



Clovis Rodeo Association

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Local Cowboys Take Home Braggin' Rights at the Clovis Ranch Rodeo

(Clovis, California): Considered the top ranch rodeo in California, the Clovis Ranch Rodeo saw more than eighteen teams of cowboys and cowgirls from throughout the Central Valley compete for braggin' rights at the 12th annual event. They came to town to compete with their best horses; showing off the roping, riding, branding and reining skills that are a part of the ranching activities they do every day. Held today, the Clovis Ranch Rodeo kicked off a month of activities celebrating Clovis' western heritage leading up to the 98th Clovis Rodeo to be held April 26-29.

The day-long ranch rodeo competition included teams of four riders who each must use the same horse for all events. The winning four-person team made up of some past champions of the event went home with saddles that proclaimed them the Clovis Ranch Rodeo Champions for 2012. Taking home top honors were the new team of Don McCaslin, JW Brewer, Hec Hurley and Lee Whitney.

The winning teams were ranked as follows:

Winning All Around Teams were as follows:

First Place: Don McCaslin, JW Brewer, Hec Hurley and Lee Whitney

Second Place: Gene Roberts Sr., Zeb Burroughs, Frank Heinrichs and David Lackey

Third Place: Meredith Burroughs, Kelli Roberts, Lacey Bourdet and Heidi Lackey

Winning Cowgirl Teams were as follows:

First Place: Meredith Burroughs, Kelli Roberts, Lacey Bourdet and Heidi Lackey

Second Place: Cristie Jones, Sharon Edsall, Johni Santucci and Courtney Bowers

Third Place: Sophia Fowler, Daphne Van Shavern, Christina Parger and Denise VonTour

A sanctioned Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) event, the Clovis Ranch Rodeo is considered the best of the six ranch rodeos held in California attracting some of the best of the best who cowboy for a living. The WSRRA will film the Clovis event this year for promotional purposes; giving hardworking cowboys and cowgirls the added recognition they deserve. WSRRA gives the teams the opportunity to compete at a higher level of ranch-hand rodeo events. Clovis hosted several teams who have the intention of garnering points that will allow them to move on to the next level of competition where they will try for top honors amongst full time and part time working cowboys from major ranches throughout the West.

The 98th Clovis Rodeo opens on Thursday, April 26 with the return of one of the best shows on dirt, the PBR Bull Riding Touring Pro-Division, and some of the rankest bulls and toughest cowboys in bull riding followed by a concert with American Idol Winner David Cook. Friday Nights PRCA Rodeo action will be followed by a concert with rising country star Justin Moore. Two more days of wild rodeo action will follow along with the popular Clovis Rodeo parade on Saturday, April 28. The Clovis Rodeo runs April 26-29.

Reserved ticket prices range from \$15.00 to \$27.00 and are available by calling 559-299-5203, visiting www.clovisrodeo.com, or at the rodeo ticket office located on the rodeo grounds between Bullard and Shaw in the heart of downtown Clovis 9-5:30 p.m. daily (M-F). Parking at the rodeo grounds is free of charge.

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The all-volunteer, non-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 700 members. Approximately \$150,000 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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