

\$350,000 in 25 Days!!!

Zamora Roping Productions hit the ground running after arriving in Arizona January 3rd. After unloading horses and unpacking, we headed out to purchase a fresh set of Mexican Corrientes. On January 5th the fun began! That is if you call breaking steers in fun. Sometimes that can be a real chore. However, they broke in nicely and we have as nice a set of steers anyone could ask for. Our events began January 13th and in just over a month we have awarded more than \$350,000 in cash and prizes and we have just only begun! We would like to thank all the ropers that have come out to support us! We could not do this without you.

Our season opener was held at the WW Arena east of Casa Grande, AZ. This is an excellent facility owned by Alan and Robin Ward. It is managed by Stan Walter. These are excellent hosts and pride themselves in keeping the facility in top condition. We are proud to be associated with such fine people. We had an excellent turnout with nearly 700 teams competing over two days. This by no means was the largest turnout ever at a roping but it was perfect for our first one. The big winners were John McFarlane from Oregon and Canadian Dave Fraser. They each took home a nice Double S saddle.

Our next roping was the Wrangler Wednesday opener. This event was good. We did not get the turnout we had anticipated, but had a great roping none the less. The #12 paid nearly \$2,000 to win the average plus Wrangler Jean certificates courtesy of our headline sponsor. The winners of the #12 were the #9 team of Greg Miller and Rudy Riggs. They drew up together. Although this team had a 3 second handicap, it would not have mattered as they won the roping by six seconds. The only negative part of this was that Greg did not purchase the extra run and therefore, only won half the money. As advertised, the other half will be added to the March 21st Finale. As a matter of fact the same scenario played out at the second Wrangler Wednesday and we now have \$844 in added money for the Finale. The #10 paid over \$1300 to win plus some great Mortenson trophy buckles. Jim Bailey and Rick Hall Sr. were the champs. The roping has continued to grow as the #12 paid \$2424 on February 8th and the #10 paid \$1380. Only 5 Wrangler Wednesdays remain so come rope with us.

We moved to the Casa Grande Rodeo Grounds for the Reagan Days Roping January 20-22.. This was a new event for us as well as the Republican Committee of Pinal Co. The turnout on Friday and Saturday was a bit light for the higher numbered ropings which is typical, but we were roping for good money so the payoffs were respectable. Sunday was a completely different situation. We had 340 teams and awarded 2 Double S saddles and 4 Mortenson trophy buckles and a whole lot of cash. The big winners were Canadian Darwin Watson taking home the saddle in the #4 and under. The father son team of Dwaine and Dawson Graham were the average winners. The #10 saddle roping saw Glen Nordstrom win over \$1400 and a Double S Trophy saddle. He also won a Mortenson trophy buckle as he won the average with partner Ben South. As a result of winning first and second, Mr. Nordstrom was the winner of the High Money of the Weekend prize which was a beautiful framed western print by artist Mike Capron.

Our next event was two weeks later again at the Casa Grande Rodeo Grounds. This time it was the USTRC "Valley of the Sun" Championships. What an awesome roping. The weather was perfect and the event was a huge success with nearly 1400 teams competing for more than a quarter of a million dollars in cash and prizes. Look in this issue of the Jackpot for complete results and winners pictures in this issue of the Jackpot.

As we look ahead, we would like to invite all ropers to the WW Arena for the President Day's Championships on February 18th-20th and the WW Arena Season Finale Trailer Roping on March 17th and 18th as well as the Wrangler Wednesday finale World Series Qualifier on March 21st as we conclude the season in Arizona. We will be roping the first three Wednesdays in March. We will be donating part of the proceeds of the WW Arena season finale to the Pinal Co. Jr. Livestock sale and also to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Come out and help us support those two great causes.

We would also like to welcome our newest sponsor rodeotickets.com If you are looking for tickets to the National Finals Rodeo, look no further. This is the place to go. They will provide a great service to all of you ropers going to the World Series of Team Roping Finale or just going to the NFR..

Again, thank you to all the ropers who have supported our ropings the past month. We look forward to you all inviting your friends and returning for another event!

Good Luck and go get the Money!