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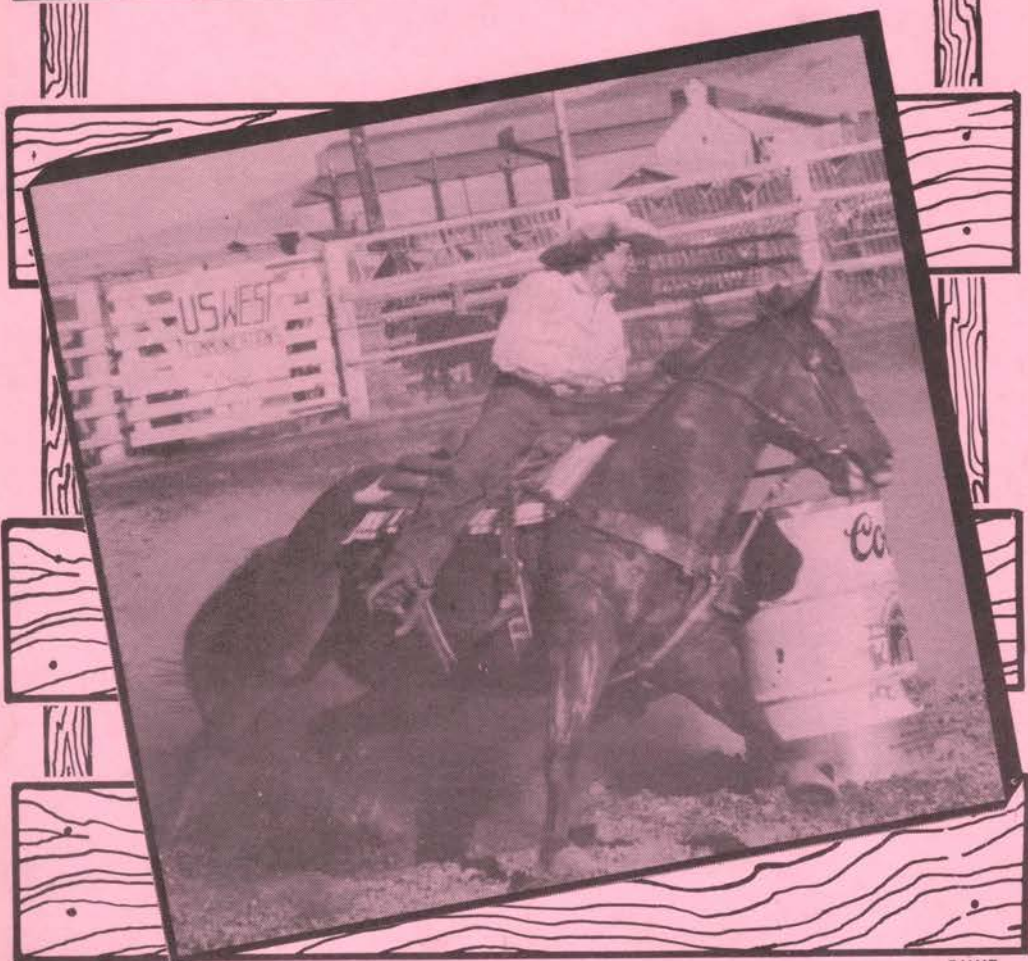


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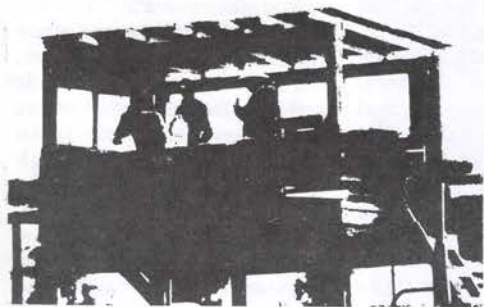
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From the Crow's Nest



It's been a long time since the last issue of the NRA Rodeo News, so this issue contains rodeo results from the beginning of the summer. Even though the summer has been extra dry and extra hot, farmers are getting pretty good yields on the grain, calf prices are up, and record numbers of contestants have been flocking to rodeos this summer, and record crowds have been flocking to witness the keen competition.

The PRCA's response to the editorial in the last issue of the NRA News is published later in this issue. The editorial concerned itself with the PRCA's policy of never mentioning regional rodeo associations, such as the NRA. It appears that instead of "cooperation" the by-word will be "competition." Too bad. Little kids and little old ladies have a similar kind of attitude — "pretend it isn't happening and it will go away." So, keep up the good work,

NRA, we're not about to go away, even if the PRCA doesn't recognize our existence.

Every year about mid-season, a couple of incidents always occur at rodeos, but by the time winter comes we have forgotten about them and no action is taken to correct them.

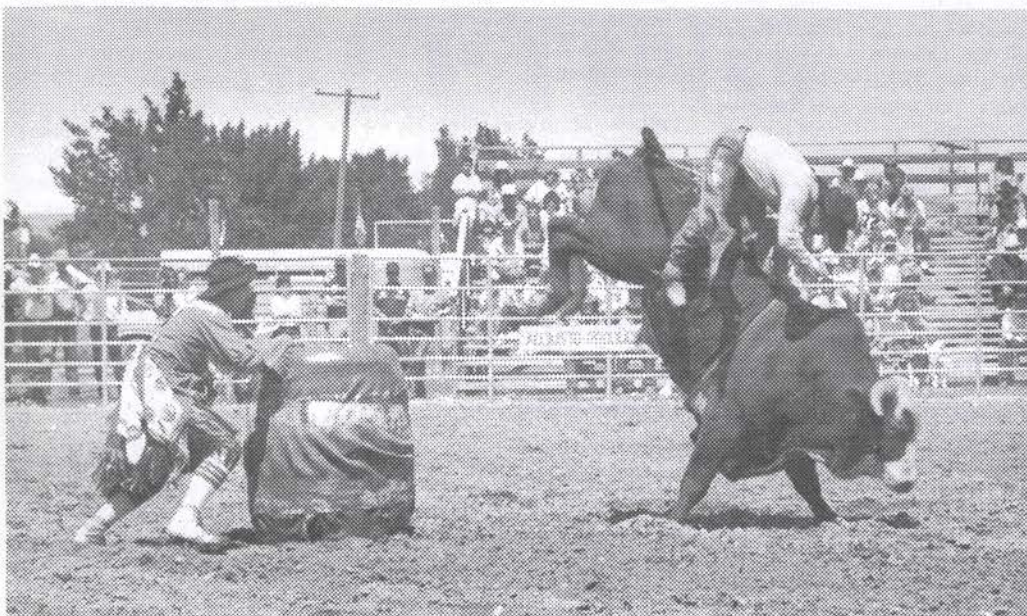
The first is the awkward break during a rodeo when it is time to set up the electric eye for the barrel racing. While the barrel racers, clad in their best colorful western attire, prance restlessly in the wings on their high-powered steeds, some poor bareback rider and an unknowing judge try to set up the system to clock the runs of the can chasers. To enforce the policy that the barrel racers are responsible for setting up the electric eye would be a good move. Rodeo committees, other rodeo competitors, and rodeo officials (including stock contractors) don't appreciate the unwanted intermission in their rodeo.

The other grip is the lack of NRA rodeo results being submitted to the hometown local newspaper where the rodeo has occurred. Publication of the results in the large daily newspapers is fine, and necessary, but when a local committee has worked all year to bring a quality rodeo production to town, the least the rodeo secretary could do would be to give the local weekly paper the results of their rodeo.

There. Now I've said it. Next editorial will deal with the lousy pay for rodeo timers.

Have a great "rest of summer."

Your Editors,
Tootie and Stan Rasmussen



Mad Max Krantz takes refuge behind the barrel while the bull is bucking off its rider. The action took place at the 43rd annual American Legion Rodeo in Choteau on July 4.

Letters to The Editors

Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

Thank you very much for your recent kind remarks regarding the Prorodeo Sports News story on Montana cowboy Colin Murnion. Colin is, indeed, as likeable as he is talented. I have very much enjoyed getting to know him on the few opportunities I've had to speak with him.

I also appreciate your comments regarding the way the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and the Prorodeo Sports News view other rodeo organizations, such as the Northern Rodeo Association. However, I believe you misunderstand our concerns.

As you said, many, if not most, PRCA cowboys get their start in professional rodeo by competing first in regional rodeo associations, then advancing to the PRCA. However, that does not necessarily qualify those regional associations as feeder groups or the "minor leagues" of the PRCA. In fact, those same regional associations can, at times, be direct competitors of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Not only do they vie for cowboys who might otherwise be competing as permit-holders or circuit contestants of the PRCA, but they also compete for sponsor support, spectator attendance, and, in fact, every other aspect that comprises the business of professional rodeo.

You mentioned that the PRCA refers to those regional organizations as "amateur" groups. It may be true that some individuals refer to those associations as amateurs, but it has been a policy of the Prorodeo Sports News for more than two years to never use the word "amateur" when referring to any association offering prize money or purses.

Also, you mentioned that the membership of the Northern Rodeo Association is composed of "ranchers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, clerical workers, professional people, loggers, blue collar workers, etc. — people who work at a regular job during the week and then rodeo on the week-ends somewhere close to home for the mere 'love' of the sport." While that may describe contestants of regional rodeo, it also very accurately describes the thousands of PRCA members who compete in the PRCA Circuit System. The entire Circuit System was designed and established exactly for the type of contestant you described.

You closed your letter by saying that perhaps the PRCA will someday recognize the role regional associations play in building the PRCA. To do that accurately and fairly, we also would have to recognize the role those same organization could possibly play in hindering the PRCA. A story such as that obviously would be beneficial to neither the PRCA nor the regional association.

Again, thank you very much for taking time to express your thoughts. I hope I have been able to explain to you the reasons for the PRCA's view on regional associations.

Sincerely,

Steve Fleming
Director, PRCA Media Relations
CC: Lewis A. Creyer, PRCA Commissioner.

Dear Jann;

I can't believe I put off writing to you this long, but I find letter writing depressing because I miss so many friends, and, I'm lazy. But since I got an NRA News today (June 24), I'm fired up and I'll do the dirty deed.

Not much news in the latest News — doesn't anyone write rodeo any more? However, the May news was a killer. It sure made me miss what would have been my tenth straight Finals — although I'm glad I didn't have to write the 10th annual Bob Schall retirement story! Noticed a few new champions. Nice to see Rooster break through, and Jody Petersen. That's nice, but it's hard to believe Lisa could ever lose. Then there is that all-around roping wonder, Mary Melaney.

All the News — Lisa's married, Mary will be, and Rod Lyman. No wonder I can't find his name among the leaders! Babies all over. Congrats to Joyce, Janie, and Scott Breeding, plus the Martins.

My job here is just fine. I'm learning something most every day. Rodeo is simply ignored, although I did a feature on the Community Colleges of Spokane team, such as it is. If there's ever a rodeo here I "have" to do it. Although I don't write, I did cover a foot race with 53,000 runners. Got some writing to do this summer, but mostly I'm in the junior executive mode — get behind a desk, straddle the decision-making fence and get fat. Hell — Maybe I'll come back as a rodeo announcer! Just kidding, Stan. I am learning that newspapering is the same all over; the bull is tougher than Dale's but the contractors aren't as nice.

Sure miss the fun and games, though. Hope to see one and all sometime down the road. Maybe then I'll come out of retirement and write the Bob Schall retirement story.

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Take care. Have a great summer. Stop by and see us if you ever get this far West. Miss you,

Dave

Ed. Note: "Dave" is Dave Trimmer, former sports writer with the Billings Gazette, and now with the Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wa. We miss you too, Dave. Rodeo reporting hasn't been the same since you left Montana.

Dear N.R.A.

Thank you for donating the membership for first place in the Steer Wrestling at the MHSRA Finals. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

Jason Evans



The saddle bronc riders met their match with Don Jacobs' horses during the East Helena rodeo this year.

— Doc Garren Photo

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ARENA DUST

The Shack Bar in Deer Lodge is donating an additional \$25 per event to the Tri County Fair Rodeo in Deer Lodge. Thanks to Carrol and Mike Rogerwitz for helping make rodeo possible. They remind everyone that their bar is the one where Bill Davis sang his very best!

J.C. Bignell lost part of a finger while team roping in Drummond. The perils of rodeo!

High winds on July 5 and a smoldering cigarette left over from the annual Ennis July 4 celebration seemed to be the cause of a fire in the concession stand on the rodeo grounds on July 5. The Ennis fire department responded to the fire and extinguished it quickly.

Mary Dee and Cleo Boyce are the parents of a baby girl, Robin Marie, born on June 15. The little miss weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and is the first child for this congenial Winifred couple.

Found in Wilsall by the gate to the bucking chutes — a man's gold wedding band. If your wife has been hounding you because you lost yours, call Myrtle Woosley at 578-2371.

Bull rider Joe Nahrgang has been sidelined all summer with injuries suffered during the annual Gardiner rodeo. His little brother, Melvin, has also been on the injured list.

Lane Yeager broke a finger while breaking a colt on the family ranch west of Choteau. He missed a weekend of rodeos, but was on hand at the Marias Fair to charm the folks.

Despite all the best efforts of modern medicine, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brekke of Helena are mourning the loss of their baby boy, Riley Daniel, age 3½ months. The NRA extends its sincere sympathy to this young couple in their loss.

Bob Schall dislocated his shoulder (again) at the Marias Fair in Shelby during the bareback riding competition, but not until he had won first place in the event. He then turned out of the steer wrestling and team roping.

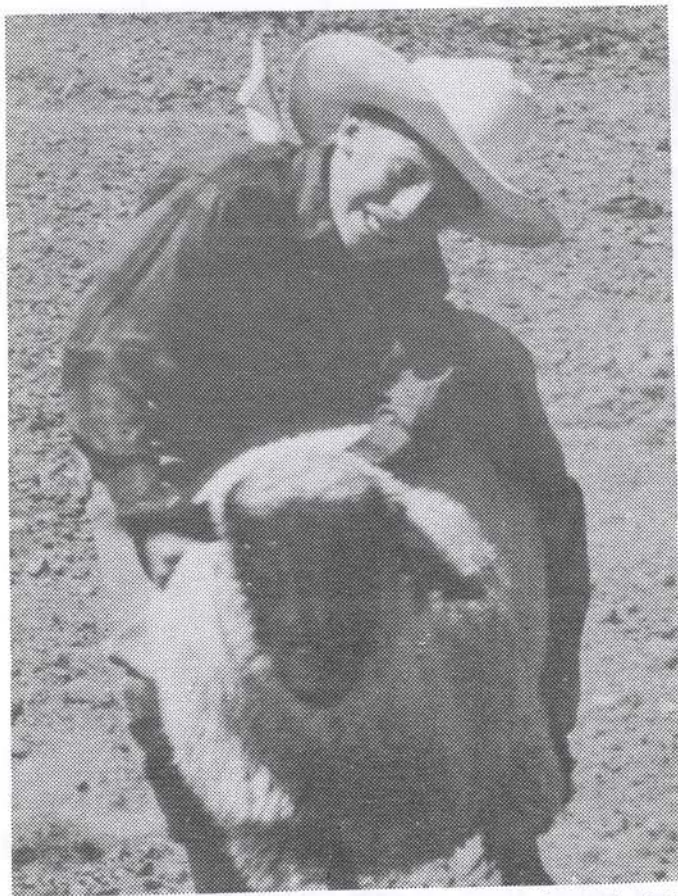
The East Helena rodeo enjoyed near-capacity crowds at their annual rodeo July 7, 8 and 9. Choteau and Harlowton also really "packed 'em in" during their July 4 rodeos and the Lewistown rodeo had record crowds at their fair.

Danny and Val Cross have an addition to their family — a

baby boy, Justin, born on July 22. He joins an older sister.

Stan Steen was recently named manager of the Central Montana Fair, Rodeo and Horse Show in Lewistown. He is the former secretary of the NRA when the headquarters were in Lewistown.

Don Jacobs was featured in the latest issue of "Western Horseman" magazine. The article concerned itself with his generosity and how he has helped countless youngsters get their start in rodeo. It is worth reading. Congratulations, Donnie!



Sheep riding can be a real grueling sport, as demonstrated by the grimace on this young cowpoke's face.

— Photo by Doc Garren

Shawn Senecal Memorial Planned

Donations are being accepted for the second annual Shawn Senecal Memorial Buckle to be given away at the Deer Lodge Rodeo. It will be awarded to the top bull rider.

Donations can be sent to: Shawn Senecal Memorial, c/o Frank Stokes, 4929 Dry Creek Road, Belgrade, Mont. 59714, phone 388-6096.

Senecal was killed in a car accident a little over a year ago. He was an up and coming NRA competitor at the time of his death.

Family Has Broncs In Their Blood

By Richard Myers
Staff Writer

Independent Record, Helena
Sheila Nordahl has had four sons grow up riding in rodeos. She paused for a moment to think about whether that worried her.

"I guess you get used to it a little bit, if they're not injured, if they're 100 percent."

The Nordahls have had a long time to get used to family members riding wild stock.

Sheila's husband, Rodger, used to break horses in the

Helena area.

"But my father wouldn't let me rodeo," Rodger said. "There wasn't any money in it."

But you couldn't prove that by Rodger and Sheila's sons.

The oldest, Kevin, has won six Montana Pro Rodeo Circuit champions, including three all-around titles.

Two sons, Skeeter and Kent, rodeoed their way through college at MSU. Their other son, Rick, had his rodeoing career at Western Montana College interrupted by injuries.

Meanwhile, the Nordahls have become a fixture in the annual campaign to get the East Helena Rodeo off the ground.

Rodger has been the president of the East Helena Rodeo Association for five years and spearheads the rodeo's organization.

Skeeter and Kent are riding in the rodeo. Skeeter's also judging, and Rick is coming up to work the chutes.

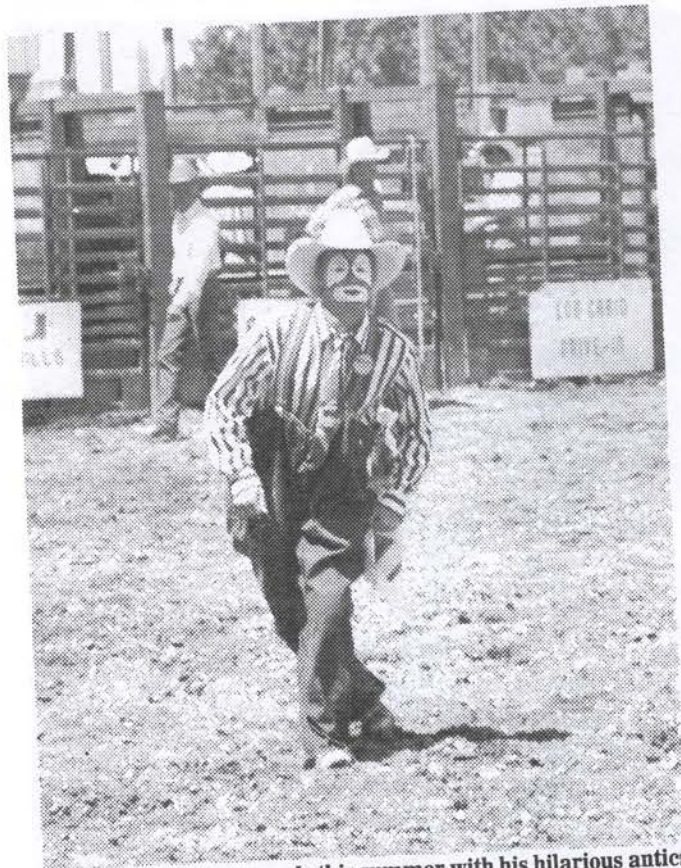
And Sheila was tapped this year to replace the secretary, who went into labor Friday.

But Rodger is quick to point out that the rodeo is a community effort, from the East Helena businesses that sponsor it, to volunteer ticket-takers, to the concession stand run by the East Helena Boy Scout troop.

"Rodeo's always helped us," Sheila added. "We're just giving a little back."

And the Nordahl clan's rodeo tradition seems to be continuing. Rick's three-year-old son, Brett, will make his debut this weekend — in the sheep riding.

"He said, 'Grandpa, I think I'm big enough to wrestle steers,'" Rodger said with a proud smile.



Pleasing rodeo crowds this summer with his hilarious antics and athletic ability has been Flint Rasmussen. He's been hanging around rodeos since the day he was born, and now is using his comic ability to help pay his way through Western Montana College at Dillon.

AUGUST 1988

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RODEO RESULTS

POPLAR RODEO JUNE 4-5, 1988

Judges: Butch Bratsky and Duane Lenning
Timers: Bunky Wirtz and Jann Johnson
Bullfighter: Timber Tuckness
Pickup Men: Tom Carlson and Jack Hinnland
Announcer: Curt Pate

BAREBACK RIDING (9)

1. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 73, \$417.10; 2. Delbert Moore, Miles City, 71, \$250.26; 3. Slim Lemmon, Lewistown, 68, \$166.84

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (12)

1. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., 72, \$380.24; 2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 71, \$285.18; 3. Les Best, Hardin, 69, \$190.12; 4. Jay Obregewitch, Wibaux, 66, \$95.06

BULL RIDING (17)

Saturday (11) — Shane Ringer, Cody, Wyo., Rob O'Masters, Deer Lodge, Mark Ringler, Cody, Wyo., Clint Ringler, Cody, Wyo., \$66.69 ea.

Sunday (6) — Casey Kawasaki, Poplar, Dan Mortensen, Billings, \$72.75 ea.

Overall (17) — 1. Mark Ringler, Cody, Wyo., 76, \$327.86; 2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 74, \$245.89; 3. Shane Ringer, Cody, Wyo., 73, \$163.93; 4. Casey Kawasaki, Wolf Point, 72, \$81.97.

STEER WRESTLING (12)

1. Al Franzen, Sidney, 4.0, \$283.21; 2. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman, 4.1, \$212.43; 3. Jason Evans, Biddle, 5.1, \$141.62; 4. Charlie Briggs, Gallatin Gateway, 5.2, \$70.81

CALF ROPING (22)

1. Spike Guardipee, Browning, 11.7, \$405.55; 2. Jason Evans, Biddle, 11.8, \$295.95; 3. Daryl Crowley, Poplar, 11.9, \$208.26; 4. Bill Parker, Billings, 12.3, \$109.61; 5. Tony Anderson, Froid, 12.8, \$76.73.

TEAM ROPING (24 TEAMS)

1. Bill Parker, Billings, and Spike Guardipee, Browning, 5.4, \$389.41 ea.; 2. Charlie Briggs, Gallatin Gateway, and Robbie Kountz, Bozeman, 6.0, \$284.16 ea.; 3. Glen Hough, Shepherd, and Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D., 6.3, \$199.97; 4. Tony Anderson, Froid, and Daryl Crowley, Poplar, 6.4, \$89.45 ea.; 5. Kenny Benson, Scobey, and Larry Handy, Flaxville, 6.4, \$89.45 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (11)

1. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 16.01, \$200.30; 2. Betsy Evans, Glendive, 16.01, \$200.30; 3. Tammy Evans, Broadus, 16.14, \$114.46; 4. Sue Wittkopp, Circle, 16.34, \$57.23.

BREAKAWAY ROPING (11)

1. Lori Tryan, Helena, 3.4, \$286.15; 2. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 4.6, \$171.69; 3. Joyce Ayre, Glendive, 13.0, \$114.46.
Total Payoff: \$8,045.00
Total Paid Contestants: 115

BROKEN HORN STAMPEDE

Absarokee, Mont.

June 11-12, 1988

Stock Contractor: Small Rodeo Co.

Judges: Duane Lenning and Butch Bratsky
Bullfighter: Lloyd Ketchum
Pickup Men: Josh Hedrick and Dick Bassett
Timers: Tootie Rasmussen and Jann Johnson
Announcer: Stan Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (19)

1. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 81, \$391.88; 2. Kevin Kessler, Cody, Wyo., and Scott Tomlin, Billings, 80, \$244.93 ea.; 4. Greg Jambor, Billings, 75, \$97.97.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (17)

1. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis, 78, \$360.84; 2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 76, \$270.63; 3. Kirk Marchant, Lovell, Wyo., 73, \$180.42; 4. Duffy Ducheneaux, Pine Ridge, S.D., 71, \$90.21.

BULL RIDING (26)

Saturday (14) — Duane Lumm, Cranbrook, B.C., Mike Johnson, Richfield, Idaho, and Don Nahrgang, Dillon, \$113.16 ea.

Sunday — Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson, and Randy Schroth, White Sulphur Springs, \$145.50 ea.

Overall (26) — 1-2-3. Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson, Mike Johnson, Richfield, Ida., and Don Nahrgang, Dillon, 76, \$311.34 ea.; 4. Randy Schroth, White Sulphur Springs, 70, \$112.52; Duane Lumm, Cranbrook, B.C., 69, \$78.76.

STEER WRESTLING (48)

1. Spike Guardipee, Billings, 8.4, \$715.67; 2. Dan Cross, Powell, Wyo., 4.2, \$547.27; 3. Charlie Briggs, Gallatin Gateway, 4.3, \$378.88; 4. Todd Garrison, Glen, 4.5, \$210.49; 5-6. Gene Burman, Glendive, and Mike Ferris, Dillon, 4.6, \$126.29.

CALF ROPING (49)

1. Dan Cross, Powell, Wyo., 9.5, \$728.85; 2. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell, 9.7, \$557.36; 3. Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 10.5, \$385.86; 4. Jim Howell, Powderville, 10.8, \$214.37; 5. Mike Barthelmess, Lincoln, 11.3, \$150.06; 6. David Avery, Bozeman, 12.0, \$107.18.

TEAM ROPING (54 TEAMS)

1. Phillip Fleming, Ismay, and Enoch Sheffer, Broadus, 5.8, \$753.59 ea.; 2. Dennis Tryan, Shepherd, and Shawn Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 6.1, \$576.28 ea.; 3. Casey Cordell, Cliff, N.M., and Ken Mathison, Cedar City, Utah, 6.9, \$398.96 ea.; 4. Bill Parker and Spike Guardipee, Billings, 7.2, \$221.65; 5. Todd Garrison and Tim Garrison, Glen, 7.4, \$155.15; 6. Dean Hanson and Bart Brower, Whitehall, 7.6, \$110.82 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (31)

1. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 15.09, \$534.76; 2. Cinde Barthelmess, Lincoln, 15.23, \$390.23; 3. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 15.21, \$273.61; 4. Betsy Evans, Glendive, 15.24, \$144.53; 5. Kelly Alderson, Dillon, 15.31, \$101.17.

BREAKAWAY ROPING (47)

1. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 2.1, \$702.47; 2. Shannon Lord, Cedar City, Utah, 2.3, \$537.19; 3. Deb Burghdoff, East Helena, 2.4, \$371.90; 4. Molly McAuliffe, Bozeman, 2.7, \$206.61; 5-6. Karen Miller, Absarokee, and Kelly Gorrell, Glendive, 3.0, \$123.97 ea.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (11)

1. Jodi Hibbs, Cut Bank, 16.20, \$84; 2. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 16.57, \$63; 3. Mandi Holland, Dillon, 16.58, \$42; 4. Carrie Smith, Deer Lodge, 17.32, \$21.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (7)

1. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 3.4, \$68; 2. Jod Petersen, Three Forks, 5.0, \$42.50; 3. Brett Fleming, Ismay, 5.0, \$42.50; 4. Derrick Fleming, Ismay, 11.5, \$17.

Total Rodeo Payoff: \$16,080

Total Paid Contestants: 265



How'd you like to travel to rodeos in this rig? Dubbed "Mitley Hooley," it provided transportation to the Broken Horn Stampede for Rob O'Masters, Darcy Hunt and Duane Lumm.

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RODEO RESULTS

WILLSALL RODEO

Willsall, Mont.

June 18-19, 1988

Stock Contractor: Small Rodeo Co.

Judges: Duane Lenning and Skeeter Nordahl

Timers: Sharyl Cotant and Laverne Horsford

Pickup Men: Dick Bassett and Josh Hedrick

Announcer: Will Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (14)

1. Rocky Prince, Bozeman, 74, \$228.92; 2. Bob Schall, Arlee, 73, \$171.69; 3. Scott Wright, 72, \$114.46; 4. Rod Sterling, Shelby, 68, \$57.23.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (21)

1-2. Kirk Marchant, Lovell, Wyo., and Dan Mortensen, Billings, 76, \$300.45 ea.; 3-4. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., and Jay Obergewitch, Wibaux, 75, \$128.77 ea.

BULL RIDING (30)

Saturday (13) — 1. Dan Mortensen, Slim Lemon and Dan Weigert, \$105.08 ea.

Sunday (17) — 1. Joe Nahrgang, Don Nahrgang, Dave Mason, Brett Fitzpatrick, \$105.49 ea.

Overall (30) — 1. Dave Mason, Cody, Wyo., 80, \$329.80; 2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 79, \$241.35; 3. Don Nahrgang, Dillon, 76, \$164.90; 4. Joe Nahrgang, 73, \$82.45.

STEER WRESTLING (46)

1. Charlie Briggs, 4.0, \$613.72; 2. Shawn Gleason, Ennis, 4.3, \$447.85; 3-4. Tom Ferris, Dillon, and Bryon Tavymner, 4.5, \$240.51 ea.; 5. Jim Bushnell, Helena, 5.0, \$116.11.

CALF ROPING (47)

1. Chris Mathison, Miles City, 10.9, \$626.28; 2. Bryan Anderson, Dillon, 11.0, \$457.02; 3. Spike Guardipee, Billings, 11.3, \$321.60; 4. Jason Evans, Biddle, 11.9, \$169.26; 5. Bip Bagnell, Dixon, 12.2, \$118.49.

TEAM ROPING (50 TEAMS)

1. Dennis Tryan, Billings, and Shane Schwenke, Harlem, 6.7, \$735.74 ea.; 2.

Phillip Fleming, Ismay, and Enoch Scheffer, Broadus, 7.1, \$457.36 ea.; 3. Bill Parker and Spike Gaurdipee, Billings, 7.1, \$457.35 ea.; 4. Bert Vermandel, Billings, and David Avery, Bozeman, 7.3, \$169.02 ea.; 5. Dick Goins, Billings, and Swede Cole, Harlem, 7.3, \$169.02.

LADIES BARREL RIDING (35)

1. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 17.46, \$475.54; 2. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 17.63, \$347.02; 3. Deb Haugland, Helena, 17.70, \$244.20; 4. Charlene Coleman, Cut Bank, 17.83, \$128.52; 5. Dianne Brooks, 17.88, \$89.97.

BREAKAWAY ROPING (42)

1. Rhonda Nevala, Geysler, 2.9, \$563.48; 2. Jody Palmer, 3.4, \$411.18; 3. Lisa Schilling, Circle, 3.5, \$289.35; 4. Kristi Hersrud, Columbus, 3.9, \$152.29; 5. Tammy Jo Risa, 4.2, \$106.60.

JUNIOR BARREL RIDING (14)

1. Mandi Holland, Dillon, 18.46, \$66.00; 2. Kayla Else, 18.56, \$49.50; 3. Ranece Saville, 19.02, \$33.00; 4. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 19.40, \$16.50.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (8)

1. Brad Robinson, 12.6, \$63; 2. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 14.8, \$42.
Total Payoff: \$12,661.75
Total Paid Contestants: 296

UPPER YELLOWSTONE ROUNDUP

Gardiner, Mont.

June 25-26, 1988

Stock Contractor: Rocky Mountain Rodeo Co.

Judges: Bob Gravely and Jim Heiser

Bullfighter: Kevin Hill

Pickup Men: Charlie Hahn-

kamp and Jay Hahnkamp

Announcer: Apple Caplett

BAREBACK RIDING (12)

1. Gary Eichhorn, Helena, 71, \$201.76; 2. Bruce Martin, Lewistown, 70, \$151.32; 3. Lane Yeager, Choteau, 68, \$100.88; 4. Scott Schall, Arlee, 67, \$50.44.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (18)

1. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., 69, \$283.24; 2. Cleo Boyce, Winifred, 68, \$212.43; 3. Wayne Kelly, Stanford, 67, \$106.21; 4. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis, 67, \$106.21.

BULL RIDING

Saturday (9) — Casey Gardiner, Joe Nahrgang, Jim Bushnell, Brett Fitzpatrick, Pat Goyins, \$43.65 ea.

Sunday (10) — 1. Russell Petersen, Phil Caines, Marty Penrod, \$80.83 ea.

Bull Riding Overall (19) — 1. Joe Nahrgang, Fort Shaw, 71, \$223.10; 2. Russell Petersen, Big Timber, 70, \$167.32; 3. Pat Goyins, Polson, 66, \$111.55; 4-5. Jim Bushnell, Helena, and Marty Penrod, Miles City, 65, \$27.89 ea.

STEER WRESTLING (29)

1. Ray Stoo, Geraldine, 7.0, \$400.17; 2. Cleo Boyce, Winifred, 7.2, \$292.01; 3. Spike Guardipee, Browning, 9.1, \$205.49; 4. Richard Carpenter, 9.2, \$108.15; 5. Skeeter Nordahl, Helena, 10.0, \$75.70.

CALF ROPING (25)

1. Brad Waldhauser, Billings, 9.5, \$378.30; 2-3. Britt Givens, Arapahoe, Wyo., and Jim Howell, Powderville, 10.0, \$236.43; 4. Dan Cross, Powell, Wyo., 10.2, \$94.58.

TEAM ROPING (30 TEAMS)

1. Jason Handy and Jordan Handy, Scobey, 5.2, \$394.79 ea.; 2. Jim Howell and Guy Howell, Powderville, 6.7, \$288.09 ea.; 3. Dennis Tryan, Billings, and Shane Schwenke, Harlem, 7.1, \$202.73 ea.; 4. Mike Barthelme and John Barthelme, Lincoln, 7.2, \$106.70 ea.; 5. Janie Carlson and Beef Carlson, Two Dot, 8.5, \$74.69 ea.

LADIES BARREL RIDING (10)

1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 15.59, \$174.60; 2. Deb Haugland, Helena, 16.06, \$130.95; 3. Tracy Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., 16.20, \$87.30; 4. Bunny Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$43.65.

BREAKAWAY ROPING (29)

1-2. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, and Lori Rooney, Miles City, 2.9, \$346.09 ea.; 3. Bunny Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., 3.1, \$205.49; 4. Joyce Ayre, Glendive, 3.2, \$108.15; 5. Alice Burghduff, Glendive, 3.6, \$75.70.

Total Payoff: \$7,888.00
Total Contestants: 163

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RODEO RESULTS

BIG TIMBER RODEO

June 24 - 25, 1988

Stock Contractor: Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Co.

Judges: Mike Smith and Skeeter Nordahl

Bull Fighter: Max Krantz

Clown: Flint Rasmussen

Pickup Men: Dick Lyman and Ed Soloman

Timers: Teri Jo Lyman and

Announcer: Will Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (14)

1. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 75, \$294.88; 2. Bruce Martin, Lewistown, 74, \$221.16; 3. Lane Yeager, Choteau, 73, \$147.44; 4-5. Rod Sterling, Shelby, and Gary Eichhorn, Helena, 71, \$36.86 ea.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (18)

1. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 73, \$356.96; 2. Wayne Kelly, Stanford, 70, \$267.72; 3-4-5. Cleo Boyce, Winifred, Kent Robbins, Victor, and Ken Ford, Australia, 69, \$89.24 ea.

BULL RIDING (30)

Friday (13) — Dan Weigert, Dan Mortensen, Marc Murfitt, Casey Gardner, Marty Penrod, Ronnie Rossen, Mike Johnson, \$45.03 ea.

Saturday (17) — Pat Goyins, Clint Ringler, Jim Bushnell, Brett Todd and Russell Peterson, \$82.45 ea.

Bullfight (4) — 1. Kevin Hill, Hamilton, \$400; 2. Max Krantz, Ronan, \$300; 3. Calvin Stenger, Billings, \$200; 4. Harley Collier, Medicine Hat, Alta., \$00.

Overall Bullriding (30) — 1. Jim Bushnell, Helena, 77, \$448.63; 2. Brett Todd, Big Timber, 74, \$327.38; 3. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 73, \$230.38; 4. Mike Johnson, Dubois, Ida., 72, \$121.25; 5. Marty Penrod, Miles City, 71, \$84.88.

STEER WRESTLING (47)

1. Gene Burman, Glendive, 4.3, \$685.98; 2. Dan Boyce, Winifred, 4.5, \$524.58; 3. Steve Blixt, Helena, 4.6, \$363.17; 4. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell, 4.8, \$201.76; 5-6. Shawn Gleason, Ennis, and Brad Gleason, Ennis, 4.9, \$121.06 ea.

CALF ROPING (40)

1. Gordy Alderson, Tucson, Ariz., 12.1, \$646.02; 2-3. Tim Garrison, Glen, and Brad Gleason, Ennis, 12.3, \$401.58 ea.; 4. Jim Howell, Powderville, 12.5, \$174.60; 5. Laraine Baumann, Hardin, 12.6, \$122.22.

TEAM ROPING (48 TEAMS)

1. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell, and Shawn Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 7.3, \$724.98 ea.; 2. Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D., and Bill Ayre, Sidney, 7.4, \$529.04 ea.; 3. Rick Tryan, Helena, and Larry Steele, Malta, 7.6, \$372.29 ea.; 4. Gavin Murnion, Jordan, and Al Franzen, Sidney, 7.8, \$195.94 ea.; 5. Jordan Handy and Jason Handy, Scobey, 8.0, \$137.16 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (27)

1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 17.37, \$459.39; 2. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 17.43, \$335.23; 3. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 17.48, \$235.90; 4. Bunny Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., 17.52, \$124.16; 5. Denise Thompson, Townsend, 17.56, \$86.91.



Howard "Doc" Holloway, left, presents a plaque to Dale Small of the Small Rodeo Co. in appreciation for 20 years of furnishing the Harlowton rodeo committee with what they consider the best of rodeo stock. Holloway is a long-time member of the Harlowton rodeo committee, and has chaired the event for more years than he'd like to remember. He was voted NRA Personality of the Year by the officers and members for his work on the Harlowton committee.

BREAKAWAY ROPING (40)

1-2. Tammy Jo Risa, Billings, and Shelly Rennaker, Hamilton, 3.4, \$558.72 ea.; 3. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 3.8, \$331.74; 4-5. Debbie Haugland, Helena, and Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 4.0, \$148.41 ea.
Total Payoff: \$12,280.20
Total Contestants: 312

HARLOWTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RODEO

HARLOWTON, MONT.

July 2, 3, 4, 1988

Stock Contractor: Small Rodeo Co.

Judges: Pee Wee Pasha and Jim Heiser

Timers: Peggy Bassett and Vicki Hedrick

Bullfighter: Rich Sherret

Pickup Men: Josh Hedrick and Dick Bassett
Announcer: Stan Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (17)

1. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 79, \$380.24; 2. Lane Yeager, Choteau, 71, \$285.18; 3. Bob Schall, Arlee, 70, \$190.12; 4. Silm Lemmon, Lewistown, 69, \$47.53; 5. Rocky Prince, Bozeman, 69, \$47.53.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (14)

1. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 78, \$333.68; 2. Mark Realbird, Garryowen, 72, \$250.26; 3. Kelly Norskog, 66, \$125.13; 4. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., 66, \$125.13.

BULL RIDING (14)

Sunday (8) — Dan Mortensen, Marty Penrod, Phil Caines, Dan Weigert, \$48.50 ea.
Monday (6) — Clint Ringler, Mark Ringler, Kelly Wright, \$48.83.

Overall (14) — 1. Mark Ringler, Cody, Wyo., 77, \$306.56; 2. Dan Weigert, Miles City, 76, \$229.92; 3. Clint Ringler, Cody, Wyo., 74, \$153.28; 4. Marty Penrod, Miles City, 71, \$76.64.

RODEO RESULTS

ROOKIE BAREBACK RIDING (10)

1. Peter Schulte, Australia, 72, \$100; 2. Ben Wrezenski, Roberts, 69, \$60; 3. Jeff Jeske, Billings, 58, \$40.

STEER WRESTLING (53)

1-2. Mike Collins, Dillon, and Rod Lyman, Great Falls, 4.1, \$646.02 ea.; 3. Spike Guardipee, Billings, 4.2, \$387.61; 4. Flint Fleming, Miles City, 4.3, \$215.34; 5. Bob Schall, Arlee, 4.4, \$150.74; 6. Brad Gleason, Ennis, 4.7, \$102.67.

CALF ROPING (53)

1. Ross Murie, Ogden, Utah, 9.3, \$732.16; 2. Chris Mathison, Miles City, 10.0, \$559.88; 3. Cal Stuckey, Avon, 10.4, \$387.61; 4. Bryan Anderson, Dillon, 10.6, \$215.34; 5. Mike Collins, Dillon, 10.7, \$150.74; 6. Bill Parker, Billings, 10.9, \$107.67.

TEAM ROPING (68)

1-2. Bill Lynn Billings, & Lee Hutchinson, Wibaux, and Flint Fleming, Miles City, and Bucky Bradford, Billings, 6.3, \$806.07 ea.; 3. Charlie Briggs, Gallatin Gateway, and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 6.9, \$483.64 ea.; 4-5. Alan Danielson, Scobey, and Bob Billings, Richland & Jerry Small, Birney, and Dale Small, Busby, 7.0, \$228.89 ea.; 6. Kenny Benson, Scobey, and Dennis Donovan, Havre, 7.3, \$134.35 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (25)

1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 17.03, \$394.79; 2. Denise Thompson, Townsend, 17.09, \$288.07; 3. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 17.20, \$202.76; 4. Betsy Evans, Glendive, 17.29, \$106.70; 5. Deb Haugland, Helena, 17.37, \$74.69.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING (44)

1. Kelly Gorrell, Beach, N.D., 2.6, \$667.55; 2. Jeannie Kinney, Billings, 3.5, \$487.13; 3. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 3.6, \$342.80; 4. Kelly Alderson, Dillon, 3.8, \$180.45; 5-6. Sherri Hargrove, Helena, and Nancy Petersen, Three Forks, 3.9, \$63.15 ea.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (14)

1. Codi Lynn Smith, Ronan, 17.78, \$76; 2. Julie Rappold, Dupuyer, 17.79, \$57; 3. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 17.88, \$38; 4. (split) Terry Lindberg, Conrad, and Mandi Holland, Dillon, 17.96, \$9.50 ea.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (17)

1. Brett Fleming, Ismay, 3.9, \$88; 2. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 4.4, \$66; 3. Jim Cole, Harlem, 13.7, \$44; 4. Katie Fiehart, Grass Range, 25.1, \$22.

Total Payoff: \$16,300

Total Contestants: 298

ENNIS RODEO

July 3-4, 1988

Stock Contractor: Powder River Rodeo Prod.

Judges: Butch Bratsky and Duane Lenning

Timers: Arlene Haugland and Janice High

Bullfighter: Scott McLean

Pickup Men: Bill Larson and Scott McLean

Announcer: Dean Folkvord

BAREBACK RIDING (9)

1. Justin Beasley, Cody, Wyo., 75, \$246.38; 2. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 73,

\$184.79; 3. Delbert Moore, Miles City, 71, \$123.19; 4. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., 70, \$61.60.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (13)

1. Ken Ford, Australia, 74, \$356.96; 2-3. Kent Robbins, Victor, and Arne Esp, Hardin, 72, \$223.10 ea.; 4. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., 71, \$89.24.

High Six Saddle Bronc Winner: Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., 79, \$500.

BULL RIDING (27)

July 3 (15) — Kelly Wright, Pat Goyins and Brett Fitzpatrick, \$121.25 ea.

July 4 (12) — Dan Mortensen, \$291.00

Bull Riding Overall (27) — 1. Kelly Wright, Cody, Wyo., 77, \$473.36; 2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 75, \$355.02; 3. Pat Goyins, Poison, 73, \$236.68; 4. Brett Fitzpatrick, Poison, 70, \$118.34.

STEER WRESTLING (53)

1. Gary Zipperlan, Clancy, 4.8, \$789.87; 2. Skeeter Nordahl, Helena, 4.9, \$604.02; 3-4. Bob Schall, Arlee, and Brad Bessey, Gillette, Wyo., 5.3, \$325.25 ea.; 5-6. Shawn Gleason, Ennis, and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 5.4, \$139.39 ea.

CALF ROPING (57)

1. Britt Givens, Riverton, Wyo., 8.9, \$842.64; 2. Bryan Anderson, Dillon, 10.0, \$644.37; 3. Mike Barthelme, Lincoln, 10.4, \$446.10; 4-5-6. Laramie Baumann, Hardin; Spike Guardipee, Browning; Lyle Baumann, Hardin; Jim Howell, Powderville, and Bill Parker, Billings, 10.6, \$109.05 ea.

TEAM ROPING (59 TEAMS)

1. Bryan Anderson and Kent Mahoney, Dillon, 8.4, \$823.68 ea.; 2. Phil Fleming, Ismay, and Enoch Schaffer, Broadus, 9.2, \$629.87; 3. Janie Carlson and Beef Carlson, Two Dot, 9.9, \$436.06 ea.; 4-5. Craig Mader, Gillette, Wyo., and Arnie Mader, Biddle; Zane Durham and Todd Durham, Cameron, 11.1, \$205.92 ea.; 6. Jeff Gorrel, Beach, N.D., and Bill Ayre, Glendive, 12.3, \$121.13 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (29)

1. Lisa Schillinger, Wolf Point, 16.32, \$515.02; 2. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 16.37, \$375.83; 3. Betsy Evans, Glendive, 16.39, \$264.47; 4-5. Deb Haugland, Helena, and Zana Lytle, Ronan, 16.54, \$118.32 ea.

BREAKEAWAY ROPING (50)

1. Nancy Petersen, Three Forks, 3.6, \$750.30; 2. Shelly Rennaker, Hamilton, 3.9, \$573.76; 3. Kelly Alderson, Dillon, 4.2, \$397.22; 4. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 4.6, \$220.68; 5. Janie Carlson, Two Dot, 4.8, \$154.47; 6. Karen Helle, Dillon, 4.9, \$110.34.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (17)

1. Jodi Petersen, Three Forks, 16.81, \$142; 2. Teresa Wolff, Circle, 17.22, \$106.50; 3. Jullie Rappold, Dupuyer, 17.33, \$71; 4. Erin Berrigan, Helena, 17.48, \$35.50.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (16)

1. Ty Parker, Three Forks, 3.8, \$136; 2. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 4.8, \$102; 3. Jim Cole, Harlem, 5.8, \$68; 4. Brett Fleming, Ismay, 13.1, \$34.

Total Payoff: \$17,044.35

Total Paid Contestants: 297



"Mad" Max Krantz fetched this fair maiden out of the audience at the annual Choteau American Legion Rodeo on July 4, and entertained the crowd with some high stepping.

RODEO RESULTS

CHOTEAU AMERICAN LEGION RODEO CHOTEAU, MONT.

JULY 4

Stock Contractor: Jacobs Live-
stock

Judges: Bob Graveley and
Steve Reeverts

Timers: Teeter Jacobs and
Judy Solomon

Clowns and Bullfighters:

'Mad' Max Krantz and Flint
Rasmussen

Pickup Men: Ed Solomon and
Jeff Solomon

Announcer: Will Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (24)

1. Kim Harris, Conrad, 75, \$462.98, 2. Wade Graves, Canada, 72, \$337.85; 3-4-5-6. Trevor Walker, Canada; Bob Maines, Canada; Gary Eichhorn, Helena, and Rod Sterling, Shelby, 68, \$70.90 ea.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (13)

1. Scotty Augare, Browning, 79, \$351.14; 2. Denny Hay, Canada, 70, \$263.35; 3. Travis Sakura, Canada, 69, \$175.57; 4-5. Rod Warren, Canada, and Brian Bell, Harlem, 68, \$43.88 ea.

BULL RIDING (19)

Day Money Split — \$51.19 ea. to: Scott Pohl, Randy Schroth, Rob O'Masters, Pat Goyins, Dave Mason, Jay Bodner, Dale Bird, Chad Onstad, Trevor Walker.

Overall Payoff (19) — 1. Dave Mason, Cody, Wyo., 73, \$468.36; 2. Pat Goyins, Polson, \$341.78; 3. Randy Schroth, White Sulphur Springs, 68, \$240.51; 4-5. Jay Bodner, Raynesford, and Dale Bird, Browning, 67, \$107.60 ea.

STEER WRESTLING (25)

1. Danny Cross, Powell, Wyo., 4.8, \$412.73; 2. Tom Ferris, Bozeman, 5.1, \$301.18; 3. Vince Thompson, Townsend, 5.5, \$211.94; 4. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell, 6.0, \$111.55; 5. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman, 6.2, \$78.08.

CALF ROPING (34)

1. Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 10.8, \$525.79; 2. Laramie Baumann, Hardin, 11.1, \$383.68; 3. Danny Cross, Powell, Wyo., 11.2, \$270.00; 4. Sam Bird, Browning, 11.4, \$142.11; 5-6. Mike Barthelmeis, Lincoln, and Ron Munsli, Ogden, Utah, 11.5, \$49.74 ea.

TEAM ROPING (26 TEAMS)

1. Sam Bird and Dick Powell, Browning, 5.8, \$375.94 ea.; 2-3. Lee Hersrud and Jeff Noble, Columbus, and Mary Melaney and Mark Salmond, Choteau, 7.4, \$233.69 ea.; 4. Will Rambo, Shelby and Elmer Lattin, Great Falls, 7.5, \$101.60; 5. Bob Schall, Arlee, and Dan Cross, Powell, Wyo., 8.0, \$71.12.

LADIES BARREL RACING (20)

1. Candy Zion, Great Falls, 17.18, \$378.30; 2. Charlene Coleman, Cut Bank, 17.86, \$283.73; 3. Tracy Vaille, Babb, 17.96, \$189.15; 4. Lisa Schilling, Wolf Point, 17.97, \$94.57.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING (19)

1. Janie Carlson, Two Dot, 2.8, \$355.02; 2. Deb Burghdoff, Helena, 3.5, \$266.26; 3. Mandy Kelly, Stanford, 4.3, \$177.51; 4. Lisa Schilling, Wolf Point, 4.4, \$88.75.

MUSSELSHELL VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RODEO ROUNDUP, MONT.

JULY 4, 1988

Stock Contractor: Northern
Rodeo Co.

Judges: Ed Miller and Skeeter
Nordahl

Timers: Kitty Blankenship and
Doris Pinkerton

Bullfighter: Mike Kellsey

Pickup Men: Jack Hinnland
and Bill Blankenship

Announcer: Mark Pinkerton

BAREBACK RIDING (3)

1. Hoyt Turner, Cody, Wyo., 54, \$194.97; 2. Delbert Moore, Miles City, 53, \$129.88.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (9)

1. Paul Solberg, Richland, 66, \$234.74; 2. Jack Hinnland, Brockway, 65, \$176.05; 3. Les Best, Big Horn, 60, \$117.37; 4. Cleo Boyce, Winifred, 57, \$58.69.

BULL RIDING (7)

July 4 Day Money (7) — Stan Langree, Laurel, \$169.75.
Overall (7) — 1. Stan Langree, Laurel, 64, \$363.75.

STEER WRESTLING (11)

1. Nick Econom, Winifred, 4.5, \$230.86; 2. Mike Not Atraid, Lodge Grass, 5.6, \$173.14; 3. Tom Holland, Dillon, 6.2, \$115.43; 4. Jerry Small, Birney, 6.5, \$57.71.

CALF ROPING (16)

1. Bryan Anderson, Dillon, 9.3, \$318.16; 2. Terry Small, Birney, 10.7, \$238.62; 3. Randy Ragland, Bridger, 10.8, \$159.08; 4. Rod Brosz, Shepherd, 10.9, \$79.54.

TEAM ROPING (25 TEAMS)

1. Lynn Howell and Guy Howell, Powderville, 8.5, \$421.70; 2. Jack Kingsbury, Coffee Creek, and Mike Zacher, Lewistown, 9.1, \$307.73 ea.; 3. Randy Ragland and Dick Ragland, Bridger, 12.6, \$216.55 ea.; 4. Budd Knerr and Rex Bohn, 14.0, \$113.98 ea.; 5. Jack Witcher and Chris Mathison, Miles City, 15.0, \$79.78.

LADIES BARREL RACING (16)

1. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 17.30, \$318.16; 2. Juy Benson, Melstone, 17.83, \$238.62; 3. Charlene Murphy, Billings, 17.87, \$159.08; 4. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 17.90, \$79.54.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING (26)

1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 3.1, \$455.80; 2. Mimi Wolf, Clarksville, Wa., 4.4, \$332.61; 3. Lisa Pulse, Bozeman, 4.6, \$234.06; 4-5. Becky Mahoney, Dillon, and Karen Miller, Absarokee, 4.8, \$104.71 ea.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (7)

1. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 17.57, \$48; 2. Mandi Holland, Dillon, 18.35, \$36; 3. Jodi Petersen, Three Forks, 18.66, \$24; 4. Tammi Fiehart, Grass Flange, 18.68, \$12.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (10)

1. Ty Parker, Three Forks, 3.3, \$60; 2. Derrick Fleming, Ismay, 6.2, \$45; 3. Brett Fleming, Ismay, 13.6, \$30; 4. C.B. Wagner, Laurel, 18.3, \$15.

Total Payoff: \$7,345

Total Contestants: 128

EAST HELENA RODEO JULY 8, 9, 10, 1988

Stock Contractor: Jacobs Live-
stock Rodeo Co.

Judges: Bob Graveley and
Skeeter Nordahl

Timers: Kaye Johnston and
Arlene Haugland

Bullfighter: Max Krantz

Pickup Men: Dick Lyman and
Ed Solomon

Announcer: Curt Pate

BAREBACK RIDING (24)

1. Scott Tomlin, Billings, 73, \$391.20; 2-3. Scott Schall, Arlee, and Gary Eichhorn, Helena, 71, \$243.18 ea.; 4. Justin Beasley, Cody, Wyo., 70, \$105.73; 5. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 69, \$74.01.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (18)

1. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., 81, \$341.44; 2. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis, 78, \$256.08; 3-4. Ken Ford, Australia, and Dan Mortensen, Billings, 74, \$128.04 ea.

BULL RIDING (37)

Friday (14) — Robert Bright, \$339.50.

Saturday (13) — Randy Schroth, Pat Goyins, Frank Evertz, Dave Mason, Darcy Hunt, Mike Johnson, Rob O'Masters and Jay Novich, \$391.4 ea.

Sunday (10) — Dan Weigert, Mark Murfitt, Don Nahrgang, Dan Mortensen, Marty Penrod, Clint Ringler, \$40.42 ea.

Overall Payoff (37) — 1. Mark Murfitt, Helena, 80, \$554.50; 2. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 78, \$404.64; 3. Mike Johnson, Richfield, Idaho, 76, \$284.74; 4-5-6. Darcy Hunt, Cranbrook, B.C., Dan Weigert, Colstrip, and Don Nahrgang, Dillon, 75, \$84.93 ea.

STEER WRESTLING (57)

1. Dean Wang, Missoula, 3.6, \$740.40; 2-3. Dan Cross, Powell, Wyo., and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 4.0, \$479.09 ea.; 4-5. Jaye Keubler, Great Falls, and Steve Blixt, Helena, 4.1, \$185.10 ea.; 6 (split), Joe Epler, Helena, and Jerry Small, Birney, 4.2, \$54.44 ea.

CALF ROPING (49)

1. Mike Collins, Dillon, 8.5, \$705.24; 2. Spike Guardipee, Browning, 10.4, \$514.63; 3-4. Mike Barthelmeis, Lincoln, and Chris Lynch, Ronan, 11.0, \$276.38 ea.; 5. Mark Salmond, Choteau, 11.8, \$133.42.

TEAM ROPING (50)

1. Spike Guardipee, Browning, and Richard Carpenter, Kalispell, 5.9, \$692.58 ea.; 2. Ken White, Browning, and Melvin Jackson, Cut Bank, 6.7, \$529.62 ea.; 3. Jim Howell and Guy Howell, Powderville, 7.1, \$366.66 ea.; 4. Bob Schall, Arlee, and Rod Lyman, Great Falls, 7.5, \$203.70 ea.; 5-6. Bill Lynn, Billings, and Lee Hutchinson, W/iaux, & Charlie Briggs, Gallatin Gateway, and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 7.9, \$122.22.

LADIES BARREL RACING (39)

1. Zana Lytle, Ronan, 15.98, \$579.62; 2. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 15.99, \$422.97; 3. Charlene Coleman, Cut Bank, 16.13, \$297.64; 4. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls, 16.20, \$156.66; 5 (split), Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, and Deb Haugland, Helena, 16.34, \$54.83 ea.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING (43)

1. Janie Carlson, Two Dot, 2.4, \$611.92; 2. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls, 3.0, \$446.54; 3-4.

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Tammy Jo Risa, Billings, and Karen Somner, Idaho Falls, 3.6, \$239.81; 5. Mary Hill, Geysers, 3.9, \$115.77.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (23)

1. Teresa Wolff, Circle, 16.64, \$112; 2. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 16.87, \$84; 3. Codi Lynn Smith, Ronan, 16.92, \$56; 4. Kayla Elne, Dillon, 16.94, \$28.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (15)

1. Jodi Petersen, Three Forks, 4.3, \$110; 2. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 6.3, \$82.50; 3. Ryan Counts, Pray, 7.7, \$55; 4. Jim Garrison, Glen, 14.1, \$27.50.

Total Payoff: \$12,704.25

Total Paid Contestants: 329

KERR COUNTRY RODEO POLSON, MONT.

July 9-10, 1988

Stock Contractor: Rocky Mountain Rodeo Co.

Judges: R. T. Hendrickson and Leonard Wortman

Timers: Stefanie Hendricksen and Pat Vermedahl

Bullfighter: Kevin Hill

Pickup Men: Kevin Hill and Wait Vermedahl

Announcer: Will Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (14)

1. Justin Beasley, Cody, Wyo., 73, \$382.18; 2. Delbert Moore, Miles City, 72, \$286.63; 3-4. Bob Schall, Arlee, and Slim Lemmon, Lewistown, 71, \$143.31 ea.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (16)

1. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 78, \$382.23; 2. Wayne Kelly, Stanford, 75, \$278.92; 3. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis, 74, \$196.27; 4-5. Tristram Jackson, Cody, Wyo., and Dave Clelland, Polson, 73, \$87.80 ea.

BULL RIDING (24)

Saturday (12) — Cad Onstad, Dan Weigert, Denny Wells, Mark Murfitt, Robert Bright, Brent Powell, Don Nahrgang, Marty Penrod, \$36.38 ea.

Sunday (12) — Mike Johnson, Brett Fitzpatrick, Dan English, Darcy Hunt, Dan Stafford, Rob O'Masters, \$48.50 ea.

Overall (24) — 1. Mark Murfitt, Helena, 78, \$497.07; 2-3. Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson, and Marty Penrod, Miles City, 76, \$308.99 ea.; 4. Rob O'Masters, Deer Lodge, 73, \$134.34; 5. Denny Wells, Colstrip, 71, \$94.04.

STEER WRESTLING (35)

1. Mike Collins, Dillon, 4.0, \$654.99; 2. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman, 4.5, \$477.96; 3. Herb Harris, Ronan, 4.7, \$336.34; 4. Shawn Gleason, Ennis, 4.9, \$177.02; 5. Jesse Peterson, Helena, 5.1, \$123.91.

CALF ROPING (34)

1-2. Lyle Baumann, Hardin, and Mike Rains, Missoula, 9.2, \$554.06 ea.; 3. Randy Holman, Bigfork, 9.8, \$328.98; 4. Rich Carpenter, Kalispell, 9.9, \$173.15; 5-6. Tim Bagnell, Huson, and Bill Melaney, Wolf Creek, 11.0, \$60.60.

TEAM ROPING (29)

1. Charlie Briggs and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 7.3, \$492.59 ea.; 2. George Eichhorn, Helena, and Scott Eichhorn, Kalispell, 7.6, \$359.46 ea.; 3. Dick Goins, Billings, and Swede Cole, Harlem, 8.8, \$252.95 ea.; 4.

Becky Mahoney and Carl Gibson, Dillon, 9.3, \$133.13 ea.; 5. Larry Steele, Malta and Jack Kingsbury, Coffee Creek, 12.3, \$93.19 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (29)

1. Jodi Petersen, Three Forks, 17.23, \$568.85 ea.; 2. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 17.34, \$415.11; 3. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 17.36, \$292.11; 4. Sherri Mickelson, Blackfoot, Idaho, 17.52, \$153.74; 5. Deb Haugland, Helena, 17.70, \$107.62.

BREAKAWAY ROPING (27)

Deb Burghduff, East Helena, 4.1, \$540.14; 2. Nancy Petersen, Three Forks, 4.4, \$394.15; 3. Mary Goyins, Helena, 4.8, \$277.37; 4. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 5.0, \$145.98; 5. Tammy Jo Risa, Billings, 5.2, \$102.18.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (13)

1. Mikell Lynn Johnson, Ft. Shaw, 17.78, \$170; 2. Julie Rappold, Dupuyer, 17.91, \$127.50; 3. Mandi Holland, Dillon, 18.00, \$85; 4. Jodi Petersen, Three Forks, 18.35, \$42.50.

Total Payoff: \$13,500.60

Total Contestants: 198

THREE FORKS RODEO

July 15, 16, 1988

Stock Contractor: Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Co.

Judges: Skeeter Nordahl and Pee Wee Pasha

Bullfighters: Mad Max and Flint Rasmussen

Timers: Sharyl Cotant and LaVonne Horsford

Pickup Men: Ed Solomon and Dick Lyman

Announcer: Dean Folkvord

BAREBACK RIDING (23)

1. Bob Schall, Arlee, 74, \$351.14; 2. Scott Schall, Arlee, 72, \$263.36; 3. Dennis Wortman, Boulder, 71, \$131.68; 4. Mark Murfitt, Helena, 71, \$131.68.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (19)

1-2. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo., and Cleo Boyce, Winifred, 74, \$268.21; 3-4. Kent Robbins, Victor, and Butch Reynolds, Corvallis, 73, \$114.95 ea.

BULL RIDING (37)

Friday Performance (18) — \$62.35 ea. to: Dan Weigert, Pat Goyins, Brett Fitzpatrick, John Vaught, Chad Onstad, Mark Murfitt, Marty Penrod.

Saturday Performance (19) — \$85.85 ea. to: Don Nahrgang, Slim Lemmon, Dan Ringle, Randy Schroth, Jim Bushnell, Dave Mason, Mark Ringle.

Overall (37) — 1. Dave Mason, Cody, Wyo., 77, \$500.67; 2. Randy Schroth, White Sulphur Springs, 76, \$311.22; 3. Dan Weigert, Colstrip, 76, \$311.22; 4. Jim Bushnell, Helena, 75, \$135.32; 5. Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson, 73, \$94.72.

STEER WRESTLING (44)

1-2. Brad Gleason, Ennis, and Rob Kountz, Bozeman, 4.6, \$509.06 ea.; 3. Shannon Blixt, Helena, 4.9, \$302.25; 4. Wayne Else, Dillon, 5.3, \$159.08; 5. Al Franzen, Sidney, 5.4, \$111.36.

CALF ROPING (42)

1. Gordy Alderson, Dillon, 12.1, \$563.47; 2. Dan Cross, Cody, Wyo., 12.7, \$411.18; 3. Bob Griffith, Gallatin Gateway, 13.3,

\$289.35; 4. Brad Gleason, Ennis, 13.6, \$152.29; 5. Ken Whyte, Browning, 13.7, \$106.60.

TEAM ROPING (53 TEAMS)

1. Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D., and Bill Ayre, Glendive, 6.5, \$683.70 ea.; 2. Jim Howell and Guy Howell, Powderville, 7.5, \$468.92 ea.; 3. Becky Mahoney and Carl Gibson, Dillon, 7.7, \$351.09 ea.; 4. Dick Goins, Billings, and Swede Cole, Harlem, 7.8, \$184.79 ea.; 5. Rick Tryan, Helena, and Shawn Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 8.1, \$129.35 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (37)

1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 17.44, \$500.67; 2. Trista Taylor, Miles City, 17.69, \$365.35; 3. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 17.77, \$257.10; 4. Deb Haugland, Helena, 17.87, \$135.32; 5. Betsy Evans, Glendive, 17.98, \$94.72.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING (51)

1. Janie Carlson, Two Dot, 2.4, \$676.53; 2. Deb Haugland, Helena, 3.2, \$493.68; 3. Jeannie Kinney, Billings, 3.3, \$342.41; 4-5-6. Kelly Gorrell, Beach, N.D., Shari Hargrove, Helena, and Rhonda Nevala, Geysers, 3.4, \$103.61 ea.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (21)

1. Jody Petersen, 17.44, \$188; 2. Cally Goyins, 18.55, \$141; 3. Trista Taylor, 18.60, \$94; 4. Mikell Lin Johnson, 18.64, \$47.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (15)

1. Brett Fleming, 5.0, \$140; 2. Derek Fleming, 5.3, \$105; 3. Jim Garrison, 5.8, \$70; 4. Deanna Dreyer, 7.8, \$35.

Total Payoff: \$14,315

Total Contestants: 290

MARIAS FAIR SHELBY, MONT.

July 22, 23, 1988

Stock Contractor: Small Rodeo Co.

Judges: Pee Wee Pasha and Skeeter Nordahl

Timers: Tootie Rasmussen and Nancy Pasha

Bullfighter: Lloyd Ketchum

Pickup Men: Dick Bassett and Josh Hedrick

Announcer: Stan Rasmussen

BAREBACK RIDING (15)

1. Bob Schall, Arlee, 72, \$282.08; 2. Steve Cutler, Lewistown, 71, \$211.56; 3. Lane Yeager, Choteau, 70, \$141.04; Mark Murfitt, Helena, 69, \$35.26; 5. Delbert Moore, Miles City, 69, \$35.26.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING (22)

1. Scott Augare, Browning, 76, \$376.36; 2. Les Best, Hardin, 75, \$282.27; 3-4. Rod Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alta., and Kent Robbins, Victor, 74, \$141.14 ea.

BULL RIDING (19)

Friday Performance (12) — \$41.57 ea. to: Dan Mortensen, Brett Fitzpatrick, Joe Hedges, Denny Wells, Mike Johnson, Chad Onstad, Dan Weigert.

Saturday Performance (7) — No qualified riders. Ground split of \$24.25 to: Duane Lum, Tom Brandon, Darcy Hunt, Rob O'Masters, Dale Bird, Pat Goyins, Clint Ringle.

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Bull riding Overall (19) — 1. Dan Weigert, Colstrip, 77, \$261.90; 2. Denny Wells, Colstrip, 76, \$196.43; 3. Dan Mortensen, Billings, 72, \$130.95; 4-5-6. Mike Johnson, Dubois, Ida., Chad Onstad, Valier, and Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson, 71, \$21.82 ea.

STEER WRESTLING (10)

1. Bob Ruckman, Great Falls, 4.7, \$322.04; 2. Skeeter Nordahl, Helena, 5.3, \$241.53; 3. Todd Turner, Stevensville, 6.9, \$161.02; 4. Casey Rindal, Roy, 7.1, \$80.51.

CALF ROPING (25)

1. Bill Parker, Billings, 11.2, \$385.82; 2. Ken Whyte, Cut Bank, 11.7, \$281.54; 3. Sam Bird, Cut Bank, 12.1, \$198.12; 4. Keith Tattsey, Browning, 12.5, \$104.28; 5. Dan Cross, Cody, Wyo., 13.0, \$72.99.

TEAM ROPING (36 TEAMS)

1. Ted Hoyt, Browning and Dan Bird, Cut Bank, 8.1, \$488.10 ea.; 2. Bill Lynn, Billings, and Lee Hutchinson, Wibaux, 8.7, \$303.42; 3. Ken Whyte, Browning, and Melvin Jackson, Cut Bank, 8.7, \$303.42 ea.; 4. Fred England, Dupuyer, and Frank Harrison,

Browning, 11.3, \$131.92 ea.; 5. Dennis Donovan, Kremlin, and Tom Brainard, Havre, 11.5, \$92.34 ea.

LADIES BARREL RACING (25)

1. Charlotte Schmidt, Cut Bank, 15.69, \$385.82; 2. Jody Petersen, Three Forks, 15.96, \$281.54; 3. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 16.01, \$198.12; 4. Laura McPherson, Polson, 16.08, \$104.28; 5. Zana Lytle, Ronan, 16.15, \$72.99.

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING (21)

1. Janie Carlson, Two Dot, 3.1, \$362.78; 2. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, 3.8, \$272.09; 3. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek, 3.9, \$181.39; 4. Linda Smith, Polson, 4.2, \$90.70.

JUNIOR BARREL RACING (17)

1. Mikell Lin Johnson, Fort Shaw, 16.30, \$68; 2. Tricia Gray, Browning, 16.58, \$51; 3. Julie Rappold, Dupuyer, 16.60, \$34; 4. Teri Lindberg, Conrad, 16.97, \$17.

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING (6)

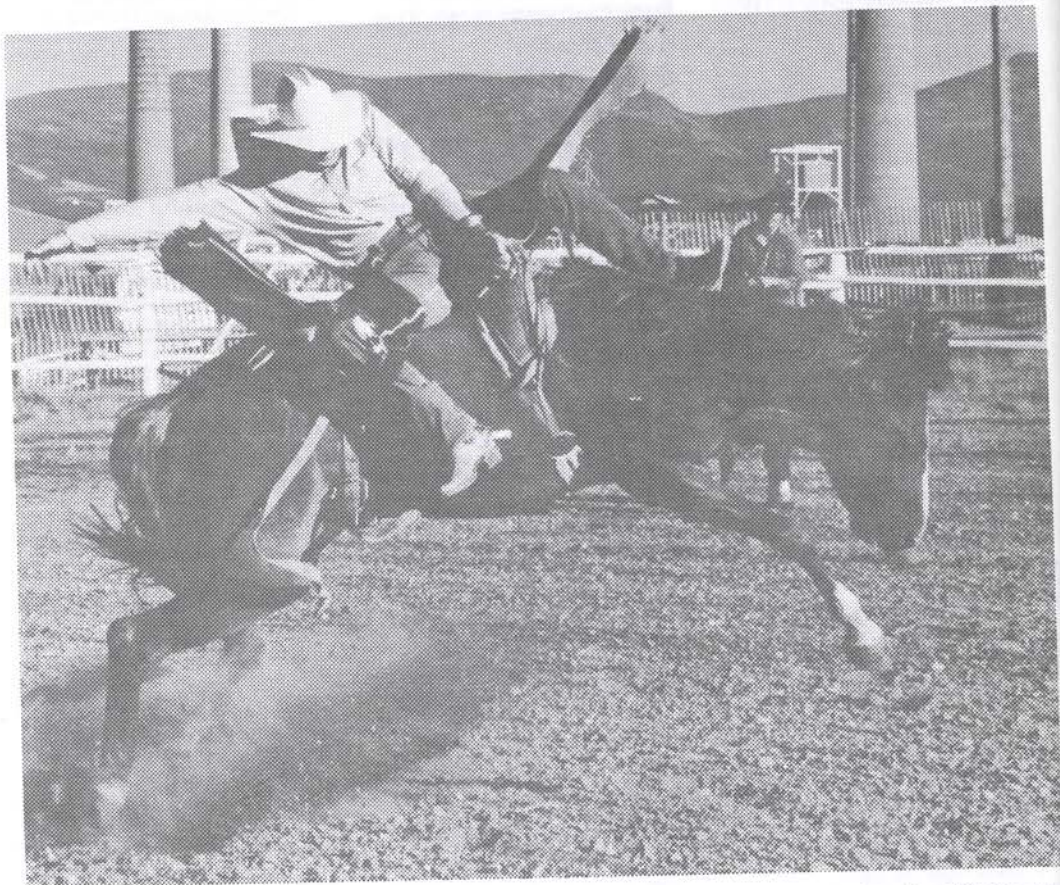
1. Teli Steinbach, Wolf Creek, 4.7, \$85.
Total Payoff: \$9,485.00
Total Contestants: 175

MBRA Finals Scheduled At Deer Lodge

Shelley Cain reports that all is in readiness for the Montana Barrel Racers Association Finals to be held during the annual Deer Lodge rodeo (Tri-County Fair) on Aug. 20 and 21.

The contestants will be offered two runs for a \$50 entry fee with \$500 added.

The novice barrel race will be held Sunday at 10 a.m., or after the slack.



Justin Beasley of Cody, Wyo. scored 70 points on Jacobs' "Tony's Pet" during the 1988 East Helena Rodeo. He placed fourth.
— Photo by George Lane
Helena Independent Record

Lois Hill . . . The Commission's Lady

From Mid-America Rodeo News, May 15, 1988

She's a lady from up Montana way; you've seen her doing just about any job there is to do connected with rodeo. She has, at some point, been committee, secretary, association officer, public relations, competitor, as well as arena director, chute help, etc. Twenty-five years of rodeo experience gives this lady the heart and soul of the cowboy world.

Lois Hill has been on the Board of the North American Rodeo Commission since it was first formed. Even prior to that, she helped put together the first World Finals in Spokane, Wash., the rodeo that led to the official forming of the commission. At the time, she was President (an office she held for four years) of the Northern Rodeo Association. She had also served as Vice President, Barrel Racing Director, Director at Large, as well as nine years as President of the Montana Barrel Racing Association.

You won't find a more friendly face, a more willing smile, or a quicker offer to lend a hand, than comes naturally with Lois. Her love of the sport and the people that make it happen — cowboy, contractor, committee — makes her a special addition to the North American Rodeo Commission.

Her colleagues hold her in the highest regard. They value her judgement. She has earned complete respect from those she meets with her mind and ideas to guide the future path of the commission. "Honest, fair and a go-getter, Lois Hill's rodeo and business background allows her to think like a cowboy or beyond that, like a cattleman," commented a board member.

John and Lois Hill ranch and raise grain and Quarter horses on a 20,000 acre ranch near Geyser, Montana. At one time all the Hills and their children were rodeoing. When the NRA is talked about, so are the Hills. They have all been a very major part of its life and growth.

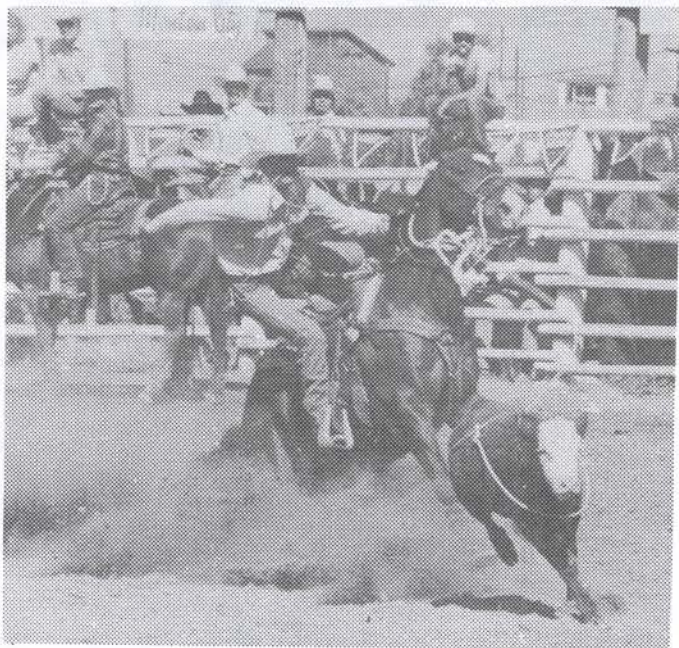
Lois finds her position on the commission board to be rewarding. She says there is a unity among the directors that remains solid through the highs and lows of the good and bad times. "Perhaps," she explains, "this stems from common backgrounds. The fact they are all businessmen as well as cowboys and the knowledge that their decisions won't please everyone, but when they are made, they

will all back them 100 percent."

Her goals for the NARC are a sure, steady growth, careful decision making to be sure what is needed and wanted, improved stock and continued positive cooperation between the WFR committees, the cowboy, the contractor, and the associations. All these things are in progress, and with the guidance of dedicated people like Lois Hill, will continue on an upward swing.

Lois Hill, truly an asset to the entirety of the North American Rodeo Commission and what it represents.

Julie Hevelone



The East Helena Rodeo was hot this year, both the weather and the action.
— Photo by Doc Garren

MHSRA Champions Announced

Following are the 1988 champions in each event of the Montana High School Rodeo Association as determined after a long competitive spring full of rodeos, and after the State Finals in Lewistown.

The NRA annually offers free memberships to each champion, along with the event champions of the Big Sky Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

We'd like to list each high school competitor, for they

are the real future of the NRA, but space permits only the champions. Congratulations to all!

Girls Cutting — Jennifer Chowning, Polson.

Boys Cutting — Braiden Burns, St. Ignatius.

Calf Roping — Chad Johnson, Cut Bank.

Steer Wrestling — Jason Evans, Biddle

Bareback Riding — Dennis Wortman, Boulder

Saddle Bronc Riding — Craig Miller, Miles City.

Bull Riding — Robert Bright, Helena.

Team Roping — Randy Sack, Victor, and Travis Nye, Hamilton.

Queen — Dana Malesich, Butte.

Barrel Racing — Wendy Ferdina, Wolf Point.

Breakaway Roping — Jeanie Kinney, Billings.

Pole Bending — Marcey Wacker, Roundup.

Goat Tying — Lana Tibbetts, Terry.

All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl, and Rookies of the Year: Gary Woodworth, Glendive, and ReAnn Berzel, Ismay.



Record crowds have been enjoying NRA rodeo throughout the summer, and near-perfect weather during the Choteau rodeo provided the setting for an All-American celebration in that city.

Mike Smith Publishes Poetry Book

From Agri-News
By Rebecca Tescher

We all knew Mike Smith could talk, and now we find the former ranch kid from Grass Range has other talents.

You've been hearing Mike giving KGHl farm reports for years. With the release of his new book, "Myths and Memories," the bull rider turned ag broadcaster reveals an up-until-now hidden talent. He can write.

Using his broadcasting skill, rural character, natural humor and optimism, Smith has created a ranchy, poetic collection. His book is a good choice for your fall reading list.

My favorite, "Pray for Sunshine" epitomizes Mike's style. Like everything else in Montana, Mike knows the size of your funeral crowd will "depend on the weather."

Smith exposes his western roots in "Myths and Memories" available at the Northern Rodeo Association office for \$7.95, or write, Myths and Memories, Box 213, Laurel, Mont. 59044. (Enclose \$1 for postage and handling).

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BAREBACK RIDING

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Steve Cutler, Lewistown | \$1,954.46 |
| 2. Bob Schall, Arlee | 1,138.34 |
| 3. Delbert Moore, Miles City | 825.22 |
| 4. Justin Beasley, Cody, Wyo. | 734.29 |
| 5. Lane Yeager, Choteau | 674.54 |
| 6. Scott Tomlin, Billings | 636.13 |
| 7. Scott Schall, Arlee | 556.98 |
| 8. Gary Eichhorn, Helena | 552.70 |
| 9. Kim Harris, Conrad | 462.98 |
| 10. Bruce Martin, Lewistown | 372.48 |

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Dan Mortensen, Billings | \$2,057.18 |
| 2. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo. | 1,527.03 |
| 3. Butch Reynolds, Corvallis | 1,034.35 |
| 4. Scotty Augare, Browning | 727.50 |
| 5. Wayne Kelly, Stanford | 652.85 |
| 6. Cleo Boyce, Winifred | 628.57 |
| 7. Les Best, Big Horn | 589.75 |
| 8. Ken Ford, Arlee | 574.24 |
| 9. Kent Robbins, Victor | 568.43 |
| 10. Kirk Marchant, Lovell, Wyo. | 480.88 |

BULL RIDING

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| 1. Dan Mortensen, Billings | \$2,258.59 |
| 2. Dave Mason, Cody, Wyo. | 1,560.74 |
| 3. Brett Fitzpatrick, Polson | 1,423.52 |
| 4. Dan Weigert, Colstrip | 1,267.31 |
| 5. Marc Murfitt, Helena | 1,235.75 |
| 6. Pat Goyins, Polson | 1,114.56 |
| 7. Mike Johnson, Dubois, Ida. | 1,026.82 |
| 8. Randy Schroth, White Sulphur Sprgs. | 966.17 |
| 9. Don Nahrgang, Dillon | 922.44 |
| 10. Mark Ringler, Cody, Wyo. | 815.76 |

STEER WRESTLING

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| 1. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman | \$1,619.45 |
| 2. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo. | 1,439.09 |
| 3. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman | 1,339.97 |
| 4. Spike Guardipee, Billings | 1,308.77 |
| 5. Mike Collins, Dillon | 1,301.01 |
| 6. Skeeter Nordahl, Helena | 921.25 |
| 7. Shawn Gleason, Ennis | 885.32 |
| 8. Gene Burman, Glendive | 812.27 |
| 9. Gary Zipperian, Clancy | 789.87 |
| 10. Dean Wang, Baker | 740.40 |

CALF ROPING

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| 1. Bryan Anderson, Dillon | \$1,634.89 |
| 2. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo. | 1,577.60 |
| 3. Spike Guardipee, Billings | 1,350.83 |
| 4. Gordy Alderson, Dillon | 1,209.49 |
| 5. Chris Mathison, Miles City | 1,186.16 |
| 6. Britt Givens, Riverton, Wyo. | 1,079.07 |
| 7. Mike Barthelmess, Lincoln | 922.28 |
| 8. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman | 911.65 |
| 9. Mike Collins, Dillon | 855.98 |
| 10. Jim Howell, Powderville | 734.45 |

TEAM ROPING

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| 1. Phil Fleming, Ismay | \$1,840.82 |
| 2. Enoch Schaffer, Broadus | 1,840.82 |
| 3. Spike Guardipee, Billings | 1,761.00 |
| 4. Guy Howell, Powderville | 1,575.37 |
| 5. Jeff Gorrell, Beach, N.D. | 1,533.84 |
| 6. Dennis Tryan, Shepherd | 1,514.76 |
| 7. Shawn Steinbach, Wolf Creek | 1,430.61 |
| 8. Richard Carpenter, Kalispell | 1,417.56 |
| 9. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman | 1,382.61 |
| 10. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman | 1,382.61 |
| 11. Bill Ayre, Glendive | 1,333.87 |
| 12. Bill Lynn, Billings | 1,231.71 |
| 13. Lee Hutchinson, Wibaux | 1,231.71 |
| 14. Jim Howell, Powderville | 1,153.67 |
| 15. Bill Parker, Billings | 1,068.42 |

LADIES BARREL RACING

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton | \$3,017.98 |
| 2. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek | 1,857.76 |
| 3. Jody Petersen, Three Forks | 1,586.96 |
| 4. Trista Taylor, Miles City | 886.27 |
| 5. Debbie Haugland, Helena | 865.93 |
| 6. Betsy Evans, Glendive | 810.72 |
| 7. Zana Lytle, Ronan | 770.93 |
| 8. Charlene Coleman, Cut Bank | 709.89 |
| 9. Lisa Schillinger, Wolf Point | 609.59 |
| 10. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls | 571.77 |

LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

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| 1. Janie Carlson, Two Dot | \$2,160.72 |
| 2. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek | 1,950.77 |
| 3. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton | 1,222.39 |
| 4. Nancy Petersen, Three Forks | 1,207.60 |
| 5. Debbie Burghduff, East Helena | 1,178.40 |
| 6. Shelli Rennaker, Hamilton | 1,132.48 |
| 7. Tammy Jo Risa, Billings | 1,007.31 |
| 8. Kelly Gorrell, Beach, N.D. | 895.13 |
| 9. Jeannie Kinney, Billings | 834.54 |
| 10. Rhonda Nevala, Bozeman | 667.09 |

JUNIOR BARREL RACING

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| 1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks | \$480.50 |
| 2. Julie Rappold, Dupuyer | 355.50 |
| 3. Mikell Lin Johnson, Fort Shaw | 285.00 |
| 4. Trista Taylor, Miles City | 243.00 |
| 5. Mandi Holland, Dillon | 222.00 |

JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

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| 1. Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek | 445.50 |
| 2. Brett Fleming, Ismay | 334.50 |
| 3. Ty Parker, Three Forks | 196.00 |
| 4. Derick Fleming, Ismay | 167.00 |
| 5. Jody Petersen, Three Forks | 152.50 |

JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

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| 1. Jody Petersen, Three Forks | \$633.00 |
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Rodeo Action 'Down Under'

The North American Rodeo Commission has received an invitation from the 1989 Royal Sydney show to send a team of cowboys and cowgirls to compete at a team rodeo in Sydney, Australia. (March, 1989). This event will feature four men's events: saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, and steer wrestling, and one ladies event, barrel racing. Entry fees are \$50 per event for men and \$40 per event for the ladies. \$20,000 U.S. Currency is guaranteed purse money for the rodeo. The winning team is guaranteed \$5,600 and the losing team will receive \$3,000.

The Australian Bushmen's Campdraft and Rodeo Association which is a member of the N.A.R.C. have scheduled approximately 12 rodeos which a person could also make prior to and/or after the Royal Sydney Show. Calf roping is available at most of these shows and team roping at a very few.

Tom Harvey, N.A.R.C. Director, is coordinating efforts to organize a team to send to Australia. Anyone interested in traveling as part of the U.S. team or who would just like to go along for the trip should contact Tom at: 3430 Chaveyville Rd., Owings, Md. 20736, phone 301-855-7182.

In Canada you may contact Dave Ferguson, N.A.R.C. Director, at R.R. 1, Site 1, Comp. 17, Ft. St. John, B.C., V1J 4M6, phone 604-785-5551.

If you would like to participate in the Royal Sydney Show please contact Tom or Dave immediately as they must make a commitment to compete by Aug. 30, 1988.

Past NRA 'Personality,' Tom Toomey, Passes Away

Thomas F. Toomey, 71, a cobbler and leatherworker, died Sunday, July 17, 1988 at Central Montana Hospital in Lewistown after a long illness.

The funeral was Thursday, July 21 at St. Leo's Catholic Church with burial in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Born in Winnett, he attended St. Leo's School and graduated from Fergus County High School in 1935. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II.

After the war, he began working at the Busy Corner Shoeshop and later purchased it. In 1946 he married Frances L. Short in Lewistown. In 1947 he moved the shop and changed its name to Toomey's Shoe & Saddle Shop.

He belonged to St. Leo's Church, Elks Lodge, Montana Pilots Association, Northern Rodeo Association, High School Rodeo Association, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was the recipient of the Northern Rodeo Association's "Personality of the Year" award, and donated Junior Events awards each year.

Survivors include his wife; children, Sharon Greenlee and Douglas M. Toomey, both of Billings, and Susan Picco and Tom Jr., both of Lewistown;

brothers, Jack of Tacoma, Wash., Gene of Lahabra, Calif., Dan of Superior, and Paul of Bloomington, Minn; sisters, Mary Rose Detz of Superior, Theresa Sherman of Puyallup, Wash., and Kathryn Darham of Rapid City, S.D., and eight grandchildren.

White Sulphur Is Ready For Its Rodeo

The Meagher County rodeo club sponsoring organization for the annual Labor Day rodeo in White Sulphur Springs, announces that even though the Montana Barrel Racers Association isn't holding its finals in White Sulphur this year (it's in Deer Lodge, Aug. 20-21), they are still adding \$500 to the ladies barrel racing.

In addition, they are adding another \$100 to each event's purse, making \$300 total.

The committee plans a cowboy auction for the barrel racers as usual, but emphasize that if the barrel racer is not present to ride during the auction, they will not be sold.

White Sulphur has also traditionally held a very popular event, the mixed team roping. This event is a jackpot.

NRA Standings

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ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Spike Guardipee, Billings \$4,420.60
2. Dan Mortensen, Billings 4,315.77
3. Robbie Kountz, Bozeman 3,634.23
4. Danny Cross, Cody, Wyo. 3,087.81
5. Charlie Briggs, Bozeman 3,002.06

ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

1. Lisa Mainey, Hamilton \$4,240.37
2. Mary Melaney, Wolf Creek 4,042.22
3. Janie Carlson, Two Dot 2,671.47
4. Debbie Haugland, Helena 1,508.02
5. Sue Smith, Idaho Falls 1,164.29

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READING RODEO LISTINGS

BB - Bareback Riding; SB - Saddle Bronc Riding; BR - Bull Riding; SW - Steer Wrestling; CR - Calf Roping; LBR - Ladies Barrel Racing; LBAR - Ladies Breakaway Roping; TR - Team Roping; JBR - Junior Barrel Racing; JBAR - Junior Breakaway Roping.

All rodeos are Trade-Out rodeos unless otherwise indicated.

All rodeos accept permits unless otherwise indicated.

Enter all rodeos through Big Sky Rodeo Central Entry, 406-428-2205, unless otherwise indicated.

All rodeos impose a \$4 stock charge and a \$1 judges fee, except for junior events, unless otherwise indicated.

HILL COUNTY FAIR, HAVRE, MONT., AUG. 12, 13, 1988. Performances at 7:30 Aug. 12, and 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 13. Slack (if needed) at 8 a.m. on Aug. 13. **EO Monday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. CB Tuesday, Aug. 9, noon - 6:30 p.m.** Local entries call Havre Rodeo Office Monday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., 265-8762. BB, SB, @ \$600 w/\$35 EF. BR @ \$600 w/ \$50 EF. SW, CR, LBR @ \$400 w/\$35 EF. TR @ \$400 w/\$35 EF per man; LBAR @ \$300 w/\$35 EF. JBR and JBAR @ \$75 w/\$10 EF. Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Co., Margie Cox, Secretary. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

SHERIDAN CO. SADDLE CLUB RODEO, PLENTYWOOD, MONT., WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17. Performance at 7 p.m. Slack (if needed) after the performance). **EO THURSDAY, AUG. 4, 10 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. CB MONDAY, AUG. 5, NOON - 6:30 P.M.** BB, SB, BR, SW, CR @ \$350 w/\$35 EF. TR @ \$350 w/\$35 EF. LBR, LBAR @ \$200 w/\$35 EF. Northern Rodeo Co. Bunky Wirtz, Secretary. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

MONTANA FAIR (MetraPark), BILLINGS, MONT., AUG. 18, 19. Performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. both days. Slack at 10 p.m. on Aug. 18 and 8

a.m. on Aug. 19. **EO THURSDAY, AUG. 4, 10 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. CB FRIDAY, AUG. 5, NOON - 6:30 P.M.** BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR @ \$1,000 w/\$75 EF. TR @ \$1,000 w/\$75 EF per man. Junior Events in the Metra, 9 a.m., Friday, Aug. 19. **JBAR @ \$100 w/\$25 EF; JBR @ \$100 w/\$25 EF. PERMITS NOT ACCEPTED. NO TRADE OUTS. NO DRAW OUTS.** Small Rodeo Co. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

TRI COUNTY FAIR, DEER LODGE, MONT., AUG. 20-21. Performances at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 20 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 21. Slack (if needed) at 8 a.m. on Aug. 21. **EO MONDAY, AUG. 15, 10 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. CB TUESDAY, AUG. 16, Noon - 6:30 P.M.** BB, SB, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR @ \$150 w/\$35 EF; BR @ \$150 w/\$25 EF; TR @ \$150 w/\$35 EF per man; JBR @ \$50 w/\$10 EF; JBAR @ \$50 w/\$20 EF. Powder River Rodeo Co. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.** Stock Charge on JBAR.

JORDAN V.F.W. POST RODEO, JORDAN, MONT., SATURDAY, AUG. 27. Performance at 1 p.m. Slack (if needed at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27. **EO MONDAY, AUG. 22, 10 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. CB TUESDAY, AUG. 23, Noon - 6:30 p.m.** BB, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR @ \$100 w/\$45 EF; SB @ \$100 + 10% of calcutta w/\$45 EF; BR @ \$100 w/\$25 EF; TR @ \$100 w/\$35 EF per man. Kids 12 & Under Barrels, \$5 jackpot; Kids 14 and under Breakaway, \$5 jackpot; Kids 14 and under poles, \$5 jackpot. Northern Rodeo Co. Bunky Wirtz, Secretary. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

JEFFERSON COUNTY RODEO ASS'N. RODEO, BOULDER, MONT., AUG. 27, 28. Performances at 2 p.m. both days, Slack (if needed) at 9 a.m. on Aug. 28. **EO MONDAY, Aug. 22, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. CB TUESDAY, AUG. 23, NOON - 6:30 P.M.** BB, SB, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR @ \$200 w/\$35 EF; BR @ \$200 w/\$25 EF; TR @

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\$200 w/\$35 EF per man; JBR @ \$50 w/\$10 EF. Special Event: Novice Bareback Riding @ \$50 w/\$10 EF. Powder River Rodeo Productions. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

LEMHI COUNTY FAIR & RODEO, SALMON, IDAHO, AUG. 26 & 27. Co-approved E.I.R.A. BB, SB, BR, CR, SW, LBR, LBAR @ \$300 w/\$40 EF. TR @ \$300 w/\$40 EF per man (enter twice). \$350 added to all-around, to pay three. *EO Monday, Aug. 15, 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Draw Outs, Monday, Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. CB, Monday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. To enter bulls: 208-356-0221. To enter Bareback riding and Saddle bronc riding: 208-356-0135. To enter timed events, call 208-356-0135.* Performances at 8 p.m. each night. Slack Saturday at 10 a.m. Stock Contractor: Hoggan and Crystal Rodeo Cos. E.I.R.A. Rules. Slack Aug. 27, 10 a.m.; rough stock slack, if needed, after each performance. Additional Fees: \$1.50 judges, \$2.00 Central Entry, Stock Charge approx. \$3 per event.

WILLISTON FAIR RODEO, WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA, FRIDAY, Aug. 26 & SAT., AUG. 27. Performances at 7 p.m. Central Time. Slack at 2 p.m. Central time on Saturday, Aug. 27. *ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN ON MONDAY, AUG. 22, 8 a.m. - 10 P.M. CENTRAL TIME. CALL BACKS Aug. 23, Noon - 10 P.M. Central Time. Central Entry No., 701-663-6098.* SB, BB, BR, CR, SW, LBR, LBAR @ \$400 w/\$50 EF; TR @ \$400 w/\$50 EF per man. TR may enter twice, may switch ends. Everyone pays \$2 at the gate, which will be refunded. Co-approved with North Plains Rodeo Association. Mosbrucker Rodeos, Inc. Roger Halvorson, secretary. Central Entry charge, \$1.25 per contestant. Dance Saturday night at Fairgrounds after rodeo.

RAVALLI COUNTY FAIR, HAMILTON, MONT., SEPT. 1 & 2. Performances at 8 p.m. both days. Slack on Sept. 1 after performance. **EO AUG. 29, 10 A.M. - 6:30**

P.M. CB. TUESDAY, AUG. 30, NOON - 6:30 P.M. BB, SB, SW, CR, LBR @ \$150 w/\$35 EF. BR @ \$150 w/\$25 EF. TR @ \$150 w/\$35 EF per man. JBR @ \$50 w/\$10 EF. Powder River Rodeo Productions. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

SANDERS COUNTY FAIR, PLAINS, MONT., SEPT. 3 & 4. Performances at 8 p.m. on Sept. 3 and 2 p.m. on Sept. 4. Slack on Sept. 3 after the show. *EO Monday, Aug. 29, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. CB Tues., Aug. 30, Noon - 6:30 p.m.* BB, SB, BR, SW, CR, LBR @ \$350 w/\$35 EF. TR @ \$350 w/\$35 EF; LBAR @ \$200 w/\$35 EF; JBR @ \$100 w/\$10 EF. Powder River Rodeo Productions. Big Sky Rodeo Central Entry, 406-428-2205.

MEAGHER COUNTY RODEO CLUB RODEO, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MONT., SEPT. 4, 5. Performances at 1:30 p.m. both days. Slack (if needed) at 8 a.m. on Sept. 5. JBAR stock charge. **EO MONDAY, AUG. 29, 10 A.M. - 6:30 P.M. CB TUESDAY, AUG. 30, NOON - 6:30 P.M.** BB, SB, SW, CR, LBR, LBAR @ \$200 w/\$35 EF; BR @ \$200 w/\$25 EF; TR @ \$200 w/\$35 EF per man; JBR, JBAR @ \$50 w/\$15 EF. Special Events: Novice Barrel Racing @ \$100 w/\$15 EF; Rookie Bareback Riding (with signed release) @ \$100 w/\$15 EF; Local Kids Barrel Racing @ \$25 w/\$5 EF. Small Rodeo Co. **BIG SKY RODEO CENTRAL ENTRY, 406-428-2205.**

MISSOURI VALLEY FAIR RODEO, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA, SEPT. 10 & 11. Performance at 3:30 Sat., Sept. 10 and 1:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 11. Slack at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. (all times Central time). *EO MONDAY, SEPT. 5, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time. CB Tues., Sept. 6, Noon - 10 p.m. Central Time. Central Entry No. 701-663-6098.* SB, BB, BR, CR, SW, LBR, LBAR @ \$1000 w/\$50 EF; TR @ \$1000 w/\$50 EF per man (may enter twice, may

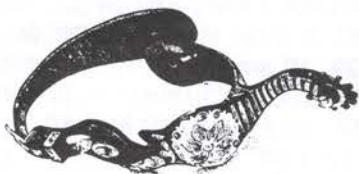
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switch ends). \$2 fairgrounds charge and a \$5 stock charge. Co-approved with NPRA and IPRA. Mosbrucker Rodeos, Inc., Marge Mosbrucker, secretary. Central Entry Charge, \$1.25. True Value Country Show-down Friday, Sept. 9, 8 p.m., featuring John Conley.

PLEASE NOTE: A NEW RULE ADOPTED BY THE NRA IN 1988 READS AS FOLLOWS: The entry fees in the Bull Riding Event Will be Scaled to the Added Money as Follows:

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| \$100-\$200 Added..... | \$25 Entry Fee |
| \$201-\$400 Added..... | \$35 Entry Fee |
| \$401-\$500 Added..... | \$45 Entry Fee |
| \$501-\$750 Added..... | \$50 Entry Fee |
| \$751-\$1000 Added | \$75 Entry Fee |
| \$1001-Over Added.... | Fees Set by Board |



Past NRA Saddle Bronc Riding champion Jim Walker of Lovell, Wyo. shows that he hasn't lost his touch with this 81 point ride on "Red River" at the East Helena rodeo. Walker won the event.

— Photo by Roy Pace, Helena Independent Record

Bull Riding Makes Fans Stick Around

By Joe Kusek

Billings Gazette Staff

It is the main event.

People watch and wait. And wait some more. Then it is time.

The chute opens, whoops and hollers fill the arena, bells clang, the fans start to rise out of their seats... it's the eight seconds they have been waiting for.

"They don't want to see anyone get killed," explains Don Jacobs. "But they probably wouldn't mind seeing somebody get mangled."

Bull riding. The good, the bad, the ugly, all rolled into eight seconds. Some look good. Some look bad, real bad. Fans want it all. And with bull riding, they usually get it.

Jacobs is one of those who provide the fans what they want. He is one of the rodeo stock contractors that provides ornery bulls and bucking horses to Montana rodeos.

"I root for the cowboys and I root for the bulls," said Jacobs. "I get excited when the cowboys have a good ride, but I get just as excited when the bull bucks one of them off."

It is Jacobs' responsibility to make sure the bulls do what is required — try to get the cowboys off their backs. So every fall, Jacobs goes to south-central Texas in search of bulls that catch his eye.

"You look for spinning bulls," he said. "I'll go down and watch 400 to 500 bulls. I might watch a bull, come back three weeks later, then watch him again. You want one with some fight, one that will hunt (chase the rodeo clowns), but not one that will be trouble behind the arena.

"You can have a bull that's perfect out of the chute, but trouble to handle. He might kill someone. The bulls can cost \$3,000 apiece. So it's not cheap. You have to take good

care of them."

The average bucking span for a bull is four to five years, according to Jacobs. And each bull has a distinct pattern of bucking. A pattern that becomes the bull's individual mark.

"Most bulls, during an early period of their life have a set pattern," Jacobs said. "They're pretty consistent. A bull might go two turns to the left, then circle back. They pretty much have that same pattern all the time.

"They might be a bit predictable, but they're so strong, it doesn't matter. The bull weighs anywhere from 1,800 to 2,200 pounds. That's a lot of power. And they might spin a little faster, drop a shoulder, the cowboy gets his ride. I've seen some do 12 spins in eight seconds. That's so fast, that's a lot of power being thrown around."

Like all good athletes, a bull eventually slows down. Jacobs attributes some of that to Montana winters.

"For some reason, that Montana cold takes a lot of the fighting out of them," he said. "When the weather is real bad, we take them down to

Texas. The cold takes a toll. They just become complacent.

"And you can tell when they slow down. It only takes a couple of trips to tell the difference. They might not twist as hard or maybe just go seven seconds, then stop. Then their career is over. They become hamburger."

But Jacobs does develop a special affinity for some of his "brood." Particularly ones that make an impact in the arena.

"I had one, 40,000 Laughs, that was only rode four times in five years," Jacobs recalled. "And one that was so rank (tough), Sylvester Sly, that was only ridden once in five years. But he broke his back bucking. He got caught in some mud and slipped.

"They're pretty easy to handle. Going through the chutes, they know what they'll be doing. But they're just like kids. They know the ritual. They handle much better than horses. We just line them up and yell, 'get on the bus!' and in they go."

They just might be a little more ornery when they get off.



It appears as if this cowboy has all he can handle on one of Don Jacobs' top bareback horses. The action took place at East Helena.

— Photo by Doc Garren

1988 NRA RULE CHANGES

PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING RULES TO YOUR RULE BOOK.

Page 7, No. 9 — Non Contesting Membership dues of \$25 applying to all contract personnel, Timers, Secretaries, Pickup Men, Contract Acts, Clowns, and Announcers.

Delete Current Page 7, No. 9 Ruling.

Page 16, added to No. 3 for clarification — When less than the number of contestants place in an event than the proper payoff for that event, the places paid will be in accordance with the numbers qualified. Example: 1 qualified, receives 100%; 2 qualified, 60/40; 3 qualified, 50/30/20, etc. If all contestants fail to qualify, the entry fees and added money for that event will be sent to the NRA office to be included as added money for the NRA Finals Rodeo, allowing contestants to compete back at that money.

Page 8, No. 3, Bull Riding: The entry fees in the Bull Riding Event will be scaled to the added money as follows:

\$100-\$200 Added Money, \$25 Entry Fee.

\$201-\$400 Added Money, \$35 Entry Fee.

\$401-\$500 Added Money, \$45 Entry Fee.

\$501-\$750 Added Money, \$50 Entry Fee.

\$751 - \$1000 Added Money, \$75 Entry Fee.

\$1001 and Over Added Money, Fees Set by Board.

Page 16, Under rodeo payoff — For the Bull Riding event only, there will be a sidepot (Day Money) entry fee of \$25 in addition to the appropriate entry fee for the rodeo. The original entry fee will be included with the added money for the rodeo, 3% taken off, and proper payoffs made. The additional \$25 of "sidepot" (day money) entry fee, less 3%, will be paid out equally to the bull riders who qualify in a given performance. Example: 10 bull riders up in a performance, 2 qualify. All paid sidepot day money fees of \$25. The sidepot day money entry fees are \$25 times 10 bull riders equals \$250. Three percent will be taken off the \$250 (\$7.50) which equals \$242.50. This total will be split evenly among the qualifiers. \$242.50 divided by two equals \$121.25 to each qualifier. The day money will count towards the association standings. If all bull riders in a performance fail to qualify, a ground split of day money will be made. Ground split money

will not count for association points. Slack will be considered a performance. \$1 charge per bull rider will be assessed for the rodeo secretary, in addition to the \$25 day money fee.

Page 58, Rough Stock Selection — Any NRA Stock Contractor who meets the criteria to bring stock to the NRA Finals Rodeo will choose two feature animals in the bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riding events that will automatically come to the finals. The contractor then nominates additional stock to be voted on by the top 15 contestants in the respective events. The final performance finals stock will be the high marked animals on the judges cards from the Friday and Saturday performances.

Page 46, Dally Team Roping Rules — In the Team Roping Event, a heeler may tie on if over 50 years old.

Central Entry: Any contestant who draws out of a rodeo after receiving their first preference of performances at a given rodeo or rodeos will be fined \$20 per infraction.



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Barrel Racing May Be Invaded by Men

The following article appeared in the "Wyoming Wrangler" out of Riverton, Wyo. It is written by Willard H. Porter, former PRCA "top gun," and points out yet another hangup in rodeo today.

By Willard H. Porter

It's a wonder that rodeo stays as strong and spectator-appealing as it does, what with all the trouble — the fussy little things — that goes on behind the scenes on every level of professional and amateur rodeo.

The latest fuss arises in the amateur ranks, but it could spill over to the pro game.

A gentleman, my agents tell me, wants to compete in barrel racing, an event long the domain of the cowgirl. In an attempt to preserve a condition that is half a century old, the gentleman's association (doesn't everyone have an association?), has turned down his request.

Heaven has no rage,

Like love to hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury,

Like a barrel racer scorned.

Sorry, William Congreve, for messing up your fine verse. We're just trying to point out here that barrel racers of both sexes can get pretty furious when their wishes are overturned.

Today the answer to frustration is to sue. And that is exactly what the gentleman has done.

In a recent editorial in Rodeo News, official publication of the International Professional Rodeo Association, it is revealed that Lance Graves has filed suit in McAlester, Oklahoma, against the Cowboys Regional Rodeo Association.

Rodeo News states that "in the suit, Graves is fighting the CRRA's decision to bar him from membership and from

competing in his selected event — barrel racing."

"Oh, fudge," as Wild Horse Bob Crosby used to say, "rodeo is no fun anymore."

But what is fun, for the press anyway, is the coverage the suit has generated across the country. It even made USA Today's sport section. The PRCA hasn't mentioned it because the PRCA never mentions anything about amateur or regional rodeo organizations.

But the IPRA's Rodeo News plunges right along, appearing to take a contradictory stand: "Traditionally barrel racing at rodeos has been a women-only (or cowgirl-only) event, although men have competed in barrel racing at horse shows, gymkhanas and futurities This history makes it difficult for the IPRA to exclude men from the cowgirls' barrel racing if they wish to enter."

According to the magazine, "if the push of men, such as Graves, to compete in barrel racing continues," the options are: "open the event to men, offer a separate men's event, fight a lengthy and expensive court battle to prevent men from entering."

The magazine's solution: allow the few men who want to enter barrel racing to do so.

One of my agents came up with an astonishing conclusion: any association who makes a stand against men here will be criticized by women's groups for "reverse" discrimination. I don't agree with that.

It's not a matter of discrimination. Including wild cow milking and wild horse racing, men have nine events in which to enter and compete. In PRCA rodeos, the girls (represented by their own Women's Professional Rodeo Association) have one.

Let's see that they keep it.

Who wants to see some ugly bearded guy compete against pretty, petite Marlene Eddleman?

The answer we all should be looking for, to address this situation, is what is best for the rodeo business.

It makes little difference that I think barrel racing is the least exciting rodeo event. What is important is that it has great appeal to mom and dad and junior — a family unit — who often attend rodeos and like to see those girls in action.

Another of my agents suggests that Mr. Graves, and others who may want to run barrels in rodeo, think about other sports. Mixed doubles in tennis provides great togetherness.



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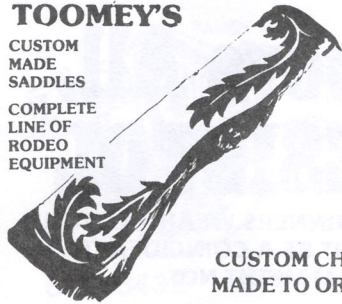
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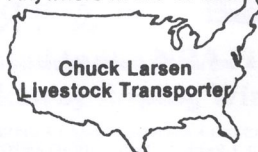


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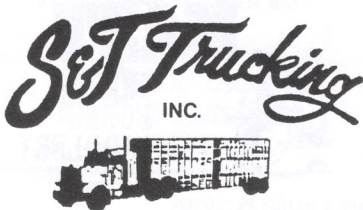
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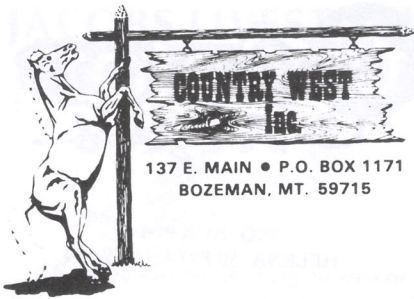


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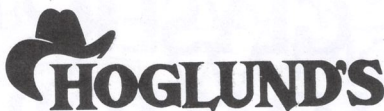
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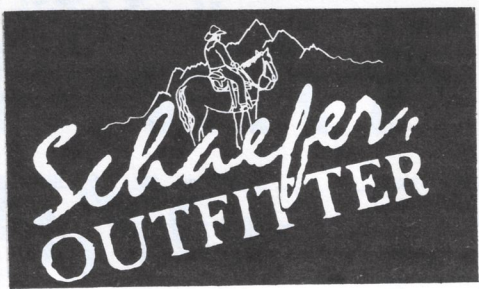
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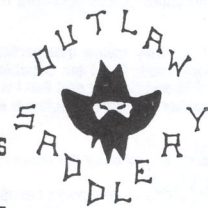
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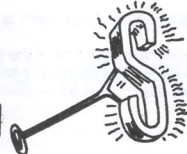
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