

Stonyford Rodeo Gets a New Roping Chute

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Much to the delight of our cowboy competitors, the Stonyford Rodeo has upgraded its old orange roping chute with a beautiful new, Priefert blue, Model 98M chute. This chute supports the team roping, steer wrestling, and tie-down roping events.



Out with the old.



In with the new.

Priefert is the gold standard in roping chutes. Priefert says that the Model 98M is the most widely used roping chute in the country. It is the official chute of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and its National Rodeo Finals, along with other major roping organizations. It is also the quietest, most durable chute on the market.

The old chute made its first appearance twenty-six years ago, in 1993, and replaced the wooden chute used since the arena was rebuilt after the 1960 fire. It had a good life but had grown clunky and loud towards its end, last year. The rodeo ropers and riders--and stock--will surely appreciate the smooth, quiet operation of this new chute.

The 2019 rodeo is a three-day event, May 3, 4, and 5. Friday, May 3, is a PRCA-only rodeo; Saturday, May 4, is PRCA plus Mutton Bustin' and other amateur events; and Sunday, May 5, is amateur-only events. Tickets are available now at our website: www.stonycreekhorsemen.org. Or, you can get them at any of these area locations: Stonyford General Store, Stonyford; Carl's Feed, Willows; Boot Barn, Chico, Anderson & Yuba City; Bucke's Feed & Grain, Orland; Marie's Lakeshore Feed, Clearlake; Rainbow Ag, Lakeport; Ace Hardware, Arbuckle; and Hust Bros., Colusa.

Pre-rodeo tickets for Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, 2019, are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 7-12 years and older— children 6 years and under are free. Tickets purchased at the gate are \$15 and \$7, respectively. Tickets for Sunday will only be available at the gate; for fans aged 13+ \$10. Children aged 12 and under are free.