



**Jackie Wright, (Rough Stock Rider)** now of Tigard, grew up in Dayville, Oregon and is a two-event champion of St. Paul Rodeo and a NFR qualifier. He won our Bareback Riding event in 1963, and he won our Saddle Bronc riding and All-Around in 1966. Jackie was a fixture around the entry office in those days as an “old-school cowboy” who normally traveled with roughstock riders Jim Roeser and George Menkenmeier. Jackie’s son, Scotty, carried on the family rodeo tradition by becoming a high school rodeo champ and competing in the Bareback event throughout the Columbia River Circuit.



**Dan & Linda Russell (Contract Act/Personnel).** Western Rodeos, Inc. now from Henryetta, Oklahoma (also based in Folsom, CA) have been supplying rodeo livestock to St. Paul Rodeo since 1989. This year marks 19 consecutive years for us with the Russell family. Over that span, due to a great breeding program, Western Rodeos has had many honors numerous times. The Russell name is synonymous with rodeo as three generations, starting with Dan H., now including son, Dan J., have been involved.



**Gary Simon (Board/Committeeman),** Woodburn, Oregon served on our Board of Directors from 1986 to 1997. He accomplished a lot in that time. While on the Board, Gary and his wife, Diane, chaired our Queen & Court committee. Gary served as SPR treasurer for ten years and ascended to the role of President in 1997. He was the driving force behind the formation of this Hall of Fame in 1998. Gary was instrumental in creating the St. Paul Rodeo Foundation, and he also helped to get Gene Smith’s book on the St. Paul Rodeo off the ground. Along with Diane and their daughter and son-in-law, Gary continues to have an active role with the St. Paul Rodeo.



**Buddy Schneider (General Membership),** St. Paul, was the “Man in White” at St. Paul Rodeo for many years. It was Buddy’s job to keep our traditional rodeo stadium white and bright with gallons of paint, and he took great pride in his work. When writers and photographers came to the grounds for their pre-rodeo stories, it was often Buddy who became the face of the St. Paul Rodeo. He liked to say, “Look at me – white again!” Buddy’s wife, Nancy, and daughter, Laura, are regulars in the Ticket Office and his step-sons have all competed in our Wild Horse Race.



**John Weisz (General Membership),** farmer and rancher of Gervais, Oregon has been involved with St. Paul Rodeo for many years. In his earlier days, when the Wild Cow Milking was a major timed event here, John’s strength as a mugger made him a champion. He has managed our unsaddling chute under the Section C grandstand for most of his life. John’s daughter, Pam, was Queen of St. Paul Rodeo in 1979, and his sister, Darlene, was a SPR princess. His brother-in-law, Larry Mahan, is rodeo’s pride and joy from Brooks, Oregon. Along with this wife, Gerri, and son, Greg, John continues to support St Paul Rodeo and hasn’t retired his position yet.