

New Raffle Booth in Stonyford Rodeo Grounds

by Roy Stewart

An attractive new shed-like building replaces the old structure that was built in 1983 for the local 4-H club youngsters, from which they sold snow cones. Later it became the Raffle Stand. After thirty -plus years, it was time to go. Rather than remodel or build anew, the Association board decided to purchase a structure that they could simply drop into place. The new building, along with people who are selling the tickets and handing out the prized items are shown below.



Debbie Schirman (left) and Caroline Stanton (right) hold banner in front of the new raffle booth

The ladies behind the counter: Caroline Stanton has been attending the Stonyford Rodeo since the early 1980s and has worked the rodeo grounds for twenty-plus years. She has been a Horsemen's Association member for thirteen years. She has resided in Stonyford for thirteen years. Debbie Schirman has been attending the Stonyford Rodeo since the early 1980s and has worked the rodeo grounds for fifteen-plus years. She has been a Horsemen's Association member for four years and resides in Sonoma County. Regina Haggard has been attending the Stonyford Rodeo for ten years and has just joined the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association this year. She is a cancer survivor and a cowgirl at heart. She resides in Yuba County.

Over the years, the raffle has grown in popularity and has become an important source of revenue for the Stonyford Rodeo. At our last rodeo, in 2019, many items of varying value were raffled off, with an \$800 gun safe; donated by Tractor Supply, in Willows; as the premiere item. This year will even be better. This year's donors and their gifted prizes include the following: Wal-Mart, gift certificate; 4 Q Ranch, metal-art bird feeder and bird feed; Ace Hardware, American Flag, cowboy sign and water bottle; Yeti Glass, welcome sign; Colusa Casino, \$25 gift certificate; Colusa Chamber of Commerce, gift basket; Elenita's Mexican Restaurant, two gift certificates; Elk Horn Lodge, gift certificate; Mar-Val Grocery, gift basket; Napa Auto, two tool kits; O'Reilly Auto Parts, tool kit and welding helmet; Pendell's Honey, gift

basket; Quilt Corral, rodeo quilt and table runner; Round Table Pizza, two gift certificates; Rumiano Cheese, gift basket; Starbucks, gift basket; Mike Callahan, custom hand-crafted knife; Tobacco Man, Indian statue; Town Central Café, gift certificate; Tractor Supply, horse shampoo & supplies with bucket; Willows Hardware, two gloves and flashlight; Rob Jack Corporation, metal fire pit; B & R Sales' gift basket; Stony Creek Horsemen's Association, two history books; plus assorted home-made gifts.

Tickets are available at the rodeo gate, ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, ages 7-12. Tickets for the May 2, 2021, amateur events can 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.