

Art McKay (Officer/Director) (deceased)



Art lived in St. Paul, and spent 17 years on the SPR Board of Directors during the 70s and 80s. He was President 1981–83. Art was the first SPR President that came from outside of the group directly connected to the founders. This was a time that St. Paul Rodeo membership was growing in the surrounding areas. He farmed a wide variety of crops east of town and beyond. While on the Board, Art was in charge of Grounds for the rodeo, among other jobs. His sons said that he just treated the Rodeo Grounds like part of the farm, and used whatever time and equipment on it that was needed. With his wife Charlotte, they raised two boys, Mark and Dean, to carry on the tradition of membership in St. Paul Rodeo. Art believed that the best way to help ALL the groups in St. Paul, was to make sure SPR stayed strong, since they all benefit from the fund-raising opportunities.

Nancy Schneider, Member at Large



Nancy, of St. Paul, Oregon started her association with St. Paul Rodeo working on the lunch committee for our Queen & Court Tryouts with Don and Maureen Coleman. She helped out at the Ticket Office off & on over the years, beginning when Alta Viesko was the chair. Nancy and husband Buddy (2007 SPR Hall of Fame Inductee) worked on the Trailride breakfast for 20 years. Nancy's dad Maurice Smith was one of the founders of St. Paul Rodeo and all five of her siblings have been SPR members. She is pleased that currently two nephews and three cousins are on the SPR Board of Directors and says "it has come full circle." Nancy's three boys competed in our Wild Horse Race many years, and one year they were all entered. Daughter Laura and granddaughter Cheyenne are continuing the tradition of membership in St. Paul Rodeo!

Charles Soileau (Riding Event Cowboy)



Charles, of Bluff Dale, Texas is a multiple year St. Paul Rodeo Champion in the Saddle Bronc Event. Charles began life in Louisiana's cajun country on a 4th generation rice farm with a pond for raising crawfish. He won the SPR Broncs in 1996 (Western's 'Rocket Ronnie') and 1997 (Gronney's 'No Angel'). During Charles' 20-year riding career, he placed as high as 16th in the World, quite a feat in rodeo's Classic Event! This Rodeo Hall of Fame is most interested in accomplishments and connections at our own SPR. Winning the Bronc Riding at St. Paul two years in a row is rare. In 79 years, it has only been done by three other champions – Mel Hyland, Rod Hay, and Matt Marvel. Charles' friend Grant McKillip, SPR Director said "winning a big rodeo like St. Paul makes it a contestant's favorite...but winning it twice, sealed the deal for this cowboy!" Charles' son Dillon & daughter Abigail both ride and rope at their Texas ranch.

John and Karren Pohlschneider (General Membership)



John and Karren, of St. Paul, Oregon worked on the St. Paul Rodeo Parade Committee for 35 years and they chaired it for nearly 30 of those. The 4th of July Parade became a family affair, as all five of their children helped every year. John and Karren say "the Rodeo Parade is about the closeness of the community along with its love for children and horses." They experienced the challenge of a new parade route in their first year. It had grown too large to end in the arena, so they just circled the grounds and returned to the High School on the back street. John and Karren farm in the local area and are known for their operation of French Prairie Gardens, a local produce stand and much more that they operate with some of their children.