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**Entries:** Will be taken Monday, January 4 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. *You must enter on this day and this day only.* If you miss entries there will be no exceptions. You can not enter early and you can not enter late. And all fines must be paid before entries close that day.

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**Junior Finalists:** Watch that mailbox! The NRA Office will be sending you complete entry information including your ticket information, NRA Finals entry form, jacket order form and all you need to know to make it a great NRA Finals weekend! See the junior article in this newsletter.

**Timed Event Jackpot:** Set for Friday, Feb. 5 at 8 a.m. in the METRA. Barrel Racing will start promptly at 8 a.m. All events are limited to 12 contestants per event, except barrel racing. Enter through the NRA Office.

**General Membership Meeting:** Friday, Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. at the METRA. This is your chance to give input into your Association and to catch up on what is happening. Motions passed at this meeting are referred to the Board of Directors for consideration at their meeting the next day.

**Contestant Check-In:** Follows the General Membership meeting at the METRA at 3 p.m. You won't want to miss it...Companion passes will be issued (two tickets per performance, per contestant, NO CHARGE!) your wristband issued, your Chevrolet jacket awarded, releases signed, photos, etc. **IMPORTANT:** Rodeo production meeting, too.

**Cowboy Auctions:** Hosted by East Helena Valley Rodeo Asso-

ciation, the first cowboy auction will be a part of the Friday Hospitality suite in the lower level of METRA. Call the NRA Office for your advance tickets. The second cowboy auction is set for Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Clarion.

**Arena Warm-Up times:** The arena will be open for exercise Friday until noon if the jackpot is over on time. Additional warm-up times may be posted at a later date.

**Ballots:** Have input into the direction and course of YOUR association. Vote, vote, vote. Ballot included in this newsletter.

**Support your Finals** and reach the rodeo crowd, too: NRA Finals rodeo program advertising, booth space, and arena signage are now on sale. Contact the NRA Office.

**Committee Seminar:** Is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6 at 9 a.m. at the Clarion. Topics and agenda will be mailed to the committees in advance. All rodeo committees (NRA or otherwise) are encouraged to attend.

**Board of Directors Meeting:** 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, Clarion Hotel.

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## Derick Fleming leads NRA all-around by just \$56 margin

### Lisa Scheffer has big lead in women's all-around race

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The Northern Rodeo Association season has come to a close.

The competition wasn't for the top spots in each individual event. The most heated battles came at the 10th and final spot which gets a cowboy or cowgirl into the NRA Finals scheduled Feb. 5-7, 1999 at Metra in Billings.

Less than \$5, the price of a fastfood meal, got Beau Franzen of Sidney into the steer wrestling finals over Harlem's Bernard "Eddie" Getten.

Rhonda Kountz of Bozeman got into the top 10 of breakaway roping by less than

\$7 over Helena's Mary Goyins. Marcey Chaffee of Billings took the No. 1 spot in breakaway by just \$72 over Jordan's Tracey Currey.

Less than \$43 separated No. 10 from No. 11 in barrel racing. Colstrip's Kris Bartholomew qualified for the Finals while Monica Gruel of Great Falls will stay home.

Roddy Cameron of Ingomar won enough late to get the No. 10 spot in the steer wrestling standings by \$15 over Cascade's Michael Gollaher.

The all-around cowboy race is one of the tightest in NRA history, with just \$904 separating the top five and \$56 separating No. 1 Derick Fleming of Broadus from Bozeman's Rob Kountz. Lisa Scheffer of Hamilton has a healthy lead of almost \$3,000 in the all-around cowgirl standings.



Seth Planichek of Absarokee aboard Big Circle Rodeo Company's bronc "Red Lizard" at the Ennis 4th of July Rodeo. Seth scored 71 pts. Trudy Bledsoe photo.

## NRA Finals Schedule

### Wednesday, Feb. 3

Afternoon:

Contractor and stock arrives

**PAYS**

6 p.m. Stock Contractors Dinner

### Friday, Feb. 5

8 a.m. Timed Event Jackpot  
Limited to 12 per event **METRA**

8:30 a.m. Logan Coach Judging  
Seminar • **Clarion**

6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
Complimentary Coffee & Donuts  
• **Clarion Lobby**

1 p.m. General Membership  
Meeting • **METRA**

3 p.m. Contestant Check-In •  
**METRA**

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Sponsor/Committee Hospitality  
Suite & Cowboy Auction  
**Lower Level METRA**

6 p.m. - 11 p.m. MetraPark  
Shuttle from Hotel  
7:30 p.m. NRA Finals 1st Perf,  
**METRA**

10 p.m. Video, Dance, **Clarion**

### Saturday, Feb. 6

6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Complimentary Coffee & Donuts •  
**Clarion Lobby**

8 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
• **Clarion**

8 a.m. Junior Events  
Check-In • **METRA**

8 a.m. Logan Coach Judging  
Seminar • **Clarion**

9 a.m. Junior Events Begin  
(both go-arounds) • **METRA**

9 a.m. Committee Seminar **Clarion**

1 p.m. NWRA Board Meeting •  
**Clarion**

3 p.m. Cowboy Auction • **Clarion**

6 p.m. - 11 p.m. MetraPark Shuttle  
from Hotel

6:30-7:30 p.m. Sponsor/Committee  
Hospitality Suite **METRA**

7:30 p.m. NRA Finals  
2nd Perf • **METRA**

10 p.m. Dance, Video • **Clarion**

### Sunday, February 8

6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Complimentary Coffee & Donuts  
• **Clarion Lobby**

9 a.m. Past President's and  
Secretary's Breakfast • **Clarion**

10:30 a.m. Cowboy Church  
Services • **Clarion**

Noon-5:30 p.m. MetraPark  
Shuttle from Hotel

2 p.m. NRA Finals  
3rd Perf • **METRA**

6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Cocktails  
**Clarion**

6:45 p.m. Banquet • **Clarion**

7:30 p.m. Awards Presentation  
**Clarion**

9 p.m. Dance, Video • **Clarion**  
Banquet tickets are \$15 each & may be  
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(December)

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NRA Newsletter staff would like to recognize photographers Trudy Bledsoe and Jared Lucas for their contributions.

If you are looking for a photograph from the 1998 NRA rodeo season, give them a call. Both have ads in this issue. They just may have your photo!

### SEE PHOTOS THIS ISSUE

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### Entries for NRA Finals

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We make it easy for you! The NRA Office accepts VISA and Mastercard for membership card purchases and fine payments, too!



**NRA Finals Contestants and Personnel:** Make it a point to be at contestant check-in on Friday at the METRA. There will be a Finals production meeting held at that time, also. Stay "in the know" about YOUR Finals rodeo.

**Finals Poker Tournament:** Currently in the works at press time. Contact Kennedy Walsh or the NRA Office for more information! Past Poker Tournery Champions include: Rick Tryan, Kennedy Walsh, and Shane Kountz.

### Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs Convention Update

This years Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs convention was held at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls. This convention is attended by fair committees from Montana, Idaho, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.

The NRA sent a strong crew to this year's convention: Theresa Caldwell, Paula Harris, Sparky Dreesen, Stan and Tootie Rasmussen, and Charlie Briggs.

The NRA hosted a hospitality suite for existing and potential committees.

This was a great convention for the NRA. We had many committees in our suite that had countless discussions regarding their rodeos, fund raising, marketing, etc. We had several committees that are not NRA rodeos but are seriously considering going with a NRA rodeo!

I would like to thank Paula, Sparky, Stan, Tootie and Charlie for doing a super job in representing the NRA. I would like to also thank the committees for taking the time to stop by and visit with us. Next year's convention will be held in Minot, ND.

To any of you who would like to attend the fair convention, I encourage you to do so. This is a very educational convention for committees and service members.

## BONUS BUCKS UPDATE

Cross your fingers, wear your lucky shirt and Wranglers & Don't Miss Out!

Because on Friday, February 5 we will be drawing for \$1,000 cold, hard cash and on Saturday, \$2,500 big ones. Then, on Sunday, February 7, the ultimate grand prize...a Logan Coach Trailer!

NRA Members: Send in those Logan Coach stubs or bring them with you to contestant check-in.

Tickets will be sold at the NRA Booth on the concourse above the bucking chutes during the NRA Finals. \$5 a chance!

**You can't win if you don't play!**

Your Logan Coach Judge's Program is designed to benefit all of us...committees, contestants, stock contractors, rodeo fans, and the judge's...to build and better our judging program.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Logan Coach judges program and be approved to judge NRA rodeos, don't miss your opportunity to attend the Judging Seminar during the NRA Finals. This seminar will be under the instruction of PRCA Wrangler Pro Official Mike Steiger. See complete details in the ad in this issue!



Check out this trailer! Grand prize on Sunday, Feb. 7.



Logan Coach judge Andy Livingston ready to mark Whitehall, MT bronc rider Don Tescher's ride at Forsyth Rodeo Days. It was thirty years to the day, June 6, 1968, that Don Tescher rode is first bronc. Trudy Bledsoe photo.

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It states on the buckle "In Appreciation", as I understand for my work in representing the NRA in legal matters.

It is hard to convey the depth of my appreciation for the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Board and the NRA Members they represent.

I have enjoyed my association with all of you and feel blessed to be a part of the sport of rodeo.

I told the Board this will not dampen my desire to someday *win* a buckle.

Thanks again to all of you.

Sincerely,

Max A. Hansen

### Noteworthy!

Congratulations to NRA Champion Shirlee Fossum who was recently named an officer for Financial Women International for 1998-99 for the Montana/Wyoming District.

### Nice Article!

The Billings Gazette recently ran an article on Connolly Saddlery. We thought you would enjoy it, too!

The coffee's always on for hometown service at Connolly Western Wear & Tack, where the family owners recently expanded the store's selection of ropes and the area in which customers can test them.

Connolly's also expanded its ladies' clothing lines to include Bar None, and the men's clothing with Longhorn shirts.

A new line of saddle pads by Star and equine leg wraps by Equine Textiles also spark up the inventory.

Owners David and Barbara Wagner are proud that the people at Connolly's know the styles, fit and updated trends in clothing and tack to serve you better. Plus, parking is free of charge.

Connolly Western Wear and Tack carries boots, hats, clothing, jewelry and accessories, and outdoor wear by Comfy, Koolah, and Cripple Creek.

The shop also provides tack and equine supplies. Located at 2911 Montana Avenue, Connolly's can be reached at 252-3312.



## NRA Finals Entry Form

Official Call-In entries will be taken on Mon., January 4 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. • 406-252-1122 • Top ten eligible to compete • All fines must be paid before entries close • See complete info in this newsletter

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Events entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Roping partner: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Jackpot Info:

Friday, Feb. 5 • 8 a.m.

Limited to 12 per event except LBR

#### Entry fees:

Calf roping, steer wrestling, ladies breakaway \$60 • Team Roping \$55/Man Ladies Barrels \$35

Call NRA Office to enter

Send a separate check for jackpot

• **ENTRY FEES:** \$150 per event, per man in team roping

• **STALLS** are \$10 for the weekend and must be paid for in advance

• **BANQUET TICKETS** are \$15 each and we encourage you to purchase them now (that way we have an idea on numbers - tickets will be mailed in advance)

• **COCKTAIL PARTY INVITES** are complimentary, but necessary for admission.

ENTRY FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

STALL \$ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BANQUET \$ Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cocktail invites needed: Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL: \$\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Help us compile a fun NRA Finals Newsletter. Please take a minute to complete the following info! Thanks!

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rodeos in 1998: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you could change one rule, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

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What could the NRA do better? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you like best about the NRA? \_\_\_\_\_

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# \*\*\*Official NRA Ballot\*\*\*

Every NRA card holding member is invited to vote for three East Committee Directors. Only contestants who compete in the actual event are eligible to vote for event directors. Mark and "X" in the box next to the person for whom you are selecting. If you desire to write in a candidate, be sure to mark an "X" next to his or her name. Candidates names appear in alphabetical order.

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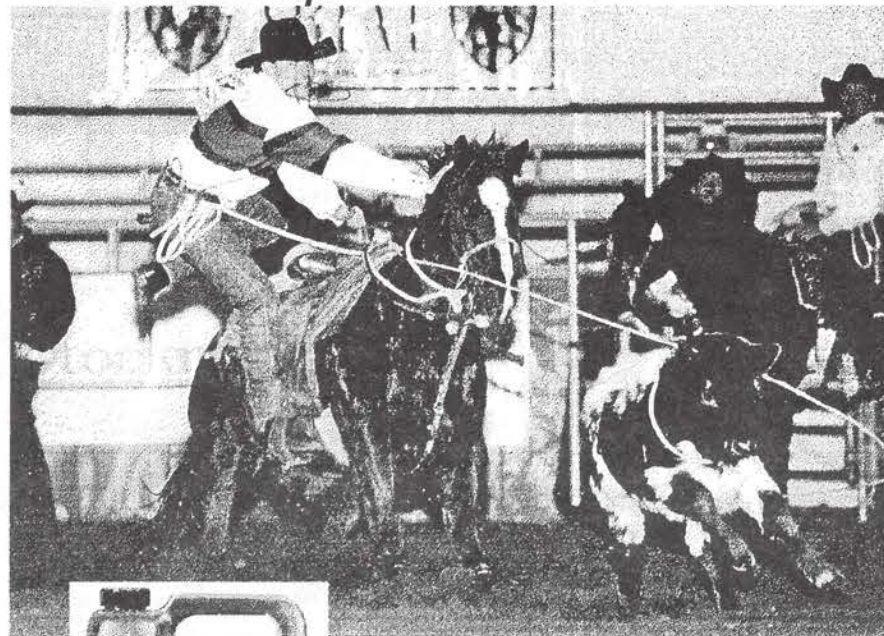


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Who taught you leatherwork: Bob Pletan and Tom Stifter  
Favorite rodeo event: bronc riding!  
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Favorite rodeo event: Saddle Bronc  
Favorite leather piece to build: Saddles  
Years as a saddlemaker: 10 years

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Favorite rodeo event: Saddle Bronc  
Favorite leather piece to build: Saddles

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Who taught you leatherwork: Saddles - Pat Devaney, Lewistown  
Favorite rodeo event: Saddle Bronc  
Favorite leather piece to build: Saddles

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 Who taught you leatherwork: Self taught  
 Favorite rodeo event: Saddle bronc  
 Favorite leather piece to build: Breastcollars  
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 Favorite rodeo event: Saddle Bronc & Steer Wrestling  
 Favorite leather piece to build: Chaps!!!  
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 Hometown: Winnett  
 Favorite Tooling Pattern: to try a new one!  
 Who taught you leatherwork: Self taught  
 Favorite rodeo event: calf roping

Favorite leather piece to build: Saddles  
 Years as a saddlemaker: 16

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 Favorite Tooling Pattern: Any handcarving  
 Who taught you leatherwork: Jim Darden, Cheyenne  
 Favorite rodeo event: Bull Riding

Favorite leather piece to build: Repair because you can learn from it  
 Years as a saddlemaker: 2  
 Favorite Country Singer: Waylon Jennings

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 Hometown: Billings  
 Favorite Tooling Pattern: Western Floral  
 Who taught you leatherwork: Buck Bradford  
 Favorite rodeo event: Saddle Bronc  
 Favorite leather piece to build: Saddles  
 Years as a saddlemaker: 25 plus!

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 Favorite leather piece to build: Saddles  
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# 1998 Year-End Awards

The Northern Rodeo Association can truly be proud of their awards program.

With the support of sponsors and the craftsmen and women who build the trophy saddles and other unique awards, the NRA can boast of having one of the finest award programs in regional rodeo.

For the seventh consecutive year, the NRA will award hand-made trophy saddles to each event and all-around champion. Read about the Montana saddlemakers who participate in this exclusive program in this newsletter.

The trophy buckles will be designed and crafted by former NRA bronc rider Arne Esp. Arne has made the buckles for the NRA the past three seasons.

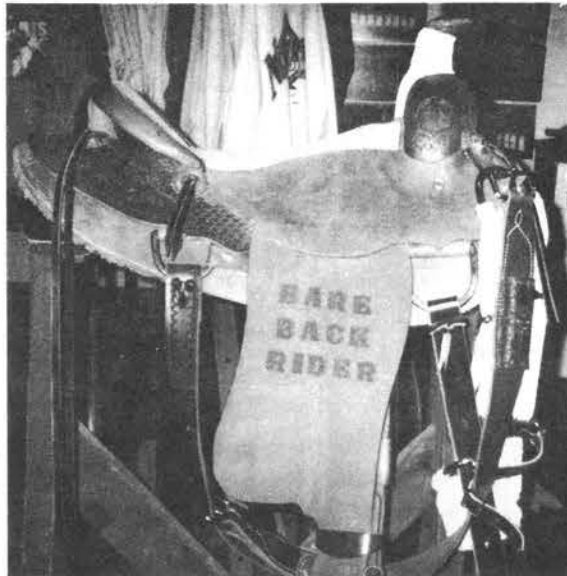
Runnerup awards include collectible spurs - custom made by former Montanan and NRA calf roper - Gordy Alderson now of Tucson, AZ.

Third place awards include Spyderco Trophy knives for all the men's events and custom engraved watches for the women's events.

Fourth place in all events will receive Coors gear bags.

Timed-event horses of the year will win trophy saddleblankets made by Levi Britton.

Andy and Diane Livingston, owners of the Horse Corral - have again designed and will sponsor the exquisite Rookie buckles.



Currently on display in the NRA office are the handcrafted trophy saddles built by Duncan Vezain of Red Lodge (L) and Wes Schenk of Harlowton (R).

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## Northern Rodeo Association Introduces The Northern Women's Rodeo Association

As you have probably heard, the N.R.A. received a request this summer from a man to be allowed to compete in the Ladies Barrel Racing event in the N.R.A. rodeos. This person was advised that in order for him to compete, there would have to be a rule change, which could not take place until the Fall meeting of the N.R.A. Board.

N.R.A. Board members received and reviewed copies of the correspondence that alluded to litigation if the N.R.A. did not grant this request. The N.R.A. attorney was asked by the Board to review the Bylaws and Rules, a similar case involving the W.P.R.A. and advise the Board on the best course of action to take in light of the threatened litigation.

At the Fall Board meeting the Board heard a proposal from the N.R.A. attorney to eliminate the ladies events from the N.R.A. and allow the lady contestants to form a new organization, the Northern Women's Rodeo Association (N.W.R.A.), which would co-sanction the Ladies Breakaway Roping and Barrel Racing events at all future N.R.A. rodeos. This would occur in much the same fashion as the W.P.R.A. works with the P.R.C.A. in conducting the barrel

racing events at the P.R.C.A. rodeos. Because of threats of litigation, the Board decided it was in the best interests of the N.R.A. and the competitors in the ladies events to amend the rules per the N.R.A. attorney's proposal. The N.R.A. will no longer sanction the ladies events after the 1998 N.R.A. finals. The N.W.R.A. will now co-sanction these events with the N.R.A.

The N.R.A. attorney has prepared draft Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules for the new N.W.R.A. Now we need you to come together at a meeting to discuss the new organization and complete the paperwork to have the N.W.R.A. ready for the 1999 rodeo season. The N.R.A. Board and its attorney are willing to provide the initial support for this effort. We hope you can meet at the NRA Finals on February 6, 1:00 p.m. at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. We'll look forward to seeing you there with your questions, concerns and great ideas for an active N.W.R.A.

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Please do not miss the first meeting of the N.W.R.A. This is a *HISTORICAL* event and you do not want to miss it. This is your chance to make a difference in *YOUR* association.  
We look forward to seeing you there.



# NRA JUDGING SEMINAR

**February 5 • 8:30 a.m.**

**February 6 • 8:00 a.m.**

**Billings Hotel and Convention Center**  
**(formerly the Clarion)**

*This seminar will be held during the NRA Finals.  
Level 3 - 5 Judges must attend this seminar  
to be eligible to judge rodeos for the 1999 season.*

The Northern Rodeo Association is coordinating this seminar along with Wrangler Pro Official Mike Steiger. The seminar will be tailored to fit NRA Rodeos and Competition. There is no charge to attend this seminar and the NRA encourages anyone interested in attending to do so. If you are interested in judging rodeos in 1999 this seminar is required before you can judge.



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# CORRAL WEST RODEO SERIES POINT STANDINGS

## Year-End Final Standings

Corral West Series Rodeos included: Forsyth Rodeo Days, Absarokee, Big Timber, Roundup, East Helena, Harlowton, Three Forks, Boulder, Ft. Benton, and Billings.

Points are given as follows: 4 pts for 1st; 3 pts for 2nd; 2 pts for 3rd; 1 pt for 4th.



### Bareback Riding

- 1. Doug Leeds, Havre ..... 18.0
- 2/3 Dusty Solomon, Havre ..... 12.5
- 2/3 Jesse Burleigh, Lewistown ..... 12.5

### Saddle Bronc Riding

- 1. Shane Moran, Dillon ..... 20.5
- 2. Jordan Harmon, Kalispell ..... 11.0
- 2. Scotty Augare, Browning ..... 9.2

### Bull Riding

- 1 Rick Wock, Butte ..... 12.3
- 2 Robert Bright, Meeteetse ..... 12.2
- 3. Will Stovall, Red Lodge ..... 6.7

### Steer Wrestling

- 1 Jeff Solomon, Havre ..... 10.5
- 2/3 Roddy Cameron, Ingomar ..... 7
- 2/3 Steve Blixt ..... 7

### Calf Roping

- 1. Gary Woodworth, Billings ..... 12.0
- 2. Chris Witcher, Miles City ..... 10.5
- 3. Bert Vermandel, Billings ..... 8.0

### Team Roping

- 1. Rich Carpenter, Kalispell ..... 12
- 2/3 Dennis Tryan, Huntley ..... 10
- 2/3 Clay Tryan, Huntley ..... 10

### Ladies Barrel Racing

- 1. Dawn Odom, Darby ..... 18
- 2. Lisa Scheffer, Hamilton ..... 14
- 3. Diana Morris, Silver Bow ..... 11

### Ladies Breakaway Roping

- 1. Marcey Chaffee, Billings ..... 11.3
- 2. Erlonna Mikkelson, Buffalo ..... 11.0
- 3/4 Mandy Floerchinger ..... 8.0
- 3/4 Rhonda Kountz ..... 8.0

### Junior Barrel Racing

- 1. Colt Tew, Belgrade ..... 34
- 2. Lacey Fleharty, Grass Range ..... 13
- 3. Sheena Berry, Stevensville ..... 11

### Junior Breakaway Roping

- 1. Casey Currey, Jordan ..... 14.5
- 2. Colt Tew, Belgrade ..... 14.0
- 3. Sam Levine, Wolf Creek ..... 10.5

## Coors Bareback Horse of the Year: Gardner Rodeo Company's 04 Sagebrush Sally

This nine-year old paint mare has her roots in eastern Montana...Wolf Point, to be exact.

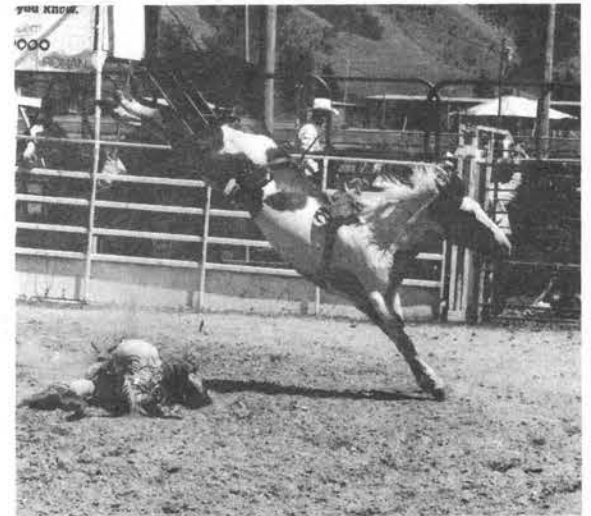
Coors Sagebrush Sally was raised by the legendary Marvin Brookman.

She came to western Montana as part of a deal on a bucking bull trade.

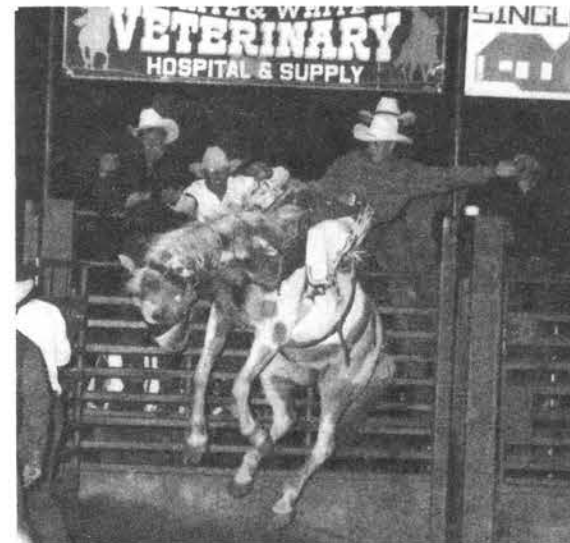
When the opportunity presented itself for Tracy Gardner to buy her, he did just that.

"She's not a rank mare, she is the one everybody wants to get on...she is the money horse in the pen", commented Tracy. "She is consistently 78 or 79 points", he added.

And look for more of her kind to follow - Gardner's have a yearling filly out of her by the great bucking horse stud "Chuteboss".



## Coors Saddle Bronc of the Year: Big Circle Rodeo Company's 00Arapahoe



This 10-year old paint gelding's reputation precedes him: seven rodeos in three states were won on this horse this past rodeo season.

In addition, Arapahoe has earned the 1997 South Dakota Rodeo Association Bronc of the Year title, SDRA Horse of the Finals crown, and the 1997 Northwest Ranch Cowboys Association Saddle Bronc of the Year award.

They won a round on him at the Casey Tibbs Matched Bronc Ride at Ft. Pierre and won the top six ride-off at the Jordan Match Bronc Ride.

"He is the best investment I ever made", commented Sparky Dreesen, owner of Big Circle Rodeo Company.

## Coors Bull of the Year: Newman Rodeo Company's 00 Three Way

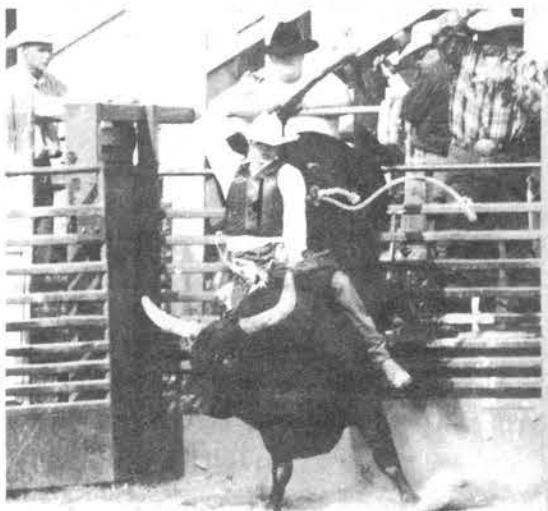
This five-year-old red brindle with big horns is the result of Sid Newman's bucking bull program.

"Three Way" is a three-way cross of Watusi, Longhorn, and Highlander.

The original plan for Three Way was to become a roping steer but as luck would have it, Rodney bought him from Sid and used him at High School Rodeos as a 3 year-old.

"He's the boss and the leader in the bull pen", commented Rodney, who has found that his best bulls at one time or another are the leader of the herd.

"Cowboys like to draw him, but he doesn't get ridden much", he added.



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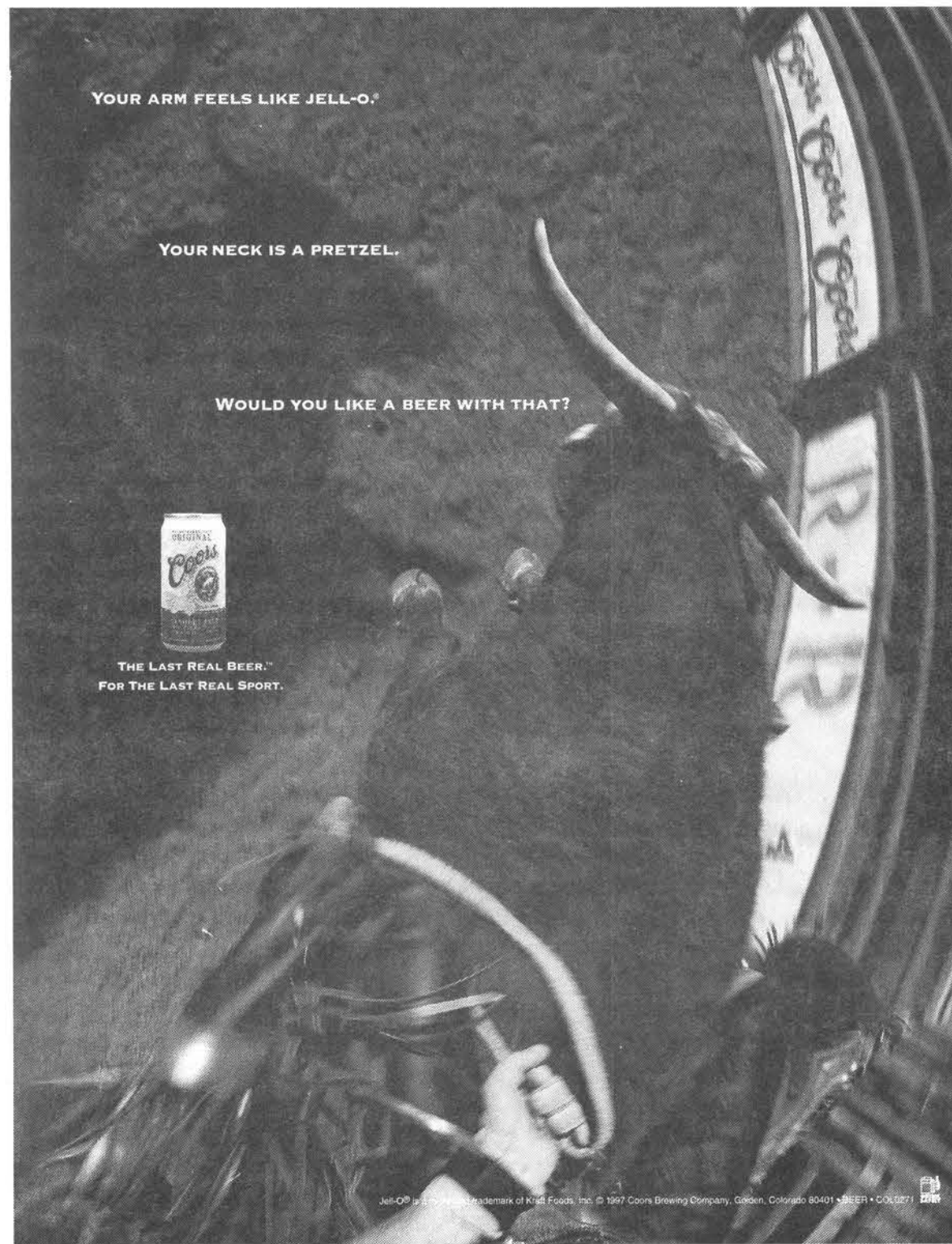
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### BAREBACK HORSE OF THE YEAR:

04 COORS SAGEBRUSH SALLY  
owned by Gardner Rodeo Company

### SADDLE BRONC HORSE OF THE YEAR:

00 APRAPHOE  
owned by Big Circle Rodeo Company

### BULL OF THE YEAR:

00 THREE WAY  
owned by Newman Rodeo

## In memory of Gee Caufield

by Barbara Wagner  
Special to the NRA News

"Love your neighbor as yourself." A commandment mentioned at least seven times in scripture, fulfilled in an honorable example of community service.

We lost a special friend October 31, 1998. Although he wasn't one to boast of things he'd done, I felt our community deserved to know how this man indirectly if not directly touched *your* life.

In the mid 80's several girls, including Gees's daughter Francie, set out to establish a way for barrel racers to start and season novice barrel horses without traveling a lot or costing a fortune in entry fees...Alas, the meager beginnings of Billings Barrel Race Series; \$5 fees and a different arena to run in each week.

Caufield's Park City arena was where we went; Caufield's is where kids events materialized...Alas, the meager beginnings of the Youth Series which went on to become so big it needed a night of its own because of so many entries and now even that has had to divide into two groups today known as Young Riders Series with a membership of 80 and Tomorrows Rodeo Champions with a membership of 65. The

Billings Barrel Race Series has grown to a membership of over 100.

Now over 10 years since its beginnings here's "the rest of the story".

We girls may have conceived the idea, but Gee Caufield built it.

When we wanted a worthy prize to work toward - Gee came up with a saddle; when we wanted to include kids and roping - Gee came up with the cattle; when we wanted

"Gee never said much - listening and action were more his style."

jackets for all the participants - Gee and Lauralea set up a concession stand and donated all the proceeds; when we wanted a barrel race to measure where we were with our young horses - Gee helped put on a Women's Professional Rodeo Association barrel race.

Gee never said much - listening and action were more his style. But big things got done when he was around and people benefited. And that's how life of one man touched your life by fulfilling the scripture, *love your neighbor as yourself.*

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# Where are they Now?

This is the fourth in a series of past champions (call them heros or legends if you want). A touch of some of the past success and history of rodeo sometimes gets forgotten in today's rodeo world. In many cases, the people who competed in the past set the pace for what rodeo is today. Meet Joe Smith.

## Ranching and Rodeo and Family

It was fun to see Joe Smith again as he came through the door of the Public Auction Yards in Billings.

Joe had brought down a load of calves from his ranch in Ronan that were going to sell that Wednesday at PAYS.



That's what he does now. Ranch. With his wife, Diana, ( a former NRA Barrel racer) and their children, Jace, Jana, and Jackie Jo, the Smith's ties to rodeo still run deep.

Joe grew up in a rodeoing household: two of his sisters remain very active in NRA rodeo, Penny O'Hern and Zana Lytle. In addition, his brother, Mike Smith, is the husband and father to the Deer Lodge barrel racing Smith family that includes his

wife, Peggy and daughters Carrie and Codi, sons Gairrett and Guy.

Qualifying for the Montana Rodeo Association (MRA) finals countless times in the Bareback Riding and winning the NRA Bareback Championship title in 1982, Joe Smith also collected Canadian championship titles in 1984 and 1985 in the Chinook Rodeo Association.

Joe also served on the NRA Board of Directors as the western Bareback Riding representative.

He now serves on the Ronan school Board.

In reflection on how "rodeo used to be", Joe commented how he appreciated the "camaraderie and the people you meet along the way."



Joe Smith aboard Jacobs Rodeo Company's bronc "Wilbur" at Three Forks.

# New Arenas and New Ground

by Rhonda Kountz, Ladies Breakaway Roping Director  
Special to the NRA News

We would like to acknowledge that some of our Northern Rodeo Association committees worked very hard this past year building new arenas and also hauling in some nice sand.

Gardiner and Three Forks built quality new arenas and also hauled in many loads of nice sand!

Wilsall rodeo committee has rebuilt part of their arena and also hauled in some new dirt. Check out the new roping boxes, too.

East Helena also hauled in some new sand into their existing arena making this rodeo even better.

The ground in these arenas will be

excellent next summer!

We would like to send a big Thank You to these committees for all of their hard work.

Having good ground to compete on is great! It is much better for our horses and all of the rodeo stock, too.

We really do appreciate all of the hard work these committees and all of the other committees do to continue building their rodeo into the best it can be.

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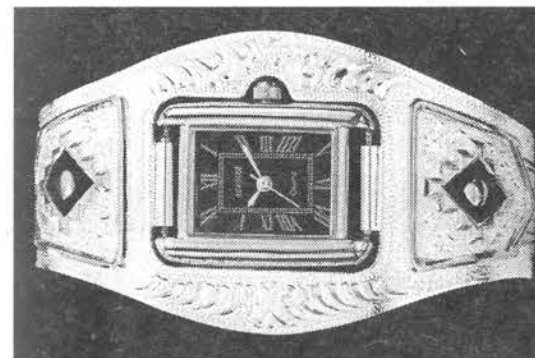
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# Good-Bye, Lila Mae

by Linda Gibbs, Montana Horseman's Journal  
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"If she could have written her life's script, that would have been how she'd have ended it," said Earl Stewart, Lila Mae's husband.

Lila Mae Bean Stewart died of injuries received when her horse stepped in a badger hole and fell while they were working some cows.

Anyone who ever turned a barrel in Montana or any of the northwestern states knows the name of Lila Mae and many were fortunate enough to know the grand lady of barrel racing. "Her eyes were always smiling," a fellow barrel racer remembered.

Born Lila Mae Bean on April 14, 1928 in Helena, Montana, she began her rodeo career in cow cutting at MSU. At that time no one had any cow cutting knowledge, but Lila Mae's very "cowey" calf horse, great riding skills and finesse combined to give her victory. She won the very first pro rodeo barrel race in Montana and went on to win every rodeo in the state during her career. She made two trips to the NFR and in 1973 was runner-up World Champion. In 1974 she and "Bomber" posted the fastest time at the NFR.

Her favorite win was the 1974 champion buckle from Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Lila Mae was instrumental in organizing the WPRA in 1965 and served as the northern region director for six years.

Earl met Lila Mae while working in a saddle shop in Helena. They attended a horse sale on their first date. They married

and moved to Missoula where they both worked in the stock yards. Later they opened Stewarts Saddlery which was known as one the best "real cowboy" stores in the area.

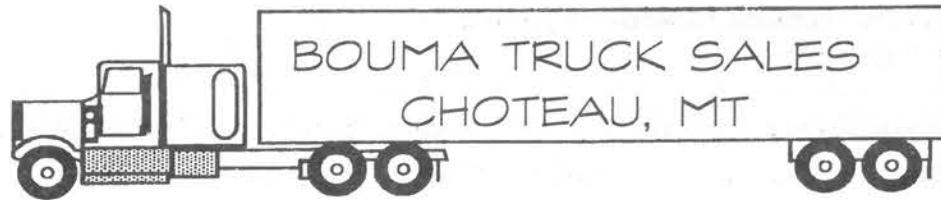
Earl was an RCA calf roper, team roper and past president and long-time board member of the Montana Quarter Horse Association. Earl and Lila Mae's children, Curt and Jackie, are also avid riders. Earl says Curt is a "pretty tough team roper" and Jackie and her daughter barrel race.

The legacy goes on and Lila Mae Stewart won't soon be forgotten.



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3 Lacy Fleharty, Grass Range .....	1350.04
4 Dawn Odom, Darby .....	842.93
5 Cody Tew, Belgrade .....	738.29
6 Kayce Greany, Helena .....	685.15
7 Cee Cee Tryan, Helena .....	662.96
8 Kiley Haugland, Belgrade .....	628.20
9 Arena Robertson, Augusta .....	581.96
10 Shae Cole, Huson .....	569.76
11 Mandy Whitford, Browning .....	281.76
12 Shyla Epler, Helena .....	232.31
13 Katie Vanderlans, Cameron .....	225.60
14 Mandy Dreesen, Circle .....	221.28
15 Tommy Camp, Condon .....	220.41
16 Olivia Lee, Billings .....	219.84
17 Julie Novak, East Helena .....	181.44
18 Bobbie Taylor, Butte .....	145.09
19 Brittany Bird, Cut Bank .....	103.68
20 Tierani Brusett, Brusett .....	92.52
21 Christina Collins, Dillon .....	89.28
22 Sara Scott, Billings .....	82.56
23 Danna Whitford, Browning .....	25.92
24 Jennifer Weeding, Jordan .....	22.06

## JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1 Casey Currey, Jordan .....	1711.71
2 Colt Tew, Belgrade .....	1415.49
3 Cee Cee Tryan, Helena .....	797.20
4 Zane Hollenbeck, Molt .....	686.30
5 Tierani Brusett, Brusett .....	651.16
6 Travis Nichols, Helena .....	645.93
7 Delon Parker, Billings .....	622.66
8 Henry Hollenbeck, Molt .....	545.86
9 Sam Levine, Wolf Creek .....	525.70
10 Arian Robertson, Augusta .....	457.83
11 Josh Boka, Dillon .....	457.15
12 Bobbie Robertson, Augusta .....	414.38
13 Sarah Scott, Billings .....	329.28
14 Clint Weeding, Jordan .....	319.68
15 Coulter Gruel, Great Falls .....	312.46
16 Kaycee Greany, Helena .....	278.40
17 Chase Tryan, Helena .....	254.97
18 Josh Clark, Belgrade .....	251.90
19 Bryant Worthen, Dubois, ID .....	240.19
20 Chris Cole, Harlem .....	224.83
21 Rusty Knuths, Ismay .....	212.53
22 John Robertson, Augusta .....	209.61
23 Alfred Franzen, Sidney .....	187.49
24 Dawn Odom, Darby .....	182.49
25 Eldon Paul Luchsinger, Atoka, OK .....	165.12
26 Bobbe McMillan, Whitehall .....	143.76
27 Nolan Conway, Browning .....	125.28
28 Clint Gorrell, Beach, ND .....	124.80
29 Sheena Berry, Stevensville .....	82.56
30 Colt Gorrell, Beach, ND .....	53.40
31 Cody Tew, Belgrade .....	34.08
32 Branigan Brownell, Belgrade .....	19.80



# NRA Junior Update!

Complete information including entry format will be sent directly from the NRA Office to each Junior Finals qualifier. A quick overview of what to expect follows:

Sunday, Feb. 7 is Family Day at the NRA Finals. This final performance will also include the top five NRA junior finalists in both events competing during the regular performance at 2 p.m.

As in year's past, all junior finalists will compete on Saturday in two-go-rounds of competition. Your schedule looks like this: Saturday, Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. check-in at METRA. At this time there will

be a meeting and your jackets and armbands will be issued.

Following your meeting, the order of events on Saturday, Feb. 7 include the junior breakaway starting promptly at 9 a.m. then to the first run of barrels, the second run of barrels, and then the second run of breakaway roping.

Tickets for performances will again be made available to you, watch your mail for complete details and your order form.

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## Friday, October 16, 1998

### NRA Office • Billings, MT

President Charlie Briggs called the meeting to order.

Roll was taken and a quorum verified. Those members present included: President, Charlie Briggs; Travis Caldwell, Calf Roping; Kent Robbins, Saddle Bronc Riding; Rob Kountz, Team Roping; Rodney Newman, Stock Contractors; Dick Lyman, Contract Personnel; Rhonda Kountz, Ladies Breakaway Roping; Paula Harris, Ladies Barrel Racing; Teri Jo Lyman, Junior Events; Advisory Board Members: Alvin Wagner, Karen Miller, Ed Waldhauser; Committee Directors East: Joe Murnion; Association attorney, Max A. Hansen.

Financial Report was read and approved subject to audit. Association finances were discussed and an overview of 1998 rodeo season given. Ed Waldhauser is to work with the NRA Office to set up separate accounts for the general fund and NRA Finals.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**North American Rodeo Commission:** Ed Waldhauser reported that there will be no NARC rodeo held this year. The NARC is continuing its search for an appropriate location to hold the rodeo.

**Friends of Rodeo:** Karen Miller updated the board.

**Awards Program:** The overall program was discussed. It was moved and seconded: That the year-end awards will be ordered by the NRA Office. PASSED.

**NRA Finals:** Jann Parker updated the board on NRA Finals. The NRA Finals committee was discussed and a new committee formed: Dick Lyman, Max Hansen, Charlie Briggs and Paula Harris.

**Judges Program:** Judges Evaluations were discussed. Discussion was had on a judging seminar. It was moved and seconded: That a judging seminar will be held during the NRA Finals and it is mandatory for a level 3-5 judge to attend this seminar to be eligible to judge NRA rodeos the following year.

**Logan Coach:** Theresa Caldwell updated the board on Logan Coach finances.

**Fair Convention:** Theresa Caldwell updated the board on the dates of the RMAF Convention.

#### **Old Business:**

Membership rule M.1.10.1 was discussed. It was moved and seconded that the Board: amend rule M.1.10.1: All individuals must purchase their card through the NRA Office before they can enter a rodeo. The application must be signed, witnessed or notarized and have correct amount of money or it will be refused. The application and membership fee must reach the NRA Office no later than on the day entries are taken. Applications received on or before the last business day before entries are taken shall be subject to the dues set forth in M.2.1.1. Late applications shall be subject to an additional \$25.00 late fee. Passed.

#### **New Business:**

Mark Bugni addressed the board with his request to compete in the Ladies Barrel Racing event. Some discussion ensued and questions were asked of Mark by the Association attorney. Upon the recommendation of the Association's attorney this matter was deferred to later in the meeting and Mark was told that he could remain until that time for the Board's decision.

Phil Luman's letter regarding his judging status was read and discussed.

Dale McQueary's letter concerning past interpretation of the rules and Central Entry was read and discussed.

Discussion followed regarding Marcey Chaffee's letter and rule issues raised concerning stock for Calf Roping and Ladies Breakaway Roping. It was moved and seconded: to add a rule: R.10.11. Livestock used for calf roping shall not be used for breakaway roping and vice versa unless approved by the stock contractor and the event directors. Passed.

Discussion followed concerning Rule R.9.10 and Marcey's comments. It was moved and seconded that the Board: amend rule R.9.10.: If an animal in timed events escapes the chutes or pens before it is called for by a contestant, or another contestant competes on the wrong animal that same animal will be brought back for the contestant to compete on. The animal will be returned by the arena director and the labor crew during or at the end of that performance or slack in the same manner he was originally worked or brought to the pens for contesting. At least 3 head of animals will be brought back together. No animal may be re-penned by himself. Decision will be made by arena director about when stock is re-penned. Passed.

Discussion also followed concerning hotshotting animals from the roping chute. It was moved and seconded that the Board: amend rule H.1.5.: No animal shall be beaten, mutilated, or cruelly prodded. Standard electric prods shall be used as little as possible. Animals shall be touched only on the hip or shoulder area. No animal shall be electrically prodded from the roping chute during any performance or slack for a contestant's competitive run. Passed.

Discussion then followed concerning Central Entry. Sharon Martin was present and discussed the Central Entry issues in general. Sharon is going to get an estimate on the cost of programming her computer to draw for order in events after she has drawn for performances. Sharon was asked how many phone lines she used and she told the board that she used three phone lines at all times. The old rule of guaranteeing contestants that they could make it to all rodeos was discussed and the board felt the rule should not be reinstated.

Discussion was held concerning admission to NRA approved rodeos for card holding photographers. It was determined that card holding photographers will be subject to admission policies established by the local committees.

Discussion followed concerning forming a budget committee. Committee members appointed are: Ed Waldhauser, Paula Harris, Karen Miller and Theresa Caldwell.

We then had discussions concerning a membership drive. Some ideas were advanced and the Board members will all work on increasing membership.

Discussion followed concerning recruiting new rodeos. The NRA will continue to work on attracting new quality rodeos.

There was discussion concerning timed event cattle being used for jackpots held during a rodeo. It was decided that this will have to be left to the good judgement of the event directors and the stock contractors.

There was some discussion concerning Central Montana Fair and MontanaFair slack times. Rodney Newman indicated he will try to work out something better for the contestants.

Max Hansen outlined the proposed amendments to the Northern Rodeo Association Bylaws to be effective at the end of the 1998 rodeo season to eliminate the Ladies Barrel Racing and Ladies Breakaway Roping events from the N.R.A. events. It will be necessary for the person's interested in those events to form a new Association to sanction those events at N.R.A. rodeos. The proposal advanced by the ladies contestants would be to uti-

lize a system like that currently employed by the PRCA and WPRA. It was moved and seconded that the proposed amendments to the Northern Rodeo Association Bylaws will be effective as of the end of the 1998 rodeo season and after the N.R.A. Finals. Passed unanimously.

Due to the amendment and bylaw changes the Northern Rodeo Association Board of Directors found that it was not necessary to take further action on the request made by Mark Bugni. The Board thanked Mark for appearing before the Board and advancing his proposal. However, because of the Bylaw change eliminating the lady's events, any action on Mark's proposal was rendered moot.

Meeting Adjourned.



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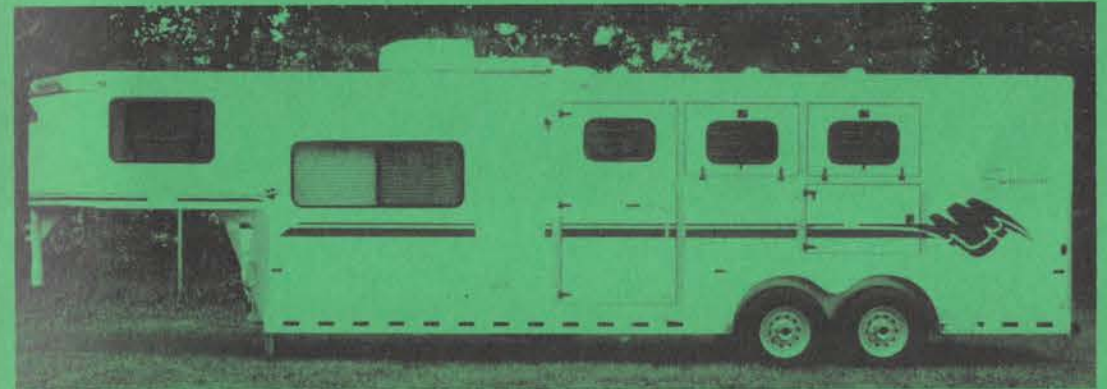
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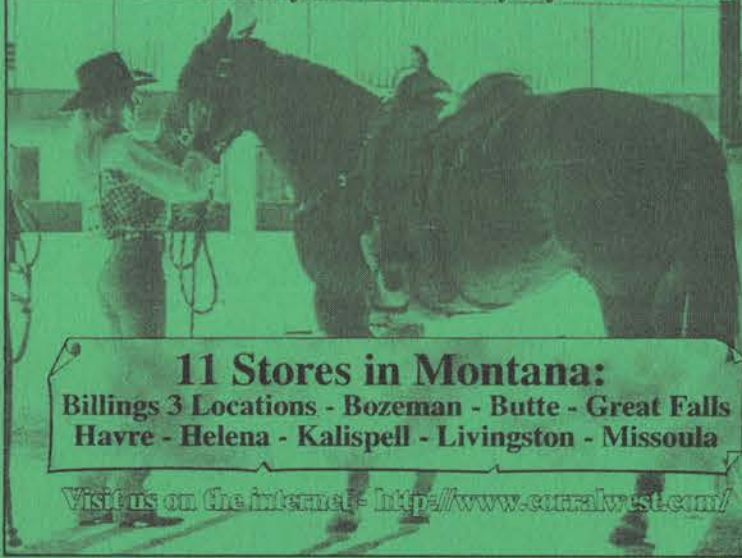
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