



HARDY CROWDS TURN UP DESPITE POOR WEATHER

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Surrey, B.C. – Fans of the Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair Rodeo came out and supported the popular annual event despite some of the worst weather in the events' history.

"It was tremendous to have so many people support our event," says Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Chairman Gerry Speilmacher. "There are so many people who volunteer their time throughout the year to put on an event that can be enjoyed by all of British Columbia and its tough when you get so much rain, but it is hearting to see the incredible support of this event."

In total, over 17,500 people turned out to see the world class action of rodeo during six performances throughout the four-day event. The 119-year-old Country Fair also drew over fifty thousand guests.

"We had great turnouts for the rodeo events, especially considering the unbelievably poor weather on Sunday," says Rodeo Chairperson Penny Smythe. "The Monday afternoon rodeo, the only rodeo event this weekend that didn't get rained on, was virtually sold out."

The Cloverdale Rodeo is one of the top rodeos in North America, drawing over 500 of the world's top cowboys and cowgirls. **The four-day event generates in excess of five million dollars in economic spin-off into the lower mainland.**

On Friday night, the Cloverdale Rodeo Association and the Crystal Gala foundation of the Fraser Valley partnered to present "Tough Enough To Wear Pink" night. Rodeo competitors, staff, volunteers, officials and hundreds of rodeo guests all wore pink to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research. Several thousand dollars were raised which will be used for Fraser Valley based programs.

CLOVERDALE RODEO – 2007 RESULTS

BC Bull Rider Finishes Big

Cowboys from north of the border produced solid results at this year's event:

EVENT STANDINGS:

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Saddle Bronc Riding

- 1st – Ben Morrow, Turner Valley, AB (score – 87) (money won - \$6,903.36)
- 2nd – Sam Kelts, Millarville, AB (score – 85) (money won - \$5,465.16)
- 3rd – Cody Taton, Newell, South Dakota (score – 84.5) (money won - \$4,602.24)
- 4th – Jess Martin, Dillon, Montana (score – 84) (money won - \$3,020.22)
- 4th – Rod Hay, Wildwood, AB (score – 84) (money won - \$3,020.22)
- 5th – Luke Butterfield, Ponoka, AB (score – 83.5) (money won - \$1,725.84)

Bull Riding

- 1st – Quentin Schneider, Cawston, BC (score – 88.5) (money won - \$6,813.12)
- 2nd – Steven Turner, Cochrane, AB (score – 87) (money won - \$5,393.72)
- 3rd – Brett Thompson, Medicine Hat, AB (score – 86.5) (money won - \$4,542.08)
- 4th – Tyler Pankewtiz, Warburg, AB (score – 85.5) (money won - \$3,690.44)

Ladies Barrel Racing

- 1st – Tyra Kane, Paradise, TX (time – 15.35) (money won - \$8,309.60)
- 2nd – Rana Walter, Lethbridge, AB (time – 15.39) (money won - \$6,647.68)
- 3rd – Victoria Solmonsens, Riverton, Utah (time – 15.41) (money won - \$4,778.02)

Steer Wrestling

- 1st – Beau Franzen, Worden, Montana (time – 3.4) (money won - \$6,215.28)
- 2nd – Dane Hanna, Littleton, Colorado (time – 3.5) (money won - \$5,561.04)
- 3rd – Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah (time – 3.7) (money won - \$4,906.80)
- 4th – Todd Woodward, Magrath, AB (time – 3.9) (money won - \$4,252.56)
- 5th – B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Washington (time – 4.0) (money won - \$3,271.20)

Bareback Riding

- 1st – Travis Whiteside, Longview, AB (horse – Painted Smile) (score – 89) (money won - \$5,456.70)
- 1st – Luke Walker, Vanderhoof, BC (horse – Boardwalk) (score – 89) (money won - \$5,456.70)
- 2nd – Steven Anding, Athens, Texas (score – 88.5) (money won - \$3,680.10)
- 2rd – Heath Ford, Greeley, Colorado (score – 88.5) (money won - \$3,680.10)
- 3rd – Bobby Mote, Culvar, Oregon (score – 87.5) (money won - \$2,030.40)

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Tie Down Roping

- 1st – Marty Becker, Edmonton, AB (time – 6.9) (money won - \$5,822.36)
- 2nd – Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah (time – 7.6) (money won - \$5,209.48)
- 3rd – Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Montana (time – 7.7) (money won - \$4,596.60)
- 4th – Baillie Milan, Cochrane, AB (time – 8.3 (money won - \$3,983.72)

Team Roping

- 1st Michael Jones, Chico, TX (time- 4.4) (money won- \$4375.70)
Travis Tryan, Chico, TX (time – 4.4) (money won- \$4375.70)
- 2nd Cody Hintz, Spring Creek, NV (time – 4.6) (money won - \$3224.20)
Charlie Crawford, Prineville, OR (time – 4.6) (money won - \$3224.20)
- 2nd Speed Williams, Deleon, TX (time – 4.6) (money won - \$3224.20)
Dean Tuftin, Prineville, OR (time – 4.6) (money won - \$3224.20)
- 2nd Brett McCarroll, Camrose, AB (Time- 4.6) (money won- \$3224.20)
Justin McCarroll, Camrose, AB (Time- 4.6) (money won- \$3224.20)

For more information about the Cloverdale Rodeo and Country visit
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