chamberlain... the 2005 GSTRC Runner-ups

# George Strait, Julia Roberts and Bruce Willis Add Superstar Power To Hannover House Family Video Release, "Grand Champion"

"Grand Champion" may not be the biggest family film of the year, but it certainly features some of the biggest names in entertainment. This enchanting new film has arrived in video stores from Hannover House with an impressive superstar roster including George Strait, Julia Roberts, and Bruce Willis in supporting roles. Principal stars include Joey Lauren Adams, Emma Roberts and Barry Tubb, who also directs this "G" rated film about a Texas cattle stock competition and a kidnapped cow. "It's the best little movie that you've probably never heard of before," said Eric Parkinson, President of distribution company Hannover House. "Audiences and film critics have given high praise to the film, so our superstar cast is icing on the cake," he concluded. The film's soundtrack is equally impressive, featuring songs performed by The Dixie Chicks' Natalie Maines, Willie Nelson, Charlie Robison and George Strait.

"Grand Champion" enjoyed a modest theatrical launch last fall, but is getting the royal treatment for the release of the DVD. Television and print ads have touted the title's video availability, as well as a heavily promoted sweepstakes competition for the nation Rodeo Finals.

"Grand Champion" is available at most major mass merchants and video outlets, including Wal-Mart, Albertson's, Best Buy and Amazon.com. Suggested list price for the DVD is \$19.95 while VHS will be listed at \$14.95. 🌟



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# Fan Collectable Column

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**Buddy and George Strait with 2005 GSTRC Champions, Clay O'Brien Cooper and Speed Williams.**



**George and Buddy Strait with Tractor Supply staff presenting the Runner-up Saddles to Kevin Stewart and Casey Chamberlain.**



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**Buddy and George Strait, along with Wrangler representatives, Robert Lever and Karl Stressman present the GSTRC Champion's Jackets to Clay O'Brien Cooper and Speed Williams.**



**The Strait family at the 2005 GSTRC. (Left to right) John Silva with daughter Niessa, Denise Strait, Buddy Strait with granddaughter Kailey, George and Norma Strait, Bubba Strait, Walker Strait and Kara Strait Silva.**



**GSTRC Champions, Clay O'Brian and their families with Buddy and George Strait.**



**Buddy and George Strait with Mike Piland of Cactus Ropers (2nd from right) and an unidentified Cactus representative.**

# ~ STRAIT FACT OR STRAIT FICTION ~

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Please fill in either **FACT** or **FICTION** for each statement below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The movie "The River" starring Sissy Spacek has two George Strait songs on its soundtrack.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. George was born in Parsal, Texas, he grew up in Poteet, Texas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Guitar and Piano are the two instruments George plays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. George's recording label is RCA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. George's producer's name is Erv Woolsey.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. George's birthday is the 18th of May.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. George's eyes are a beautiful baby blue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. George married his high school sweetheart Norma.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. George was on Hee Haw.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. George sponsored Ford Trucks.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. George was never on "The Tonight Show."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. The members of George's band played in the movie "Pure Country."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Pure Country was the only movie George was in.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. George's hobbies include: Steer roping, fishing, hunting, skiing, and golfing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. George's middle name is Howard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. George is considered "The King of Country Music" by his fans and peers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Linda Ronstadt is one of George's favorite female singers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. George recorded a duet with Frank Sinatra.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. George always concludes his shows with the song "This is Where the Cowboy Rides Away."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. George's son is Buddy and his brother is Bubba.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. George has 51 number one singles.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. George's single "You'll Be There" is the highest charting debut of his career.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. It was Elvis' manager, Col. Tom Parker's idea for George to wear a cowboy hat and Wrangler jeans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Every George Strait album has at minimum attained GOLD status from the Recording Industry Association of America.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. George began playing in a rock-n-roll garage band in high school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. In 1979 George graduated with the degree in Agriculture.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. In 1971 George enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. George never sang while in the Army.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. "Unwound" was George's first number one single.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. George holds the record for 73 CMA nominations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. George counts Hank Williams, Sr., Merle Haggard, George Jones, and Bob Wills as his early influences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. George has many fans all over the world, but he has never performed outside of the United States.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 33. George is second only to Elvis Presley in Platinum albums by a male vocalist in any type of music.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 34. George's father, John Strait, was a Junior High math teacher.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 35. "Give It To Me Strait" was the title of George's 7th album.

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\* All entries must be received by August 19, 2005. **One Entry Only!!!** Thank you.

# Anita's Notes

Welcome to the summer issue of Strait Talk. This is a great time of the year when we relax the most. There are graduations, proms, reunions, vacation trips and weddings. Yes, there is stress involved getting ready for all the above, but, it brings friends and family together to enjoy each other's company. So, while you are planning for all of that, we suggest you put on a George Strait CD and relax. Many of you will have fun listening to the new CD that George will release on June 28th. The title will be "Somewhere Down In Texas." Also, the long awaited "Grand Champion" movie is in stores and we have all the information in Strait Talk. Read all about it and then go get the movie and enjoy it.

For those of you that attended the 23rd Annual George Strait Team Roping Classic in San Antonio, Texas, it was very nice to see you all. We visited with many of the die-hard fans and were introduced to many new team roping fans. Our visit was cut a little short this year, but we had a lot of fun. Plan to join the Strait family and friends at the 24th Annual GSTRC on March 10th and 11th next year. We hope to see you there and don't forget to bring your cameras.

We hope you enjoyed the 40th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards show from Las Vegas on May 17th. The 40th Anniversary special was filmed the next day and will be broadcast on CBS in December of this year. Visit our website at

[www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com) for the announcement on the actual date and time.

Many thanks to all of you for the birthday cards and well wishes for George and George, Jr.'s. (Bubba) birthdays. All were received and sent to them in Texas.

We are still working on the new web based design for the General Store at [www.georgestrait.com](http://www.georgestrait.com) and hope to have it up and running this summer. Unfortunately, we ran into some software glitches that have taken a lot of time to get fixed. All of the problems were not ours or our web designers but were glitches in the software we use to design it. It is coming along slowly, but is finally taking shape. In the meantime, we are still processing orders the old fashioned way. The user name and password for this issue of Strait Talk are:

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Thanks you for the items you have sent for the Fan Collectable Column that we have been able to use. Your Strait Cash, Strait Talk and collector's card are in the mail. If you are interested and would like to participate, please read the fan collectable column section.

While George Strait does not have any more concert dates scheduled for this year, we do know that he will begin touring again in January of next year. We also know that he will schedule several summer dates as well, but do not have any information yet on when or where. We anticipate having a complete schedule for next year in the September issue of Strait Talk. Please make sure that you know when your memberships expire, so you can renew in time to be eligible for fan club seating when the shows go on sale. We expect that shows will begin going on sale this fall. Please give yourself plenty of time to get your renewals done so you don't miss out on the opportunity to get the special fan club seating.

Congratulations! We have three game winners from the March, April, May issue of Strait Talk. They are listed below. Your prizes have been shipped to you. Enjoy!

In closing, we would like to thank you for your prayers and support for our troops and look forward to their safe return.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

**Congratulations to our winners of the March, April, May 2005 game contest!**  
**They are:**

**Irene Richard**  
Utica, MI  
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