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This newsletter is designed to inform committee members, contestants and rodeo fans of sanctioned rodeos, rule changes and the business related to the Northern Rodeo Association.

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On the Cover

Danny Cross did the NRA proud last month when he walked away with the North American Rodeo Commission's All Around. Winning \$4617.90 in cash also netted the timed event contestant a spiffy new Circle J Trailer. Cross receives his award from Monty Henson, Coors Sports manager Don Sober, Cross, and NARC president Marv Pulham. Other NRA contestants placing at the NARC finals were Bob Schall, fourth in the first and second go and third in the average of the bareback riding; Cross, first in first go and fifth in the calf roping average and second in the short go and first in the average in the steer wrestling; Dennis Tryan and Sam Bird, sixth in the first go and fourth in the second go in the team roping.

*Special thanks to
Big Sky Feeds of Billings
for their donation of livestock feed
to the
NRA Finals.
They are supplying the feed for the
finals bucking horses and bulls.
Thanks, Jim, for your support*

1990 NRA Final Standings

Official Northern Rodeo Association standings, including all rodeos for the season are as follows. The top 10 in each event are invited to the Northern Rodeo Championship Finals in Billings at MetraPark on Feb. 1, 2, 3:

BAREBACK RIDING

1. Steve Cutler, Helena, 3,511.02; 2. Greg Jambor, Billings, 3,403.86; 3. Lane Yeager, Choteau, 2,914.97; 4. Bruce Martin, Lewistown, 2,316.06; 5. Darryl Lamb, Cody, Wyo., 1,976.77; 6. Keith Ullery, Shepherd, \$1,633.52; 7. Bob Schall, Arlee, 1,631.10; 8. John Schirra, Cody, Wyo., 1,208.40; 9. Gavin Gleich, Ashland, 1,038.12; 10. Dennis Wortman, Boulder, 918.52; 11. Rich Partin, Lakeview, Ore., 841.98; 12/ Ben Wrzensinski, Harlowton, 799.34; Justin Beasley, Cody, Wyo., 716.96; 14. Dusty Darbonne, Billings, 340.56; 15. Mike Brown, Browning, 262.56.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., \$4,136.01; 2. Craig Miller, 3,588.02; 3. Kent Robbins, Corvallis, 2,332.78; 4. Les Best, Big Horn, 2,037.21; 5. Glenn Peacock, Arlee, 2,011.59; 6. Kelly Norskog, Stanford, 1,918.50; 7. Wayne Kelly, Stanford, 1,899.79; 8. Perry Tescher, Worden, 1,851.01; 9. Phillip Whiteman, Lame Deer, 1,563.60; 10. Jess Martin, Hall, 1,516.82; 11. Peter Simmonds, Arlee, 1,380.03; 12. Larry Stover, Nashua, 1,117.06; 13. Brandy Smith, Helena, 970.08; 14. Paul Solberg, Richland, 710.06; 15. Dave Cleland, Cranbrook, B.C., 655.63.

BULL RIDING

1. Robert Bright, Helena, 4,157.26; 2. Marty O'Brien, Greybull, 4,073.35; 3. Dan Plummer, Clinton, 3,507.08; 4. Wade Lavoy, Big Timber, 3,405.54; 5. Stewart Schall, Rigby, Idaho, 3,393.86; 6. Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson,

3,382.79; 7. Marty Penrod, Miles City, 2,737.87; 8. Don Nahrgang, Dillon, \$2,691.30; 9. Monte Finn, Big Timber, 2,673.58; 10. Jim Bushnell, Helena, 2,149.80; 11. Gary Reiser, Powell, 2,074.87; 12. Ed Wells, Powell, 1,947.87; 13. Gavin Gleich, Ashland, 1,928.99; 14. Dan Weigert, Colstrip, 1,511.33; 15. Clint Ringler, Cody, 1,435.61

STEER WRESTLING

1. Rob Kountz, Bozeman, \$5,207.43; 2. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman, 5,103.32; 3. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo., 2,733.59; 4. Pete Petersen, Dillon, 2,311.21; 4. Gary Zipperian, Clancy, 2,232.85; 6. Bill Boyce, Lewistown, 2,218.77; 7. Laramie Baumann, Hardin, 1,839.26; 8. Todd Turner, Dillon, 1,759.57; 9. Bob Schall, Arlee, 1,564.34; 10. Al Franzen, Sidney, 1,146.61; 11. Alan Hougen, Melstone, 1,149.26; 12. Nate Finch, Lolo, 1,127.13; 13. Spike Guardipee, Browning, 1,019.71; 14. Jesse Peterson, Helena, 998.35; 15. Cleo Boyce, Winifred, 954.24.

CALF ROPING

1. Bill Parker, Huntley, \$4,028.24; 2. Chris Witcher, Miles City, 3,891.11; 3. Jason Evans, Biddle, 3,699.89; 4. Bill Boyce, Lewistown, 3,422.42; 5. Spike Guardipee, Browning, 2,390.39; 6. Lyle Baumann, Hardin, 2,332.74; 7. Dan Cross, Cody, Wyo., 2,314.68; 8. Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 2,259.91; 9. Laramie Baumann, Hardin, 2,245.03; 10. Jim Howell, Powderville, 2,200.61; 11. Britt Givens, Riverton, Wyo., 2,005.29; 12. Randy Holman, Bigfork, 2,005.29; 13. K. C. Murphy, Bozeman, 1,342.07; 14. Lyle Cochran, Dodson, 1,335.79; 15. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman, 1,171.05.

TEAM ROPING

1. Sam Bird, Cut Bank, 6,402.36; 2. Dennis Tryan, Shepherd, 6,242.43; 3. Bill Parker, Billings, 3,658.35; 4. Gary Sutton, Springdale, Wash., 3,491.78; 5. Jim Cole, Harlem, 3,430.99; 6. Bryan Connall, Mead, Wash., 3,356.18; 7. Mark Salmond, Choteau, 2,680.85; 8. Phil Fleming, Ismay, 2,579.35; Mary Salmond, Choteau, 2,508.91; 10. Enoch Shcaffner, 2,507.32; 11-12. Charlie Briggs and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 2460.83; 13. Craig Mader, Gillette, 2,107.20; 14. Ken Whyte, Cutbank, 1,940.75; 15. Bill Ayre, Glendive, 1,833.66; 16. K. C. Murphy, Bozeman, 1,763.49; 17. Jason Handy, Scobey, 1,697.92; 18. Don Guardipee, Cutbank, 1,687.56; 19. Rick Tryan, Helena, 1,581.46; 20. Chuck Fields, Winifred, 1,472.16

LADIES' BARREL RACING

1. Deb Haughland, Helena, 4,178.46; 2. Mary Salmond, Choteau, 3,044.11; 3. Phyllis Brosz, Shepherd, 2,969.11; 4. Susan Holman, Big Fork, 2,838.84; 5. Barb Wagner, Laurel, 2,837.90; 6. Sharon Small, Ashland, 2,509.08; 7. Betsy Evans, Glendive, 2,502.88; 8. Gail Shoen, Bozeman, 2,485.91; 9. Mary Goyins, Helena, 2,105.95; 10. Zana Lytle, Ronan, 1,839.49; 11. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 1,830.01; 12. Dana Parini, Butte, 1,631.47; 13. Betty Steele, Malta, 1,229.57; 14. Claudia Ogilvie, Florence, 1,141.54; 15. Lisa Schillinger, Wolf Point, 1,051.74.

LADIES' BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Kayleen Chaffee, Glendive, 3,051.65; 2. Janie Carlson, Two Dot, 2,934.32; 3. Stacey Baumann, Hardin, 2,849.78; 4. Nancy Petersen, Three Forks, 2,490.86; 5. Laurie Tryan, Helena, 2,383.20; 6. Mary Salmond, Choteau, 2,337.73; 7. Jeanne Kinney, Dillon, 2,059.08; 8. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 1,892.68; 9. Chris Melaney, Wolf Creek, 1,823.99; 10. Lianne Crowley, Bozeman,

1764.40; 11. Mary Goyins, Helena, 1,539.12; Mary Ellen Hill, Geysler, 1,512.04; 13. Karen Miller, Absarokee, 1,495.19; 14. Teresa Murnion, Jordan, 1,444.17; 15. Lorie Robinson, Willow Creek, 1,435.04

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1. Trista Taylor, Miles City, \$1,170.30; 2. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 935.40; 3. Aspen Kuhkala, St. Ignatius, 614; 4. Jamie McDowell, Bozeman, 601.50; 5. Tayvee Taylor, Miles City, 420.50; 6. Kelli Porter, Helena, 384; 7. Skye Ogilvie, Florence, 372; 8. Jack Vanderlans, Cameron, 281.50; 9. Codi Smith, Deer Lodge, 181.50; 10. Jamie Anderson, Stevensville, 181.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 704.75; 2. Derick Fleming, Ismay, 685.58; 3. C. B. Wagner, Laurel, 554.50; 4. Jim Cole, Harlem, 491.50; 5. Lance Schuchard, Harlowton, 352; 6. Willy Frerck, Columbus, 325.83; 7. B. J. Holman, Big Fork, 301; 8. Ryan Counts, Pray, 269.50; 9. Brett Fleming, Ismay, Mont, 266.; 10. Cally Goyins, Helena, 230..

JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

1. Jody Petersen, \$1,640.15; Trista Taylor, 1,333.30; 3. Calley Goyins, Helena, 310.50; 4. Jalea Franzen, Sidney, 204.90.

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Rob Kountz, 9,928.17; 2. Charlie Briggs, 8,735.20; 3. Bill Parker, 7,686.59; 4. Danny Cross, 5,728.62; 5. Bill Boyce, 5,641.19; 6. Laramie Baumann, 4,965.57; 7. Chris Witcher, 4,503.25; 8. Bob Schall, 4,359.08; 9. Spike Guardipee, 3,986.29; 10. Craig Miller, 3,708.02.

ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

1. Mary Salmond, \$7,890.75; 2. Deb Haughland, 4,737.27; 3. Mary Goyins, 3,645.07; 4. Chris Melaney, 2,211.17; 5. Jody Petersen, 1,950.88.



16th Annual NRA Finals

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, January 30

Afternoon	Stock contractors and stock arrives	Night corrals
7 p.m.	Stock contractors dinner	Spur Bar and Chuckwagon cafe

Thursday, January 31

1 p.m.	Timed event jackpot	MetraPark Arena
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Friday, February 1

6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary coffee and donuts	South Foyer, Sheraton
11:30 a.m.	Press Conference	Granite Room, Sheraton Hotel
1 p.m.	General Membership meeting	Skybridge room, Sheraton
4 p.m.	Contestant Check-in	Pryor Room, Sheraton
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Sponsor/Committee Cocktail party	Zonta Room
	Cowboy Auction	MetraPark
6 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle Service	Sheraton Hotel Lobby
8 p.m.	NRA Finals, First Performance	MetraPark
10 p.m.	Garriett Brothers Band, Dance, Video	Ballroom, Sheraton

Saturday, February 3, 1990

6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary coffee and donuts	South Foyer, Sheraton
9 a.m.	Junior Event Finals	MetraPark
9 a.m.	Committee Convention	Avalanche Room, Sheraton
1 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting	Tempest Room, Sheraton
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Sponsor/Committee Cocktail party	Zonta Room
	Cowboy Auction	MetraPark
6 p.m.-11:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle Service	First Floor, Sheraton Hotel Lobby (departing every half hour)
8 p.m.	NRA Finals, Second Performance	MetraPark
10 p.m.	Garriett Brothers Band, Dance, Video	Ballroom, Sheraton

Sunday, February 3

6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary coffee and donuts	South Foyer, Sheraton
8 a.m.	Past Presidents/Secretaries Breakfast	Tempest Room, Sheraton
10:30 a.m.	Cowboy Church Service	Skytop Room, Sheraton
Noon - 5:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle Service (departing every half hour)	Sheraton Hotel Lobby
2 p.m.	NRA Finals, Final Performance	MetraPark
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Cocktails	Ballroom, Sheraton
6:45 p.m.	Banquet	Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel
7:30 p.m.	Awards Presentation	Ballroom, Sheraton
9 p.m.	Garriett Brothers Band, Dance, Video	Ballroom, Sheraton

- Banquet ticket may be purchased at the door for \$12, Advance purchase requested.
- Dance tickets \$3 for individuals; \$5 for couples
- Additional parking available in the Burlington Northern Parking lot on Montana Ave., across the street from the Sheraton. also parking in parking garage at no charge to Hotel guests
- Prize money check cashing available at Sheraton Front Desk with proper I. D.

Happy Trails

Long time NRA supporter and award sponsor Bud Roberts of Ballantine spent time in the hospital this fall. He was released minus a bladder and almost a foot of intestine.

If you notice Bud's looking a bit different it's because he is feeling great and has stopped smoking. Congratulations Bud!

Valerie and Lee McCarty of Detroit have another son. Trevor Lee was born September 20. He joins Tyler Lee. Valerie is the daughter of Dwayne Shellhammer and Phyllis and Rod Brosz.

Billings' horseshoer and bareback rider Greg Jambor has changed residence. Greg is now living in Joliet-Rockvale area but says he still has his Billings number.

Plans for the second annual Cowboy Christmas Reunion are proceeding. Larry Jordan and Vicki Brookman and committees are working to get the two-day event organized where it will be the most fun for all. Be sure and send your reservations in early as they are expecting 1,500 at this year's event set for Dec. 28-29. The ad in this news letter (inside back cover) tells more. An addition to this year's gala is the Rodeo Room organized by Jann Parker and Becky Tescher. Seek out the displays when you come to the party, you'll find interesting hosts and hostesses from all rodeo associations and you may see a picture of yourself.

Jeanne Carpenter is the official photographer of the NRA finals. Look her up after you make that fabulous ride or run that you "gotta have a picture of."

Jaylene Redding, daughter of David and Susan Redding and former NRA bronc rider John Pinkerton is a Junior playing guard position on the Hysham Bonneys Basketball team. Congrats!

Flint Rasmussen was featured in the Havre Daily News in November. The story "wrote itself" says News sports editor Rita Balock-Hamilton. "Flint is a popular rodeo clown on his way up," Hamilton told the NRA.

In the story she quotes Flint's high school football coach, Butch Damberger who said about Flint, "He was the all-around kid," Damberger added. "He was an outstanding athlete, a fine student, all-state chorus. You don't find many kids like that." Flint told the

News, "I've learned what I can get away with," Rasmussen added. "... I want every person in the crowd to have a good time and not be offended."

Several from the association attended the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas earlier this month. Teresa Murnion and Mary Fredricks were traveling partners. Glen and Peggy Hough, Bob and Karen Reilly, Butch and Shannon Bratsky, Jeanne Carpenter, Jack Hash, Eddie Miller and his mother Esther Miller, Stan and Tootie Rasmussen, and NRA VP Bill Lynn and friend Paulette Mallow spent some vacation time there. (Actually I think all the Murnions from Garfield county were gambling in Las Vegas this December.) Never mind who Bob Tallman's favorite contestants were, Colin and other Montanans had quite an entourage of fans at the NFR. They all reported seeing many, many Montanans and Wyomingites at the Big rodeo.

Dean Wang reportedly had bad luck on his first steer at the NFR. He pulled the ligaments and was out of competition after the first go.

Chris Melaney and Dale McQueary fell in love over the summer and have set their wedding date for Dec. 22 in Deer Lodge. They're going to have cute kids.

If you're looking for a Christmas pup or for a working cow dog, Janie and Beef Carlson have a litter of Border Collie pups for sale. They are cuties and you should give her a call. They are \$75 with papers, and \$50 without. Her number is 632-5719.

Speaking of pups, Tom and Patti Holland have registered Springer Spaniels ready to go. They have their shots, tails docked, etc. Call before daylight or after dark, 683-2263. They'll arrange delivery in time for Christmas.

Skeeter Nordahl changed jobs, He is now working for Cloverleaf Dairy in Helena as the comptroller and officer manager.

Guy Small is laid up in a Billings Hospital at presstime with a broken leg. He was kicked by a horse on December 5. His biggest decision these days is whether to buy or rent crutches!

If you're wondering where Rusty Kinsey is spending his time off, you'll find him driving truck for Jacobs Livestock Rodeo.



Darryl Kling takes a flying leap off Northern Rodeo Company's Centennial at the North Dakota Rodeo Association Finals. Larry Wirtz' Centennial is the saddle bronc horse of the year in the NRA.

Greybull Gal, Centennial, Quatro stock of the Year!

Northern Rodeo Association announces their stock of the year. Greybull Gal, Centennial and Quatro were chosen for the bareback, saddle bronc and bull of the year, respectively, by the top 15 contestants in their respective events.

Greybull Gal (#53), a big brown 12-year-old mare owned by Jacob Livestock Rodeo is the Bareback horse of the year.

She came out of Wyoming, says owner Don Jacobs. "We tried to raise bucking colts out of her," he said, "but none of her colts would buck."

But she does. The part shire mare takes the cowboys who ride her to the paywindow.

Northern Rodeo Company's Centennial (#100) is a small bay gelding that never takes the same trip twice.

Claude Saler of Jordan sold the registered Quarter Horse to Larry Wirtz and it seems the 1100-1150 lb. horse has found his calling in life.

In 23 outs, the only two to ever ride the horse are Dan Mortensen in 1988 in Jordan VFW rodeo and Don Tescher in 1990 at Brockway. Centennial threw both his riders off at the North

Dakota Finals in Minot in July.

Both outs at the NRA finals in February 1990 were successful buckoffs for the athletic little 6-year-old.

Centennial is the first animal to win the year end award for this friendly contractor who was "Dancing a jig" when he heard the news.

Small Rodeo Company owns this year's bull of the year. Quatro (#4), a big Brangus bull the Smalls purchased from Warren Bell, "gets rode about once a year," says Contractor Dale Small.

At this year's NARC finals the bull was out three times and bucked off his rider every time. Small, a NARC director, says the voting by contractors is a gentlemen's agreement that "you can't vote for your own stock."

Small didn't vote for his bull and missed the NARC bull of the year trophy by one vote.

The 7-year-old spinner has been ridden twice in two year. First by Marty O'Brien. Brett Fitzpatrick rode Quatro at the Rosebud/Forsyth County Fair Rodeo and won first place!!!

Special Ticket Offer for Northern Rodeo Association Members for the Northern Rodeo Association Finals *February 1, 2, 3*

NRA Finals Committee has made arrangements for NRA members and their families to obtain series rodeo tickets at a bargain price. If you are a member of a rodeo association - NRA, WRA, NRCA, CCA, PRCA, etc., - you can take advantage of this offer.

Regular price reserved seats are

\$9 X 3 performances = \$27

Your price for all three performances = \$20

These orders will be filled with the best available seats before tickets go on sale to the general public.

Please specify rough stock or timed event seating preference.

Orders must be received before Sunday, January 6.

Yes, I would like to take advantage of the special tickets offer:
Enclosed is a check or money order is the amount of _____ for _____ (number) of ticket packages.

Name _____ Association _____ Card Number _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Rough stock _____ Timed event _____

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

This offer must be handled by mail and orders must be received before Sunday, Jan 6 so tickets can be filled before tickets go on sale to the public.

**Send order to Northern Rodeo Finals; METRA Park;
Box 2514; Billings, Montana 59103**

DON'T DELAY! OFFER VOID AFTER JANUARY 6, 1991

Rodeo personnel for 16th NRA Finals named

Northern Rodeo Association contestants and the board of directors have selected NRA Finals personnel for the 1990 NRA Finals.

The four judges as selected by the contestants are: Ed Miller, Absarokee; Skeeter Nordahl, Helena; Duane Lenning, Columbus; and Butch Bratsky, Billings.

Pickupmen at the Finals are Walt Vermedahl, Polson and Dick Lyman, Great Falls.

Mad Max Krantz, Polson is the bull fighter. Announcer is Will Rasmussen, Choteau and Arena Director is Dale Small, Pompey's Pillar.

Timers at this year's finals are Tootie Rasmussen, Choteau and Becky Tescher, Huntley.

The four stock contractors at the 1990 finals are: Jacobs Livestock and Rodeo, Great Falls; Northern Rodeo Company, Outlook; Rocky Mountain Rodeo Company, Kalispell and Small Rodeo Company, Pompey's Pillar.

A complete list of rough stock qualifying for the finals is on page 15.

Cocktails and Calcutta Friday and Saturday nights

The annual sponsors and committee cocktail party and calcutta has been expanded to include both Friday and Saturday evenings. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 each evening. Calcutta begins at 6:30 p.m. Invitations will be needed at the door.

Please contact the NRA office for invitation. They'll be sent in advance. See you there.

Companion passes available

Again 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. Chose from \$7, \$8, \$9 tickets, decide how many performances you wish to attend. Then divide that amount in half and send check to the NRA office with your entry form.

Other tickets can be ordered through the "Special Ticket Offer" also in this issue.

1990 Rookies named

The following are the NRA official rookies standings for the 1990 season:

Bareback: 1. Darryl Lamb, Cody, 1,976.77; John Schirra, Cody, 1,208.40; Rich Partin, Lakeview, Ore., 841.98; Dusty Barbonne, Billings, 340.56.

Saddle Bronc Riding: 1. Phillip Whiteman, Lame Deer, 1,563.60; 2. Peter Simmonds, Arlee, 1,380.03; 3. Dean Clark, Brusett, 594.86; Sylvain Bourgeois, Edmonton, 432.92.

Bull Riding: 1. Wade Lavoy, Big Timber, 3,405.54; Rick Helms, Missoula, 1,068.33; Roger Goldberg, Roundup, 986.37; Loren Bell, Browning, 957.27; Lari Sludget, Roy, 930.90.

Steer Wrestling: 1. E. J. Redding, Helena, 255.55; J. R. Brainard, Belgrade, 113.76.

Calf Roping: 1. Travis Caldwell, Colstrip, 1,106.55; Dennis Whiteman, Lodge Grass, 681.53; Ray Augere, Browning, 355.20.

Team Roping: 1-2. Keith and Terry Tatsey, Browning, 922.10; Tom Figuera, St. David, Az., and Brook Deerman, Aztec, NM, 867.12.3.

Ladies Barrel Racing: 1. Sharon Small, Ashland, Mont., 2,509.08. Laura McPherson, Polson, 335.04; 3. Kim Brainard, Belgrade, 190.61.

Ladies Breakaway Roping: 1. Julie Baker, Jordan, 537.31.

Men's All Around: 1. Dennis Whiteman, Lodge Grass, 796.01; 2. Ray Augere, Browning, 558.58; 3. J. R. Brainard, Belgrade, 186.34

Get SS #s from NRA Office

Committee and rodeo secretaries who paid off an NRA rodeo this summer must send 1099s to contestants who won over \$600 at any one rodeo. NRA has a list of all contestants' social security numbers. Please call early to avoid the finals rush in the office. The 1099s must be mailed to contestants by Jan. 31.

NSF checks held by NRA

The following people have NSF checks in the NRA office and have been notified. Please take care of these or we'll be turning them into your county attorney's office: Dennis Whiteman, Dick Powell, Dan Plummer, Scott Dear, Jesse Stewart, Joe Nahrgang, Bob Clark.

Don't forget: NRA general membership meeting is 1 p.m. on Friday at the Billings Sheraton. Contestant checkin will follow. It's also at the Sheraton

Please take time to vote for 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. 22.

Contestants who are currently sitting 11-15 spots in the standings and would like to compete at the NRA finals rodeo, please contact me. The deadline for contestant entry and entry forms received will be strictly enforced and you may have the opportunity to compete. Don't miss it.

NRA finals contestants, please be aware of the new rule imposing fines if you turn out at the NRA finals. The fine is \$100 and ineligibility at next NRA finals.

The Timed Event Break In Jack pot is set for Thursday, Jan. 31 at 1 p.m. We have added barrel racing to this year's Jackpot. One Run for \$30, plus \$5 office charge. Remember this is open to the top 15 until Jan. 23 and after that date will be open to any NRA member. (See entry blank on page 15.) There will be a waiting list established so give me a call if you would like to compete.

Probable order of events for the jackpot: we'll begin with barrel racing promptly at 1 p.m. Both rounds of the breakaway roping will follow.

This will be followed by one round of steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping. Then the order is calf roping, team roping finishing with the last round of steer wrestling.

Timed event directors: You will be in charge of your event, of selecting the top 10 cattle (and one replacement) for the rodeo.

As we said, contestant jackets, compliments of Coors, will be handed out at 4 p.m. Friday, at the Sheraton. Wristbands are also available then.

The performance schedule will be discussed and your pictures will be taken. Your cooperation with this will be appreciated.

A new addition to this year's finals is a Committee mini-convention set for Saturday morning

at the Sheraton at 9 a.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. Bernard Rollin from Colorado State University.

Videos will again be shown at the Sheraton after each evening performance and videos of all performances will be available to purchase. As in the 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 calcutta on Friday and Saturday in the Zonta room of the Metra, let Jann know and she will send out the invitations in advance. (Invitations are required.)

Past presidents and Secretaries Breakfast is again on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. at the Sheraton. Invitations will be sent the first of January.

We are still searching for people who we've missed in the past. Call Jann and let her know of anyone who should be invited.

PARKING: The Sheraton has made the Burlington North Parking lot (located at 1st Ave. South and 28th Street) available to the NRA. This is for vehicles too large for the parking garage.

You can park there after 5 p.m. on Friday through 10 p.m. Sunday evening. No security will be provided.

There will be a shuttle service between the Metra and the Sheraton for those who want to leave their vehicles at the Metra. There is free parking available for overnight guests of the Sheraton at the parking garage connected to the Sheraton.

Absolutely no parking in the post office parking lots next door to the SHERATON.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Bids needed for Finals timed event cattle

Northern Rodeo Association is seeking contractors for the timed event cattle at the 1990 finals. If you have stock you would like to furnish for the rodeo, contact Jann Parker at the NRA office, 406/252-1122 by December 20.

NRA members make strong showing at Old Timers Finals

Northern Rodeo Association members made a strong showing in the National Old Timers Rodeo Association finals in Reno, Nov. 12-18.

Pat Spratt is the new NOTRA world champion barrel racer. She teamed up with her husband Bill to also win runnerup up in the ribbon roping. With all these event winnings, Pat placed second in the all around standings. Benny Reynolds won the All Around in the 50 and over bracket. Dan Leadbetter and Carl Petersen won second in the finals average and second in the third go at the finals

Ronnie Rossen of Absarokee won the Bull Riding.

Bill, with partner Phil Luman of Shepherd, won the team roping. NRA's own Bob Schall won the finals average winner in the bareback riding and won second in the average in the steer

Big Sky State Games will offer Barrel Racing and Breakaway

Big Sky State Game is adding Breakaway and Barrel Racing to the annual games in Billings. They are currently working on setting up rules and regs.

Carol Rules, Equestrian Commissioner of the Games, says they are currently modifying breakaway rules to suit their contest.

Opening Ceremonies for the games are July 19, in Billings.

Watch for more information on this exciting news in the upcoming newsletters.

Superior wants lights

Superior Lions Club rodeo club is in need of lights for their rodeo. They're considering a Friday night rodeo and need to purchase used lights if possible at a reasonable price. If you know of anyone with used or reasonably priced new outdoor lights, contact the Superior's Lions Club, Box 774, Superior, Mont., 59872

wrestling in the 40-50 year old category. He placed second in the round in the team roping with Bob Craig of Shepherd. Bob also was runnerup in the All Around at the finals in that bracket.

Steve Downing of Helena, split first in the first round of the steer wrestling.

Bareback runnerup for the year is Rich Partin, currently holding down 11th place in the NRA year end bareback standings.

Butch Bratsky, of Billings judged the "Senior Pro Tour rodeo." Jim Thompson announced the rodeo.

Corral West opens 3 stores

Corral West has opened three new stores in the region. Their new locations are West Park Plaza in Billings; in Lewiston, Idaho; and Spearfish, S. D. Thanks to the Corral West crew for their continued support of NRA rodeo.

Reiser please call 252-1122

A payoff mistake found by a recent audit shows Gary Reiser owes \$42.46. Gary please contact the NRA office.

NRA finals will pay out \$40,500, highest in 6 NRA Seasons

The 16th annual NRA finals payoff is set for the 1990 season. The largest payoff in six years, the Finals will pay \$40,500 to the contestants at this year's finals.

Go arounds will pay \$400 for first, \$300 for second; \$200 for third and \$100 for fourth.

Average winners will receive \$600 to win their event (per man in team roping, also). Second in the average pays \$400; third pays \$300 and fourth pays \$150.

A contestants who won first in all three gos and first in the average would win \$1,800!

Personality Questionnaire

Name _____ Age _____
Present Mailing Address _____
Hometown _____
Current occupation _____ If student, where _____
College Major? _____ Marital status _____ Spouse's name _____
Children, names and ages _____
Rodeo events you participate in _____
Biggest wins in 1990 _____
Biggest lifetime rodeo awards, wins _____
Have you competed in the NRA Finals before _____ Years _____
Number of rodeos in 1990 _____ Favorite Rodeo _____
Who most influenced you rodeo career _____
Why do you rodeo _____
Hobbies, interests other than rodeo _____

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 JAN. 7, 1991. ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED ENTRY FORM. NO EXCEPTIONS, IF THE FORM AND ENTRY FEES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY JAN. 7, IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO COMPETE AND THE NEXT PERSON IN THE STANDINGS WILL BE CONTACTED.

Name _____ Social Security No _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Events entered _____ Team Roping Partner _____

Please enclose entry fees: \$150 per event: Team Roping: \$150 per man; Junior events: \$20
STALLS: Stalls will be available on the grounds at the cost of \$5 per stall. Indicate the number of stalls and include the fee with your entry fees. No stalls will be reserved without payment in advance. Stall superintendent will assign stalls at check-in time.
No. of stalls _____ at \$5 _____ Total _____
Coors will once again award jackets to finals participants. Please indicate your size below:

___X-Small ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___X-Large
___XXLarge ___I choose not to have a jacket
Junior events participants:
___6-8 ___8-10 ___12-14 ___14-16 ___Adult Small

PLEASE RESERVE TICKETS FOR NRA BANQUET. WE MUST HAVE ACCURATE COUNT THIS YEAR! YOUR TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU!!
I Plan to attend the NRA banquet. I need _____ tickets at \$12. (Please enclose with finals check.)

1990 Voting Ballot

Every NRA card holding member is invited to vote for their contestant in their event. Mark an "X" the box in the front of the person for who you are selecting. If you desire to write in a candidate, be sure to mark and "X" before his or her name.

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Committee Director (Eastern region, Vote for three)

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Ballots will be counted on Wednesday, January 23, 1991.

Mail Ballot to:

Northern Rodeo Association, Box 1122, Billings, Montana 59103

Signature _____ Card # _____ Events _____

SPECIAL COMPANION TICKET OFFER

Each competitor is entitled to purchase a special half price companion pass. One Companion Only. Money must be enclosed with entry blank. Your choice of \$7, \$8, \$9 seats are all available at half price. Vouchers will be issued, redeemable at MetraPark box office.

Yes, I want to take advantage of the special half price offer:

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(Indicate if \$7, \$8, \$9 tickets are requested. Remember to divide your ticket price in half.)

Northern Rodeo Finals Stock selected by cowboys, contractors

The following stock has been selected for the NRA finals in February:

Bareback: Jacobs Livestock Rodeo: 16 Snappy Tom; 300 Poor Devil; -64 Nellie Blue; F14 Georgie Blue; 53 Greybull Gal; 99 Goldie Locks; Alt: 14 Bad Bill.

Wirtz's Northern Rodeo Company: 69 Corral West; 23 Canadian Calverts; 6 Charlie Russell. Alt: 44 Reservation Red

Small Rodeo Company: 27 Crackpot; 1 Custer County; 90 Come Apart; 77 Featherweight; 181 Deer Lodge; 53 Tyrone; 21 Blackjack; 41 Wolf Creek; Alt: 35 Bonnie Parker

Carpenter's Rocky Mountain Rodeo Company: 873 Dunny; 859 Tipperary; 46 Shoe Lace; C2 Lying Bob; Alt: C57 George Wilson
Saddle Bronc: Jacobs Livestock Rodeo: F18 Camp Robber; 100 Danny Boy; 329 Bees Wax; B51 Annie Blue; Alt: 49 Ironsides.

Wirtz's Northern Rodeo Company: 100 Centennial; 40 Top Rail; 2 Big Snow; H2 Sal-

low Fork; Alt: 91 Jack Pine.

Small Rodeo Company: G Arne Up; 32 Mr. Jones; 100 Calvert High; 672 Quicksand; 79 ZY Pal; J8 Bandwagon; 21 Overdun; E Cimaron; 6 Chippewa; Alt: 321 Countdown.

Carpenter: C18 Catfish; 335 Mountain States; 886 Old Yeller; 813 Crazy 8; Alt: 864 Misery Mountain.

Bulls: Jacobs Livestock Rodeo: 70 Double Boogie; 16 Honker; JT7 Corral West; 791 Charlie Pride; 81 Wilford; 7 Cool Hank Luke; 07 JJ; Alt: 3 Hot House or 95 Kerrville Kid.

Wirtz's Northern Rodeo Company: 5 Nightingale; A33 Desperado; 29 Night Rider; 7 Standing Rock; Alt: 17 Pretty Boy.

Small Rodeo Company: S12 Blackout; 69 Showdown; 07 Binion Blue; 32 Pronghorn; 04 Quatro; Alt: S41 Cowboy Cut.

Carpenter's Rocky Mountain Rodeo Company: 45 Paleface; 63 Gargamel, 5 Bobwhite; 44 Mr. Ed; 54 Wild Thing; Alt: 89 Centennial.

Break-In Jackpot

Thursday, January 31, In the Metra

Starts Promptly at 1 p.m.

(To select top 10 animals to be used for Rodeo)

This jackpot will be open to the top 15 contestants in the NRA standings in the Calf Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ladies Barrel Racing and Ladies Breakaway Roping until January 18. Please return entry form along with your entry fees to the NRA office, by January 18. On Monday, January 21, the jackpot will be opened to any NRA member wanting to compete until the 15 contestants limited to each 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 plus \$10 stock charge. Total \$60 fees. TR - \$50 per man plus \$5 stock charge - Total \$55 per man.

NAME _____

Events _____ Team Roping partner _____

Waiting list will be established. if you are interested send form and entry fees to NRA office.

First come, first served.

All juniors eligible to compete at NRA Finals

All juniors who earned points (won a check) in 1990 NRA rodeos are eligible to compete at the NRA finals in February. All juniors who won in 1990 are listed below:

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1. Trista Taylor, Miles City, \$1,170.30; 2. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 935.40; 3. Aspen Ruhkala, St. Ignatius, 614; 4. Jamie McDowell, Bozeman, 601.50; 5. Tayvee Taylor, Miles City, 420.50; 6. Kelli Porter, Helena, 384; 7. Skye Ogilvie, Florence, 372; 8. Jack Vanderlans, Cameron, 281.50; 9. Codi Smith, Deer Lodge, 181.50; 10. Jamie Anderson, Stevensville, 181; 11. Blue Oglvie, Florence, 120; 12. Carrie Smith, Deer Lodge, 113; 13. Lisa Anderson, Stevensville, 106.75; 14. Tracey Currey, Jordan, 82; 15. Cally Goyins, Helena, 80.50; 16. Codi Clark, Powell, 80; 17. Darcy Murphy, Billings, 70; 18. Jamie Shepard, Kalispell, 63; 19. Dulce Coulson, Deer Lodge, 30.25; 20. Amadalee McPherson, Polson, 20; 21. Tami Fleharty, Grass Range, 16; 22. Jalea Franzen, Sidney, 12.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 704.75; 2. Derick Fleming, Ismay, 685.58; 3. C. B. Wagner, Laurel, 554.50; 4. Jim Cole, Harlem, 491.50; 5. Lance Schuchard, Harlowton, 352; 6. Willy Frerck, Columbus, 325.83; 7. B. J. Holman, Big Fork, 301; 8. Ryan Counts, Pray, 269.50; 9. Brett Fleming, Ismay, Mont, 266.; 10. Cally Goyins, Helena, 230; 11. T. J. Clark, Powell, 214.50; 12. Tyler Holland, Dillon, 210; 13. Jalea Franzen, Sidney, 192.40; 14. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 163; 15. Ralph Page, Jr., Bozeman, 125; 16. Shane Eberline, Dillon, 100.50; 17. Shawn Detienne, Helena, 91.83; 18. Julie Shoen, Bozeman, 83; 19. Tad Else, Dillon, 80; 20. Mandi Holland, Dillon, 79.50; 21. Cody Smith, Sidney, 74; 22. Brant Mikkelson, Buffalo, 72; 23. Ross Wagner, Helena, 66; 24. Brett Robinson, Musselshell, 48; 25. Casey Smith, Sidney, 44.40; 26. Clay Tryan, Shepherd, 44.40; 27. Ryan Malone, Livingston, 35.

JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

1. Jody Petersen, \$1,640.15; Trista Taylor, 1,333.30; 3. Cally Goyins, Helena, 310.50; 4. Jalea Franzen, Sidney, 204.90.



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To:

My name _____

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Two of the NRA's biggest fans are Bud and Bert Roberts of Ballantine, who for years, have donated awards to the junior NRA members. Last year, every winner wrote and thanked the Roberts for their donation of athletic bags. Here are some of the fine examples of thank yous that the Roberts' received.

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Sincerely,
 Mandi Taylor

Thank You

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Roberts,
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 CB Wagner

Sincerely,
 Derick and Brett Fleming

Dear Bud and Bertha Roberts
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 Sincerely,
 Ryan Malone

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Thank you for donating the wonderful bags that were given out at the NRA Finals. People like you make it possible to fulfill our dreams!

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 Jiska Taylor
 Jr. All around 1989

Dear Bud + Bertha Roberts,
 Thank you for the new bags you gave us. I will use it alot in the sports I'm in.

Thanks
 Jason Grebo

Thank You So Much!

Dear Bud and Bertha,
 Thank you for supporting youth rodeo. I participated in the N.R.A. Finals as a jr. Barrel Racer. The athletic bags you donated were really nice. I use mine a lot, and it is fun having one that says N.R.A. Finals

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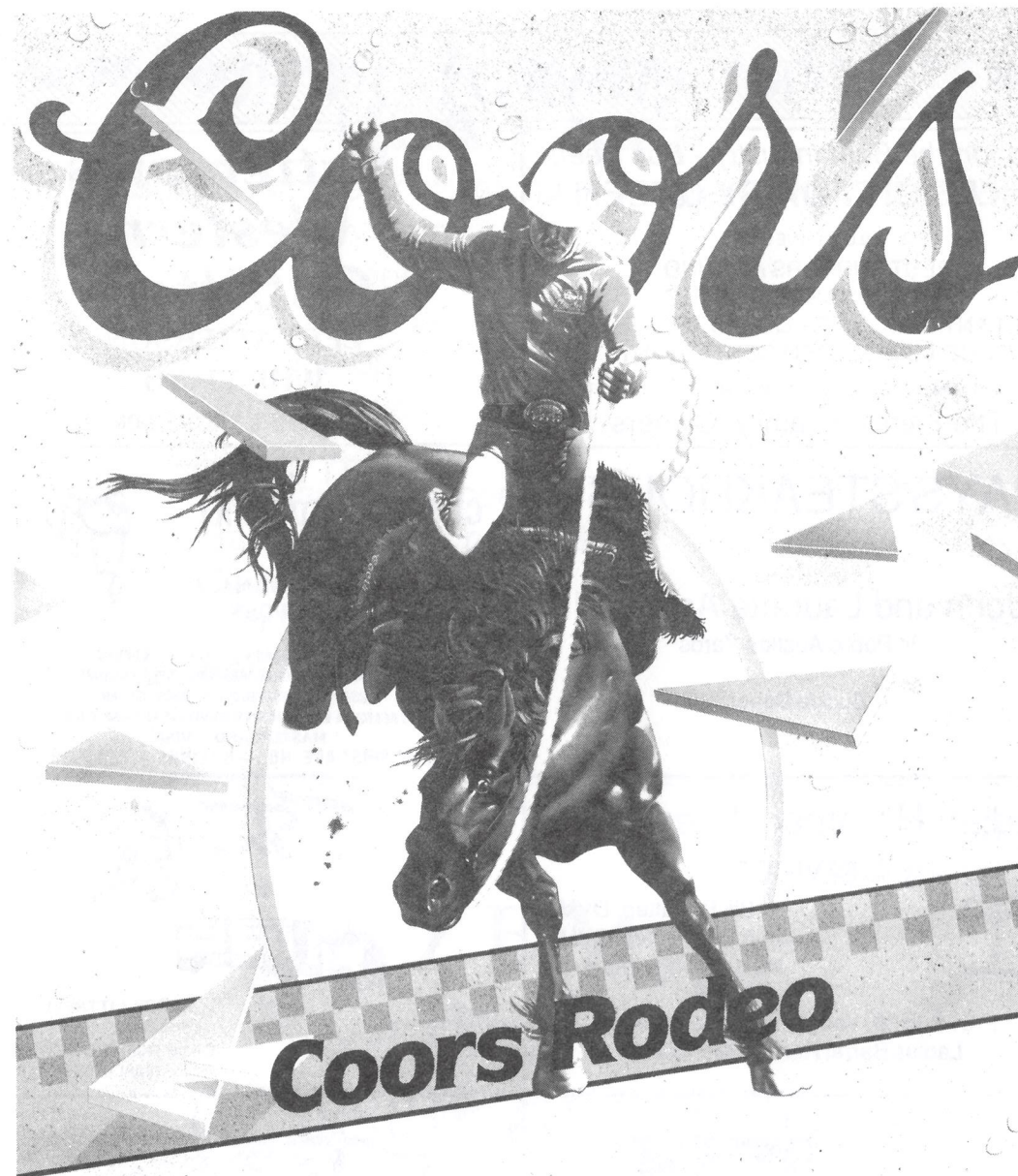
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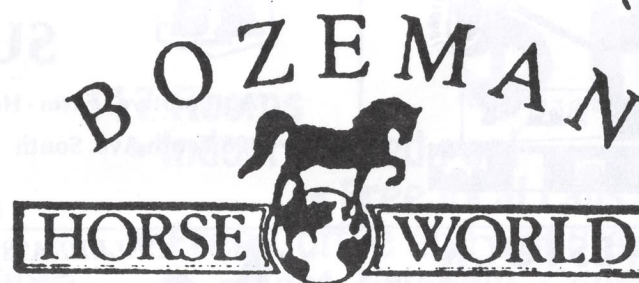
Contestant Check List for the NRA Finals

When you send in your entry form, have you included the following:

- NRA Entry Form
- Check for fees
- NRA voting Ballot
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- Publicity questionnaire
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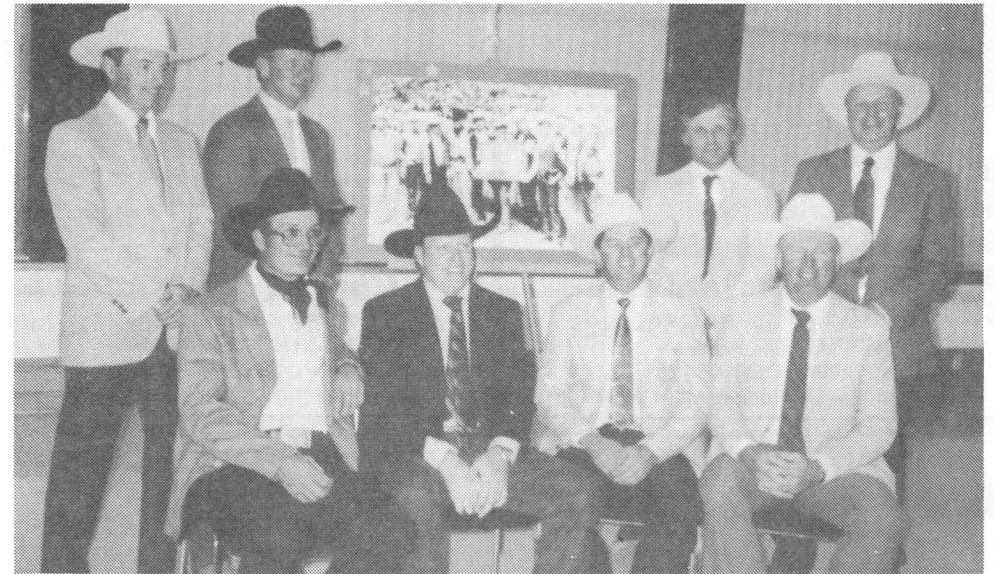


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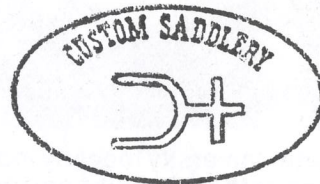
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Every rodeo manager needs to remember at least one cardinal rule - don't bore the audience. If the rodeo doesn't capture the attention of its spectators, it can't entertain them and if they aren't entertained they won't come back next year.

Too often rodeo managers try to cut costs and do so with no thought to how those cost cutting measures will affect the paying customers. Hiring a less expensive announcer is not a cost effective move if that announcer can't help the performance move quickly, can't inform the crowd while entertaining them or has projection or voice problems that irritate the ears of the spectators.

In the same vein, "Saving" the money that quality contract performers cost can also be damaging. Contract performers aren't just fill-ins. They entertain with comedy or dress acts, adding color, humor and/or class to each performance. A quality act doesn't detract from the competition, instead it offers the contrast necessary to put top-notch rodeo competition into perspective for casual fans.

The funny clowns give a welcome, and needed break from the intense action of bareback bronc riding. The color and glamour of a dress act offer obvious contrast to the rough-and-tumble action of steer wrestling.

Local added events such as the wild horse race, wild cow milking or calf scramble add humor to a rodeo and give it a local flavor, but only if the contests are well-organized and done quickly.

Top quality cowboys and cowgirls are important for a rodeo and so is excellent livestock. Crowds are bored when every cowboy bucks off or every roper misses, even if the entire top 15 were among those competing. They also are bored when no one bucks off or every bulldogger catches in less than four seconds. A spectacular buckoff makes a 90-point ride seem truly exceptional. A roper with his hands full of uncooperative beef makes the cowboy who makes an 8-second run look like the highly-trained, hard-working professional that he is.

Rodeo managers should take a long hard look at each performance of their rodeos to make sure they are actually giving the spectators their money's worth. Remember, if the Jones family goes home talking about how much fun they had at this year's rodeo, they'll be back next year and so will their friends.

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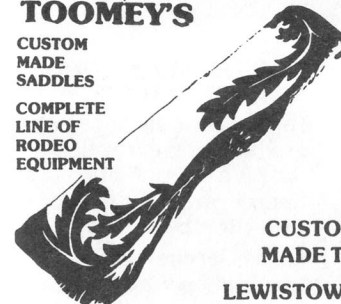


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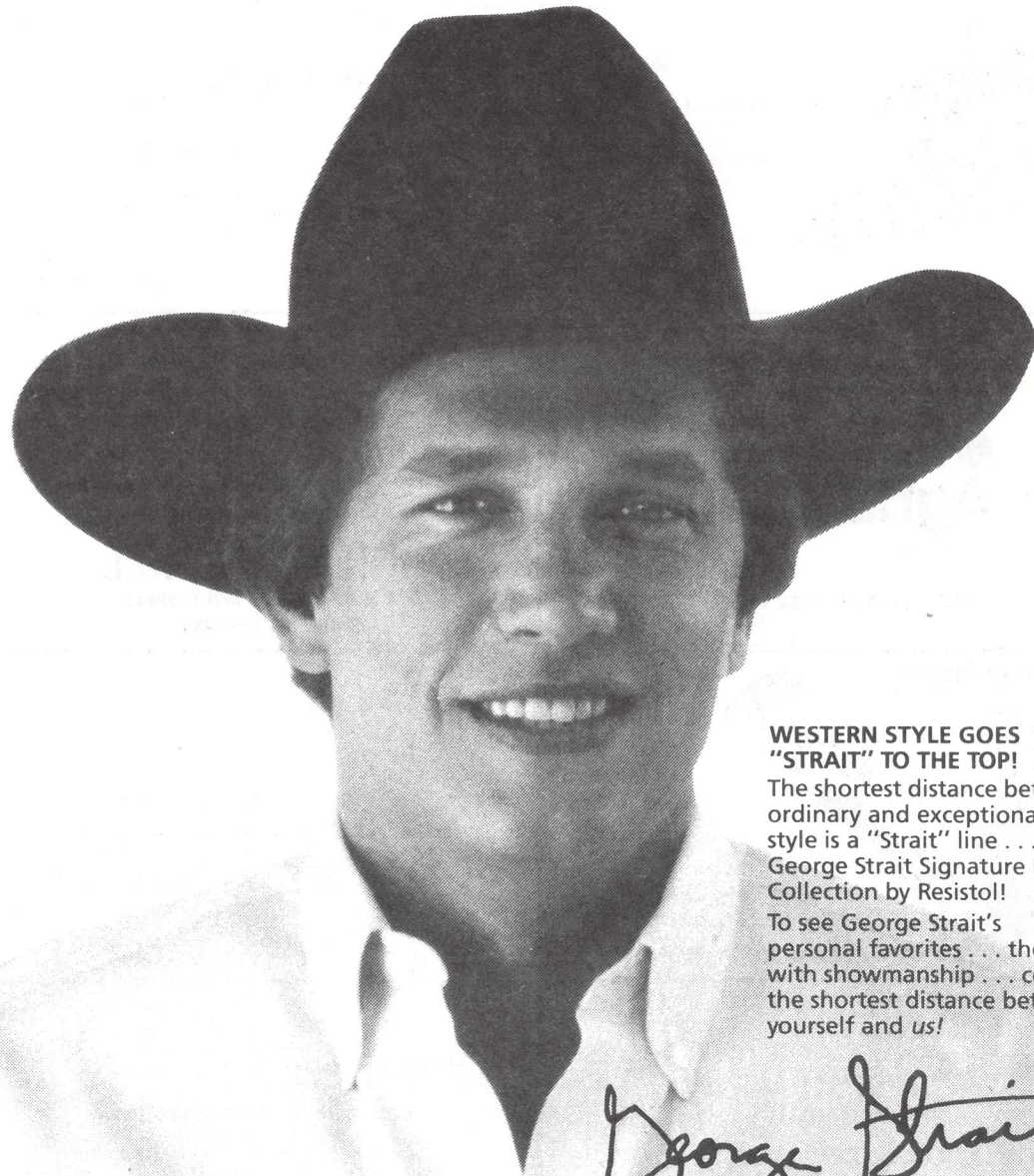
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