



BARNES PRCA RODEO

CONTINUING THE TRADITION STARTED IN 1950

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Barnes PRCA Rodeo Fact Sheet and Media Stories

The cowboys and cowgirls of the **Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA)** and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association will compete for prize money in their pursuit of qualifying for the annual RAM Great Lakes Circuit Finals and/or the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Professional rodeo athletes compete in seven events: bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, barrel racing and bull riding. The rough stock contestants will match up against the talented Barnes' horse and bulls.

The excitement and energy of a Barnes PRCA Rodeo is great family entertainment. Rodeo fans experience America's original sport at its best with the Barnes' high caliber animal athletes of professional rodeo. Rodeo is one of the fastest growing spectator sports in the country. The popularity of the sport has as strong sense of tradition and value.

Patriotism is at the core of Barnes PRCA Rodeo productions. The Iowa-based stock contracting company is known for paying respect to the United States Armed Forces during their rodeo performances. American flags flown over the bucking chutes and during the grand entry are signature elements at Barnes PRCA Rodeos across the country.

Barnes PRCA Rodeo and the Iowa Air National Guard teamed up to recognize the missions of our military personnel throughout 2017. On January 20, 2017 the first American flag was presented to Marty Barnes from 2nd Lt. Trisha Theisen in Sioux City, Iowa. The flag was flown aboard, a KC-135R Stratotanker over the skies of Missouri during an air-to-air refueling mission in support of Operation Inherent Resolve on Inauguration Day. On this mission, the 185th Air Refueling Wing offloaded fuel to 10 A-10's flown by the United States Air Force.

About Barnes PRCA Rodeo:

Established in 1950 Barnes PRCA Rodeo from Peterson, Iowa continues to be a premier livestock contracting company and member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association. The longevity of Barnes PRCA Rodeo is captured in the marketplace where community celebrations have been continuous partners dating back 40, 50 and 60 years. The late founder, Bob Barnes, once told a newspaper reporter years ago, "We are to rodeo - what Cadillac is to cars."

Barnes PRCA Rodeo is in an elite class of PRCA Stock Contractors. They are one of only two firms across North America selected to provide livestock for every National Finals Rodeo, since its inception in 1959.

Today Marty Barnes owns and manages all aspects of the livestock, rodeo production and breeding program with his eldest son, Westin. Barnes PRCA Rodeo will produce nearly 30 events across the country in 2017.

About Barnes' Animal Athletes:

The athletic talent of Barnes' bucking horses, bulls and saddle horses is award winning.

- This year marks the 40th anniversary of Crystal Springs being named the 1977 Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year.
- Red Horse Crossin' was honored as the 2016 Great Lakes Circuit Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year. This past December, she made her fourth consecutive trip to the Wrangler National Finals (WNFR) in Las Vegas for the Super Bowl of Pro Rodeo. During the 2015 WNFR, she bucked off her riders and was judged the Best Bucking Horse of the performance in Rounds 3 and 8.
- The top ranked rough stock cowboys in the PRCA selected Barnes' livestock for both the 2016 RAM Great Lakes Circuit Finals (GLCF) in Louisville, KY on Nov. 10-12, 2016 and the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) in Las Vegas Dec. 1-10. Twenty-three head including bucking horses, bulls and saddle horses were featured during the 2016 GLCF November.
- Seventy-two percent of the Barnes' livestock had money won or disqualified their riders at the GLCF in Louisville, Kentucky. Plus, two out of three go-rounds were won on Rafter B Bar bulls - Butter Biscuit and Tyson Bob. Notably, the dapple grey horse, Deep Springs, was the high marked bareback horse out in the 2nd go-round. Deep Springs traces lineage back to the Barnes' famous mare Crystal Springs the 1977 PRCA Saddle Bronc Horse of the Year.
- The Barnes' bay mare CAT Power was selected nine consecutive times between 2005-2013 to the WNFR.
- The foundation sire Boy Ballou continues to influence the breeding program. He made five trips to the National Finals Rodeo.