

The 2023 Stonyford Rodeo is Dedicated to Roy and Pai Stewart

Roy and Pai Stewart have been associated with Stonyford since first buying property on Century Ranch in 1979; they became permanent residents in 1996, when they built a home. Roy and Pai became members of the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association in 2005, when Roy volunteered to photograph and video the rodeo and to create and maintain a website promoting the rodeo.

Roy is a retired technical writer who wrote manuals for the Wiltron (later Anritsu) Corporation of Morgan Hill, California. This was a job he came to after a twenty-three year career in the United States Air Force as a flight facilities and electronic warfare technician and supervisor.

Roy also writes promotional pieces for local-area newspapers each year advertising the rodeo. He also volunteers as a videographer and historian for his church.

Pai is a native of Thailand, who was born on a rice farm in south-central Thailand, a little north of Bangkok. She was born shortly before the beginning of World War II. And, as a child, was injured in a Japanese bombing raid. She still carries a scar on her left leg today, eighty years later. Pai is a retired seamstress whose hobby is gardening and quilting. She's an expert cook whose Asian dishes are prized at local potluck dinners.

Roy and Pai met in Thailand in 1971, at Korat Air Base. Roy was stationed there with the air force and Pai worked in his squadron's dayroom snack bar. Pai had been associated with the American air base since its creation, in the 1960s. Her association began as she moved around the several construction sites selling Cokes and Pepsi's from the back of her bicycle. She later worked as a house maid, in the avionics squadron's airmen dormitory, and then later, dispensing beer and soda in its non-commissioned officer's dayroom.

Roy and Pai, and their daughter, Araya, will be waving at folks from the Horsemen's surrency as it parades through town on Saturday morning and circles the rodeo arena on Friday and Saturday.

Tickets are available at www.stonycreekhorsemen.org and at the following locations: Stonyford General Store, Stonyford; Carl's Feed, Willows; Boot Barn, Chico & Yuba City; Bucke's Feed & Grain, Orland; Marie's Lakeshore Feed, Clearlake; Rainbow Ag, Lakeport; and Ace Hardware, Arbuckle.

Pre-rodeo ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, ages 7-12. General admission at the Gate on Friday and Saturday: \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (7-12). Gates open at 3 p.m. on Friday, 11a.m., on Saturday, and 10 a.m., on Sunday. At the Gate on Sunday: Persons age 13 & older: \$5; age 12 & younger: Free. All tickets are general admission (except VIP top row and Box Seats tickets). General Admission seating is first-come, first-serve. So, you will need to get to the area early for choice of seat.

VIP (chair seats at the top of our grandstand) tickets Pre-Sale are \$20, VIP tickets at the Gate are \$25. Call 530-963-3197 for information on VIP seating availability.

