

Terri Wood-Gates



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Wins **DNCFR** High Money Title

NON-MEMBER LORD TAKES WIN

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Shali Lord was no stranger to the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo in Pocatello, Idaho, or to Holt Arena on the campus of Idaho State University, where the event has been held for the last 21 years. However, it was new in the fact that instead of watching it from the stands, she was part of the contestant lineup. Lord, of Lamar, Colo., had routinely made the trip with her father Jim Nichols, a former director of rodeo administration and circuit president for the Professional Rodeo

Cowboys Association, and would watch from the stands. However, after a successful 2006 season in the Mountain States Circuit, she earned a berth to the 21st annual DNCFR presented by U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co., and after four days of competition, she left as the top barrel racer in a brand new Dodge Truck.

Prior to heading to Pocatello, Lord decided to take her backup horse Cowboy instead of her normal mount, Slider. The decision paid off nicely for the 26-year old winning the title with a final round time of 15.31 seconds, edging out Tammy Key-



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Terri Wood-Gates pocketed nearly \$12,000 at the Dodge National Circuit Finals.

Fischer with a 15.45.

"I am so excited I won this on Cowboy," said Lord after her winning run. "I am so glad I gave him a chance at San Antonio (Texas) so I would realize what he could do. It is really an honor to win this prestigious title. I've been here so many times, but never competed here, so this is just great."

Lord used four consistent clean runs to walk