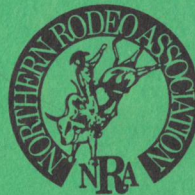


# NRA News



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Lynda Ottun and her daughter Jaime will be competing at this year's NRA Finals!  
Here Lynda competes last year at the 19th NRF. Photo by Hays.



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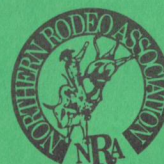
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# NRA News

NRA News is the official newsletter of the Northern Rodeo Association and is published to continue the purpose of the Northern Rodeo Association as noted in the Association's rulebook.

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

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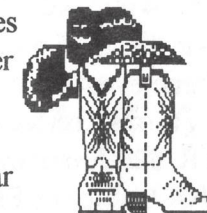
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### Go for the Gold

Dan Mortenson, Rod Lyman, Deb Greenough, Brad Gleason, Scott Breeding, Clint Branger, Charlotte Schmidt, Rachael Myllymaki, Loyd Ketchum, Shane Schwenke & Kory Mytty.

The NRA Office & Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas and the best in this coming year.





# Positive changes in store for NRF 20

20th Annual Northern Rodeo Finals are set for Feb. 3-5, 1995. Read on for new, improved, and progressive changes in YOUR FINALS!

**ENTRIES:** Open Tuesday, January 3 from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. 406-252-1122. Those contestants in the 11-15 positions also enter at this time as some events may not fill with the top ten. Entry forms with fees (\$150 per event, per man in TR, \$20 Junior events) must be received in the NRA office by FRIDAY, January 6. Entry and entry form deadlines will be enforced.

A quick overview of the NRF 20 activities:

**TIMED EVENT JACKPOT:** New time and date, too! Jackpot will beheld on Friday, Feb.3 promptly at 8 a.m. in the METRA. Limited to 12 contestants per event, except barrel racing. See entry form in this issue.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Friday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. This is your chance to give input into your association. Motions passed at this meeting are referred to the Board of Directors for their consideration the following day.

**CONTESTANT CHECK-IN:** Follows the General Membership meeting at 4 p.m. Friday.

**JACKETS:** Are great! Wait until you see these...sponsored by the "Official Truck of the NRA", Chevrolet, and our Montana Chevy Dealers, these jackets are one of a kind. Letterman style, wool, with leather trim-Thank you Montana Chevy Dealers. Jackets and wristbands will be issued during the contestant's meeting on Friday at 4 p.m. **YOU MUST ATTEND THIS MEETING TO RECEIVE YOUR JACKET AND ARENA PASS.**

**COWBOY AUCTIONS:** With the jackpot scheduled so early on Friday, new festivities are set for Thursday evening including the first Cowboy Auction at 7 p.m. at Desperados. The first go and average will be sold here. Desperados is the proud sponsor of your average buckles.

The second Cowboy Auction will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Lucky Diamond Lounge of the Sheraton (20th floor). Like last year, the second and third go-arounds will be sold.

**COCKTAIL PARTIES:** Friday and Saturday evenings will again be at the METRA, lower level. Call the NRA office in advance for tickets.

**POKER TOURNAMENT:** A new addition this year, Desperados Card Room will host an NRA Finals poker tourney. Poker Tourney begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 2 (right before first cowboy auction). Limited to the first 20 NRA members to register (registration on finals entry form) with entry fees of \$45, the Champ will win cash and a Gist Buckle! Send separate check to the NRA Office-open to all NRA members!

**ARENA WARM-UP TIMES:** The arena will be open for exercise Friday until noon if the jackpot is over on time, Saturday from 8 -9 a.m. and on Sunday from 8 to 10 a.m.

**PAST PRESIDENT'S & SECRETARY'S** Breakfast is Sunday, Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. Invitations will be sent out the first part of January.

**CERTIFIED TIMERS SEMINAR:** Set for Saturday Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Sheraton. Pre-registration is requested but not required. Call Tootie at 406-466-2091.

# NRF20, continued

**CONTESTANT SEATING:** During both the jackpot Friday morning and Junior Events on Saturday morning, spectator and contestant seating areas will be designated. We ask for your cooperation in honoring these specific areas.

**VOTE FOR YOUR DIRECTORS!!** The ballot is included in this newsletter. This is so important. Return your ballot to the NRA Office no later than Monday, January 23.

**SHERATON VIDEOS:** Will again be shown after the performances at the Sheraton.

**SHERATON PARKING AND SHUTTLE:** Free parking for guests of the Sheraton in the parking garage connected to the Sheraton. Do not park in the post office parking lot next to the Sheraton because they will tow!

**BARREL RACERS:** Your event director would like to meet with you. Heather Hart has set a meeting for 3 p.m. Friday. Right before contestant check-in on the second floor.

**COMMITTEE SEMINAR:** Scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday Feb. 4 on the third floor of the Sheraton. Topics and agenda will be mailed to committees in advance. Hope to see you there.

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20th ANNUAL NRA FINALS Schedule of Events

Wednesday, February 1

Afternoon	Stock contractors and stock arrives	Location To Be Announced
7 p.m.	Stock contractors dinner	Location To Be Announced

Thursday, February 2

6:30 p.m.	Poker Tournament/First Cowboy Auction	Desperados
7 p.m.	Production Rehearsal	MetraPark Arena

Friday, February 3

8 a.m. -noon	Timed event jackpot - limited to 12 per event	MetraPark Arena
6:30-9:30 p.m.	Complimentary coffee and donuts South Foyers	Sheraton
1 p.m.	General Membership meeting	Sheraton
3 p.m.	Ladies Barrel Racing Meeting w/ Heather Hart	Sheraton
4 p.m.	Contestant Check-in	Sheraton
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Sponsor/Committee Cocktail Party	Metra Lower Level
6-11:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle (Departs every half hour)	Sheraton Lobby
8 p.m.	NRA Finals First Performance	MetraPark Arena
10 p.m.	Dance, Video	Ballroom, Sheraton

Saturday, February 4

6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary coffee and donuts South Foyer,	Sheraton
9 a.m.	Junior Event Finals	MetraPark Arena
9 a.m.	Committee Seminar	Sheraton
1 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting	Sheraton
3 p.m.	Timers Seminar	Sheraton
4 p.m.	Cowboy Auction	Sheraton-Lucky Diamond
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Sponsor/Committee Cocktail Party	Metra Lower Level
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Sunday, February 5

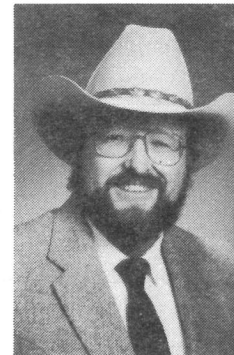
6:30-9:30 a.m.	Complimentary coffee and donuts South Foyer,	Sheraton
9 a.m.	Past Presidents/Secretaries Breakfast	Sheraton
10:30 a.m.	Cowboy Church Service Skytop Room,	Sheraton
Noon-5:30 p.m.	MetraPark Shuttle (departs every half hour)	Sheraton Lobby
2 p.m.	NRA Finals Final Performance	MetraPark
6-6:45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

\*Banquet ticket may be purchased at the door for \$12. Advance purchase requested. \*Additional parking available in the Burlington Northern Parking lot on Montana Ave. across the street from the Sheraton. Also parking in parking garage at no charge to hotel guests. \*Prize money check cashing available at Sheraton Front Desk with proper I.D.

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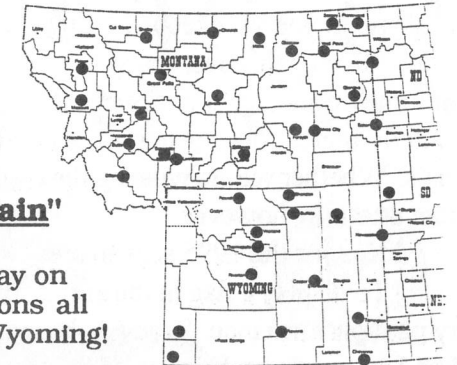
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## FRIENDS OF RODEO UPDATE!

by Karen Miller

Thanks for the generous support the NRA gave to me as executive director of Friends of Rodeo this past season. It appears as though Montanans who love rodeo have presented a united force against the animal extremists. Whether we are winning the battle is another question, however.

Ideas for the 1995 season are:

\*To display a flag in the arena during every paid performance. Tracy Acheson and Jessica Lee carried a Friends of Rodeo flag during many rodeo performances during 1994. We obtained much interest and many new members from their efforts.

\*To construct a display booth that will contain information about Friends of Rodeo that does not require people to watch over it. Unfortunately, there will be some expense involved, so interested committees will have to budget for one. We should have the cost calculated after the first of the year.

\*To continue to increase our memberships in Friends of Rodeo.

The impact of many people is an indication of our commitment and is indicative of our strength; and, frankly, it helps pay expenses.

For those of you who have not joined Friends of Rodeo, please take a minute and fill out the application in this newsletter. For those of you who are members, thanks for your support.

## White Sulphur Springs; better than ever

by Willard Bernhardt  
Meagher County Rodeo Club President

The Meagher County Rodeo Club of White Sulphur Springs, sponsors an annual Labor Day Rodeo. Several changes have been made to make the rodeo better for the contestants and fans.

The rodeo is now a three day event, allowing the barrel racers and ropers all to have a chance to compete before an audience instead of having a lot of slack. Also, the audience is entertained by another performance of broncos, bulls and steer wrestling, which are always popular. This also allows for an increase in entries in the mixed team roping. The break-away roping and the barrel racing were changed to two go-arounds and we raised the added money for the roughstock. Also added, is a calcutta to get the audience more involved.

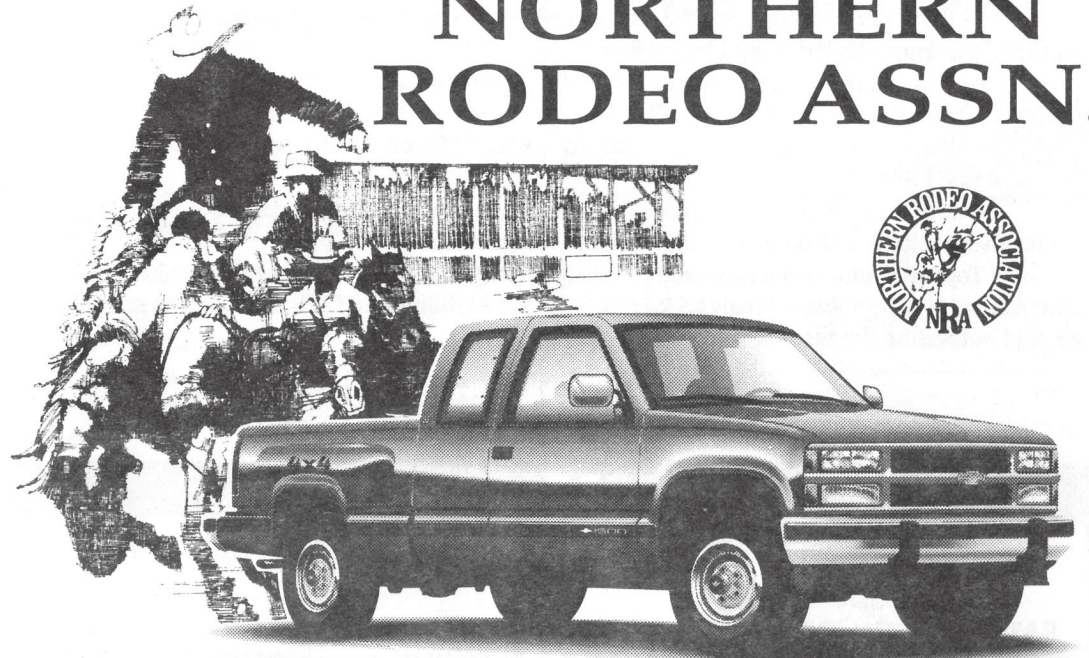
The rodeo club added a special exit for the ambulance to allow for a quick exit without waiting for traffic and avoiding obstacles. New holding pens and stripping chute, allows for faster and safer handling of animals, while allowing the events to run smooth and fast for everyone involved. A play area for the younger children to play and still be able to see the action in the arena with no danger of being hurt.

The Meagher County Rodeo Club felt that 1994 was an exciting and busy year for them. The club tried to make the rodeo better for contestants and fans alike.



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Three Forks, Montana, saddlemaker and NRA Awards Committee member, Nancy Petersen originated the program which was implemented by the NRA in 1992.

Now in it's third year, Montana saddlemakers participating in the program include Earl Twist, Kalispell; Bruce Ruckman, Great Falls; Ben Swanke, Billings; Wayne Kelly, Stanford; Alan Pursley, Great Falls; Jim Allee, Greycliff; Tim Martz, Wilsall; Tod Twist, Kalispell; Bill Murch, Glasgow; Mike Witt, Billings, and Bob Pletan, Wilsall.

One of the largest regional rodeo Associations in the United States, the NRA is made up of 1,100 contesting members who competed at 36 NRA sanctioned rodeos in 1994.

Top ten money winners in each of the eight sanctioned NRA events are eligible to compete at the 20th Annual Northern Rodeo Finals set for Feb. 3-5, 1995 in Billings, MT. Over \$50,000 in prize money will be paid out during the three day event.

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## NRA Introduces 1994 Saddlemakers

On behalf of the Northern Rodeo Association Board of Directors, cowboys and cowgirls, we extend a sincere THANK YOU to the saddlemakers who have chosen to share their talents with us by participating in the NRA Saddlemakers Program. Thank you for making this one of the most unique and prestigious award programs in the country.

**Bruce Ruckman Custom Saddles:** In his third year of participating in the NRA Saddlemakers Program, this Great Falls saddlemaker learned his trade at a saddlemaking school in Washington and then spent two years as an apprentice to well-known Montana saddlemaker, Alan Pursley. Last year, Bruce opened his own shop at 3623-7th Avenue North in Great Falls. Bruce is a past college and NRA saddle bronc competitor and now builds custom saddles and leatherwork, in addition to repairs. Bruce is building the saddle which will be awarded to the 1994 Champion Bareback Rider.

**Tim Martz, Wilsall, MT:** A fifth-generation Park County native, this Montana saddlemaker is building his second trophy saddle presented to the Saddle Bronc Riding Champion. Tim became interested in leatherwork at a young age, watching his great-uncle build saddles and do rawhide work. In 1989, Tim became serious about saddlemaking and began working with Wilsall saddlemaker Bob Pletan. Tim now builds custom saddles & tack at Pletan's Custom Leather in Wilsall.

**Allee Saddlery, Jim Allee:** Since the beginning of the NRA Saddlemakers Program in 1992, Jim Allee has built the Bull Riding championship saddles. This Greycliff saddlemaker has built saddles since 1951. Learning his leatherworking trade from Wyoming saddler Eddie Stokes, Jim and his wife, Barb own Allee Saddlery located in the Prairie Dog Mall in Greycliff, MT. Stop by

and check out their full line of tack including bits and spurs—just off I-90 at exit 377.

**Tod Twist, Kalispell, MT:** This 27 year-old the saddlemaker holds an undergraduate degree in history from Willamett University in Salem, OR. Building his second trophy saddle for the NRA Steer Wrestling, his last year's project, the Championship SW Saddle, was seen used in arenas throughout the region. Learning the finer points of saddlemaking from his father, Earl Twist, Tod completes piece work, handles the shop's "overflow" and repairs, in addition to building over 100 knife sheaths this past year. Visit Twist's shop located at 224 Forest Drive in Kalispell.

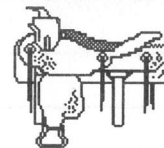
**Ben Swanke, Swanke Saddlery:** In 1992, Ben built the top quality saddle awarded to NRA Champion Breakaway Roper, Mary Salmond. For 1993, Ben crafted both the Junior All-Around saddle in addition to the Championship Team Roping saddle.. and then due to a co-championship in the team roping, Ben built another Champion Team Roping saddle! For 1994, Ben has designed the saddle awarded to the Junior All-Around Champ. In his 14th year of saddlemaking, Ben custom makes all styles and types of saddles in addition to chaps, breastcollars, and headstalls. Stop by Ben's shop at 219 North 15th in Billings.

**Alan Pursley, Broken Arrow Saddlery:** Maker of the 1993 and 1994 Ladies Barrel Racing Championship saddle, this Great Falls saddlemaker has been building saddles for over 21 years and is the maker of the "Montana Barrel Racer", a barrel racing saddle endorsed by top Montana barrel racer, Charolette Schmidt of Cut Bank. Also built at Broken Arrow Saddlery is the Jordan Edition bronc saddle for saddle bronc riders, which this year carried Dan Mortensen to his second World Title. Alan, his wife, Anne, and daughter Geri, are very instrumental in Montana rodeo. Stop by the shop located at Westgate Mall in Great Falls.

**Wayne Kelly, Stanford, MT:** In his third year of participation in the NRA Saddlemakers program, this Stanford saddle bronc rider will be building the saddle awarded to the 1994 Team Roping Champion. A many time qualifier in NRA Finals "saddle bronc riding event, Wayne began building saddles about ten years ago. Wayne continues to compete in NRA rodeos throughout the season, along with this wife, Mandi, who breakaway ropes.

**Earl Twist, Kalispell, MT:** Earl's craftsmanship will once again be showcased in the All-Around Cowboy saddle for 1994. One of the founding saddlemakers in the NRA Saddlemakers Program, Earl has built the trophy saddle for the All-Around Cowboy each year since 1992. Hard work and attention to detail have made Earl's saddles popular with cowboys and movie directors alike. Building custom saddles since 1970, Hollywood directors took notice of Earl's work during the filming of "Heaven's Gate" where some of the crew extras rode his saddles. Now, Hollywood actors order Twist's saddles. Earl and his son, Todd, builder of the 1993 Champion Saddle Bronc Riding saddle, have a shop located at 224 Forest Drive in Kalispell.

**Bob Pletan, Wilsall, MT:** Crafting the 1993 All-Around Cowgirl trophy saddle, Wilsall saddlemaker Bob Pletan will again showcase his talents in the All-Around Cowgirl saddle for 1994. Bob learned his trade from top Kalispell craftsman, Earl Twist. Bob has been building saddles since 1980, including the superb trophy saddles awarded at the Hardin Team Roping for many years. Bob also built the saddle awarded to the Livingston Roundup Queen. Bob began leatherworking while in high school, and not only builds custom saddles, but also constructs related tack on a custom basis. Visit Pletan's shop located on Main Street, Highway 89, in Wilsall.



**Mike Witt, Witt's Custom Saddlery:** Builder of the 1994 trophy saddle awarded to the Ladies Breakaway Roping Champion, Mike's interest in leatherwork began while he was in the sixth grade. Mike grew up northwest of Jordan, and has now been building saddles for over 20 years. In addition to saddles, Mike does custom leather work including belts, briefcases, chaps, etc. Stop by his shop located 2 blocks west of the fairgrounds in Billings- 1148-1st Ave. N. 406-259-3993.

**Bill Murch, Bill's Custom Leather and Horse Equipment:** In his first year of participation in the NRA Saddlemakers Program, this Glasgow craftsman is building the trophy saddle awarded to the 1994 Champion Calf Roper. Bill also builds railroad grips, harness, and tack. Contact Bill at Box 1189, Glasgow, MT 59230, 406-228-9479.

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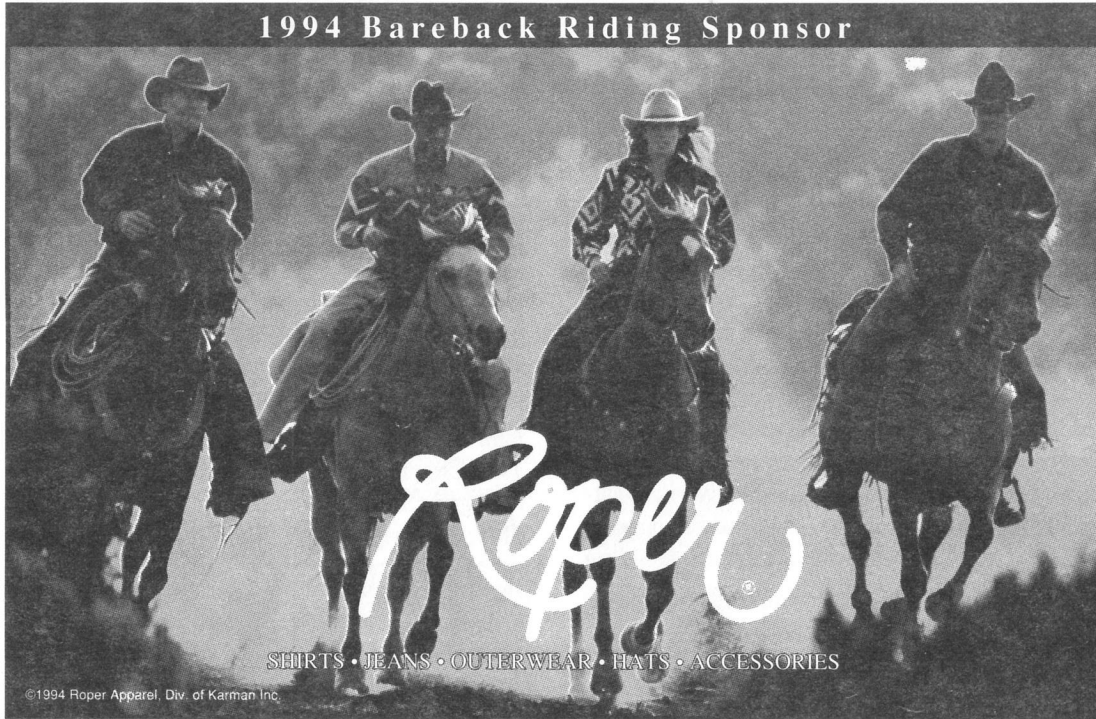
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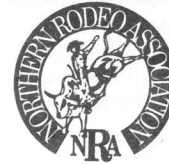
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## Pauley wins WFR breakaway title

Roping three calves in 12.66 earned Miles City's Nacona Pauley the title of Breakaway Roping Champion at the 16th annual World Finals Rodeo Nov. 1-6 in El Paso, TX.

Pauley received a Circl Y saddle, Gary Gist crafted buckle, Resistol hat and Ariat Boots in addition to her payoff checks for her efforts.

Texas pro Rodeo Association earned the team title.

Carl Chism of Sand Springs, OK won the bareback riding title. Chism, of the MidStates Rodeo Association, scored 229 points on three horses.

Australian Adam Newman and Jim Bob Custer of Arizona split the world saddle bronc title. They both scored 218 points on three horses.

Romeo Mary Boy of the Navajo Nation and Shawn Hawkins of the Tri-State Rodeo Association tied in the bull riding.

Team roping championship went to Dusty Hatley and Casey Cordell of Del Rio, TX.

The barrel racing title went to Texan Melanie Kessler, who raced through the pattern three times in 43.951 seconds.

Montana native, K.C. Murphy, now of Louisiana, won the calf roping title.

Dogging three steers in 11.8 seconds, Texan Tommy Cook won the Steer Wrestling Championship.



## World Finals Rodeo Relocates

North American Rodeo Commission President, Darryl Sullivan, announced that Charleston, South Carolina will play host to the 1995, 1996, and 1997 World Finals Rodeo.

Through the cooperation of the South Carolina Police Association, the World Finals Rodeo will offer a minimum of \$75,000 total added money the first year, with an increase of an additional \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively the following two years.

Charleston's rodeo facility will be a newly constructed coliseum with seating capacity of 10,000.

## NRA Cowboys fair well at WFR

Bareback rider Heath LaFromboise won third in the first go, 2nd in the short go, which earned him third in the average.

Nacona Pauley won the first go around of breakaway roping with a 3.71. She followed this up with a first place average check and a time of 12.66 on three head, earning the World Finals Rodeo Breakaway Roping Championship.

Sheridan, Wy saddle bronc rider, Curtis Fladager won third in the first go of saddle bronc riding, while Leighton Redmond of Melstone won the second go-around.

Dan Wigert of Colstrip won the first go-around of bull riding, scoring 78 points on Dean Drake's "Rajun Cajun". Wigert placed 4th in the average, with 148 points on two head.

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## OFFICIAL STANDINGS REGULAR SEASON YEAR-END PRECEDING NRA FINALS



### BAREBACK RIDING

1 Steve Cutler, Billings, MT	5,125.02
2 Darryl Lamb, Absarokee, MT	4,840.57
3 Doug Leeds, Havre, MT	3,738.56
4 Heath LaFromboise, Helena, MT	3,220.25
5 Robert Schall, Arlee, MT	2,624.20
6 Dustin Solomon, Havre, MT	2,491.96
7 Ray Brekke, Helena, MT	1,778.15
8 Tim Pankratz, Hays, MT	1,442.03
9 Dave Washburn, Cody, WY	1,322.84
10 Lane Yeager, Choteau, MT	1,218.07
11 Derry McLane, Big Timber, MT	946.63
12 Travis Twitchell, Jordan, MT	918.00
13 Dennis Leitz, Billings, MT	864.61
14 Chad Vivian, Ashland, MT	708.12
15 Mike Brown, Browning, MT	675.74

### SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1 Walt Lockie, Angela, MT	4,347.11
2 Wyle Wells, Browning, MT	2,801.78
3 Hugh Connolly, Billings, MT	2,735.11
4 Brandy Smith, Dillon, MT	2,717.61
5 Leighton Redmond, Melstone, MT	2,123.43
6 Curtis Fladager, Sheridan, WY	1,902.02
7 Troy Stoll, Cody, WY	1,813.93
8 Philip Whiteman, Lame Deer, MT	1,810.83
9 Shaun Stroh, Glendive, MT	1,589.76
10 Tom Meiers, Sidney, MT	1,573.62
11 Kelly Compton, Billings, MT	1,566.77
12 Kent Robbins, Dillon, MT	1,457.23
13 Shad Boardman, GTWY, MT	1,446.54
14 Quinn Hinnaland, Brockway, MT	1,247.43
15 John Clark, Grass Range, MT	1,208.93

### BULL RIDING

1 Marty Penrod, Miles City, MT	8,255.55
2 Jess Matt, Cut Bank, MT	5,790.57
3 Daniel Wigert, Colstrp, MT	5,773.54
4 Monte Finn, Big Timber, MT	5,254.65
5 Dale Wagner, Browning, MT	4,238.10
6 Richard Bird, Cut Bank, MT	3,357.37
7 Leroy Cooper, Helena, MT	2,709.71
8 Chris Hofer, Billings, MT	2,679.13
9 James Warfield, Helena, MT	2,494.01
10 Robert Bright, Helena, MT	2,394.70
11 Scott Woodward, Sheridan, WY	2,184.22
12 Joe Nahrgang, Roberts, MT	2,074.91
13 Phil Hastings, Bozeman, MT	2,018.92
14 Jeff Burns, Terreton, ID	1,964.32
15 Thomas Steele, Belgrade, MT	1,786.58

### STEER WRESTLING

1 Steve Blixt, Helena, MT	3,404.88
2 Lorne Krone, Augusta, MT	2,747.30
3 Gary Zipperian, Clancy, MT	2,599.11
4 Robert Schall, Arlee, MT	2,492.53
5 Tim Garrison, Glen, MT	2,460.44
6 Jeff Solomon, Havre, MT	2,199.01
7 Ty Lawlar, Malta, MT	2,076.23
8 Kennedy Walsh, Chinook, MT	2,048.46
9 Bill Boyce, Lewistown, MT	2,005.82
10 Chuck Fields, Lewistown, MT	1,730.84
11 Justin Davis, Sidney, MT	1,711.84
12 Jason Buffington, Malta, MT	1,707.89
13 Herbert Harris, Polson, MT	1,654.18
14 Ron Schenk, Helena, MT	1,641.77
15 Don Novak, Helena, MT	1,597.90

### CALF ROPING

1 Bill Melaney, Wolf Creek, MT	4,292.54
2 Laramie Bauman, Hardin, MT	3,348.96
3 Chad Johnson, Cut Bank, MT	2,746.61
4 Chris Witcher, Miles City, MT	2,487.63
5 Allen Fisher, Ashland, MT	2,092.18
6 Herbert Harris, Polson, MT	1,884.86
7 Mike Barthelmess, Lincoln, MT	1,884.86
8 Travis Caldwell, Billings, MT	1,665.18
9 Jim Bode Scott, Shepherd, MT	1,498.14
10 Darrel Watson, Box Elder, MT	1,473.36
11 J. Billingsley, Glasgow, MT	1,431.41
12 Charlie Briggs, Bozeman, MT	1,423.96
13 J.O. Jensen, Cody, WY	1,263.82
14 Mike Collins, Dillon, MT	1,242.99
15 Bill Boyce, Lewistown, MT	1,237.66

### TEAM ROPING

1 Bill Ayre, Glendive, MT	4,298.08
2 Phil Luman, Glendive, MT	4,298.08
3 Rick Tryan, Helena, MT	3,618.12
4 Rob Kountz, Bozeman, MT	3,618.12
5 Dennis Tryan, Huntley, MT	3,459.18
6 Shawn Steinback, Fort Shaw, MT	2,992.27
7 Tell Steinbach, Wolf Creek, MT	2,992.27
8 Sam Bird, Cut Bank, MT	2,907.62
9 Charlie Briggs, Bozeman, MT	2,368.29
10 Dale McQueary, Three Forks, MT	2,368.29
11 Chris Witcher, Miles City, MT	2,197.03
12 Chad Johnson, Cut Bank, MT	2,197.03
13 Curt Wade, Bozeman, MT	1,876.61
14 Oscar Rios, Three Forks, MT	1,876.61
15 Larry Steele, Alladin, WY	1,866.37

### LADIES BARREL RACING

1 Jill Ferdina, Miles City, MT	5,925.75
2 Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, MT	5,400.62
3 Jaime Ottun, Forsyth, MT	4,176.17
4 Lynda Ottun, Forsyth, MT	3,943.74
5 Rayna Prewitt, Sidney, MT	3,907.33
6 Mary Salmond, Choteau, MT	3,379.29
7 Amy Wilson, Melsotone, MT	2,713.85
8 Heather Hart, Gallatin Gateway, MT	2,597.94
9 Dana Parini, Miles City, MT	1,703.31
10 Laura McPherson, Wolf Point, MT	1,638.63
11 Wendy Badgett, Ashland, MT	1,603.01
12 Kerea Washburn, Cody, WY	1,405.16
13 Holly Cook, Power, MT	1,276.01
14 Cindy Woods, Huson, MT	1,206.67
15 Zana Lytle, Ronan, MT	1,129.15

### LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1 Heather Hart, Gallatin GTWY, MT	4,148.83
2 Kayleen Hougen, Melstone, MT	3,790.42
3 Mary Salmond, Choteau, MT	3,356.57
4 Joyce Ayre, Glendive, MT	2,976.44
5 Rhonda Kountz, Bozeman, MT	2,607.91
6 Marcey Chaffee, Ballantine, MT	2,592.17
7 Chris McQueary, Three Forks, MT	2,281.76
8 Nacona Pauley, Miles City, MT	2,137.82
9 Mary Goyins, Helena, MT	1,984.00
10 Deb Lloyd, Helena, MT	1,839.40
11 Laurie Tryan, Helena, MT	1,794.40
12 Karen Miller, Absarokee, MT	1,496.06
13 Deana Bertrand, Miles City, MT	1,331.11
14 Vickie MacCary, Pryor, MT	1,226.21
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### JUNIOR BARREL RACING

1 Colt Tew, Belgrade, MT	1,896.08
2 Jackie Jo Smith, Ronan, MT	999.02
3 Zimmie Jo Lytle, Ronan, MT	781.91
4 Brettney Vermandel, Billings, MT	506.43
5 Raelynn Roesler, Miles City, MT	503.40

### JUNIOR BREAKAWAY ROPING

1 Clay Kincheloe, Melstone, MT	855.38
2 Beau Franzen, Sidney, MT	698.99
3 Travis Tryan, Huntley, MT	584.34
4 Tracey Currey, Jordan, MT	583.64
5 Buckley Reynolds, Shepherd, MT	558.28

### JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

1 Colt Tew, Belgrade, MT	2,150.68
2 Tracey Currey, Jordan, MT	938.12
3 Raelynn Roesler, Miles City, MT	516.36
4 Jack Vanderlans, Cameron, MT	482.64
5 Jamie McDowell, Bozeman, MT	467.42

### ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1 Robert H Schall, Arlee, MT	6,127.06
2 Jess Matt, Cut Bank, MT	6,093.45
3 Bill Melaney, Wolf Creek, MT	5,369.95
4 Chad Johnson, Cut Bank, MT	4,943.64
5 Chris Witcher, Miles City, MT	4,684.66

### ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

1 Mary Salmon, Choteau, MT	7,461.38
2 Jill Ferdina, Miles City, MT	7,019.19
3 Heather Hart, Gallatin GTWY, MT	6,746.77
4 Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, MT	5,966.81



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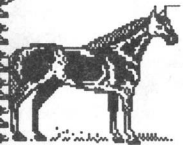
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## Thompson Wins State Senate Race in South Dakota

Jim Thompson, long time rodeo announcer of Watertown, South Dakota, has won election to the South Dakota State Senate. In his first bid for the Senate in his home state, Thompson, A Republican, beat out 3 term incumbent Dale Howlett for the District 5 position.

Jim Thompson is a former radio station manager and owner from South Dakota and a past president of the South Dakota Broadcasters Assn. Since forming his own marketing company in 1986, Thompson has announced all the major Finals Rodeos in America. He has slowed down his rodeo announcing to concentrate on other ventures but still announces at about 2 dozen rodeo events each year.

Thompson's voice has become familiar to listeners through many commercials in South Dakota, Montana, New Mexico. Especially through his own daily rodeo program called "On the Road Again with Jim Thompson" which airs on over 4 dozen radio stations in the 5 state area of the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, and also reports to over a dozen area newspapers on the rodeo news and results.

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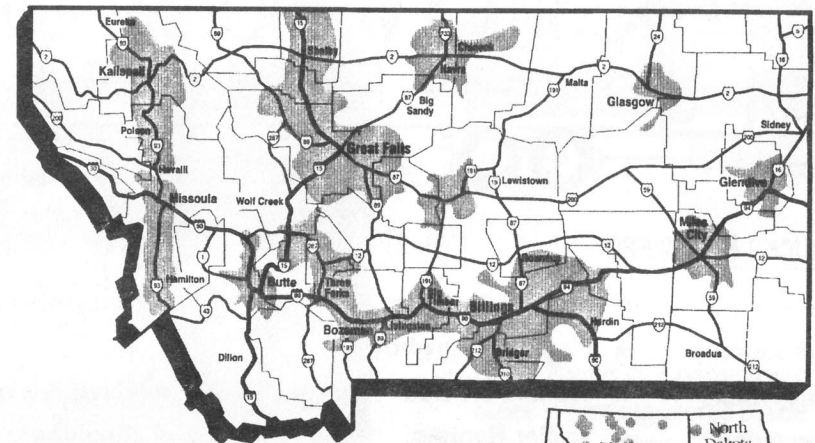
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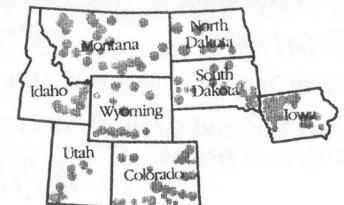
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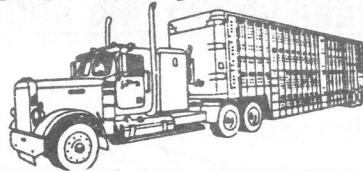


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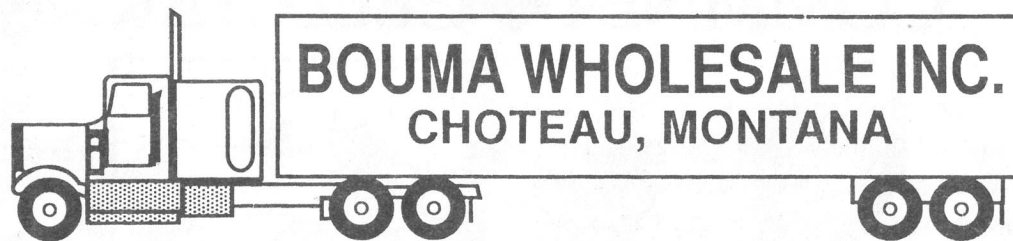
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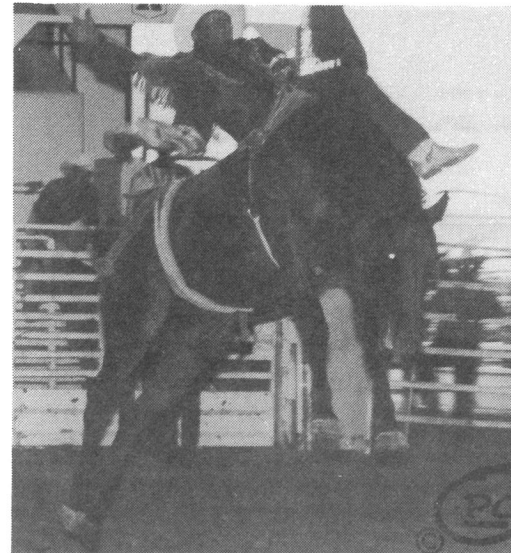
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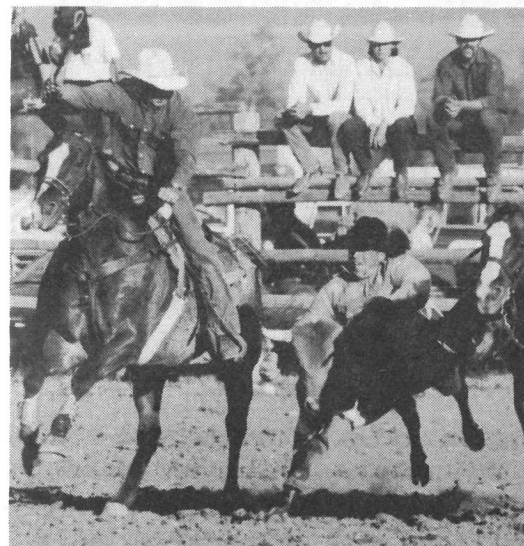
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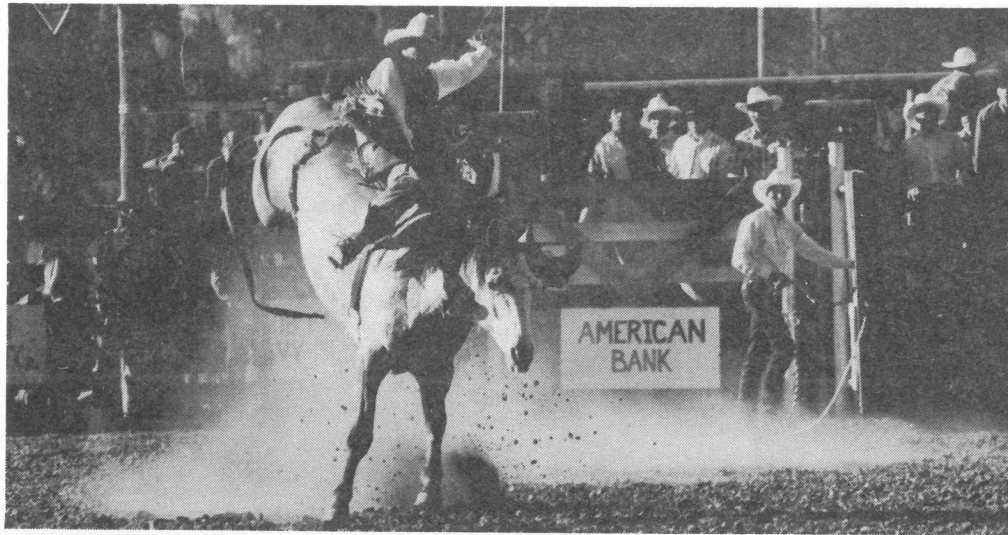
Past NRA Bareback Riding Champion Steve Cutler spurs his horse at the Montana Fair Rodeo in Billings. Penny Clark Photo.

Many time NRA Finals contender Deb Lloyd of Helena ropes her calf at the Jefferson County Rodeo in 3.6 for a first place check of \$486. Mary Armstrong Photo.




Brent Ryder of Livingston comes off of NRA Steer Wrestling Horse of the Year, "Flash", to bull dog his steer at the Wilsall Rodeo, Steve Blixt hazing. Penny Clark Photo.





Rookie Bareback Rider, Bill York of Salmond, ID, rides his bareback horse at the Big Timber Rodeo for a first place check. Penny Clark Photo.



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## Personality Questionnaire and Finals Entry Form

### Finals Entry Form

- TOP 10 IN EACH EVENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NRA FINALS. ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE WON MONEY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE EVENTS ARE ELIGIBLE.
- Entries must be called into the NRA OFFICE on Jan. 2, 1995 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 252-1122 to enter. Then: send entry fees with this completed form to NRA office by Friday, Jan. 6. NO EXCEPTIONS. If not received ON FRIDAY, the next person entered is eligible.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SOC. SECURITY# \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENTS ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM ROPING PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENCLOSE ENTRY FEES: \$150 PER EVENT, TEAM ROPING: \$150 PER MAN. JUNIORS \$20. Total Fees Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

•STALLS MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE. STALL SUPERINTENDENT WILL ASSIGN STALLS AT CONTESTANT CHECK IN TIME.

•NUMBER OF STALLS \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$5 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

•COCKTAIL PARTY invites - indicate number needed \_\_\_\_\_

•Please reserve tickets for NRA BANQUET. We must have an accurate count.

I plan to attend NRA banquet. I need \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$12. Please enclose with finals fees.

**BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU IN ADVANCE.**



Yes, please enter me in the POKER TOURNAMENT, enclosed is a separate \$45 check.

### Personality Questionnaire

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Present mailing address \_\_\_\_\_ Hometown \_\_\_\_\_

Current occupation \_\_\_\_\_ if student, where \_\_\_\_\_

College Major \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_ Children's names, ages \_\_\_\_\_

Rodeo events you participate in \_\_\_\_\_

Biggest win in 1994 \_\_\_\_\_ Biggest lifetime win \_\_\_\_\_

Have you competed at NRA finals before \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rodeos in 1994 \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite rodeo \_\_\_\_\_

Who most influenced rodeo career \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you rodeo \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies, interests other than rodeo \_\_\_\_\_

If you could write a rule in NRA rule book, what would it be \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in serving on a NRA Committee? \_\_\_\_\_ Which committee interests you? \_\_\_\_\_



# 1994 VOTING BALLOT

Every NRA card holding member is invited to vote for the president, vice president and three east committee directors. Only contestants who compete in the actual event are eligible to vote for event directors.

Mark a "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.

**President**

Briggs, Charlie \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President**

Brosz, Rod \_\_\_\_\_  
 McQueary, Dale \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Steer Wrestling**

Blixt, Steve \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Bull Riding**

Penrod, Marty \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Team Roping**

Salmond, Mark \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Junior Events**

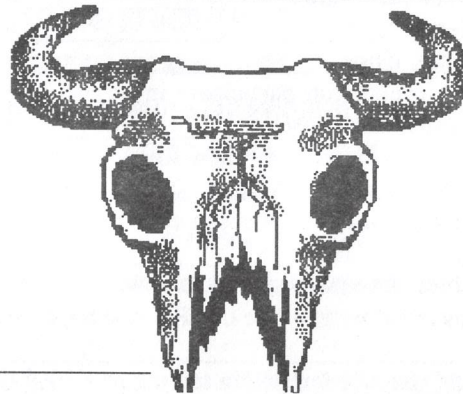
Teri Jo Lyman \_\_\_\_\_  
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CONTESTANT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Eastern Committee Representatives**

Finn, Buzz, Big Timber \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hobbs, Harold, Plentywood \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloway, Dr. Howard, Harlowton \_\_\_\_\_  
 Marlenee, Don, Scobey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Murnion, Joe, Jordan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pinkerton, Mark, Ingomar \_\_\_\_\_  
**(VOTE FOR THREE)**

**Ballots will be counted on Wednesday  
 Jan. 25th, 1995  
 Mail Ballot to:  
 Northern Rodeo Association  
 Box 1122  
 Billings, MT 59103**



Save \$12 - Special Ticket offer  
 for the 20th Annual

# Northern Rodeo Association Finals

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Feb. 3, 4, 5 NRA Finals committee has made arrangements for the NRA members and their families to obtain series rodeo tickets at a bargain price. If you are a member of a rodeo association - NRA, WRA, NRCA, CCA, PRCA, NDRA, ect., - you can take advantage of this offer.



Regular price reserved seats are  
 \$12 x 3 performances = \$36  
 Your price for all three performances = \$24



These orders will be filled with the best available seats before tickets go on sale to the general public. Please specify rough stock or timed-event seating preference. Orders must be received before Sunday, January 1. Yes, I would like to take advantage of the special ticket offer: Enclosed is a check or money order in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of ticket packages.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 CARD # \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
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 TIMED EVENT \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.  
 This offer must be handled by mail and orders must be received before Sunday, Jan. 1, so tickets can be filled before tickets go on sale to the general public.

Send order to NORTHERN RODEO FINALS,  
 METRA Park,  
 Box 2514, Billings, Montana 59103.  
 Don't Delay. Offer void after January 5, 1995.



## NRA ANNOUNCES STOCK OF THE YEAR

The top fifteen Northern Rodeo Association bareback, saddle bronc, and bull riders have voted on the 1994 NRA Stock of the Year.

Larry Wirtz's Northern Rodeo Company of Outlook, MT garnered both the Bull of the Year and Bareback of the Year award, while Newman Rodeo Company of Melstone, MT took the top Saddle Bronc of the Year honors.

A ten year-old gelding named "All Grit" owned by Jack Hinnaland of Brockway and leased by Larry Wirtz's Northern Rodeo Company earned the NRA Bareback of the Year title. This 1,300 lb broke saddle horse bucked off two previous owners before NRA pick-up man Jack Hinnaland purchased him for a pick-up horse prospect. All Grit kept on bucking and has qualified for the NRA Finals four times.

Another broke saddle horse, Black Label, owned by Newman Rodeo Company of Melstone, takes top Saddle Bronc of the Year honors.

A black ten year old gelding, Black Label was bought by Dale Small at Wilsall and will be making his third trip to the NRA Finals. Only ridden twice this year, Black Label earns those who make the eight second ride a paycheck.

Larry Wirtz raised the 1994 NRA Bull of the Year, Velvet Coke, from a calf. Now five years old, the Saler/Brahama cross weighs in at 1,500 lbs and is unriden this season in 15 outs.

20th Annual Northern Rodeo Finals Feb. 3-5, 1995 at the MetraPark Arena in Billings, features this top stock in addition to top NRA cowboys and cowgirls competing for over \$75,000 in prize money and year-end awards.



"Bustin Broncs" all summer long. Pictured above is Hugh Connolly in Wilsall, MT. Below, is Dusty Kluesner in Big Timber, MT. Photos by Penny Clark.



## NORTHERN RODEO ASSOCIATION 1994 YEAR-END (PRECEDING NRA FINALS) ROOKIE STANDINGS



### BAREBACK RIDING

1 Doug Leeds, GLENDIVE, MT	3,738.56
2 Dustin Solomon, HAVRE, MT	2,491.96
3 Derry McLane, BOZEMAN, MT	946.63
4 Dennis Leitz, BILLINGS, MT	864.61

### SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1 Wyle Wells, BROWNING, MT	2,801.78
2 Quinn Hinnaland, BROCKWAY, MT	1,247.43
3 Clint Solomon, HAVRE, MT	869.28
4 Joel Fenner, BABB, MT	287.28

### BULL RIDING

1 Dale Wagner, BROWNING, MT	4,238.10
2 Chris Hofer, BILLINGS, MT	2,679.13
3 Thomas Steele, BELGRADE, MT	1,786.58
4 Micah Gibson, HAVRE, MT	1,749.90
5 Wyle Wells, BROWNING, MT	1,655.19
6 Bob Walter, STANFORD, MT	1,221.37
7 Joe Zander, HELENA, MT	1,159.66
8 John Worthington, POWELL, WY	769.81
9 Shane Bailey, SALMON, ID	763.84
10 Todd Flinn, BIG HORN, WY	761.59

### STEER WRESTLING

1 Jason Hakert, SHEPHERD, MT	821.23
2 John Silva, POWELL, WY	575.95
3 Clint Solomon, HAVRE, MT	146.64
4 Randy Nunn, WINNETT, MT	205.44
5 Jeff Nagle, SIDNEY, MT	96.00

### CALFROPING

1 Tommy Moore, SHERIDAN, WY	620.74
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### TEAMROPING

1 Oscar Rios, THREE FORKS, MT	1,876.61
2 Judd Long, WOLF POINT, MT	675.26
3 Shane Tamcke, DEER LODGE, MT	223.20
4 Daniel Bird, CUT BANK, MT	172.85

### LADIES BARREL RACING

1 Holly Cook, POWER, MT	1,276.01
2 Carole Riley, BILLINGS, MT	521.27
3 Susie Gleason, BUSBY, MT	160.37
4 Megan Brown, WOLF POINT	94.08
5 Jodi Hibbs, CUT BANK, MT	80.16

### LADIES BREAKAWAY ROPING

1 Karie Stalley, RIVERTON, WY	429.55
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### ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1 Wyle Wells, BROWNING, MT	4,456.97
2 Clint Solomon, HAVRE, MT	1,502.27

### ALL-AROUND COWGIRL

### ROOKIE BAREBACK RIDING

1 Jason Nentwig, SEELEY L., MT	741.28
2 Dustin Solomon, HAVRE, MT	584.16
3 Bill York, TENDAY, ID	514.56
4 Larry Cann, BRIDGER, MT	291.60
5 Jesse Burleigh, LEWISTOWN, MT	265.92
6 Buck Dandliker, E. HELENA, MT	223.98
7 Robert Hofer, BILLINGS, MT	203.52
8 William Bury, BOZEMAN, MT	138.00
9 Jason Harris, HELENA, MT	137.76
10 John Stewart, MALTA, MT	66.24



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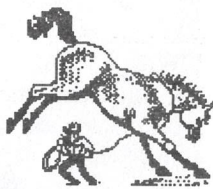
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## 20th ANNUAL NRF PERSONNEL

Secretary: **Jeanne Carpenter, Kalispell / Teri Jo Lyman, Great Falls**  
 Arena Director: **Dick Lyman, Great Falls**  
 Pickup men: **Robert Newman, T.J. Newman, (Alt. Tom Harmon), Melstone**  
 Judges: **Bruce Martin, Lewistown, Butch Bratsky, Billings, Ed Miller, Absarokee, Steve O'Hern, Ronan**  
 Timers: **Tootie Rasmussen, Choteau, Arlene Haugland, Belgrade**  
 Timed Event Chute Boss: **Tom Holland, Dillon**  
 Bull Fighters: **Justin Hawks, Mike Anderson, Shawn Penrod**  
 Clown & Barrelman: **Ernie Marshall, Calgary, Alberta**  
 Grand Entry Coordinator: **Debbie McCormick, Billings**  
 Announcers: **Stan Rasmussen, Choteau, Bob Teaff, Nashville**  
 NRA Finals Coordinator: **Ed Waldhauser, Billings**  
 Stock Contractors: **Rocky Mtn. Rodeo, Kalispell, Northern Rodeo Co., Outlook, Jacobs Livestock Rodeo Co., Great Falls & Newman Rodeo Co., Melstone**



## NRA Cowboys Poker



## Tournament



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## 1994 NRF STOCK

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 -1 Billie Blue  
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 B 81  
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Billings**

**Room Reservation Request**

Group Name Northern Rodeo Association

February 2 to February 5, 1995

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check In **3:00 P.M.** Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check-Out **12 NOON**

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This reservation form must be received prior to: January 19, 1995  
After this date, all reservations subject to availability. If reservation is not guaranteed, room will be released at 4:00 p.m.

**Please guarantee my reservation by the following:**

- |   |   |                                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed in amount of first night's room rate. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard       | PHONE<br>406-252-7400                |
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# NRA

Hotel Headquarters  
February 3-5, 1995

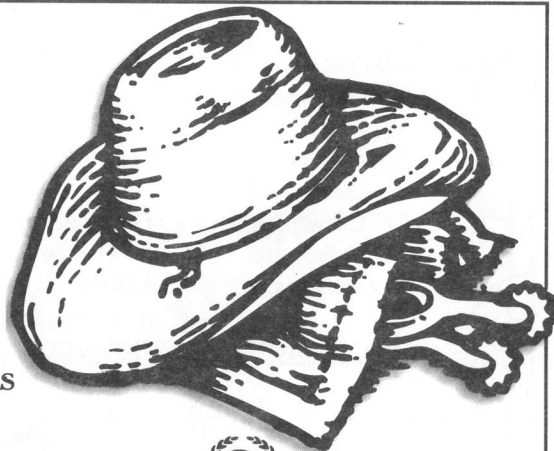
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Room rate...**\$43.00**

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T. J. & Liane Newman have a new baby girl, Shelby Ann joins brother Nevada. She weighed 8.1 oz. Congratulations!

### COMPANION PASSES AVAILABLE!

Again this year, NRA finals contestants will be offered half price "companion" tickets. Notice the special blank on the finals entry form for ordering the tickets. Each contestant is entitled to one "companion" set of tickets. Choose fromn \$8, \$9, \$10 tickets, decide how many performances you want to attend and multiply by price of tickets. Divide that number in half and send that amount to the NRA office with our entry form.

### USE ONLY ASSIGNED STALLS PLEASE!

Please use only those stalls you have paid for. If you need additional stalls, pay the trodeo secretary or Jann Parker. Anyone whose horse is found in another barn will be responsible for cleaning the ntire barn or fined. The NRA is charged \$100 per barn. This will be strictly enforced. Stalls will be in BARNs 21,23, and 25.





## 2nd Annual - Bareback Riding School

Helena, MT at the Multi-Purpose Building

March 31, April 1-2

Instructor: Steve Cutler

\*Heated Indoor Arena

\*Proven Stock

\*Video playbacks, Bucking Machine

Limited to the 1st 15 paid

Cost: \$250 (\$100 deposit due by Feb. 1, 1995)

Contact: Steve Cutler

Phone 406-348-2108 (message)

send deposits and proof of insurance to:

Box 74

Billings, MT 59103



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If You Like Team Roping, Skiing, And Fun,

Don't Miss The Third Annual

## Choteau Rope & Slope

January 7 & 8 \* Choteau, Montana

**T**he fun starts Saturday with a 3-go team roping at Choteau's indoor arena. (Choteau is about 50 miles northwest of Great Falls.) An open jack pot roping will follow for anyone who wants to participate (not included in the Rope & Slope score). Saturday night fires up with free entertainment.

**S**unday things get interesting as competitors take on a downhill obstacle course at Rocky Mountain Hi Ski Area west of Choteau. Skiers compete in a cowboy hat and chaps or chinks. Bring your own cheering section - this is *almost* as much fun to watch as it is to ski!

**Entry fee \$75 per person - 50% OF ENTRY FEE GOES TO PRIZE FUND**

**Please call for more information or to register to compete.**

Call: 406-467-3121 or 406-466-2703 or write: Adele Stenson, Box 190, Choteau, MT 59422, for more info. or the register to compete. Registration by January 3 appreciated.

Top 3 overall  
teams win cash.  
Plus Added Prizes.



Rooster Reynolds shown here competing at last year's NRF, would be one to watch if he enters up at the rope and slope! Photo by Hays.



# HORSE PALACE PRESENTS...

## NEW YEAR'S '95 CELEBRATION

**DECEMBER 30, 1994 ■ 6 P.M.**

#7 Roping: 3 for \$20/man ■ Open Match: 5 for \$50/man  
Draw Pot: 3 for \$20/man

**DECEMBER 31, 1994 ■ 6 P.M.**

Open Match: 5 for \$50/man ■ Incentive Roping: 4 for \$25/man

**JANUARY 1, 1995 ■ 12 NOON**

Open Match: 5 for \$50/man ■ 1 Over 40: 3 for \$20/man - #10 Cap  
Draw Pot: 3 for \$20/man

- Breast Collars to Incentive Winners - Sponsored by Jambor Horse Shoeing
- Saddles Awarded to Top Money Winners of #3 & Under, and to #4 and Over

(Open Match Money Does Not Count Toward Saddles)  
Saddles Sponsored by Pelican Truck Plaza & Pelican Oil  
#6 Roper and Over Enter Draw Pots 2 Times Only  
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**Horse Palace**

equestrian center



Exit 437, I-90 ■ Laurel, MT ■ 406/628-2049

## Horse Palace

It's called the Horse Palace, the only facility in Yellowstone County that holds a winter series for the serious kings and queens of the western world.

Cowboy, Jim McAdoo, born and raised in northern California and central Nevada, realized there was a need for this 120' x 250' indoor arena, enabling competitors to continue to perfect and fine tune their achievements of the summer months.

Located ten miles west of Billings, I-90 exit 437, setting on the edge of Laurel, Montana, is where you will find this beautiful indoor arena that hosts a selection of events five days a week, November through April.

Keeley Montgomery is the rodeo's latest bullman, Larry Peabody, a former world champion bareback rider, and Jim Bode Scott, a Montana champion calf roper will be the main stock contractors.

The schedule proves to be exciting through April with rodeo, team ropings, bull riding jackpots, rough stock practices, cutting and team penning practice. The public is welcome to attend any event, and participation is invited.

For more information and entries, you may call (406) 628-2049.

**SPECIAL COMPANION TICKET OFFER**

Each competitor is entitled to purchase a special half price companion pass. *One companion only.* Money must be enclosed with entry blank. Your choice of \$8, \$9, \$10 seats are all available at half price.

Vouchers will be issued, redeemable at MetraPark box office.

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

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# Break-in Jackpot

Friday, February 3 at MetraPark  
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(To select top 10 animals to be used for rodeo)

This jackpot will be open to the top 12 contestants in the NRA standings in the Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Team Roping until January 14. Please return this entry from along with your entry fees to the NRA office by January 14. On Monday, January 16, the jackpot will be opened to any NRA member wanting to compete until the 12 contestants limited to each event is reached. Call 252-1122 to enter. Team Roper: Include your partner's name. Entry fee must accompany entry. Barrel Racing, No entry Limit - One run for \$35.

There will be two go-arounds with money back in each go and two monies paid in the average. **Entry Fees:** CR, SW, LBAR - \$50 plus \$10 stock charge. Total \$60 fees. TR - \$50 per man plus \$5 stock charge. Total \$55 per man; LBR \$30 and \$5 office charge.

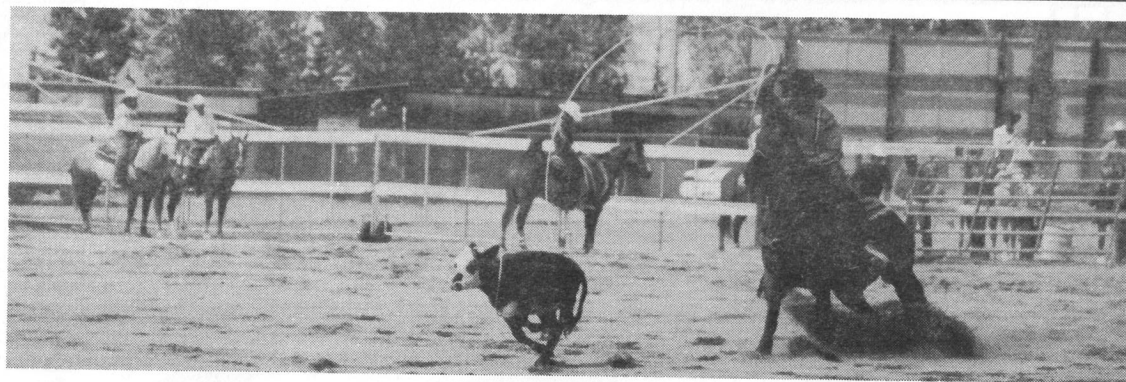
Probable order of events: LBR, LBAR, SW, CR, TR. followed by second round of CR, TR, SW.

**ATTENTION EVENT DIRECTORS:** You will be in charge of your event, of selecting the top 10 cattle (and one replacement) for the rodeo. Everyone's help will be appreciated in making this important jackpot be a success.

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A waiting list will be established. If you are interested, send form and entry fees to NRA office. First come, first served.



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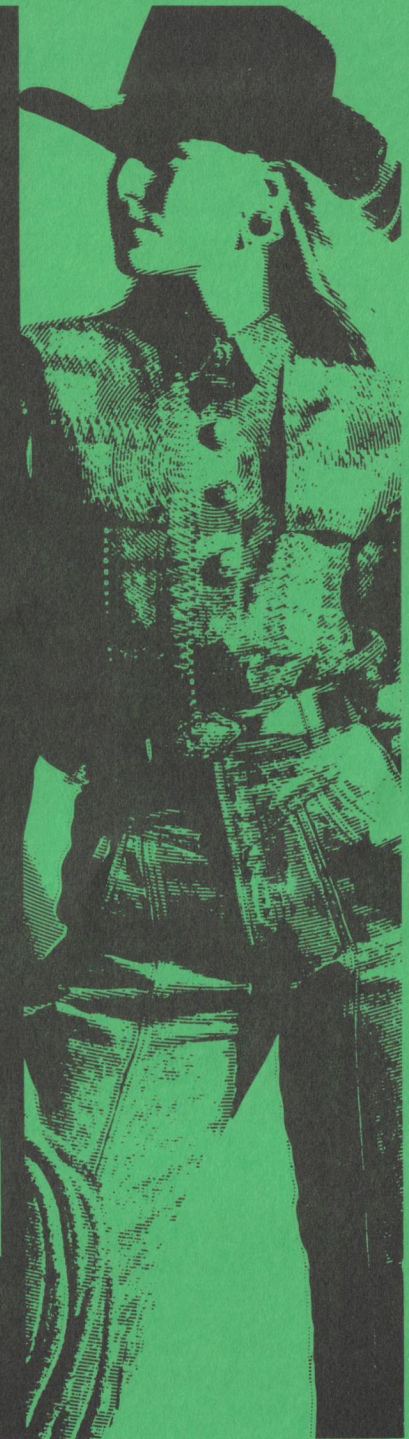
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