



Clovis Rodeo Association

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Three-Time Champions Win 10th Annual Clovis Ranch Rodeo

(Clovis, California): At the 10th Annual Clovis Ranch Rodeo local cowboys and cowgirls showed-up with their best horses to use their roping, riding, branding and reining skills in competition. The winning four-person team went home with saddles that proclaimed them the Clovis Ranch Rodeo Champions for 2010 and bragging rights as three-time champions of the event.

John Smith, Bill Garlick, Bustern Berna and Carl Gould returned to not only win the Ranch Rodeo for the second year in a row, but to become three time champions of the event. The other winning cowboy and cowgirl teams included the following:

Winning Cowboy Teams were as follows:

First Place: John Smith, Bill Garlick, Buster Berna and Carl Gould

Second Place: Kevin Cantrelle, Mark Matson, Darrin Preston and Lyle Harvey

Third Place: Tim Burke, Ty Burke, Don McCaslin and Ryan Pascoe

Winning Cowgirl Teams were as follows:

First Place: Jessica Jones, Lori Montes, Jennifer Lauzon and Leanne Ketscher

Second Place: Meredith Burroughs, Kelly Roberts, Stephanie Mathis, Heidi Lackey

Third Place: Stacey Cook, Julie Brown, Andrea Lee, Debbie Tweedy

The 10th Annual Clovis Ranch Rodeo continued a month of activities celebrating Clovis Rodeo Month and the community's western heritage. The cowboys and cowgirls who participated have deep roots in the region's rodeo heritage including the youngest cowboy to participate Kyle Walker, and the oldest, Tucker Slender.

Cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the Central Valley competed for more than \$16,000 in prizes including custom made saddles and silver bits. Major sponsors of the Clovis Ranch Rodeo include: McCaffrey Homes, George Porter, Clovis Rodeo Association, Merced Milling, Evans Feed, Vince Genco, Sam Habib, Greg Harlan, Bob Robinson, Ricotti Saddles, Blackstone Tire, Classic Equine, Steve Guitron, Ron Silva Reality, Bob Avila/Professional Choice, PLMA Madera, Troy Ford-DVM, Kevin Cantrelle and Hall Ag.

The Clovis Rodeo will open on Thursday, April 22 with the return of the PBR Bull Riding Touring Pro-Division. Friday night rodeo action will be followed by a concert for rodeo fans by rising country superstar, Jake Owen. Two days of rodeo activities continue through the weekend, along with the popular Clovis Rodeo parade on Saturday, April 24. Tickets are available by calling 559-299-5203 or visiting www.clovisrodeo.com. Ticket office hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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The all-volunteer, non-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 580 members. Approximately \$125,000 in proceeds from the Clovis Rodeo and related events coordinated by CRA members benefit local charities annually, including 4-H, FFA, Clovis Schools, Clovis Police Activities League, California High School Rodeo Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Break the Barriers, Boy Scouts of America, Clovis Community Hospital and the Central California Blood Center.

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