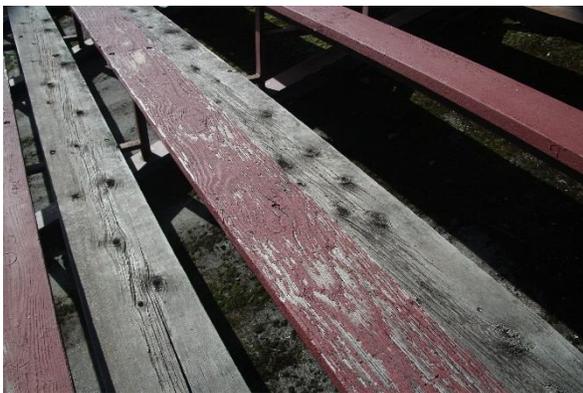


First Workday of the 2018 Stonyford Rodeo

by Roy Stewart

The Stonyford Rodeo will be happening on May 5 and 6, 2018. As a homegrown organization that uses only volunteer talent to put on its annual show, the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association, Inc., had its first workday for the 2018 rodeo on Sunday, March 4, 2018. The job is refurbishing the grandstands from wood-to-aluminum seating. The job began last year with one of the three sections being completed. This year, the second section will be completed.

Replacing the worn wooden planks used for seating in the grandstands has been a frequent—almost yearly—task for the association's volunteer workers. In 2017, the association was able to acquire aluminum seating at no costs from association member Mike Smudde. Mike was new to Stonyford in 2013 and helped in the "Big Move" of chute and gates from the north end to the south end of the arena. After he learned of the problems with the grandstand seating, he thought he may be able help. Sure enough he could. In 2016, his company was contracted to remove still-serviceable-aluminum seating from a stadium in San Diego and replace it with new seating. At no cost, Mike hauled this used seating to Stonyford, provided the tools and taught workers how to install it. This very valuable donation helped the association mightily. Lacking it the association would have been stuck with replacing worn wooden seating yearly, since they could not otherwise afford going to aluminum seating.



Moving away from this old, wooden seating



Moving to this new aluminum seating. Big improvement, don't you think?

Tickets are available now at our website:

www.stonycreekhorsemen.org. Or, you can soon get them at any of these area locations: Stonyford General Store, Stonyford; Carl's Feed, Willows; Boot Barn, Chico, Anderson & Yuba City; Bucke's Feed & Grain, Orland; Marie's Lakeshore Feed, Clearlake; Rainbow Ag, Lakeport; Ace Hardware, Arbuckle; AgriSource (Parts Dept.), Maxwell; and Hust Bros., Colusa (formerly, Colusa Motor Sales).

Pre-rodeo tickets purchased online or from any of the businesses listed above are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 7-12 years and older— children 6 years and under are free. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$15 and \$7. So get'em early and save money!