



# St. Paul Rodeo Association

Member Newsletter  
FALL 2022

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

*Hello St. Paul Rodeo members- Hope you are all enjoying the changing seasons. We have finally seen our first rain and the dust has settled around our 2022 St. Paul Rodeo. And what a year 2022 was for our organization! Another record attendance with 5 sellouts and our Thursday performance was at 85%+ capacity - it will be hard to improve upon our attendance records. You should all take great pride and a sense of accomplishment that so many of our patrons appreciate and return to our event year after year. It is a result of all your hard work and dedication to making our Rodeo the world-class event that it is. Thank you all for what you do!*

*Your General Manager, Karen McKillip, has hit the ground running. Karen is actively working on our sponsorship packages to increase and expand our sponsors and levels of support, while increasing the value to these partners. Karen and the Board have hired Laura Scott as a part-time Administrative Assistant. This position has been under consideration by the Board for some time now and will allow Karen the time to concentrate on her primary responsibilities while seeing no deterioration in service to our sponsors, members, volunteers, and patrons. Thank you, Karen, and welcome, Laura!*

*Your Board of Directors continue to work hard to improve our patron's experience. Under the direction of Vice-President Sam McKillip, the renovation of section F is well underway. With stadium seats and bleachers with backs, this new section will provide our fans with some of the best viewing locations in our arena. Additionally, the spaces under the new seating area will be utilized by our sponsors and visiting committees, providing excellent rodeo viewing and opportunities to discuss and collaborate with our partners to further improve our event. As expected, we have seen the normal construction delays, but we remain well ahead of our schedule to be ready for our 2023 rodeo.*

*Over the last couple months, the Board has been busy with some other things too. We are continuing to work on the Rodeo house – inside and out. A couple of outdoor projects are underway to improve the landscaping and welcoming feeling of this historic home for our members and guests. And just recently, Directors Ernst, Sam McKillip, Eide, Dave Smith, and Brownell, along with GM McKillip, attended the 2022 Columbia River Circuit Finals Meeting in Redmond. The meeting was well attended and was informative regarding challenges and initiatives going forward. We had significant discussion on legislation on the docket that could affect our event as our continued support for animal welfare initiatives is critical. Volunteer recruitment and engagement was a continuing theme as well. This remains a challenge for SPR as well as all committees in the Circuit.*

*On a personal note, as this year ends, so does my 3-year term as your St. Paul Rodeo President. I want to thank each of you for your support, as well as open and honest communications. That is the only way we continue to move forward together. I encourage each of you to continue this path, talk to your Committee heads, talk to your Directors and share your ideas. We need to think outside the box to continue to improve our event.*

*I also want to take this time to wish each of you a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe holiday season. Spend time with family and friends, recharge those batteries.*

*Your President, Randy Ernst*

## ***2023 St. Paul Rodeo Royal Court Selected***



After a full day of competition with 6 talented cowgirls, three young ladies were chosen to reign in 2023.

**Photo** Princess Jessica Lincoln, Queen Mary Olney, Princess Jenna Singer

**Queen Mary Olney** grew up in Warm Springs and now calls Beavercreek home. The daughter of Sonia Heath, Mary graduated Madras High School in 2019, then completed certification in a Professional Welding program. Presently working as a fabricator, Mary is pursuing her dream of becoming a pediatric nurse as a student in the nursing program at Clackamas Community College. She has been involved in community activities throughout her tenure with 4-H, FFA, and high school varsity sports activities, then has gone on to help with promotion of fairs and rodeos in her home communities. She plans to dedicate her life to helping people around her and inspiring them to be the best version of themselves. Her teammate for all mounted functions will be *Dixie*, an AQHA mare that Mary describes as having "equal amounts of sass & class!"

**Princess Jessica Lincoln** the daughter of Barbie Muhly and Jeff Lincoln, calls Hillsboro, Oregon "home". She graduated with Honors in 2020 from Liberty High School, and in 2021, she graduated Portland Community College with an *Associates of Science* Focused in Criminal Justice. Jessica's love of animals drives her exploration for the best way to spend time working with them possibly moving her into work with Oregon Fish & Wildlife as a game warden. Jessica was very involved in 4-H and represented Oregon at National Congress and National Conference. She has spent time the past couple of years marketing fairs and rodeos. Jessica's equine partner for mounted events will be *Cowboy*, an AQHA chestnut gelding with white blaze and 4 white socks.

**Princess Jenna Singer** from Sherwood, Oregon and the daughter of Randy and Kelly Singer, is on track to graduate with Honors in spring, 2023 from Sherwood High School. Enrolled in multiple dual credit and AP courses, she is earning college credits to apply to a program that will help her become an ultrasound technician. Jessica has shown livestock through 4-H and FFA winning *Master Showmanship* three times and producing multiple *Champion* market animals. She developed her love of horses at an early age and has a strong partnership with her AQHA gelding, *Dually*, as they compete in Breed shows and stock and ranch horse shows in the versatility classes as ranch riding, ranch reining, ranch trail, and cow horse. *Dually* is a dark chestnut with 3 white socks and a blaze and will carry Jenna during her mounted events.

## CALL FOR BOARD CANDIDATES

The annual election of St. Paul Rodeo Board Members will take place at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Community Hall. There are 3 board members up for re-election, 2 are incumbent. The three are Matt Eide, Keith Brownell, & Bill Smith. Bill Smith will not be seeking re-election.

Please send a resume and letter of intent to run **by JANUARY 3, 2023** to [manager@stpaulrodeo.com](mailto:manager@stpaulrodeo.com). This will allow us to include your information in the February Newsletter.

### RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

As outlined in the by-laws of the St. Paul Rodeo Association the duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- A. To elect officers from among their membership;
- B. To transact all necessary business;
- C. To create standing committees and to appoint chairmen of these committees from the directorship whenever possible;
- D. To approve the plans of work of the standing committees;
- E. To take action on new members; and
- F. To appoint an auditor or an auditing committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

The St. Paul Rodeo Directors are expected to attend:

- ✓ Monthly board meetings (generally no meeting in August or December and a full day meeting in January);
- ✓ Annual Membership meeting;
- ✓ All performances of the St. Paul Rodeo;
- ✓ Social events: Trail Ride Breakfast, Royal Court Coronation, Steak Feed, Fish Feed;
- ✓ Best Practices Workshop;
- ✓ PRCA Convention and Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas;
- ✓ Other events as decided by the board.

### TACK ROOM SALOON COMMITTEE REPORT

The Tack Room Saloon Committee would like to thank our volunteers for their help in planning and executing a great 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration this past year! We greatly appreciate each and every one of you for making this a spectacular 50<sup>th</sup> year! We broke records, tried a few new things, made new friends, and created wonderful memories. It's because of this organization's passion and pride that we remain one of the "Best Cowboy Bars in the West." There are a few pieces remaining of limited-edition swag from the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, please reach out if you are interested in purchasing before it is all gone.

Now the TRS team is headed to NFR to gather new ideas, test some recipes, and see how we can make the 51<sup>st</sup> even better!

## MAINTENANCE BRIEF

2022 was a great year and with the help of our members and volunteers our rodeo grounds looked amazing! 2023 is just around the corner and the maintenance team has been talking about projects for the year ahead. Our main project will be painting the east end of the stadium. A little fun fact...it took 100 gallons of paint to do this last time! There have been many people that have asked about mowing. This includes the park, house, Outpost and VIP area. So, because of the interest we will establish a schedule so everyone that wants to can have their turn at doing it. Be looking for that after the first of the year.

The fire system has been upgraded over the last year and they are in process of their final stretch so it can be finished and ready to go for winter. It has been in operation this entire time with exception of a few hours. There have been and will continue to be some major electrical upgrades around the entire stadium. These upgrades will bring things up to code, make turning on lights easy, and bring in some backup power during the rodeo if we were to encounter a power outage.

We can always use help at any of our work parties. It is a great time to work with members and maybe meet some you don't know. Our weekly Thursday work parties will start mid March. Please feel free to call me if you are interested in helping out!

Director Brian Love  
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# WPRA

### **WPRA to Recognize *St. Paul Rodeo* as a Winner of a 2022 Justin Best Footing Award**

This award is determined by votes by the WPRA membership and Circuit Directors and represents their members' voices saying "thank you" for a job well done. The WPRA recognizes the top three rodeo committees in all 12 circuits as well as the most improved ground committee in each circuit. Committee awards provided by Justin include cash bonuses (ranging from \$350-\$1,000), plaques and, at certain award levels, a pair of Justin exotic boots. In addition, names of each winner for each of the 12 circuits are put into a drawing for an addition \$1,500 bonus from Justin. We are very proud to say we will be one of the rodeos in our circuit that will be recognized at the WPRA Star Celebration in Las Vegas on Dec. 1 at the South Point Hotel and Casino.

#### **Columbia River Circuit**

**First** – Gem State Stampede, Coeur d'Alene, ID

**Second** – Eugene (OR) Pro Rodeo

**Third** – Lynden (WA) PRCA Rodeo

**Most Improved** – St. Paul (OR) Rodeo

We'd like to especially congratulate SPR Director Dave Smith and our Grounds Committee for an excellent job. They have been recognized for going above and beyond this past year to ensure safe ground for the animal athletes of rodeo, specifically the barrel racing horses.



## NEW PREMIUM SEATING IN SECTION "F"



**1** PERSPECTIVE VIEW @ A & D  
**C1.2** SCALE FACTOR: NTS



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**2** PERSPECTIVE VIEW @ B & C  
**C1.2** SCALE FACTOR: NTS

It was October 1962 on Columbus Day when St. Paul experienced a cyclone windstorm with winds to 130 miles per hour which demolished one of our bleacher sections. In the spring of '63, that section was replaced under direction from then SPR President John McKillip, Sr. It is now 60 years later...and we have John's grandson, Director Sam McKillip, in charge of the construction project to replace those bleachers to the new and much improved section F. The Board of Directors are making plans for this to be phase one of replacing sections F and G, with section G plans to be in the near future.

Section F will offer premium stadium seats (\$60) in the lower rows and bleacher seats with backs (\$40) in the upper rows. Additional wheelchair accessible seating will also be integrated at the base of the west side.

Plans are also designed for a cover to come later.

Closest seats to the chutes and best view of the fireworks...call us now to reserve your seats!

## MEMBER SHIRTS AND JEAN JACKETS

We have put in our order to replenish our supply of Wrangler committee shirts. We hope to receive them in all colors, both men's and women's sizes. We will send out notice in the Spring when we have the embroidery done and they are ready to purchase at the Rodeo Office.

### Upcoming Events

**ANNUAL FALL LEAF CLEANUP** Saturday, November 19, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

(notice of date change from Nov 5)

Meet and sign in at Ticket Office, Coffee and Donuts supplied. Bring a leaf blower if you have one.

**DEADLINE FOR NEW MEMBER APPLICATION** January 2, 2023

If you know anyone who would like to apply for St. Paul Rodeo Membership please have them submit their application by January 2. Applications available at the Rodeo Office or on our website.

Link to application: <https://www.stpaulrodeo.com/p/other/applications>

**DEADLINE FOR ST. PAUL OF FAME NOMINATIONS** February 15, 2023

If you would like to nominate someone for the St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame please fill out the nomination application available on our website or at the Rodeo Office and submit by February 15. Link to application:

<https://www.stpaulrodeo.com/p/other/applications>

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** February 25, 2023 - St. Paul Community Hall: 5:00 p.m.

**QUEEN'S CORONATION** April 1, 2023 - St. Paul Community Hall: 7:00 p.m.

**ST. PAUL RODEO TRAIL RIDE & BREAKFAST** June 4, 2023

**ANNUAL WORK PARTY & MEMBER STEAK FEED** June 17, 2023 - SPR Grounds

**Hall of Fame BBQ** June 29, 2023

**87th ST. PAUL RODEO** June 30 – July 4, 2023

**Fish Feed/Thank You Party** August 12, 2023 (\*\*changed to second weekend in August\*\*)