



Joe Beaver (Timed Event Cowboy), Huntsville, Texas, is a St. Paul favorite and multiple All-Around Champion here – in 1998, 2001 & 2002. In 1995, he won our Calf Roping and in 2001 he set the SPR arena record in Team Roping (4.2 sec.) with Tom Bourne. He has three World All-Around Titles (1995, 1996 & 2000) and won the world five times in Calf Roping – 1985, 1987, 1988, 1992 & 1993. Joe has won nearly \$3 million in rodeo and qualified for the National Finals an impressive 22 times in his 25-year PRCA career. For the past five years, he has been the timed-event color commentator for ESPN's presentations of the National Finals Rodeo. Joe gives roping clinics and operates roping schools and his son Brody is the 2009 National High School Champion in boy's cutting.



Joe Baumgartner (Contract Personnel), Red Bluff, California, is known to all as the premier bullfighter in the country. "Original" Joe came to St. Paul with the Growney Bros. Rodeo Co. as a hired hand and livestock feeder. He first fought bulls at St. Paul Rodeo as a cowboy lifesaver in 1993, making 2010 his 18th year with us in that capacity. In the meantime, Joe has been selected as a bullfighter for the National Finals Rodeo a record 14 times. He was also honored by the PRCA as "Bullfighter of the Year" four times from 2004 to 2007. He can be seen most weekends on Versus TV saving cowboys in the PBR Built Ford Tough events. We know that Joe has been qualified for our SPR Hall of Fame for some time already. Now at age 43, and still at the top of his game, we think it's fitting to honor him on our 75th Anniversary Rodeo.



Rod Hay (Riding Event Cowboy), Wildwood, Alberta in Canada, is an active competitor in the Saddle Bronc Riding event and is riding high with first place in the PRCA World Standings going into "Cowboy Christmas." Rod has won our SPR Bronc Riding event three times – in 1992, 1993 & 2001. As a three-time winner here, he took home an original J. Shirly Bothum sculpt of our iconic "bucking horse logo" in the form of the C.J. Smith Memorial Trophy. Rod has won over \$2¼ million in his 20-year PRCA career, while placing 19 years in the top 15 to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo. Having already earned second and third places in year-end standings, we're all hoping for a World Title for Rod in 2010!



Maurice Smith (deceased) (St. Paul Rodeo Officers/Directors), a lifelong resident of St. Paul and one of eight founders of St. Paul Rodeo in 1936. He sat on the Board of Directors for our first 10 years and served as Vice-President in 1939-40. Maurice was an original SPR arena pick-up man on his black horse "Chico." Maurice and wife Mae raised a St. Paul Rodeo family – daughter Shirley was SPR Queen in 1944; Dee was Crown Princess in 1947 and is a SPR Hall of Famer; Nancy and Jerry are rodeo members. Daughter Pat (deceased) was SPR member and Margaret (deceased) was Queen in 1952. Maurice's grandsons Grant McKillip and Randy Ernst serve today as SPR Directors. Granddaughter Karen Tuck (1991 SPR Queen) heads up rodeo ticket sales with another granddaughter Laura Scott.



Jerry Halter (Rodeo General Membership), Culver, Oregon, has spent his life on both sides of the Cascades, between Woodburn and Eastern Oregon. Jerry and wife Sandy are long-time SPR members. In the mid-1960s, Jerry and his brother Bill joined their dad, Tony, as flag-bearers for St. Paul Rodeo. For a span of 35 years, the Halter family carried the flags horseback in our 4th of July parades and posted the colors in Grand Entries. Their long-time routine included keeping horses and tack in shape and attending Tony's "required practices" each year. Jerry says that "St. Paul Rodeo is all we've known over the 4th of July. The feeling I always get in that arena while Mary Ann sings the anthem fills me with pride and emotion as a cowboy and a patriot." Jerry's induction brings the legacy full-circle with all three Halters together in the SPR Hall of Fame!