

It's Nearly Done

Upgrading the wooden grandstands seating to aluminum, in Stonyford's Brother Moore Arena, is almost done! The job was begun two years ago, in 2017, when the Horsemen's Association acquired enough donated seating to refinish the three sections of the grandstand. New member Mike Smudde's firm removed the seating from a stadium in San Diego and he gave it to the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association. Arena manager David Brandenberger and his volunteer workers replaced the middle section of seating in 2017 and the northern section last year. Even though the rainy weather has hampered the work, David hopes to finish the project this year, in time for the rodeo on May 3, 4, and 5. The photograph shows David Brandenberger wielding the welding torch, 12-year old Justin Whitney (in the red shirt), John Knight (brown shirt), George Corbin (plaid shirt), and John Whitney (Justin's dad).



Workers prepare for replacing the wooden steps with aluminum steps.

The 2019 rodeo is a three-day event, May 3, 4, and 5. Friday, May 3, is a PRCA-only rodeo; Saturday, May 4, is PRCA plus Mutton Bustin' and other amateur events; and Sunday, May 5, is amateur-only events. Tickets are available now at our website: www.stonycreekhorsemen.org. Or, you can 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; and Hust Bros., Colusa.

Pre-rodeo tickets for Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, 2019, 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, respectively. Tickets for Sunday will only be available at the gate; for fans aged 13+ \$10. Children aged 12 and under are free.