

## The Casa Grande Classic

The Casa Grande Classic presented by Wrangler and Classic was held January 29-30, 2011 at the Casa Grande Rodeo Grounds in Casa Grande Arizona. The roping was produced by Zamora Roping Productions and saw nearly 700 teams compete for more than \$55,000.00 in cash and prizes. The weather was perfect and the action in the arena was hot! Saturday's high money winner was Robert Goldtooth of Winslow Arizona. He hauled home a new Double S saddle and \$4704 along with a trip to Las Vegas for the World Series Finale VI in the #13 division with partner Jeremy Alcott. Three teams qualified for the World Series Finale this coming December!

On Saturday the setup was the World Series barrier which is becoming more and more popular. Very few ropers broke out as the setup was extremely roper friendly and set to the conditions of the arena and steers. Speaking of roper friendly, our ads advertised nod and ride and that was exactly the case. On Sunday, the barrier was set to start when the gates of the Priefert chute opened! That's right, no scoring involved. If the gates opened before you left you were out. This is the first time we have ever seen this done. Ropers loved it and complimented the cattle and setup all weekend. Look for this to catch on as a couple of local producers mentioned that they were going to adopt the idea.

On Sunday the big winner was Greg Wilson of St. John British Columbia Canada. Greg managed to win a saddle and horse trailer. Greg and local young gun, Trey Nowlin won the average in the #4 and under. Trey was awarded a buckle for being the 2<sup>nd</sup> high point roper. The 3<sup>rd</sup> high point roper was Wilf McAlaney and the 4<sup>th</sup> high point roper was Santiago Varela. Each received a trophy buckle. Greg then teamed up with local veteran Jose Salazar to win the trailer roping. Jose also won a saddle for being the 2<sup>nd</sup> High money winner of the trailer roping. 3<sup>rd</sup> high money winner was Calvin Stern. 4<sup>th</sup> high money winner was Tyson Frank. 5<sup>th</sup> high money winner was Eric Olsen. The high point Jr. roper was Jacob Auza, the high point female roper was Ronda Sayers.

We ran two arenas on Saturday to avoid marathon ropings. On Sunday we were just as efficient with the use of the main arena. Our mission is to produce events that are run efficient and fair but above all quality events. We also strive to provide a friendly staff with the best customer service in the industry.

Cattle were supplied by Preston Porter, Evan Tripp and George Aros. Each contractor allowed us to sort cattle the week prior to the event and by doing so we had an excellent set of steers for each division.

We would like to thank all the ropers that attended our event in Casa Grande along with all the support of our local and national sponsors. We had a great roping that was well attended regardless of the fact that there were 10 other ropings in the valley. We are proud to be part of the Arizona roping landscape and look forward to seeing you at future events as we make plans to produce more ropings in the area.

Casa Grande Classic Results:

#13 Handicap Warm Up

1 <sup>st</sup> ---	Shawn Wexler/Mike Freeland	34.41	\$2820 plus Wrangler Jean Certs
2 <sup>nd</sup> ---	John McFarlane/Chance Whitworth	35.88	\$2130
3 <sup>rd</sup> ---	Mike Stratton/Larry Harris	35.97	\$1420
4 <sup>th</sup> ---	Alan Ward/Chance Whitworth	37.39	\$710

#13 World Series Qualifier

1 <sup>st</sup> ---	Robert Goldtooth/Jeremy Alcott	32.42	\$9408 plus Wrangler Jean Certs
2 <sup>nd</sup> ---	Jerry McPhaul/Daren Austin	33.06	\$7056
3 <sup>rd</sup> ---	Robert Reynoso/Joseph Auza	33.07	\$5000
4 <sup>th</sup> ---	Mandy Sproul/Kyle Welsh	33.17	\$2352

#11 Handicap

1 <sup>st</sup> ---	Gary Kiehne/Joel Wengert	40.57	\$2500 plus Wrangler Jean Certs
2 <sup>nd</sup> ---	Cecil Louis/Roger Verquer	42.31	\$1500
3 <sup>rd</sup> ---	Joe White/Mike Kenworthy	44.21	\$1000

#4&Under PRIZE Roping

1 <sup>st</sup> High Point---	Greg Wilson	Saddle Winner
2 <sup>nd</sup> High Point---	Trey Nowlin	Buckle Winner
3 <sup>rd</sup> High Point---	Wilf McAleney	Buckle Winner
4 <sup>th</sup> High Point---	Santiago Varela	Buckle Winner

#10 Handicap Trailer Roping

1 <sup>st</sup> ---	Greg Wilson/Jose Salazar	26.34	\$2000 plus Wrangler Jean Certs
2 <sup>nd</sup> ---	Greg Wilson/Johnny Mundell	26.77	\$1500
3 <sup>rd</sup> ---	Greg Wilson/Calvin Stern	26.95	\$1000
4 <sup>th</sup> ---	Cecil Lewis/Tyson Frank	28.36	\$500
5 <sup>th</sup> ---	George Ortega/Eric Olsen	28.89	\$500
6 <sup>th</sup> ---	Joey Billingsly/DJ Billingsly	29.48	\$300
7 <sup>th</sup> ---	Bob Ferguson/Frank Weidner	32.09	\$300
8 <sup>th</sup> ---	Bill Robb/Jose Salazar	33.59	\$300
9 <sup>th</sup> ---	Mile Cullen/Neil McDonald	34.74	\$300
10 <sup>th</sup> ---	Norbert Charley/Burke Moore	37.54	\$300
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Joey Billingsly/DJ Billingsly	8.42	\$300	

Trailer Winner---Greg Wilson

Saddle Winner---Jose Salazar

Buckle Winners---Johnny Mundell, Calvin Stern, Tyson Frank, Cecil Lewis, Jacob Auza, Ronda Sayers, George Ortega.

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6&Under Luke Auza 7-9 Cole Auza 10-12 Zant Zamora