

# NOTRA News

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## 2010 Rodeo Schedule

Sunday, August 29, 2010 – Caldwell  
Saturday, September 25, 2010 – Giddings  
Sunday, October 17, 2010 – Caldwell  
FINALS – Saturday, November 13, 2010 – Giddings  
Awards Banquet – Sunday, November 14, 2010 - Giddings

**New Age Group Divisions for 2010!** Men 30 to 34 years old are now eligible to join and participate . There is also a new 60 age group in Breakaway and Tie Down.

## **Attention Members! New Schedule of Events for 2010!**

Books open at 8:30 a.m., Rodeo starts at 9:00 a.m.  
70-65-60 Breakaway  
70-65-60 Tie Down  
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Brad Clark, EO Odom, Santiago De La Cruz  
Team Roping Benefit Buckle Winners

## From the President:

The NOTRA Team Roping Fundraiser was a very successful event wherein we raised \$755.00 and, additionally, sold more than \$400.00 in raffle tickets! The continued success of these types of events is only made possible by our member volunteers who so generously donated their time and energy to promote each event and help it run smoothly that day.

I would like to personally thank, and identify, each of our members who helped during the Fundraiser. Sherri Brantley and Melissa Hart did a great job with the books while Gail Broussard and Julie Hansen did a wonderful job announcing and time keeping. Skeeter Sprinkles did an excellent job of flagging during the roping and a special thanks to Web Sparr for generously donating the help of two men to run the chutes. Duncan Hansen expertly manned the stripping chutes while his brother, Vice President - Shane Hansen, effortlessly set up and took down the barriers and ran the roping on the front end. Thanks to Pat Tobolka who ran the concession stand and served food throughout the entire event. I would also like to personally thank Debra Dozier, new to NOTRA, for selling several raffle tickets and her help pushing the cattle up with Patti Coffee. And finally, thank you to Dennis Engelman and the Board of the Burlson County Riding Club for donating the arena for our use.

Thanks again to each and every one of you for helping make this event both financially and competitively rewarding for the competitors and our organization. Without our continued member support these events would not be possible. Each event is yet another opportunity for our association to stand out amongst similar rodeo organizations as we consistently hold events which are fun, competitive, and successful in raising monies for our year end awards.

See ya in the arena, EO Odom

Ladies Ribbon Roping  
Ladies Breakaway  
55-45-30 Tie Down (3 head)  
55-45-30 Breakaway  
Exhibition Barrels  
4D Barrels (will not start before 2:00 p.m.)  
Team Roping (will not start before 4:00 p.m.)

The **permit fees** were waived for the first rodeo and will be waived once, at any of the subsequent rodeos, for any first time newcomer who would like to participate and experience our organization in hopes they will want to become a member.

A copy of the 2010 **NOTRA rulebook** is now available, in both Word and PDF format, on the NOTRA website, notratx.com.

## Board of Directors

There is going to be a new award presented at the 2010 Finals; **Member of the Year Award!** This award will be presented to the member who goes above and beyond throughout the year, i.e. working hard by helping out at the rodeos, bringing new members, donations and/or sponsorships to the association.

Another exciting new award opportunity for 2010 will be the **Newcomer of the Year Award.** The award will be presented to a new member, who has never been a part of NOTRA before, and will be based on points earned throughout the year.

## Member News:

We are happy to report that Bobby Robinson is feeling better and back to roping; we hope that he continues to regain his health and look to seeing him in the arena again really soon!

Skeeter, freezing and flagging,  
at the first 2010 NOTRA !



### *Get to Know Your Fellow Members: Skeeter Sprinkles*

Skeeter Sprinkles, Director-at-Large and sometime Flagman, is a well-know man both in and out of the arena for the contributions he has made throughout the years to the sport of team roping. In his own words, when asked how long he's been roping, "a loooooong time"; he held a "Pro" card many years ago. Currently he competes in NOTRA, TRA, World Series, and USTRC events. Skeeter has four horses which he rides when roping and/or flagging and prefers to use Classic ropes. When asked what his most memorable win has been, to date, Skeeter said it was winning at the 2008 USTRC Finals held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Skeeter is also very well-known in the Austin area as a premier custom saddle maker where he has been making saddles for riders and ropers, from near and far, for the past 30 years. *(Editor's note: I can attest to the fine saddles he makes as I was lucky enough to get my hands on a used one a few years ago and LOVE it!)* Most weekdays you can find Skeeter at his saddle shop, Skeeter's

### **August Birthdays**

5 - Bill Wyatt

10 - Lloyd Bishop

11 - Brad Dyer

11 - Billy Jones

11 - Jackie Kilpatrick

13 - Jeri Foust

22 - Steve Robinson

27 - BJ Sikes

28 - Bubba Hoffman

28 - Mary Whatley

Saddle House, located at 15777 Anderson Road (off Schmidt Lane) in Manor, Texas. More than likely you will also find one or two fellow team ropers in attendance as "Skeeters" is often the place where they gather to exchange tips and share tales! Skeeter is married to Joyce, the "woman behind the man" as they say and his loyal cheerleader at many team roping and rodeo events over the years. Skeeter's son, Tal, has a daughter, Jordan, aka Skeeter's pride and joy! As a young girl Jordan would help out at the saddle shop, spending her days with Skeeter and his roping buddies; memories of which they are both sure to treasure in years to come. Jordan has grown into a lovely young lady presently in pursuit of her Nursing degree at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. When I asked Skeeter what he does in his spare time I should have stopped myself because, as he said, and I learned from talking to him, the answer to that question would be "What spare time?"! *(Thank you Skeeter for taking the time to answer my*

*questions and allowing me to write about you and your family in our Newsletter, I am very grateful. Humbly submitted, patti)*

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!!**

In order to compete in any event during the Finals a member must have competed in that particular event four times during the 2010 season. Please keep that in mind if you plan on competing in the finals as there are only three rodeos left in which to qualify.

Sherri would like to thank all the members who filled out and returned their **W-9 forms**. If you have won over \$600.00 and have not either returned or completed a W-9 could you please get with Sherri at the next rodeo and take care of that? Thanks a bunch!!

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### Team Roping Calcutta:

A Team Roping Calcutta will be held at the Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> rodeo at Giddings, Texas.

#### Bake Sale:



Our second Bake Sale of the year will be held at the Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> rodeo at Caldwell, Texas. The first Bake Sale was a huge success and let's all hope Monica Garrison bakes a couple more of her infamous cheesecakes!

#### Team Roping Fundraiser:

The Team Roping Fundraiser held July 31<sup>st</sup> at Caldwell raised \$755.00. A total of 73 teams participated and the Bob Berg buckles were won by Santiago De La Cruz/Brad Clark with a time of 35.43/3. Second place was won by James Lee/Sam Lenoir with a time of 35.83/3. Third place was

won by Sam Lenoir/Anthony Anderson. Thank you to all the members who generously donated their time and energy to help make this another successful fundraising event for NOTRA!

This year **Church Services** will only be conducted at the rodeos which take place on Sunday. The church service will be held right after the 70-65-60 tie down event.

**Raffle tickets** are now available for a **Hamman saddle** with the drawing to be held at the Awards Banquet on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way for all our members to support the association. Tickets are only **\$5.00 each or 3 for \$12.00**.



Attention Members! **NOTRA caps, visors, and shirts** are on sale at every rodeo to help support the association. What a great gift for friend, family member, fellow contestant or yourself!



**NOTRA Vests** - Black wool/leather vests will be available for ordering at the August 29<sup>th</sup> rodeo and you have until the October 17<sup>th</sup> rodeo to place your order. The vest is available in sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL. Each vest will be embroidered with the NOTRA "spur" on one side of the front; the other side will be embroidered with the Sponsor responsible for providing vests. The back of the vest will be embroidered with large "NOTRA" letters. The cost of the vest is \$40.00 (w/o sponsor logo on front \$60.00).

*Please contact Carol Garrison if you would like your name and/or "Champion Header, Heeler, Calf Roper, etc." embroidered on your NOTRA vest. Carol has offered to provide embroidery services to our members at her regular prices.*

## July 11th Results

65/70 Breakaway: Avg, **Bobby Hoff**

65/70 Tiedown: Avg, **Bobby Hoff**

Ribbon Roping: 1<sup>st</sup> **Pat Tobolka/Nathan York**; 2<sup>nd</sup> **Glenda Wood/Ruben Wood**

45 Tiedown: Avg, **Nathan York**

55 Tiedown: Avg, **Nathan Williams**

30/45/55 Breakaway: Avg, **Nathan Williams**

30 Tiedown: Avg, 1<sup>st</sup> **Shane Hansen**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Todd Whatley**

Barrels: **1D** – 1<sup>st</sup> **Carol Garrison/Piper**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Glenda Wood/Little Joe**; **2D** – 1<sup>st</sup> **Sherri Brantley/Rebel**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Glenda Wood/Tequila**; **3D** – 1<sup>st</sup> **Katy Peterson/Jazzy**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Danielle Robbins/Honest Abe**; **4D** – 1<sup>st</sup> **Connie Maynard/Sonny**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Samantha Williams/Jazz**

Team Roping (172 Teams): 1<sup>st</sup> **Joe Tovar/Johnny Morton**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Wes Wooten/Hugo Maldonado**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Billy Jones/Dirk Peterson**, 4<sup>th</sup> **Mike Carlson/Cliff Tidwell**, 5<sup>th</sup> **Greg Hudson/Doug Bass**

*Congratulations to All !*

***!ATTENTION!*** Members **must** have current **Coggins** paperwork on file in the office in order to be able to participate at the rodeo. Please check to make sure that your Coggins is current and the paperwork has been submitted to Sherri Brantley. Sherri can be reached via e-mail at [bbbbranch2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bbbbranch2002@yahoo.com).

Please check out the NOTRA advertisements in upcoming editions of **Cowboy Sport News** (both print and on-line versions).

Please visit our website at **notratx.com** for all the latest information, schedules, standings, and photos throughout the year.

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### **Past NOTRA Presidents:**

2001 – Jimmy Hill

2002 thru 2004 – Leroy Stephens

2005 – Jimmy Hibbler

2006 – Leroy Stephens

2007 and 2008 – Gale Hansen

2009 – EO Odom

If you have a **Classified** you would like to submit for our next newsletter, please contact Patti Coffee at 512-740-1200.