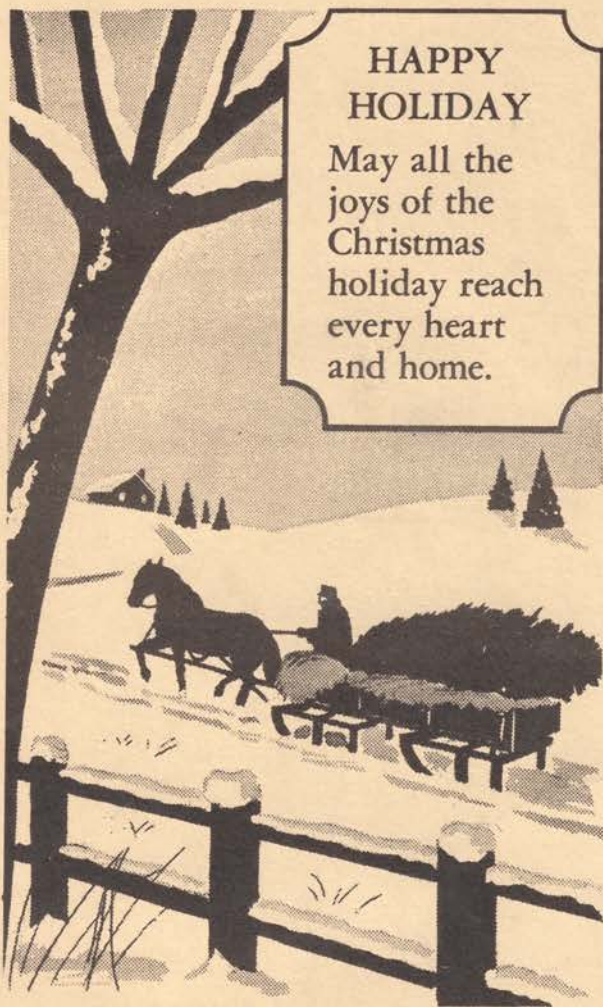




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From the Crow's Nest



Ten years ago this month, then NRA President Lois Hill traveled to Choteau to meet with a new printer for the official publication of the Northern Rodeo Association, and to set the guidelines for its publication with its new editors, Tootie and Stan Rasmussen. At that time the publication was struggling in its efforts to effectively bring the news of the NRA to its members, sponsors, and fans. No one dreamed at that time, least of all us, that we would serve 10 years in that capacity.

Our kids have grown up helping us "put out" the newsletter. Countless hours have been spent over the years, spreading the newsletters out on the living room floor, and sorting them all out in zip code order, bundling and readying them for mailing. Later, that process became a little more mechanized, and the kids only had to put up with the stacks of paper, pictures, etc. that go along with editing the newsletter. Our garage contains boxes of old issues of newsletters dating back 10 years, and we have had threats of throwing them all away because of the mess and of fire danger.

Hopefully now, the Christmas season, can be used for Christmas preparations, and not for preparations for the Finals edition of the newsletter. Hopefully, when summer comes and we have hopes for a vacation, we can go without a guilty conscience because of a newsletter to put out.

Although it has been one of the most rewarding experiences we have had with rodeo, along with one of the most frustrating, it is time now for someone new to take over the reins, someone with new and fresh ideas, someone who may have a future in rodeo, and someone else who is as loyal and caring about the NRA as we have been.

On the cover of the first issue we published was the 1978 Rookie of the Year, Colleen Schwend. This year it is Steer Wrestler Jaye Kuebler of Great Falls, or Sand Coulee, or wherever he hangs his hat. This talented athlete is a freshman at Northern Montana College at Havre, after spending his first year out of high school working. An outstanding high school football player and wrestler, Kuebler's interest in rodeo "runs in the family," and he has been involved in the sport for many years. His fourth place finish in the year-end standings in the steer wrestling attest to the fact that he's had an outstanding first year in the NRA. Congratulations, Jaye!

Take care filling out your finals entry form, since it has changed somewhat from last year. Be sure to fill in the blank asking for your Social Security Number, and be sure to indicate whether or not you want to take advantage of the half-price "Companion Tickets" to which you are entitled. The tickets are half price of whatever selection of a seat you make — a \$7 seat, an \$8 seat, or a \$9 seat. They are priced by how "good" they are. You are entitled to one companion pass, but may purchase a ticket, at half price, for all three nights. You must enclose the money with your finals entry blank.

Read this issue of the newsletter carefully, for it

contains all you need to know about entering and attending the NRA Finals. Don't forget, in order to get your commemorative Coors jacket, you must attend the orientation and photo-taking session at 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon before the first performance of the Finals.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a voting ballot. One of the responsibilities of being a member of the Northern Rodeo Association is to vote for those people who will set the direction for your association in the coming months. If you do not vote, then you have no right to complain when something isn't quite up to what you think it should be. Send that ballot in today!

With the traditions of Christmas engulfing us this time of year, take time out to catch the real meaning and spirit of the season. Our family wishes a bright and cheery holiday season to all.

Tootie and Stan Rasmussen

Contestants Are Offered Companion Seats

For the first time this year, NRA Finals contestants will be offered half price "Companion" tickets. Notice the special blank on the Finals Entry Form for ordering the tickets.

Each contestant is entitled to only one "companion" set of tickets. Choose from the type of ticket you wish, \$7, \$8, or \$9, decide how many performances you wish to attend, divide that amount of money in half, and send it in to the NRA Office with your entry form. Other tickets can be ordered through the "Special Ticket Offer" also in this issue of the newsletter.

It'll Be a Busy Weekend at the Finals

Rodeo activities aren't the only activities to keep you busy during the three days of the NRA finals. The weekend has traditionally served as "annual meeting time," the time when new directions are set and goals are made for the NRA.

Headquarters for this year's NRA Finals meetings and banquets will again be the downtown Billings Sheraton.

Activities begin on Wednesday when the stock contractors truck their stock into Billings and "bed them down" for the weekend.

Metra personnel put the finishing touches on the arena on Thursday, just prior to the "break-in" jackpot. The jackpot provides an opportunity to guarantee that all the timed event stock for the NRA Finals has been run and screened, and the bad ones removed from the draw. See details elsewhere in this issue.

A grand entry rehearsal concludes the long, busy day.

Friday's general membership meeting begins at 1 p.m. This is your chance to participate in the inner workings of your association and voice your opinions and concerns.

All contestants will meet at the Metra at 4 p.m. where they will be instructed in the pageantry and logistics of the rodeo itself. This time has also been set aside for the annual photo taking session, and **all contestants are required to be there** to get their mug shots taken and receive their Coors jackets.

At 8 p.m. the first rodeo performance begins. After the rodeo, stop by the ballroom of the Sheraton for music by "The Gairrett Brothers," and watch videos of the rodeo.

The Billings Sheraton has made some special arrangements with the NRA to make it the headquarters hotel, including reduced room rates. See the reservation form elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday begins bright and early with the junior events taking place at 9 a.m. Two go-arounds in both the barrel racing and breakaway roping will determine the junior year-end champions. All junior NRA members who have won any amount of money during the year are eligible to compete.

After the junior events, the NRA board of directors meets at the Sheraton, hopefully about 10:30 a.m.

By invitation, the NRA hosts its annual hospitality party for its committees, sponsors, officers, Finals contestants, and other NRA supporters, in the Zonta Room of the Metra. Contact Jann for tickets. At 6:30, the cowboy auction will begin there.

The second performance begins promptly at 8 p.m., and the Sheraton will again host a dance.

The past presidents of the NRA and the MRA will get together and reminisce at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning. This is the fourth year for this event, and it is very popular among the "older set."

Cowboy church services begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Sheraton. The third and final performance will get under way at 2 p.m.

The annual awards banquet begins at the Sheraton with a no-host cocktail party at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45, and the awards presentation at 7:30. The dance will begin at 9 p.m.

1988 NRA FINALS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 1 — Finals Stock Arrives.

Thursday, Feb. 2 — Arena Set-up; Timed Event Jackpot, 1:00 P.M., Metra; Rehearsal.

Friday, Feb. 3 — 1:00 P.M. General Membership Meeting, Sheraton; 4 P.M. Contestant Meeting and Photo Session, Metra. Coors Jackets will be handed out at this time only; 6:00 P.M. Contestant Check-in, Metra; 8 P.M. First Performance, NRA Finals; 10:30 Videos, Coors Hospitality, Dance, Sheraton.

Saturday, Feb. 4 — 9 A.M. Junior Events Finals, Metra; 10:30 A.M. Board of Directors Meeting, Sheraton; 5:30 P.M. Cocktail Party, Zonta Room, for NRA Sponsors, Committees; 6:30 P.M. Cowboy Auction, Zonta Room; 8 P.M. Second Performance, NRA Finals; 10:30 P.M. Videos, Coors Hospitality, Dance, Sheraton.

Sunday, Feb. 5 — Past Presidents and Secretaries Breakfast, 8 A.M., Sheraton; 10:30 A.M. Cowboy Church Services; 2:00 P.M. Third and Final Performance, NRA Finals; 6 P.M. No-Host Cocktails, Sheraton; 6:45 P.M. Banquet, Sheraton Ballroom; 7:30 P.M. Awards Presentation; 9 P.M. Dance.



Jottings From Jann

The **Timed Event Break-in Jackpot** will be held Thursday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. Remember, this is open to the top 15 until Jan. 23 and after that date, will be open to any NRA member. There will be a waiting list established, so give me a call if you would like to compete. There is an entry blank enclosed in this newsletter. The probable order of events for the jackpot will be both rounds of the breakaway roping, promptly at 1 p.m., followed by one round of the steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, then calf roping, team roping, finishing with the last round of the steer wrestling. **Timed Event Directors:** you will be in charge of your event, selecting the top 10 cattle for the rodeo and one replacement.

The **Contestants' Meeting** is scheduled for 4 p.m. on the Friday of the Finals, and your jackets, compliments of the Montana Coors Distributors will be handed out at this time (this time ONLY), the performance schedule will be discussed, and the photo session will take place. This really worked out well last year and with your help and cooperation it will again.

Videos will be shown at the Sheraton directly after each

evening performance and videos of all performances will be available to purchase from Big Sky Video, phone 656-4080. As in past years, there will be a dance following each performance at the Sheraton.

If any of you would like to attend the cocktail party and cowboy auction on Saturday evening at 5:30 in the Zonta Room of the Metra, let me know and I will send out the invitations in advance.

Past Presidents and Secretaries: Plan to attend the **Past Presidents Breakfast** which is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 5 at 8 a.m. at the Sheraton. The invitations will be sent out the first of January. We are still searching for people we have missed, and if you know of anyone, please let me know.

Stalls are available at the fairgrounds for \$5. The barns which we have been instructed to use are Barns: No. 21 (24 stalls), No. 23 (24 stalls), and No. 25 (40 stalls). These barns have all been re-done. If by chance they fill up, there are portable stalls available. **WE ARE CHARGED BY THE BARN.** Please fill up one barn before moving to the next. Thanks!

Here is the parking rundown again....

The Sheraton has made the Burlington Northern parking lot available to us once again. It is located at First Ave. South and 28th Street. This lot allows vehicles too large for the parking garage. We can park there after 5 p.m. on Friday through 10 p.m. on Sunday night. There is no security provided on this lot. There will be shuttle service between the Metra and The Sheraton for those of you who want to leave your vehicles at the Metra. There is free parking available for over-night guests of the Sheraton at the parking garage connected to the Sheraton for cars and pickups. **THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING IN THE POST OFFICE PARKING LOT NEXT DOOR TO THE SHERATON.**

NRA Members, please take time to vote for your directors. The ballots are included in this issue. This is so important, yet so many of you don't take the time to do it. Please return your ballot to the NRA office by Jan. 10.

I will be out of the office from Dec. 19-27. Of course, the answering machine will be on and I will return your call when I get back. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jann

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NRA Finals — Bright Spot in a Bleak Winter

About the time of year the entire landscape looks like a gigantic black and white movie, when people are becoming depressed from the short days and cold weather, upon the horizon looms the bright spot of the winter: The Northern Rodeo Association Finals.

Scheduled this year for Feb. 3, 4, and 5, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the three performance rodeo encompasses three go-arounds, and features the top cowboys and the top bucking stock in the state.

Enjoy an outdoor sport in the comfortable indoor surroundings of the Yellowstone METRA, and enjoy family entertainment and pageantry, as only the NRA Finals can provide.

After a full summer of rodeo competition, event championships go down to the wire, and the rodeo competitors put out 125 percent, hoping they can load up one of those beautiful championship saddles offered to the year-end winners and take it home.

Glen Hough termed the 1988 season a "banner year" in the NRA, since winnings during the summer topped all records. All-around cowboy Spike Guardipee defends his title with a total of \$12,633.09 won during the summer, over \$4,000 more than his closest competitor, and he looks to add considerably to that total as he comes into the finals leading two events and in third place in another. As 1987's calf roping and team roping champion, this year Guardipee comes into the Finals in first place in the steer wrestling and team roping, and is third in the calf roping. Knowing his terrific athletic ability, competitiveness, and past record, he should be able to set an all-time high in winnings in the NRA during the finals.



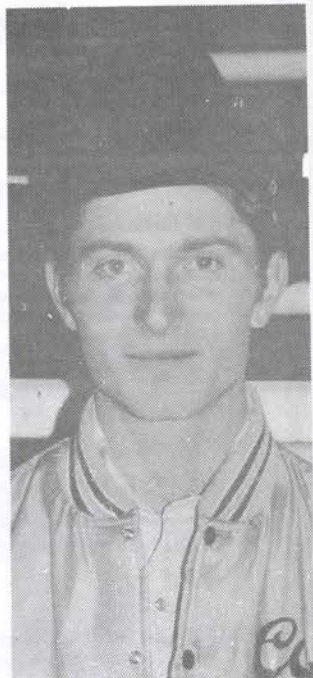
SPIKE GUARDIPEE



MARY SALMOND

The All-Around Cowgirl race will also be a highlight of the weekend, as Mary Melaney Salmund comes to the finals in three events to defend her title against many time all-around cowgirl, Lisa Scheffer Mainey. The responsibilities of marriage haven't slowed these cowgirls down as they compete for the

year-end title. Lisa is entered in two events, while Mary has entered three, including the team roping with partner-husband, Mark. With a \$1,440.23 lead over Lisa in the all-around race, Mary should have little trouble maintaining that lead.



JIM WALKER

Past champion Jim Walker stands only \$9.12 ahead of young Dan Mortensen in the saddle bronc riding, and will have to withstand his strong challenge, and that of third place Kent Robbins who is only \$85.74 out of the lead. Conceivably the lead could change hands several times during the finals before the champion is determined once and for all. Defending champion Kirk Marchant ended the 1988 season in 15th place, and in all likelihood will be on the sidelines to watch his title taken by another.

Mortensen is also in contention to win another title — the bull riding. He is ahead of

Don Nahrgang in the standings by \$907.77 and hopes to stay ahead of the rest of the field to capture the title. In third place is Dan Wigert, and fourth is Marc Murfitt. All four of these cowboys are intercollegiate competitors as well, and hope to put their youth and good physical conditioning to work in adding to their earnings. Dave Mason, 1987 champion, will also watch the action from the sidelines, as he ended the season in 12th place.



DAN MORTENSEN



STEVE CUTLER

Perennial bareback riding Champion, Bob Schall, who is 1987 champion, will enter the finals in eighth place, over \$3,000 behind the leader, Steve Cutler of Lewistown, whose winnings of \$4,367.25 are far ahead of second place Scott Tomlin. The real race in the bareback riding may evolve around the runner-up spots.

Spike Guardipee's name dominates the three timed events. He comes into the finals \$409.84 ahead of past champion Danny Cross in the steer wrestling, and Cross is only \$518.49 ahead of Gary Zipperian of Clancy. Rookie Jaye Kuebler of Great Falls hopes that his first trip to the Finals will afford him with the opportunity to add to his \$2,000+ total.



BRYAN ANDERSON

Bryan Anderson is only \$135.04 ahead of Danny Cross in the calf roping standings, and a mere \$475.02 ahead of third place Spike Guardipee. Several years ago, Anderson had the disappointment of being "snowed in" somewhere in Idaho just before the Finals, couldn't get to Billings,

and lost the title. He surely won't let it happen a second time, and will come to Billings ready to take home the championship title. Spike will attempt to make up enough ground to capture the title also, so the calf roping promises to be good watching.

The team roping standings reflect a tight race, so audiences can expect some top-notch competition in that event. Although Spike leads the standings by \$343.44, depending on who teams up with whom, several of the top five or six in the standings can give Spike a real run for his money.



LISA MAINEY

Many-time barrel racing champion, Lisa Mainey, leads last year's champion, Jody Petersen by over \$1,500, who, in turn, is \$392.93 ahead of challenger Mary Salmond. Lisa's horse, "Sorrelly," will not let his advanced years get the best of him, and will no doubt turn in his usual METRA performance to carry Lisa to yet another title.

At the end of the summer, Mary Salmond found herself \$1,021.27 behind former champion Janie Carlson in the breakaway roping, not far enough behind, however, that

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NRA FINALS

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it won't be impossible for her to catch up during the Finals and retain her crown. Also competing in the top five are Nancy Petersen, Lisa Mainey, and a newcomer to the NRA Finals, collegiate cowgirl, Holly Hallinan from Pocatello, Idaho, a senior at Western Montana College.



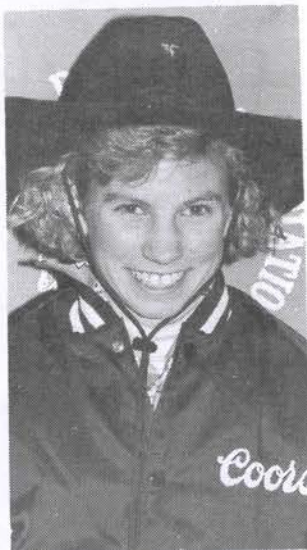
JANIE CARLSON



TELL STEINBACH

Junior competitors who have won any amount of money during the year are qualified to enter the finals, however, last year's junior

champions, Jody Petersen and Tell Steinbach, lead their events, the barrel racing and the breakaway roping, and will attempt to hold off their nearest competitors to win another championship.



JODY PETERSEN

Finals Personnel Are Selected

Balloting by NRA directors has determined the following people to serve as Finals personnel.

Timers: Tootie Rasmussen and Becky Tescher.

Judges: Skeeter Nordahl and Butch Bratsky. Alternate, Duane Lenning.

Announcer: Stan Rasmussen.

Pickup Men: Josh Hedrick and Dick Lyman. Alternate, Dick Bassett.

Bullfighter: Loyd Ketchum.

Arena Director: Dale Small
Jann Johnson will serve as rodeo secretary.



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FINALS ENTRY FORM

The top ten in each event are eligible to compete in the Finals. All Junior members who have won money during the year in their respective events are eligible. YOUR ENTRY FEES ARE DUE IN THE NRA OFFICE ON JANUARY 9, 1988, ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED ENTRY FORM. No exceptions. If the form and entry fees are NOT received by January 9, it will be assumed that you are not planning to compete, and the next person in the standings will be contacted.

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SPECIAL "COMPANION" TICKET OFFER

EACH COMPETITOR IS ENTITLED TO PURCHASE THIS SPECIAL HALF PRICE COMPANION PASS. ONE COMPANION ONLY. MONEY MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH ENTRY BLANK. YOUR CHOICE OF \$7 SEATS, \$8 SEATS, OR \$9 SEATS (ALL AT HALF PRICE). AT TIME OF CONTESTANT CHECK-IN, 4:00 P.M. FRIDAY, PICK UP YOUR COMPANION TICKETS.

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CANDIDATE POSITION STATEMENTS

I have spent a great deal of time thinking about what my duties and responsibilities will be if I am elected President. Although many ideas and thoughts came to mind, three concerns seem to be of most importance. The first is contestants' and contractors' problems and issues. The second would be to establish a credible Judge's Program that will assure accuracy and consistency. The last is to develop a positive relationship with the rodeo committees through direct communications with each.

By addressing the three above concerns, many problems such as conflicting rodeo dates and times, judging, timed-event stock requirements, new rodeos, etc., will be handled in a positive manner.

The Northern Rodeo Association has grown greatly in the past few years, due largely to a knowledgeable board of directors, rodeo committees, and membership, all working together to promote rodeo in the Northern Rodeo Association. I plan to continue the tradition.

Thank you,
Rodger (Skeeter) Nordahl

Dear N.R.A. Membership;

As you can see by the ballot included in this issue, I have been nominated to run for President of the N.R.A. I personally thought I'd scream if I ever heard the word "election" again in '88. Hey, save your time and investigations. Yes, I do have a few skeletons in my closet. If and when we have more time I'd tell ya all 'bout the good ones.

Anyway ... if you vote for me you'll be voting for a lot of changes in the way the N.R.A. is operated currently, right from the top down. I'd like to see the Board of Directors,

who are also elected by the general membership, then elected from among them a Chairman of the Board to serve as the "C.E.O." (has a big corp ring to it and easy for most to spell.) I believe the time has come for the N.R.A. to hire and pay an employee who would serve as Executive Secretary. This person would have lots of authority and a long rein, and be very aggressive in attitudes toward the N.R.A. and rodeo in Montana in general.

Our awards program is one of our biggest liabilities that I feel the bosses can change.

We need "BIG" outside money and overall assistance, with long-term commitments. They are out there if we look and ask. How about extra "Busch Bucks" for brones, bulls, and bulldoggin' and being quick? A horse trailer for our all-around top hands would be good advertisement for both contestants and the N.R.A.

If you don't like change and think we can go on and progress in rodeo in Montana, then don't vote for me. If you don't want the by-laws of the association changed a little, then don't vote for me. It'll take a lot of work from a lot of people, not only the directors! We have loads of talent within our association, and some of you will be tapped on the shoulder and asked to help out. Anything is possible. Look at our progress as an overall association.

Regardless who you vote for, please vote. It's amazing that only 19 percent of you vote, and ALL of you have gripes and concerns at every rodeo. Lastly, I think Skeeter would make a very good president, and also has some great ideas for the N.R.A.'s future.

See you at the finals,
Tom Holland

Dave Schildt Produces Album

Still Kicking.

This is the title of Dave Schildt's country and western debut album with rockabilly influences to provide that extra two-step kick.

Still Kicking features everything from an up tempo fiddle instrumental to slow paced ballads and no-holds-barred country and western swing dance music that is popular today.

All the songs are written by Schildt with the exception of one, and were recorded July 1, 1988 at Right Track Recording Studio in Poplar.

The man behind the music is a 25-year-old Browning cowboy who started out riding bulls but now competes in the bull riding, Dave Schildt.

Schildt, with a bachelor of science degree in physical education from Eastern Montana College in Billings, is pursuing a second degree in organizational communications while working on a minor in Native American studies.

Schildt taught school for several years at Fort Hall, Idaho, and at Heart Butte, Mont.

If you want Dave Schildt's album, "Still Kicking," you can write to Box 1451, Billings, Mont. 59103, or call (406) 248-1226.



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ARENA DUST

Married on Nov. 26 in Billings were Mike Lenning, formerly of Billings and now of Goodwell, Okla., and Marni Erickson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lenning, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Erickson.

Also married on Nov. 26, were Jay Murnion and Chris Anderson.

According to Jack Hash, at the last meeting of the Broken Horn Stampede committee of Absarokee, held at the Grizzly Bar in Roscoe, believe it or not, there was a person in attendance who talked more than Eddie Miller.

Don and Tammy (Kinney) Nahrgang of Dillon are the parents of a second baby boy, Trey, who was born in Dillon Sept. 30. He joins a brother, Taylor.

Glen Bertrand and Colette Clark were married in a Nov. 5 ceremony in Butte with festivities following at Rocker.

Former NRA competitor, Casey Cox, now of Georgia, formerly of Whitewater, and son of Margie and Connie Cox, competed in the team roping at the NFR in Las Vegas with "Speedy" Williams. Other former NRA competitors who have made it to the "big time," were Colin Murnion, Deb Greenough, Chuck Simonson, Clint Branger, Jack Nystrom, Rachel Myllymaki. Other names which you will readily recognize are Ken Lensegrav and Bud Monroe.

Some good news has leaked out of the Coors World Finals Rodeo held at El Paso in November. Brad Gleason of Ennis won the all-around title

there. Unfortunately, he was competing for another association, but nonetheless, he's one of our boys! Congratulations, Brad!

Dale Small reports that three of his animals were runners-up to the "stock of the rodeo" title. They were, "Mr. Jones" in the saddle bronc riding, "Comeapart" in the bareback riding, and "Deacon" in the bull riding.

No other information is available on that rodeo, nor the one held at Ogden.

Kari Icenoggle is now living in Grand Prairie, Texas, about halfway between Fort Worth and Dallas, where she is an athletic trainer in a high school of 2500 students. She invites any of her rodeo friends who are in the area to give her a call.

BREAK-IN POT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, IN METRA

START PROMPTLY AT 1:00 P.M.

(CUT TOP 10 ANIMALS TO USE AT RODEO)

This jackpot will be open to the **TOP 15** Contestants in the NRA Standings in the Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and Ladies Breakaway Roping, **UNTIL JANUARY 20**. Please return this entry form, along with your entry fees, to the NRA office **BY JANUARY 20**. On Monday, January 23, the jackpot will be opened to any NRA member wanting to compete until the 15 contestant limit per event is reached. Call 252-1122 to enter. **TEAM ROPERS: Include Your Partner's Name. ENTRY FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY.**

There will be two go-arounds, with money back in each go and two monies paid in the average.

ENTRY FEES: CR, SW, LBAR - \$50 + \$10 stock Charge. Total, \$60 Fees

TR - \$50 Per Man + \$5 Stock Charge - Total \$55 Per Man.

NAME _____

EVENTS _____ T.R. PARTNER'S NAME _____

Waiting list will be established. If you are interested, please send form and entry fees to NRA Office. First come, first served.

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Mike McCoy and Buck Bradford have joined together in a business venture that could revolutionize the saddle industry.

Mike had an idea for a breakaway stirrup, and Buck had the expertise necessary to successfully develop the idea into a functional product.

What breakaway ski bindings have done to improve the safety of skiing, the Safety Breakaway Stirrup could do for horseback riding.

Every year people are seriously injured or possibly killed when their foot gets hung up in a stirrup while horseback riding. Most of these type of injuries and deaths could be prevented with the breakaway stirrup.

Mike and Buck have spent most of their lives in the saddle. Buck's expertise in making fine handcrafted, carved saddles was essential in the development of the breakaway stirrup. This expertise, combined with years of riding experience and rodeos, made

Buck a perfect partner in this business venture. Mike is a former P.R.C.A. member and is currently involved in the cattle business. Both know from experience how easy it is to become entangled in a stirrup. It can happen when your horse falls or is spooked. These accidents occur in all forms of horsemanship, from rodeos, horseshows, and races to fox hunts. Regardless of what type of riding you do, the breakaway stirrup is effective in preventing serious injuries.

The stirrup is designed so that as the rider starts to fall from his horse with his foot hung up in the stirrup, his body weight exerts pressure on his leg and foot, causing the entangled stirrup to form an angle with the stirrup leather. The breakaway stirrup is designed to release when the stirrup forms an angle greater than approximately 30 degrees with the stirrup leather in either direction, forward or back. This

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BAREBACK RIDING

1. Steve Cutler, Lewistown	\$4,367.25
2. Scott Tomlin, Billings	1,678.07
3. Lane Yeager, Choteau	1,652.47
4. Delbert Moore, Miles City	1,252.43
5. Bruce Martin, Lewistown	1,220.32
6. Rocky Prince, Martin, Tenn.	1,160.36
7. Scott Schall, Arlee	1,106.54
8. Bob Schall, Arlee	1,043.28
9. Gary Eichhorn, Helena	1,028.36
10. Justin Beasley, Cody, Wyo.	999.02
11. Slim Lemmon, Lewistown	944.24
12. Rod Stirling, Shelby	708.84
13. Kevin Kessler, Billings	674.32
14. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo.	625.66
15. Greg Jambor, Billings	557.05

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo.	\$3,273.70
2. Dan Mortensen, Billings	3,264.58
3. Kent Robbins, Victor	3,187.96
4. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis	2,011.86
5. Wayne Kelly, Stanford	1,722.29
6. Scotty Augare, Browning	1,527.19
7. Casey Fredericks, Choteau	1,085.67
8. Les Best, Big Horn	1,045.91
9. Rod Hay, Sheridan, Wyo.	918.35
10. Rod Warren, Sheridan, Wyo.	793.78
11. Ken Ford, Arlee	744.47
12. Cleo Boyce, Winifred	668.34
13. Keith Stewart, Canada	529.18
14. Arne Esp, Hardin	501.58
15. Kirk Marchant, Lovell, Wyo.	480.88

BULL RIDING

1. Dan Mortensen, Billings	\$4,155.55
2. Don Nahrgang, Dillon	3,247.78
3. Dan Wigert, Colstrip	3,074.04
4. Marc Murfitt, Helena	2,294.73
5. Jim Bushnell, Helena	1,959.00
6. Randy Schroth, White Sulphur	1,915.68
7. Mark Ringler, Cody, Wyo.	1,872.07
8. Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson	1,786.25
9. Pat Goyins, Polson	1,770.23
10. Kelly Wright, Cody, Wyo.	1,766.24
11. Clint Ringler, Cody, Wyo.	1,644.45
12. Dave Mason, Cody, Wyo.	1,560.74
13. Denny Wells, Forsyth	1,180.78
14. Mike Johnson, Dubois, Idaho	1,156.87
15. Gary Reiser, Bozeman	1,001.00

STEER WRESTLING

1. Spike Guardipee, Billings	\$3,075.17
2. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo.	2,665.33
3. Gary Zipperian, Clancy	2,146.84
4. Jaye Kuebler, Great Falls	2,092.17
5. Mike Collins, Dillon	2,034.31
6. Brad Gleason, Ennis	1,988.98

7. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman	1,985.75
8. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman	1,779.86
9. Bart Brower, Whitehall	1,760.80
10. Dean Wang, Baker	1,418.72
11. Shawn Gleason, Ennis	1,415.49
12. Steve Blixt, Helena	1,412.70
13. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell	1,296.74
14. Tom Franzen, Sidney	1,257.92
15. Todd Garrison, Glen	1,255.90

CALF ROPING

1. Bryan Anderson, Dillon	\$3,810.70
2. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo.	3,675.66
3. Spike Guardipee, Billings	3,335.68
4. Jim Howell, Powderville	2,500.77
5. Lyle Baumann, Hardin	1,760.52
6. Laramie Baumann, Bozeman	1,578.62
7. Chris Mathison, Miles City	1,563.01
8. Mike Barthelmess, Lincoln	1,463.35
9. Mike Collins, Dillon	1,396.76
10. Brad Waldhauser, Billings	1,286.52
11. Brad Gleason, Ennis	1,278.02
12. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell	1,244.90
13. Gordy Alderson, Dillon	1,209.49
14. Brad Johnson, Plains	1,081.55
15. Britt Givens, Riverton, Wyo.	1,079.07

TEAM ROPING

1. Spike Guardipee, Billings	\$6,222.24
2. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell	5,878.80
3. Dennis Tryan, Shepherd	5,534.84
4. Shawn Steinbach, Wolf Creek	4,566.53
5. Bill Parker, Billings	4,062.50
6. Enoch Schaffer, Broadus	3,748.33
7. Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D.	3,504.79
8. Bill Ayre, Glendive	3,065.42
9. Phil Fleming, Ismay	2,936.08
10. Rick Tryan, Helena	2,825.31
11. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman	2,399.76
12. Bryan Anderson, Dillon	2,185.95
13. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman	2,143.06
14. Mark Salmond, Choteau	1,787.52
15. Guy Howell, Powderville	1,575.37
16. Bill Lynn, Billings	1,549.45
17. Lee Hutchinson, Wibaux	1,549.45
18. Mary Melaney Salmond, Choteau	1,530.82
19. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo.	1,476.28
20. Todd Jepson, Cody, Wyo.	1,405.16

LADIES BARREL RACING

1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton	\$5,580.92
2. Jody Petersen, Three Forks	4,000.72
3. Mary Salmond, Choteau	3,607.79
4. Betsy Evans, Glendive	2,143.11
5. Cinde Barthelmess, Lincoln	1,988.81
6. Debbie Haugland, Helena	1,891.65
7. Trista Taylor, Miles City	1,359.30
8. Lisa Schillinger, Wolf Point	1,270.56

OFFICIAL 1988 NRA STANDINGS

9. Bunny Bail, Camp Crook, S.D.	1,208.20	8. Cally Goyins, Helena	242.50
10. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls, Ida.....	1,122.85	9. Kayla Else, Dillon	189.00
11. Zana Lytle, Ronan	914.01	10. Carrie Smith, Deer Lodge	97.00
12. Charlene Coleman, Cut Bank	709.89		
13. Lana Tibbetts, Terry	619.88		
14. Jane McGinley, Lewellen, Neb.....	515.07		
15. Candi Zion, Great Falls	433.11		

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Janie Carlson, Two Dot	\$5,193.96
2. Mary Salmond, Choteau	4,172.69
3. Nancy Petersen, Three Forks	2,311.73
4. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton	2,290.15
5. Holly Hallinan, Pocatello, Ida.	2,069.14
6. Joyce Ayre, Glendive	1,761.12
7. Kelly Gorrell, Beach, N.D.	1,760.52
8. Debbie Burghduff, East Helena	1,377.44
9. Shelli Rennaker, Hamilton	1,348.75
10. Debbie Haugland, Helena	1,254.01
11. Becky Mahoney, Naythrop, Colo.....	1,235.75
12. Tammy Jo Risa, Billings.....	1,085.88
13. Rhonda Nevala, Bozeman	1,064.39
14. Mary Goyins, Helena	851.61
15. Jeannie Kinney, Billings.....	834.54

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks	\$970.82
2. Trista Taylor, Miles City	733.65
3. Julie Rappold, Dupuyer	637.75
4. Mandi Holland, Dillon	610.48
5. Teresa Wolff, Circle	342.25
6. Mikell Lin Johnson, Fort Shaw.....	304.16
7. Codi Lynn Smith, Deer Lodge.....	282.49

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek.....	\$611.00
2. Jody Petersen, Three Forks	546.99
3. Brett Fleming, Ismay	357.00
4. Ty Parker, Three Forks	272.00
5. Brad Robinson, Willow Creek.....	262.65
6. Derick Fleming, Ismay.....	224.49
7. Teresa Wolff, Circle	216.00
8. Chad Smith, Sidney.....	210.81
9. Jim Cole, Harlem	190.00
10. Ryan Counts, Pray	169.66

JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks.....	\$1,517.81
2. Teresa Wolff, Circle	558.25
3. Minda Kneeder, Helena	139.50

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Spike Guardipee, Billings	\$12,633.09
2. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell	8,420.44
3. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo.	7,817.27
4. Dan Mortensen, Billings	7,420.13
5. Bryan Anderson, Dillon.....	5,996.65

ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

1. Mary Melaney Salmond, Choteau ...	\$9,311.30
3. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton	7,871.07
3. Janie Carlson, Two Dot	5,704.71
4. Debbie Haugland, Helena	3,145.66
5. Cinde Barthelme, Lincoln	2,699.30

ANNUAL NRA MEETINGS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING
FRIDAY, FEB. 3

1:00 P.M.

BILLINGS SHERATON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING
Saturday, Feb. 4

10:30 A.M. (After Jr. Events)

BILLINGS SHERATON

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION OF MEETINGS!!

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO TAKE PART DIRECTLY IN THE BUSINESS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION. PLEASE BE THERE! EVERYONE WELCOME!

BIG SKY REGION NIRA STANDINGS

AFTER 3 RODEOS

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Shawn Vant, MTSU	270
2. Tom Mau, Miles	165
3. Gary Eichhorn, WMTC	115
4. Jeff Miller, MTSU	85
5. Jack Reich, MTSU	80

CALF ROPING

1. Chris Mathison, MTSU	215
2. Steve Currin, MTSU	165
3. Marty Not Afraid, DCC	110
4. Tim Garrison, WMTC	90
5/6. Don Williams, MTSU	50
5/6. John Lewis, NWCC	50

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Hugh Connelly, Miles	220
2. Kirk Johnson, LBHC	165
3. Dan Mortensen, NWCC	150
4/5. Ryan Mapston, WMTC	70
4/5. Tom Mau, Miles	70

STEER WRESTLING

1. Tim Garrison, WMTC	215
2. Steve Currin, MTSU	160
3. John Gee, MTSU	155
4. Chuck Fields, WMTC	70
5. Jaye Kuebler, NMTC	60

TEAM ROPING

1. Tim Garrison, WMTC	115
2. Jay Kuebler, NMTC	65
3. Lisa Pulse, MTSU	60
4/5. Billy Phillips, MTSU	55
4/5. Steve Currin, MTSU	55
4/5. Molly McAuliffe, MTSU	55
4/5. Don Williams, MTSU	55

BULL RIDING

1. Kirk Johnson, LBHC	140
2. Meryl McGee, Miles	120
3/4. Dan Mortensen, NWCC	90
3/4. Todd Torgenson, Miles	90
5. Gavin Gleigh, NWCC	85

BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. LeeAnn Howell, Miles	250
2. Lisa Pulse, MTSU	140
3. Tammy Jo Risa, MTSU	100
4. Molly McAuliffe, MTSU	80
5. Paula Nepine, MTSU	70

GOAT TYING

1. Lana Tibbetts, MTSU	200
2. Laura Patten, MTSU	180
3. Nancy Hamilton, MTSU	140
4. Tammy Jo Risa, MTSU	110
5. Katie Hathaway, NWCC	105

BARREL RACING

1. Molly McAuliffe, MTSU	230
2. Cathy Cagliari, MTSU	210
3. Marie Eblen, MTSU	165
4. Wendy Ferdina, Miles	100
5. Lana Tibbetts, MTSU	90

MEN'S TEAM

1. Montana State University	1155
2. Western Montana College	935
3. Miles Community College	675
4. Northwest Community College	605
5. Little Big Horn Community College	295
6. Dawson Community College	260
7. Northern Montana College	165
8. University of Montana	20

MEN'S ALL-AROUND

1. Steve Currin, MTSU	320
2. Tim Garrison, MTSU	310
3. Kirk Johnson, LBHC	295
4. Jaye Kuebler, NMTC	165
5. Chris Mathison, MTSU	125

WOMEN'S TEAM

1. Montana State University	855
2. Miles Community College	350
4. Northwest Community College	145
5. Dawson Community College	55

WOMEN'S ALL-AROUND

1. Molly McAuliffe, MTSU	255
2. Lisa Pulse, MTSU	200
3. Cathy Cagliari, MTSU	155
4. Lana Tibbetts, MTSU	95
5. Tammy Jo Risa, MTSU	75

KEY:

MILES, Miles Community College
 DCC, Dawson Community College
 MTSU, Montana State University
 NMTC, Northern Montana College
 WMTC, Western Montana College
 NWCC, Northwest Community College
 LBHC, Little Bighorn Community College
 UofM, University of Montana



Board of Directors Meeting

OCTOBER 24, 1988 – 2:00 P.M. – BILLINGS SHERATON

President Glen Hough called the meeting to order.

A quorum was not present, thus formal motions were not entertained, and only the pressing matters concerning day-to-operation and the Finals were considered. Discussion on several topics was held, however, formal motions and their discussion will be taken at the General Membership and Board meetings during the NRA Finals in February. Topics discussed were:

Finances of the Association.

Minutes of the August 18, 1988 Board of Directors meeting were distributed.

New Business:

Finals Personnel: Ballots will be sent out to the directors for their vote concerning timers, announcer, and arena director.

Bids will be taken by the NRA office for the timed event cattle, and the pre-rodeo jackpot will once again be held the Thursday preceding the NRA Finals.

Nominations were accepted for the open positions on the Board of Directors. Nominations will remain open until November newsletter deadline. People nominated were: President, Skeeter Nordahl, Eddie Miller; Vice President, Bill Lynn; Steer Wrestling, Danny Cross, Charlie Briggs, Nick Econom; Bull Riding, Jim Bushnell; Junior Events, Nancy Petersen, Patti Holland; Team Roping, Rob Kountz, Phil Fleming. Please call or send any other nominations to the office before Nov. 30.

Tom Holland will be representing the NRA at the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs convention Nov. 10-12 in Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

Newsletter: Jeanne Carpenter of the Cowboys Digest, Becky Tescher, and the Mid-America Rodeo News are interested in publishing the NRA News. Jeanne and Becky were in attendance. The current editors will publish the February Finals edition. A committee was formed to go over all newsletter proposals. The committee includes the Advisory Board, Bill Lynn, and Jann Johnson. A final decision will be made at the Board meeting held during the NRA Finals.

Discussion regarding the official Finals Photographer.

Meeting adjourned.

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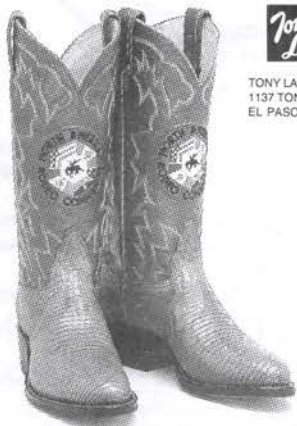
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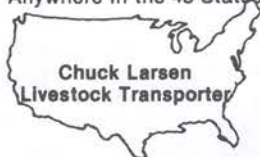


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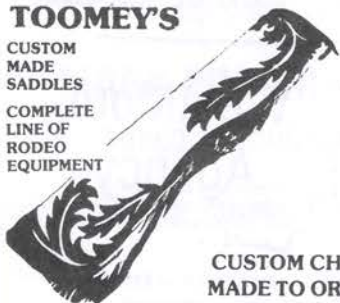
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