

# Barrel Racing: Winning Means Teamwork

## Marita Johnson Says Horse Shares Her Success

by Priscilla Squiemphen

Ever wonder how a barrel racer becomes a winner? Tribal member Marita Johnson became one just this rodeo season (1978). Marita who rode her horse Dutch to the number one spot in the WSIRA says that she and Dutch together make a winning team.

The season started for her in April and will end in November on Thanksgiving weekend (November 23-25), in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she will represent the Western States Indian Rodeo Association, at the 3rd annual Indian National Finals Rodeo.

The horse that carried Marita to the number one position, is a thirteen year old gelding named Dutch. Although Marita has had Dutch for four years, she said that this year was when she finally learned how to ride him.

In 1977 a barrel racing class was held in Warm Springs, with Kay Simmelink instructing. Marita stated, "it was this barrel racing class that I really learned how to ride my horse Dutch".

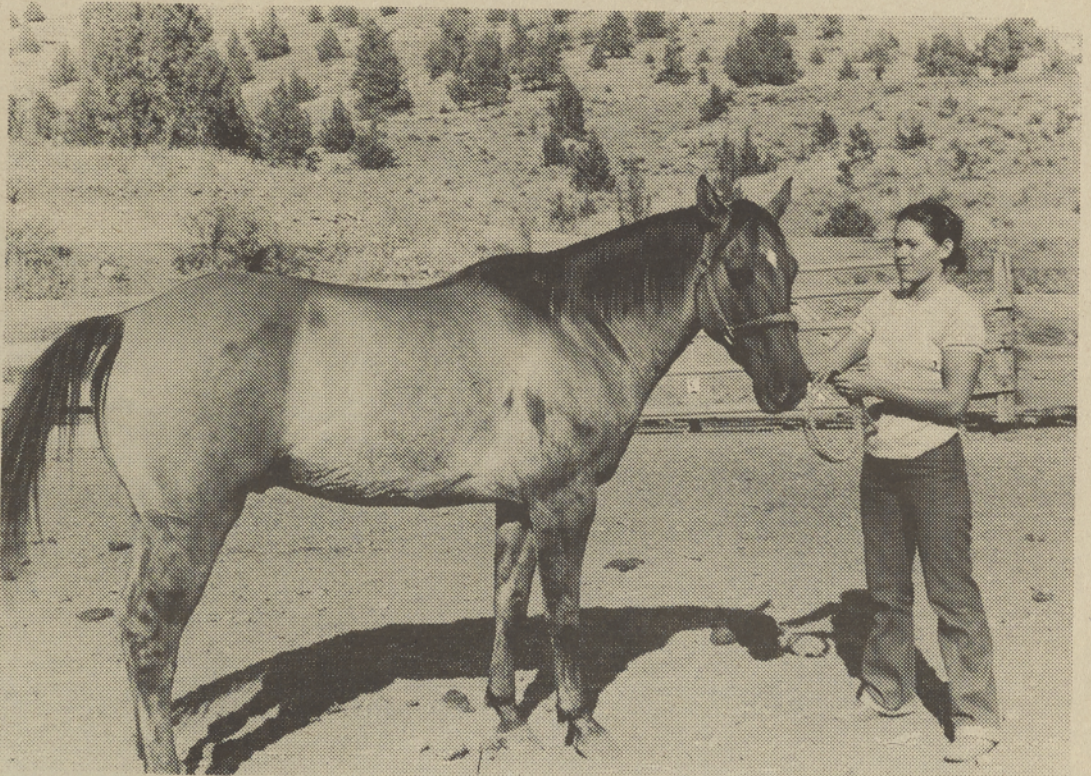
Marita rode 3 other horses before she purchased Dutch. She started barrel seriously about six

years ago, when local ladies and girls started a barrel racing club. Marita was president of the club for two years in a row but now the club is inactive.

Marita led the barrel racing throughout the season in the Western States Indian Rodeo Association. Her year end total was \$1721.96, \$422.94 ahead of the second place finisher Margie Walker of Okanagan, Washington. Besides winning the title Marita will receive a buckle and a saddle.

In order for Marita to be consistent and win, her horse has to be in tip top shape. Marita said "that she rides him a lot on mountain trails to condition him," she also said that she and her husband Delford have been teaching Dutch the basics of being a calf roping horse. She said that he's coming along so well that she might have to give him up next season to Delford.

Marita said that she has an advantage over other girls, because she doesn't work, and has all day to "play around with all of their horses." Marita's husband Delford works as a Diesel



TEAMWORK - Marita Johnson and Dutch are the year end barrel racing team in the Western States Indian Rodeo Association. The team will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah for the 3rd Annual All-Indian National Finals Rodeo on November 23-25, 1978. PS Photo

truck mechanic for Warm Springs Forest Products. They have two girls Shana 8, and Jodel 6.

Generally the rodeo life doesn't conflict with family life, said Marita.

The family joins her on the circuit, although at times it is hard for Delford to get off work.

### Fire Prevention All Over Your Home

#### Bedroom

Buy a smoke detector and install it outside your sleeping area. It should have a testing agency label.



Plan two escapes from each bedroom.



Smoke in a chair, not in bed.



Don't overload electrical outlets.



#### Kitchen

All electrical appliances and tools should have a testing agency label. Have appliances repaired if they aren't working right.



Don't overload the outlets.



Water and electricity combined cause shock. Have dry hands; don't stand in water. If an appliance gets wet, have it serviced.



Don't store things over the stove. People get burned reaching.



Turn pot handles so children can't pull them down.



#### Living or Family Room

Use large ashtrays.



Before you go to bed, look under cushions for burning cigarettes.



Use a metal fireplace screen. Have the chimney checked and cleaned regularly.



Put lighters and matches where small children won't find them. Use special outlet covers to keep children's fingers out.



Allow air space around the TV and stereo to prevent overheating. If the TV doesn't work right, it can be a fire danger. Have it checked out.



#### Basement, Garage, and Storage

Store gasoline and other flammables in tight metal containers. Don't use flammable liquids near heat, a pilot light, or while smoking.



Have heating equipment checked yearly.



Clean up your workbench. Keep flammables away from sparks.



If a fuse blows, find the cause. (Replace a fuse with one the correct size.)



Sort and remove rubbish. Don't store things near the furnace or heater.



#### Outdoors

Is your roof fire retardant? If it's not made of tile or slate, the roofing should be labeled Class C.



Don't use gasoline on a grill fire ever. Once the fire has been started, never use lighter fluid either. Use dry kindling to revive the fire.



Move lawnmower away from gasoline fumes before starting. Cool motor before refueling.



Use flashlights, never fire, inside a tent. Buy a flame-retardant tent.



Install a lightning protection system.



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### SPILYAY SPEAKS

DID YOU KNOW that this year there is a replacement for one of the late shows on TV and you can be the star? It's called "Sleep." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GUY who asked his friend, "Do you sleep with your bedroom door open or closed?" His buddy replied, "Who sleeps with a door?" YIKES

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JOAN AND GAIL were out window shopping one day and Gail kept complaining about how run-down she was all day long, you see she was expecting. Joan tells her, "I told you to learn some basic French before going to Paris." YIKES

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IN THE WESTERN CIVILIZATION the condemned were marched into the arena for the King's amusement. The condemned were locked up for quite some time and were almost starving to death.

The King gives the command to release the lions. As the lions started to enter the arena, the hungry condemned all rose to their feet and attracted the lions, started killing them and eating them raw. The King jumps to his feet and gives another command, "Save the lions." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS NIGHT PATROLMAN who stopped at this pretty young single girl's apartment and asked if he could come in for a while. He said, "Lets call it a break from duty."

"Heavens sake," replied the young Lass. "I thought it was just drinking while on duty you weren't supposed to do." YIKES

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THERE WERE THESE two guys who decided to spend the evening in a bar when finally they decided to go home. So they left the bar and were walking on this railroad track for miles when one of the guys stops and said, "You know these are the longest stairs I've ever been on." The other guy said, "Not only that, these are the lowest hand rails I've ever seen." YIKES

### Fire, cont'd

questions, raised by the acting fire chief, are being addressed by the Tribes.

#### Fires and more fires

Seven alarms have summoned volunteer firemen to an assortment of fires since the apartment tragedy. On the evening of September 26 a waste pile at the West Hills HUD housing construction site ignited and spread quickly in the strong winds. The cost of the fire

department's response has been laid at the feet of Marshall-Dana contractors, who had been warned of the hazard in a letter from the Tribes several week before.

The next morning at 8:00 a.m. firemen put out a small blaze in Jeannette Yazzie's home in West Hills. Flames were contained in the utility room and the attic stairs. A cause was not found for the fire.

The mill lost another batch of chips and will have to make repairs on a chip bin after a mishap in one of the overhead chip truck loaders at around 2:00

a.m. Monday morning October 2.

Three grass fires were reported and attended to in the last two weeks: one behind the Tribal Garage, another in West Hills and the third on the hill side next to Creek Road, the result of an exploded transformer on a telephone pole.

Most recently, the rear portion of a tribal garbage truck driven by John Simmons burned in the parking lot of Alice's Restaurant Thursday, October 5, but the cab was spared any damage. The fire apparently started in the collected garbage.

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