



# Clovis Rodeo Association

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## Rodeo Month Excitement Continues with 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ranch Rodeo

**(Clovis, California):** The Clovis Rodeo hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Clovis Ranch Rodeo today. One of the top ranch rodeos in California the event is a time for cowboys and cowgirls who make their living roping, riding, branding and reining on ranches every day to show off what they do best. Local teams, and even some who compete throughout the Western United States in sanctioned ranch rodeo events, competed for silver bits, spurs, championship saddles and braggin' rights.

The day-long ranch rodeo competition included more than twenty teams of four cowboys and/or cowgirls. Each rider had to use the same horse for all events. The winning four-person team included cowboys Wyatt Bourdet, Frank Martinez, Dan Locke and Pat Boyle. They went home with saddles that proclaimed them the Clovis Ranch Rodeo Champions for 2014.

Taking home top honors in second place was the team of Don McCaslin, JW Brewer, Hec Hurley and Lee Whitney. The third place team was also the top team of cowgirls and included Meredith Burroughs, Kelli Roberts, Heidi Lackey and Lacey Bourdet.

Amongst today's competitors was Tucker Slender who at 79 years young is still roping and riding with the best of them; while the youngest competitors were twin brothers Cole and Cobie Dodds at 14 years of age.

A sanctioned Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) event, the Clovis Ranch Rodeo is considered the top ranch rodeo of the six held in California attracting some of the best of the best who cowboy for a living. WSRRA gives the teams the opportunity to compete at a higher level of ranch-hand rodeo events. Clovis will see teams on Saturday 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 Western United States.

The Ranch Rodeo is a competition between four-person teams of local cowboys and cowgirls. The best riders and their horses, compete against each other in the kind of ranching activities they must do every day on working cattle ranch operations. Ranch Rodeo teams are required to compete in five judged and six timed events. The events include team branding, team doctoring, individual ranch horse, individual trail horse, ranch cutting, team roping and team sorting. Each team consists of four (4) riders who must use the same horse for the entire event.

Cowboys and cowgirls of all ages competed for more than \$16,000 in prizes including custom made saddles and silver bits. Major sponsors of the Clovis Ranch Rodeo include: Eye Q, Vince Genco, Sam Habib, Evans Feed, Harlan Livestock, Classic Equine, Bob Avila/Professional Choice, Troy Ford, DVM, Hall Ag, Gene & Kelli Roberts, Booth Ranches, Monte Person, George Porter, Semper Hay & Grain, Skyline Silversmiths, Tweedy Sales, Van Hoosen Stables, and Dan Forbes.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo opens on Thursday, April 24 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 the sport of bull riding. Three days of heart stopping rodeo action follow along with the popular Clovis Rodeo Parade and Rodeo Dance on Saturday, April 26. The 100<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo runs April 24-27.

The Scotty McCreery Concert on Thursday and Tyler Farr Concert on Friday will immediately follow the rodeo performances. Fans can continue to purchase tickets for all performances of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Clovis Rodeo scheduled to run April 24-27, 2014 by visiting the ticket office at the rodeo grounds, calling 559-299-5203 or online at [www.clovisrodeo.com](http://www.clovisrodeo.com) Tickets range in price from \$20 - \$30 and are reserved seating only for all performances.

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