

# Annual rodeo offers thrills, chills, excitement



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller

Lee Tom making his ride in the saddle bronc competition during the Treaty Days Rodeo.

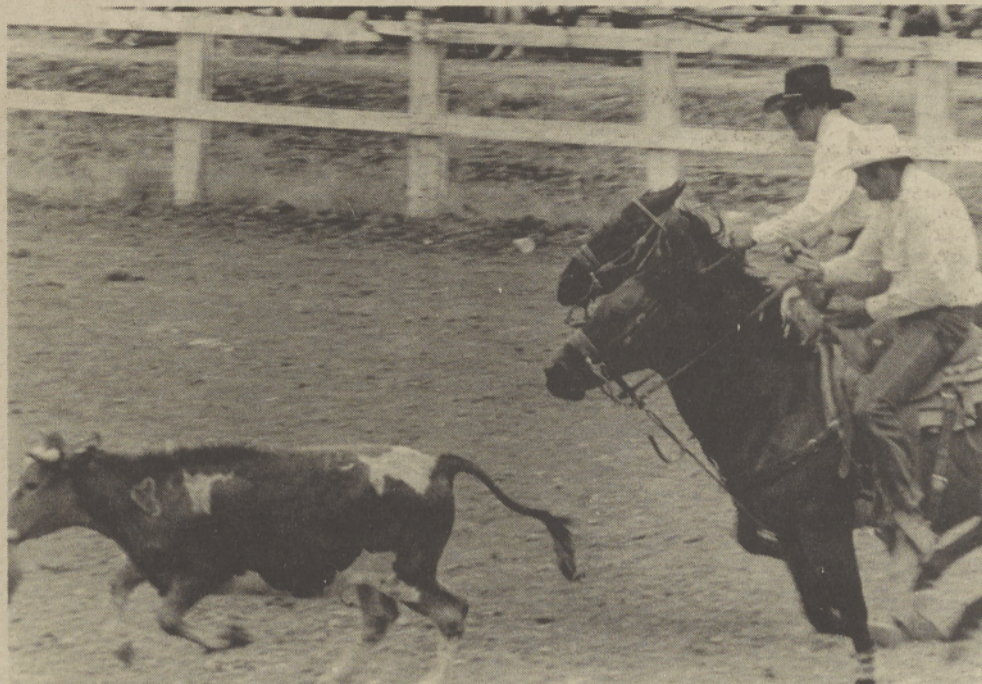
While the National anthem plays over the loud speaker to open the day's rodeo performance, tension builds as the bareback riders prepare to cinch down their rigging for the first section. Last minute equipment checks and adjustments are made before the riders climb over the chute. As the flank straps are set in place the horse goes into a wild rage jumping and kicking making a big clattering sound sometimes causing a chill to run up and down the spines of the cowboys.

During rodeos throughout the country fans become restless as a rider may take just a little more time mounting in the chute without realizing the danger involved. Many times, a cowboy takes quite a beating and receives a lot of injuries while in the chute. Also while the animal leaves the chute it sometimes smashes a rider's leg

as he comes out. Each cowboy pays quite a bit of an entry fee to compete and he wants to make sure everything is right before the gate opens. A rough stock competitor must be in top physical condition to compete in bareback, saddle bronc and the bull riding events.

During the two-day "Treaty Days" rodeo held here June 25 and 26, there was plenty of action. The rodeo, an annual event put on by the Warm Springs Rodeo Association, drew the top contenders for the Western States All-Indian Rodeo Association. The leaders in the current standings were on hand trying to extend their lead for the final showdown when all the points are totaled to determine who will make it to the National Finals at the end of the year.

One of the highlights of the show was Gary Sam of Omak, Washington, making a qualified ride on one of the Sombrero's tough bulls. So far,



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Garrett Spoonhunter with the white hat and Melvin Joseph are in hot pursuit of a steer in the dogging competition during the rodeo.

Sam is the only bull rider to stay aboard a Sombrero bull both here and at the Tygh Valley rodeos. There have been some near misses as the riders were bucked off just before the whistle. It is said, "It's no disgrace to get bucked off one of the Sombrero bulls, as they are all tough." They are from the Sombrero Rodeo Stock out of Sisters, Oregon.

The local bucking horses were furnished by Buck Smith from the Dry Hollow area, the roping steers were furnished by J.R. Smith and the cattle by Rita and Earl Squiemphen. Judging the two day affair were Shorty Palmer and Bob Surplus, the rodeo announcer was Bill Carter, the rodeo secretary Ginger Johnson and timing the events were Sara Miller and Evaline Patt.

The weather was favorable as there were no real threats of rain during either performance. See rodeo results in lower right corner of this page.



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Tom Best of Omak, Washington, doctoring a bloody nose after being bucked off of his bull.

## Upcoming WSIRA rodeo events

For rodeo fans and contestants July will be a month filled with Western States Indian Rodeo Association sanctioned rodeos. To attend the rodeos will require some traveling.

The next rodeo sanctioned by WSIRA will be **Hoopa California** on July 2 and 3. Events featured will be saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, cow milking and barrels. The rodeo books are closed but there is always room for spectators. For information call (916)625-4485. Showtime at 1 p.m. each day.

The annual **Nespelem, Washington All-Indian Rodeo** will be held on July 9 and 10 with showtime at 1:30 p.m. each day. The books are closed. Events featured are saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, wild cow milking, wild horse race, barrels and an endurance race. An All-Around memorial trophy will be given to the top

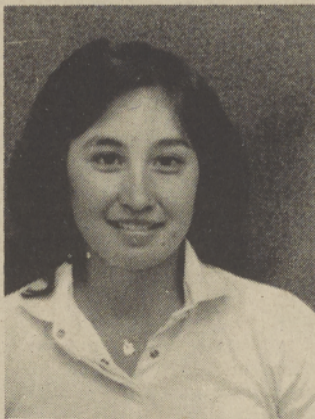
hand. For information call (509) 865-2934.

**The Covelo, California All-Indian Rodeo** will be July 9 and 10. Featured events are saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, barrels and wild cow milking. For information call WSIRA secretary at (509) 865-2934.

July 15, 16 and 17 is the date for the **Fallon All-Indian Rodeo and Pioneer Days** at Fallon, Nevada. Events are saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, barrels, wild cow milking, junior barrels, wild horse race, ten top saddle bronc riders and pony ride. Books open on July 11 and close on July 13 at 9 p.m. For information call (702) 867-2147 or write to Rodeo Headquarters, P.O. Box 461, Fallon, Nevada 89406.

**The Washoe Festival and All-Indian Rodeo** at Gardnerville, Nevada will be held July 29, 30 and 31. The rodeo books will open on July 25 at 5 p.m.

and close same day at 10 p.m. Events will be saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, calf roping, team roping, barrels, wild cow milking, junior barrels, and calf riding. For more information call (702) 782-7333 or write to Rodeo Secretary, Box 2200, Minden, Nevada, 89423.



Treaty Days Queen  
Donetta Burns

### Bareback

1. Roy Begody
2. Dan Smith
3. Willie Olney
4. Clint Morin

### Saddle Bronc

1. Oliver Louis
2. Terry Parrish
- 3/4. Vince Garcia
- 3/4. Joe Scott

### Wild Horse Race

- Saturday
1. Tony Suppah Team
  2. Troy Smith team
- Sunday

1. Troy Smith team
2. Bimbo Charley team

### Calf Roping

1. Lyle Spoonhunter
2. Melvin Joseph
3. Robert Hicks
4. Fred Williams

### Steer Wrestling

1. Wayne Hamlin
- 2/3. Ground Split to winner

### Team Roping

1. Roger Fiander
- Melvin Sampson
- Jr. Smith
- Hobo Patt

3. Byron Cheney
- Danny Scott
4. Melvin Joseph
- Garret Spoonhunter
5. C.R. Squiemphen
- Tom Begay
6. Robert Hicks
- Everett Hicks

### Barrel Racing

1. Snuffy Herrera
2. Cathi Williams
3. Shana Johnson
4. Donetta Burns

### Wild Cow Milking

1. Wes Williams Sr.
2. Byron Cheney
3. Fred Herrera
4. Tom Begay
5. Melvin Sampson
6. Wayne Smith

### Jr. Barrels

1. Gloria Sampson
2. Jeannine Kness
3. Alfredine Smith

All-Around: Melvin Sampson,  
Wapato, Washington