



## ARIZONA COWPUNCHER'S REUNION ASSOCIATION JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

MISCELLANEOUS – ASSOCIATION UPDATES  
SPRING ROPING – MEMBERSHIP FORM

### IMPORTANT ACRA DATES –

**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES** – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**2020 NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DUE** – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**SPRING ROPING WICKENBURG** – March 28<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**PICTURES & STORIES** – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**ANNUAL REUNION RODEO WILLIAMS** – June 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

2020 is in full swing!! We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and may your sights be set on a prosperous, healthy and peaceful 2020!! May cattle prices increase, feed become plentiful and your home full of love.

Please mark your calendar for this year's Cowpuncher dates. The Spring Roping will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Wickenburg at the Everett Bowman Arena. The Annual Reunion Rodeo will be June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 once again in Williams.

Work has begun on the Annual Reunion Rodeo Program. Please send pictures of your family and ranch life to [acrapics@outlook.com](mailto:acrapics@outlook.com) so they can be placed in the program. Your photos are the highlight of the program.

Please make sure to read the Rodeo Changes, Updates and Information page following. There are new and exciting changes happening in 2020.

**Wickenburg Motels:**      Quality Inn – 928-684-5461  
                                     Los Viajeros – 928-684-7099

Super 8 – 928-415-1629  
Best Western 928-684-5445

### 2020 ACRA Officers & Board Members

**President** – Logan Anderson  
**Vice President** – Ryan Manifee  
**Secretary** – Carrie M. Gross  
P.O. Box 6733,  
Kingman, AZ 86402  
602-510-4940  
[cowpunchers@outlook.com](mailto:cowpunchers@outlook.com)

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Linc Bundy – 928-899-3516  
Logan Westcott – 928-243-8583  
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Noel Tyree – 580-759-9599  
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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

### Sponsorships

**Sponsors are very important to our association.** We would not be able to produce the annual reunion rodeo without our sponsors. If you are wanting to be a sponsor or know of someone, we should contact to become a sponsor, please contact Carrie Gross at [cowpunchers@outlook.com](mailto:cowpunchers@outlook.com) or call 602-510-4940.

### **\*\*NEEDED – Pictures – Stories – NEEDED\*\***

Are you proud of your ranch and your family? Do you want to make this year's Reunion Rodeo Program a keepsake for years to come? Send in all your ranch photos so we can place them in our annual rodeo program. We love all kinds of ranch photos, kids, branding, riding, funny, it doesn't matter. Everyone loves looking at all the pictures from different outfits and families. Member pictures is what makes the program so special and a collector item. We need all your photos submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Nothing is better than photos coming from our members. Please submit pictures and/or stories you have to [acrapics@outlook.com](mailto:acrapics@outlook.com) or [cowpunchers@outlook.com](mailto:cowpunchers@outlook.com).

### 2020 Reunion Rodeo Trade Show

Space for vendors at the rodeo is limited. If you would like to be on the list to reserve a spot for the 2020 ACRA Reunion Rodeo Trade Show, please contact Rae Ann Alcaida, Trade Show Coordinator by email at [ACRA.vendors@outlook.com](mailto:ACRA.vendors@outlook.com) or by phone at 740-415-7111.

### Newsletter/Facebook

The new ACRA Members Only Facebook page was started last year. There has not been a lot of activity on the Facebook page but that will be changing starting this year. The ACRA Members only page will be used as another way to communicate with membership. The Facebook page will make sure members are kept updated on important dates, post the reunion draw, upload the newsletter and other important forms as well. Search Arizona Cowpunchers under the people tab. Once again this will only be available to ACRA current members.

### Membership Information

2020 ACRA Membership Dues can be sent now or any time before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Please use the form enclosed when sending your dues. It is extremely important that you fill out the form completely with birthdates and clarification if the person is male or female. This is all information we would like in our database so during the rodeo we know what all around category each contestant falls into.

Dues sent by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 are \$40. If your spouse will be competing in the rodeo please send an additional \$40 for their dues. If dues are received after March 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be \$75 each and if dues are not received by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 you will be dropped from membership and need to reapply.

New membership application request can be sent by email to [cowpunchers@outlook.com](mailto:cowpunchers@outlook.com) or by calling Carrie Gross at 602-510-4940. The cost to apply for ACRA membership is \$50. New membership applications **MUST** be received before **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. The ACRA Board of Directors will vote on new members during the March ACRA Board Meeting. This will be the only meeting new membership applications will be discussed and voted on.

## **Rodeo Changes, Updates and Information**

We truly appreciate everyone voicing their opinions during our Annual General Membership Meeting held at the rodeo. It is important to the Board that they hear what our members are thinking. If there are items, issues, or concerns you have, the Annual General Membership Meeting is a great place voice those.

During the September ACRA Board Meeting many items were discussed that were brought to the Boards attention during the June 2019 General Membership Meeting. The items discussed were having an incentive in the Century, Overall All Around – “Top Hand Award”, Dress code for women, honoring Van Thundercloud, finishing the Mix, Team Tying, Both Ends Over 60 and Century during the slack and adding an incentive breakaway roping.

Let's start with the Century Team Roping! The board agreed to add a #9.5 incentive to the Century roping. Going forward starting with the spring roping there will be a #9.5 incentive in the Century team roping.

Starting at the 2020 Annual Reunion Rodeo a new award will be added to the rodeo, the Overall “Top Hand” award. This award will be given to the cowboy or cowgirl who has the most points overall in more than one event. There will be no age cap on this award, it is anyone's to win. The winner of the “Top Hand” award must have points in both a roping event and a rough stock event. Rough stock event will include Wild Horse Race and Bronc Riding. The award will be given during the annual awards banquet after the rodeo Sunday afternoon.

After a lengthy discussion the ACRA Board of Directors voted unanimously to leave the ladies dress code as currently stated in the Bylaws of the Arizona Cowpunchers Reunion Association, Article IV item 1. Western attire must be worn while competing. Women excepted.

Mr. Thundercloud has been watering the arena and around the arena for years now. It was brought up by multiple members during the General Membership meeting that he should be recognized for years of service. The Board also agreed, and Mr. Thundercloud will be recognized during the 2020 General Membership meeting.

There has been talk, discussion, rumblings for years about finishing some of the events that are not part of the performance during the events' slack. Trying to place the short round of these events during the Sunday performance makes the Sunday performance much longer. There is also the discussion that many members can only get away from the ranch for a day and this could allow some members the ability to compete. Completing certain events during the slack will allow the awards banquet to start earlier and will help the stock contractors immensely as well. After much discussion the following events will be held in their entirety during the slack. Friday morning slack – Team Tying, Century, Both Ends Over 60. Saturday morning slack – 16 & Under Mix. The 1<sup>st</sup> round of each event will be performed as usual then after the entire morning slack is completed the short rounds will be completed. The Team Tying Short Round will be after the Both Ends Over 60 1<sup>st</sup> round Friday morning, followed by the Century Short Round and the Both Ends Over 60 Short Round. The 16 and Under Mix Short Round will be held after the 12 & Under Saturday morning Slack. Your patience is very much appreciated during this first year of changes.

A new event will be added to this year's annual rodeo. Youth Breakaway Roping. This event will follow the same rules as the Ladies Breakaway except it will be open to 12 & Under boys and girls. The event will be \$30 a roper. Ladies Breakaway will be 13 and over ladies only for \$45 a roper. Keeping the family aspect of Arizona Cowpuncher's Reunion Association is very important to the ACRA Board of Directors.

# 2020 ACRA Spring Team Roping, Bronc Riding & Steer Riding

March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Wickenburg, AZ Everett Bowman Arena

We will Calcutta off **ONLY** the Bronc Riders at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening and ride steers directly after the Calcutta. The Bronc Riding will start at 7 p.m. We will also be taking entries for the Team Tying all day Saturday. Books for the Team Tying will close at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The format will be as follows:

## Saturday – March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Books close at 9 a.m. for first roping

**\*\*CASH ONLY\*\*** – NO Tabs, NO Checks

ALL ROPINGS ARE CAPPED AT A #13.5

**Century** (w/#9.5 inc.) – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

**Pick One Draw One** (w/#9 inc.) – \$80 per roper, enter 2X (for 4 runs)

**16 & Under Mixed** (w/#9 inc.) – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

**3 p.m.** Team Tying Books Close

**5:30 p.m.** Calcutta Auction - Bronc Riders Only

**6:45 p.m.** Steer Riding – \$10 entry – 12 & Under – enter by 3 p.m. Saturday

**7 p.m.** Cowboy Bronc Riding – \$500 added – \$100 entry – **MUST PRE-ENTER**

## Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Books for the 12 & Under close at 8:45 a.m.

**\*\*CASH ONLY\*\*** – NO Tabs, NO Checks

ALL ROPINGS ARE CAPPED AT A #13.5

Team Tying Starts at **8:00 a.m. sharp**

**Team Tying** (w/#9.5 inc.) - \$50 per roper, enter 3X – **Books Close Saturday 3 p.m.**

**12 & Under** – \$10 per roper, enter 5X

**All Girl** – \$30 per roper, enter 5X

**Century** (w/#9.5 inc.) – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

**16 & Under Mix** (w/#9.5 inc.) – \$40 per roper, enter 4X

**Pick One Draw One** (w/#9.5 inc.) – \$80 per roper, enter 2X (for 4 runs)

Buckles will be awarded in the Steer Riding, Bronc Riding, Team Tying and Team Tying Incentive.

**Bronc Riding books are pre-enter and close March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Email Carrie at **cowpunchers@outlook.com** or text **602-510-4940** to enter. All ropings are 3 steer progress except the Team Tying, 12 & Under and All Girl which are 2 steer progressive. Food vendor will be available on the grounds. Everett Bowman Arena is located off Hwy 60 on Constellation Rd.

Dummy Roping Saturday  
3 age groups  
11:30 a.m.

## 2020 ACRA Membership Dues Invoice/Form

Please complete this form and return along with your membership dues to:

**Carrie M. Gross – ACRA Secretary**  
**P.O. Box 6733**  
**Kingman, AZ 86402**

**Member Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print.

Let us know whether each member is male or female by checking M { } Male – F { } Female below.

Birthdates are also very important. They let the ladies in the office know what all around category each member will compete in.

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ M { } F { }

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ M { } F { }

Minor Children:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ M { } F { }

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Please check all that apply:

**Before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - \$40**

2020 membership **\$40** \_\_\_\_\_

2020 competing spouse **\$40** \_\_\_\_\_

**After March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 - \$75 – Dues will not be accepted after June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

2020 membership **\$75** \_\_\_\_\_

2020 competing spouse **\$75** \_\_\_\_\_

Gold Card or Associate membership donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **I would like to receive my ACRA newsletter by:**

Mail

Email

Facebook

ACRA Website

**\*\*\*If your child will be turning 18 before June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 they must apply for their own membership.**

**Membership application MUST be received before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If they do not apply for membership and turn 18 before June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, they will not be able to compete at the Annual Reunion Rodeo. Please send Carrie Gross an email at [cowpunchers@outlook.com](mailto:cowpunchers@outlook.com) and she will forward you a membership application.**



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**If you would be loved, TRY BEING LOVABLE.**

**Little habits, good or bad, can take over a man.**

**Learn what's important and what's NOT.**

**Learn from the teapot –  
Whistle when you need to let off steam.**