Sort and Pen America - A Tutorial

The SPA software has a lot of options and variations, and can seem complicated to the first time user. Here is a fairly typical example of setting up and running a show that cuts through a lot of the fog. Details for the various options and setting can be found in the User Guide.

Assumptions:

- 1. The show date is April 11, 2015.
- 2. There will be an All Ratings Handicap Ranch Sorting event. Each team can have 2 partners in undeclared roles (no gate or sorter designations). The riders may pick one partner and draw a maximum of 2 partners. The number of gos is determined by the software and the payout is progressive. Each Team will have a base time of 60 seconds to sort 10 cows. 10 Teams will advance the Short go. Teams are eliminated from the next go for zero cows sorted.
- 3. The show is not sanctioned, so there are no association fees...
- 4. The entry fee for each rider in the All Ratings Handicap is \$50.00.
- 5. There is \$500.00 in added money for the All Ratings Handicap. 100% of the added money goes into the payout pool. The Payout Table for this Event is Table 1.
- 6. For all events, the producer keeps 30% of the entry fee and the remainder goes into the payout pool.
- 7. For all events, if there are 13 or more teams, the producer will pay 2 places. If there are 21 or more teams, the producer will pay 3 places. If there are 41 or more teams, the producer will pay 4 places, etc.. This will become clearer when you edit the payout table.
- 8. We are Using a Handicap Method where the team is given extra time to sort, and the same amount of time is deducted from their final time. Teams are rated from 0 to a maximum of 18, and 1 second is the amount of time to adjust for each rating difference. For example, a team rated 12 will get 6 extra seconds to sort, and 6 seconds will be deducted from their final time.

Show Setup

Here are the steps necessary to set up the show:

Start up the software by double clicking on the Sort and Pen America icon. You should see the main menu.

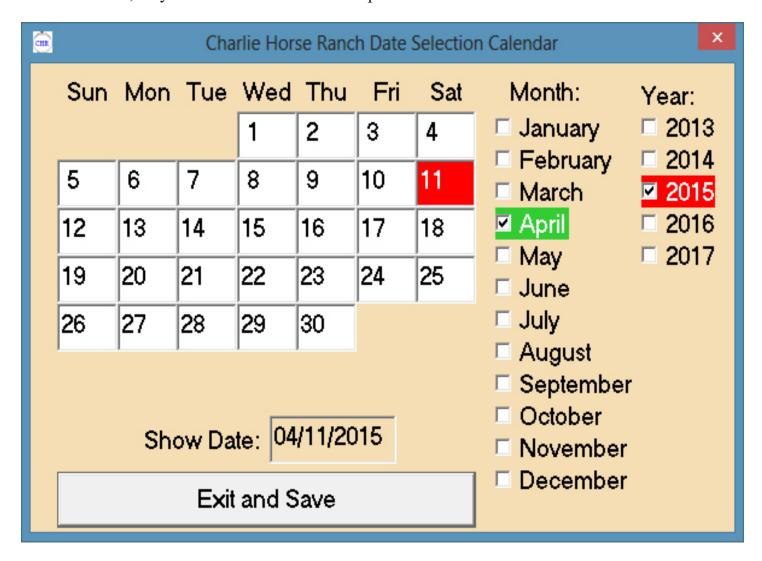


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Click on "New Show Date", you will get a calendar like this one. Select April 11, 2015 and click "Exit and Save". You may be asked if you want to preserve settings from a prior show date. Click No, so you can start with no assumptions.



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Check the box next to the first event, indicating it will be run in this show.

Change the name to "All Ratings Handicap".

Set the Event Cap to '18', meaning a team cannot be rater higher than 18.

Set the HCap Adj to '1', indicating a 1 second adjustment for each team rating less than 18.

Set Max Entries to 3, meaning the rider can enter a maximum of 3 times (1 pick and 2 draws).

Change "Max Cows" to 10, meaning the team needs to sort 10 cows for a maximum score.

Set "Team Mem" to 2, indicating there are two members on a team.

Change "Format" to 1, indicating is a Team Sort event.

Change "P Type" to 'O', indicating points will be earned in the Open category.

Check the "No Roles" box, meaning there are no declared roles, like Gate and Sorter.

Change the "Association Team Fee" to 0.00, meaning there are no Team sanctioning fees added to the rider's entry.

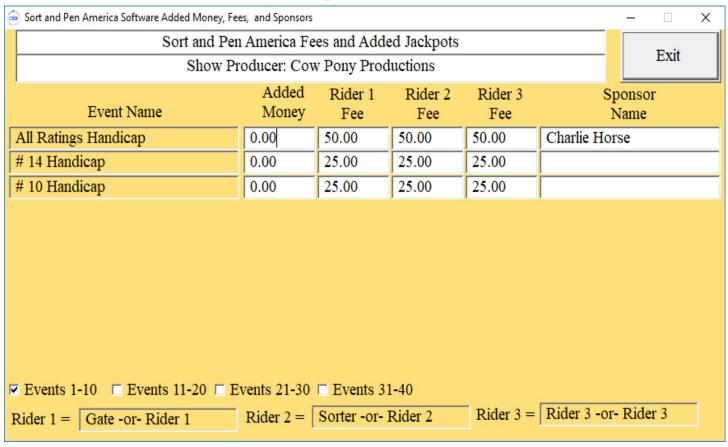
Set "Max Places" to 0, meaning the Payout Table will determine the number of places to pay.

Change "HCap Method" to 3, indicating which handicap method. will be used.

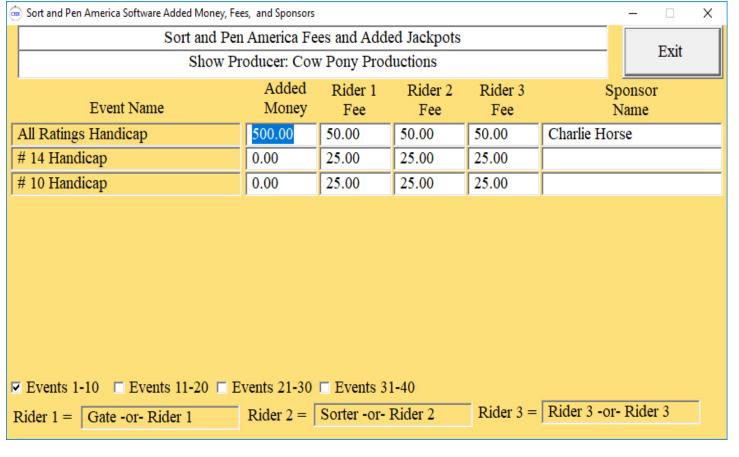
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Click on "Event Fees, Added Money and Sponsors". You'll see a screen like this:



Fill in the correct added money value (\$500.00) and Rider Fees, then click "Save and Exit" to return to the show setup screen..



In the Show Setup Screen, click on the "Set Limits..." button. You will see a screen like this:

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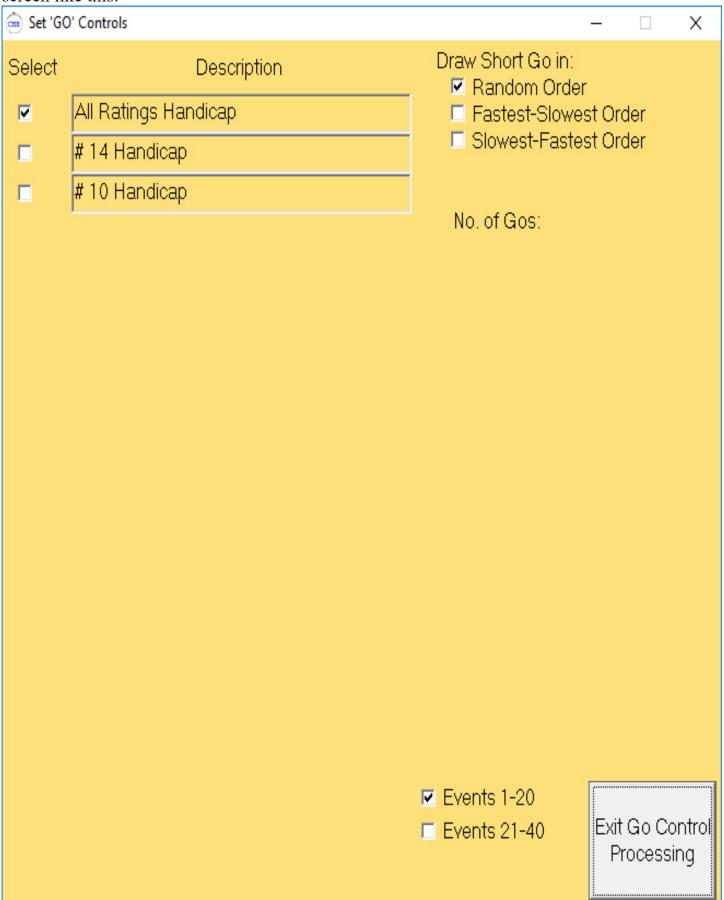
Set "Max Rider Pick Entries" to '1', indicating the rider can choose only one partner.

Set "Max Times as AnyRole" to '3', indicating they can have a maximum of 3 drawn partners.

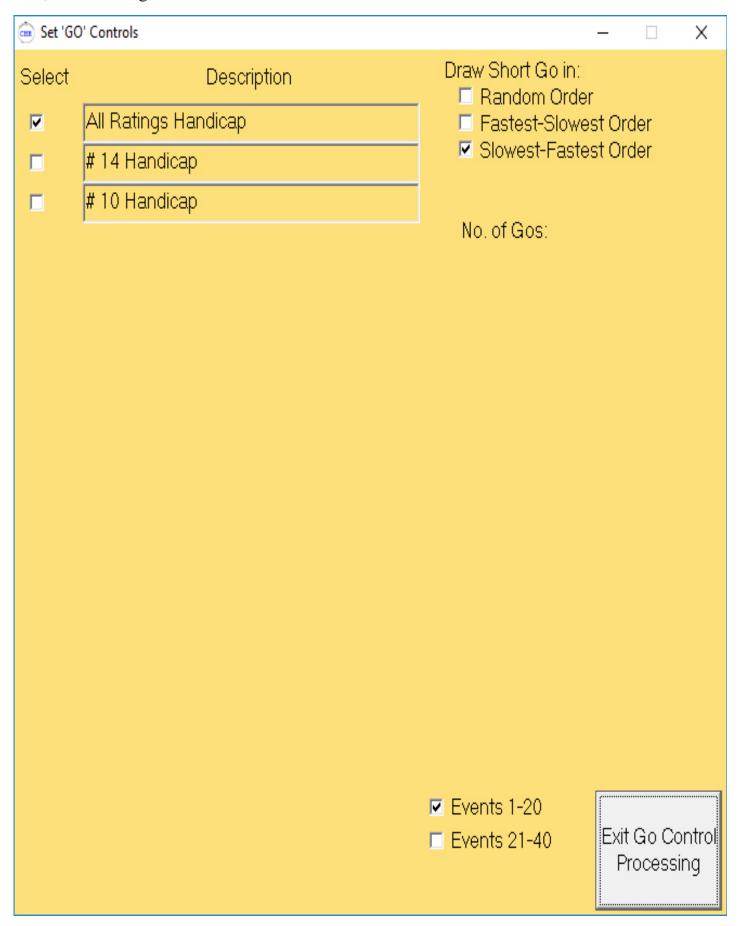
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The completed screen will look like this. Click "Exit to return to the show setup screen. When there, click Exit again to return to the main menu.



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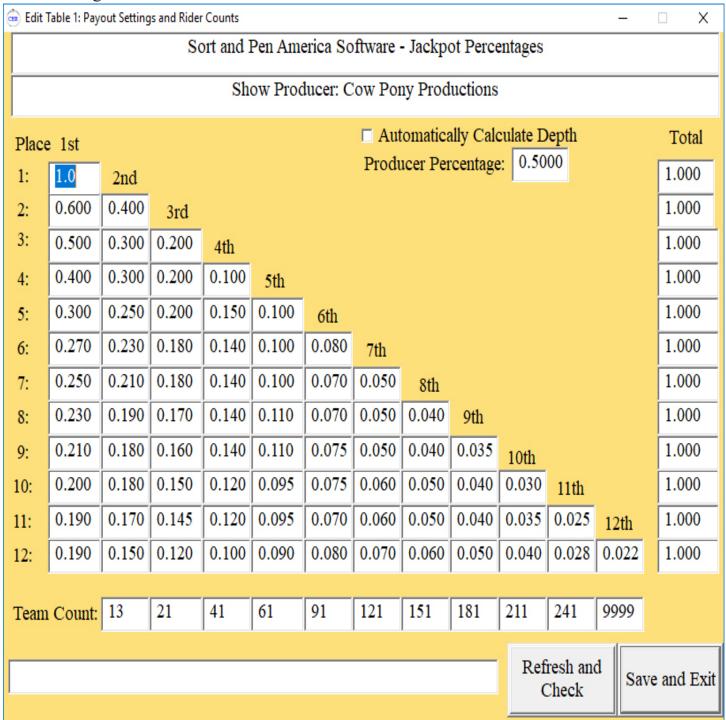
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Make the following changes:

- 1. In the Producer percentage field, change the value to 0.500 to indicate you are keeping 50% and paying out 50%.
- 2. In the Team Count section, make sure the counts agree with the changed table below. The way you read it is: "If there are 13 or more riders, pay 2 places, if there are 21 or more riders, pay 3 places, if there are 41 or more riders, pay 4 places, etc".
- 3. If any of the other boxes are checked, uncheck them.

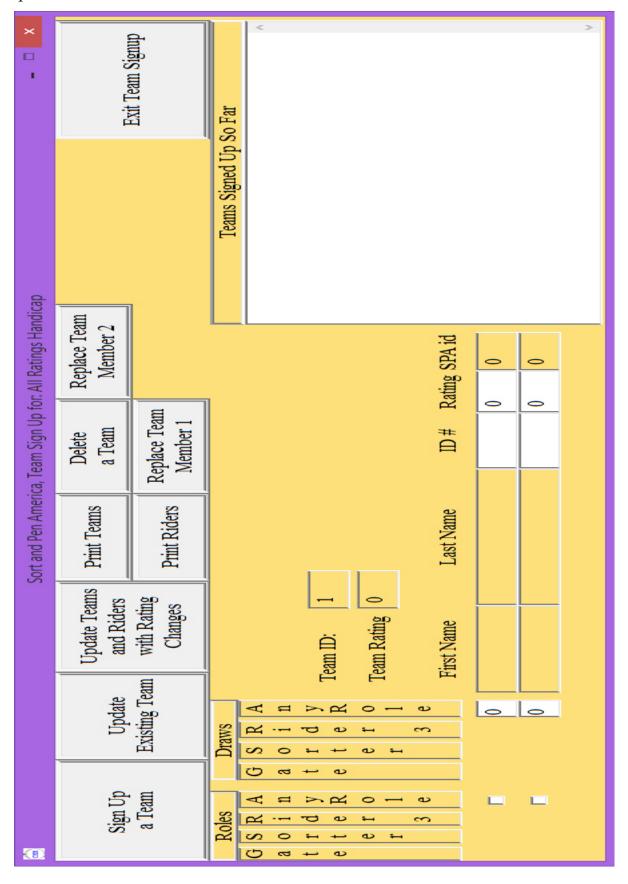
The resulting screen should look like this:



Click Save and Exit to return to the Options Settings. Click Exit to return to the Main Menu.

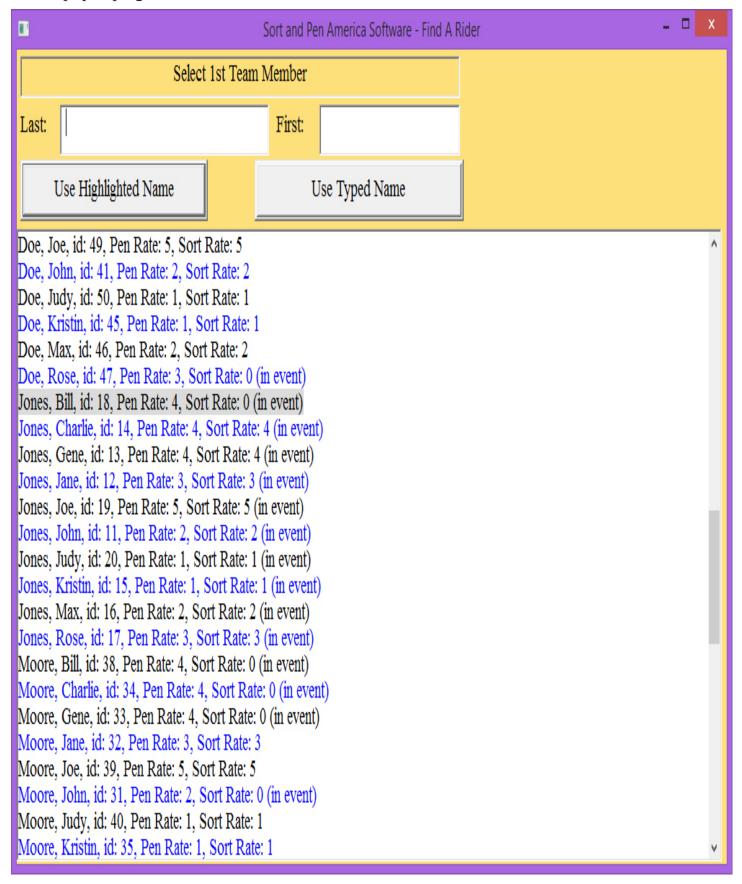
Signing up Riders and Teams

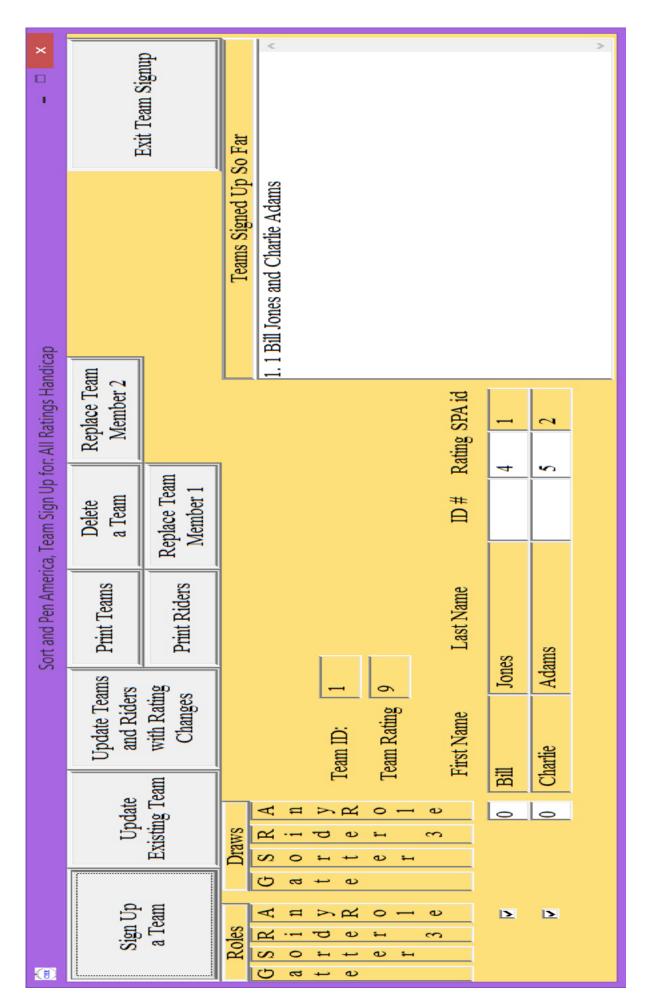
Since this is an event where riders can pick a partner, we will use the "Team Signup" screen to do all of the signup work. If it were a Draw Only or a Round Robin, we would use the "Rider Signup" screen.



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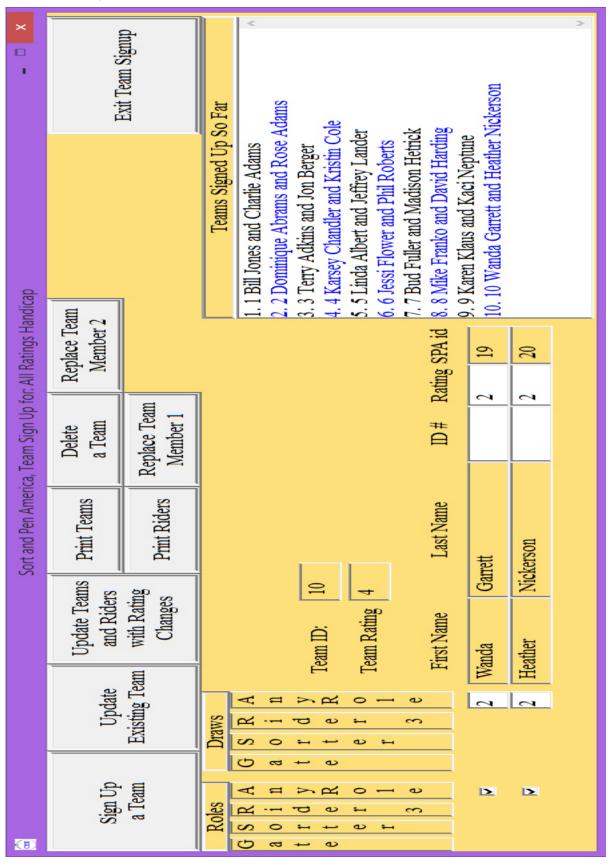
Click on "Sign Up a Team" to indicate you are signing up a new Team. You will see a screen like this multiple times, once for each team member. If the rider isn't on file, you can type their name. In this case, we'll pick Bill Jones as our rider by double-clicking on his name. When the screen pops up again for the second rider, we'll choose Charlie Adams.





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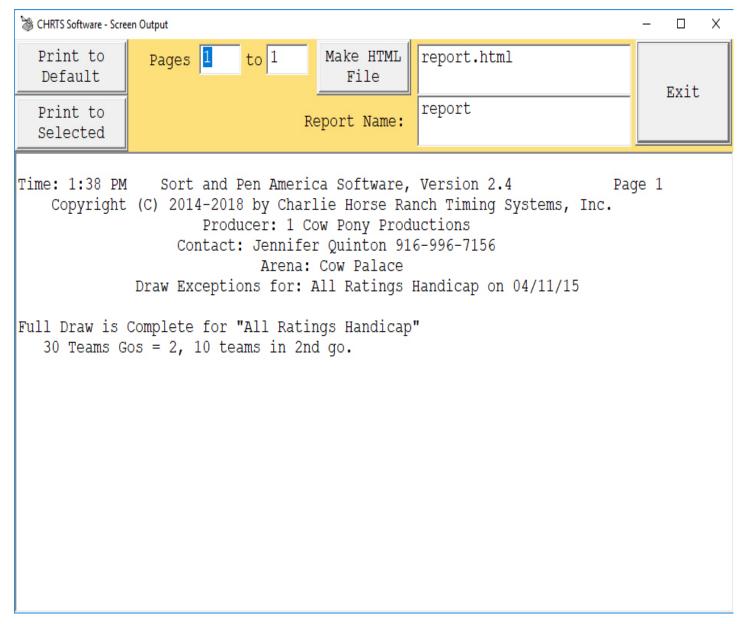
Both Bill and Charlie want two draws, so put a '2' in the "AnyRole Draws" section for each of them. Then go on to the next team. When all teams are signed up, exit this screen to return to the main menu. If you had any riders with no partners, use the "Rider Signup" screen. In that case, they can have a maximum of 3 draws. Continue on until all teams are signed up. For purposes of this tutorial, we've entered 10 teams.



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Running the Event.

Here are the steps to run this event for the show. If you had more than one event, the signup process and these steps would be repeated for each event. For this event, we must first draw the team order and put together the additional teams from the random draw selections. To do so, we click on "Draw Ride Order". The result will be screen like this:



Now we want to print the announcers list to that the people in the booth have a place to write the times for backup purposes. To do so, we click on "Announcer's List". You'll get a screen like this:

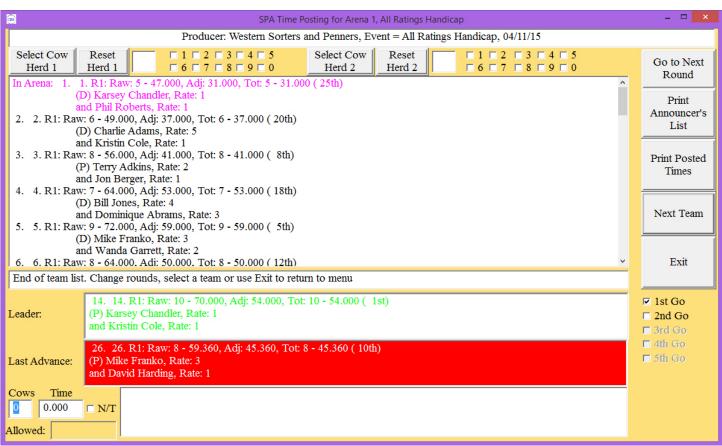
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Click on "print to Default" to send the report to the default printer.

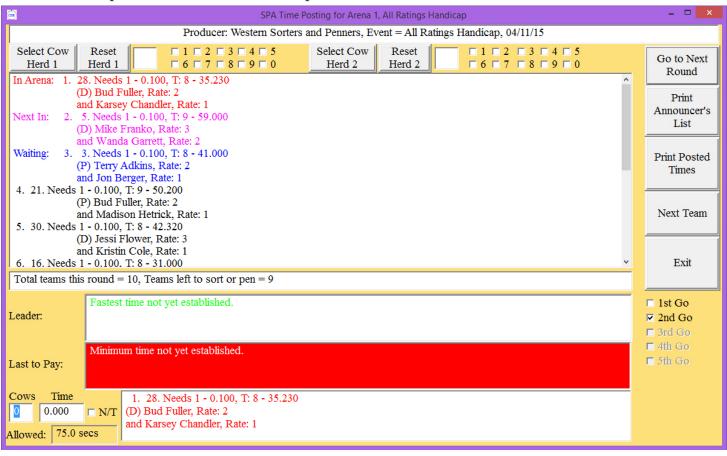
You are now ready to run the event. Assuming the simplest scenario (manual time posting), click on "Post Times Manually" and you'll see a screen like this:



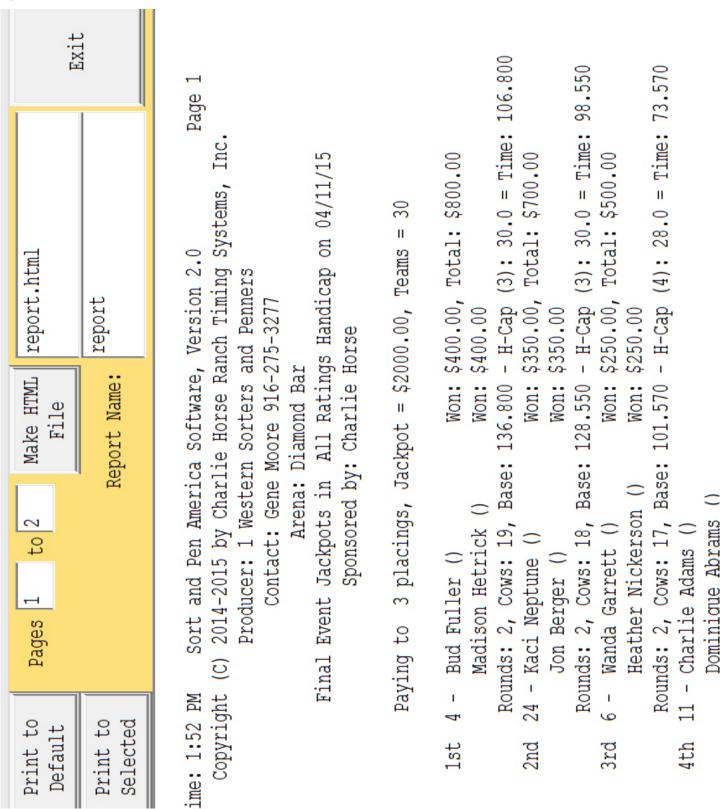
This is the screen at the end of the first round.



This is the screen after clicking "Go to Next Round" (it also gives you a new Announcer List).. Continue this process until all times are posted, then click on "Exit" to return to the Main Menu.



When all times for all rounds have been posted, click "Exit" to return to the Main menu. Then click on "Final Event Results" to see the final results. Since there were 36 teams, four places were paid. Your results may be different, depending on the number of teams and riders signed up.



Print the Results and that event is done. When all events have been completed, the show is complete. Print the rider invoices, then pay or collect from the riders. After all is done, you can run the financial report to see how you did.