



EVERYONE WINS AT THE 1st ANNUAL MEMORIAL ROPING



The 1st Annual Memorial Roping was a tremendous success. Blair & Chris Wheatley chaired the event and put their heart & soul into making it a spectacular day! There was something for everyone. A silent auction had spectators and ropers bidding on items ranging from custom tack, A's tickets, gourmet baskets, and even a Remington rifle, just to name a few. Over 170 raffle prizes were also given out throughout the day! Bill & Tori Leicht brought in their gigantic bar-b-que to cook up some of the best meals ever. A



kids area with bounce house and surprise visit by Dinger, mascot of the Sacramento



Rivercats, kept the children entertained. The Plain Field Pickers provided some great country music which rounded out the days festivities.

At the end of it all, the hard work of so many people as well as the generosity of many more, including some ropers who donated their winnings back, netted the foundation \$25,000!!!

Spencer Mitchell was the big winner of the day. He not only won the #5 roping with Wendy Sparrowk , (in which he kindly dedicated his buckle back to the Durants), but he came away as the high point winner of the day and new owner of a beautiful Morgan Built 2 horse slant trailer!

Running P saddles donated by Top Grade Construction and R & L Builders for the high money 3 and under went to Steve Jones and



for the 4 and over went to Brock Cresta. Gist Buckles were also awarded to Steve Jones and Frank Vanarsdale for winning the #7 and to Waylon McCurdy and Moses Gonzales for winning the #10. Larry Parsons, James Ferreira, Jake Rodriguez, Spencer Mitchell, and Peter Jacoway, all won custom saddle racks for chasing down and successfully roping the money steer. Leeann Reed won a coin flip against Wendy Sparrowk to win another saddle rack for the high money girl.

The dummy roping drew large crowds of children vying for Jr. Roper Gist Buckles. For the 5 and under competition, Ireland Grubbs won first, Britton Wheatley, Seth Bakke, and Andrew Engelman tied for second. In the 6-7 year olds, Taylor Jacobson won the buckle. In the 8-9 year olds, Wyatt Ferreira won first, Pete took second, Walker Durant earned third place



and fourth went to Hazen Bisnett. The 10-12 year olds brought stiff competition, but Shay came out on top, with Jordan Sparrowk winning second. The mom's dummy roping was a new kind of entertainment. Lisa Benedict won first prize of a spa day, Michelle Williams took second and Karen Serpa won third.

If you didn't make it this year, plan on coming next year around the same time. It promises to be bigger and even better. The Durant family along with Blair & Chris Wheatley, chairs of the event, thank everyone involved for making the day such a

success. Special thanks goes out to Jason MacKay and the MacKay family



for donating the use of the great indoor arena, to Mark Cresta for his contributions and to Cindy Mitchell for singlehandedly doing what no other roping secretary can. Thanks also to those who contributed items for the silent auction, raffle, and to all of the sponsors who donated so generously.

We'll see you next year!