

Hello Pro-West Family, Friends and Fans—

Can you believe it—rodeo season is just about to start. Check out your calendar's—make sure the first rodeo of the season at Elma is on it. Pro-West is co-approving that rodeo again this year so make sure you have your memberships purchased before that weekend, so your points will count!

Remember memberships increase by \$25 after April 1st. Beat the rush and get them done soon! You need to fill out a membership application every year. The office also needs a W-9 on everyone. We are still offering complimentary memberships to youth rodeo participants. Encourage these future rodeo champions to join.

The “official” information will still be found on our website at prowestrodeo.com. Please refer to that for rules, information and the latest on the rodeo draw and many other items of importance as the season progresses.

Rough stock riders take notice of the new contest Pro-West is having this season! It is called the “\$5K Rough Stock Series Entry Drawing”. It is open to all current Pro-West members in good standing. Every time you enter any rough stock event (and you must compete as well) at a Prime Pro-West rodeo you will receive an entry into the drawing. There is nothing tied to placing. It is solely on competing alone. The Pro-West Finals will not count. **One** name will be drawn at the Finals or the Convention (to be determined). Good luck and Enter Up!

February brought harsh temperatures, a lot of snow and much sadness to our Pro-West family.

Past Pro-West Association Secretary, Julie Streeter and her family laid to rest her father, Roger L. Biram (Mike). Mike was born on May 7, 1932 and passed away February 2, 2019. Mike was very involved in his community. He was loved by friends and family and anyone you asked would say that he was one of the best guys they ever met, always willing to help out. He had one of the biggest hearts. He never said much, but when he did, it was always something worth listening to.

Joel Knapp, long time competitor and current Stock Contractor Director for the Pro-West, and his family said farewell to Sheree Patterson Knapp, who was born September 12, 1960 to Les and Jo Patterson and passed away February 6, 2019. Sheree was one of the best and most sought out hazers for all the steer wrestlers in the Northwest. She was often referred to “In Your Lap Knapp” for good reasons! Sheree never retired from rodeo. She continued to haze for many young steer wrestlers while taking her three daughters to high school rodeos. Sheree also continued in rodeo by judging, timing, announcing, and producing rodeos. In 2010 Joel and Sheree started the Les Patterson family bulldogging school and steer contracting business. Sheree will always be remembered for her compassion, non-judgmental character, everyone's friend, and a truly wonderful wife, mother, and grandma.

Our condolences go out to both of these families.

Your Secretary,
Marianne Sharp