

New Performers at Stonyford Rodeo

Entering its 75th year of offering professional cowboy entertainment, the Stonyford Rodeo features one new performer: clown and barrelman JJ Harrison, and one nearly new: specialty act John Payne, aka *The One Arm Bandit*. (Payne played Stonyford about 20 years ago.) Both are seasoned rodeo performers.



JJ Harrison is many things—a former middle school teacher, an activist, an athlete, a WSU alum, and a clown. A rodeo clown, to be exact. With a master's degree under his belt and a contagious personality like none other, Harrison feels he's at his best when his face is painted and his boots are in the dirt. "I guess it comes down to the fact that I'm too lazy to work and too scared to steal," he joked during an interview with Classic Country KXA. To read the full interview, go to www.stonycreekhorsemen.org.



John Payne—aka *The One Arm Bandit*—is the rodeo's specialty act. His act has been voted the PRCA "Specialty Act of the Year" twelve times. Go to www.stonycreekhorsemen.org to read his amazing story, and to learn how he lost his arm.

Don Jesser will return to announce, but there will be a new stock contractor: Bridwell Pro Rodeo Company. If their bulls are like those in past years, they will buck like hell and likely win most of their events; nevertheless, a hefty field of hopeful cowboys will make them work hard for their victories.

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; 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!

And, don't forget to pick up a copy of the new 75th Anniversary book, *75 Years and Counting, A History of the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association, Inc., and its Rodeos and Parades*. The book costs \$25 and is available for mail-order purchase (\$4 s/h) by emailing admin@stonycreekhorsemen.org, or at any of the following locations: Stonyford General Store, in Stonyford; Susan's Country Cuts, in Elk Creek; Willows Hardware, Ace Hardware, or the Burnham Veterinary Clinic, in Willows. They will be available for purchase at the rodeo.