

Breakaway Roping comes to the Stonyford Rodeo in 2021

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Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) Breakaway Roping will be added to this year's Stonyford Rodeo, which will be a three-day outing on April 30, May 1, and 2, 2021. This event is similar to regular calf roping, except that the calf is not thrown and tied. In Breakaway Roping, the contestant's rope-end is tied to the saddle horn with light string. Once the calf is roped and the horse has made a quick stop, the calf continues until the rope *breaks away* and signals the end of the run. A white flag is affixed to the end of the rope tied to the rider's saddle horn, which lets the timer easily see and record the breakaway time. The roper with the quickest time is the winner. WPRA Breakaway Roping has become very popular and lucrative: The top contestant exceeded \$17,000 in winnings, with the next five exceeding \$15,000, as of 04/02/2021. If our fans like this new event, which will be on Friday and Saturday, it will likely become a permanent add to our rodeo.

Tickets are *now* available at www.stonycreekhorsemen.org. They *will be* available on or before April 15 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 \$10 for adults and \$6 for children, ages 7-12. At the rodeo gate, ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, ages 7-12. The pre-rodeo cheaper prices are only available until April 28, so get your ticket now and save money. Tickets for the May 2, 2021, amateur events can only be purchased at the rodeo gate on that Sunday. Ticket prices are \$5 for persons aged 13 and older; children 12 and younger are free.



Lari Dee Guy, Champion Breakaway Roper
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