

"Everyone's A Winner" La Pine Rodeo ★ Play Day 2010

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Left:
LES FILLIS
RUNNIN' HOME ON HIS
CLYDESDALE/QUARTER
HORSE CROSS, FANCY.

Top Right:
BUCKAROO
RANDI ALLEN IS
HAVING A GREAT DAY!

Middle Right:
TOBY WILSON IS
PROUD OF HIS FIRST
PLACE WIN.



Below:
VOLUNTEER LEVI,
RODEO BOARD PRESIDENT SCOTT MORRISON
AND SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNER
CHERIE APPLEBY.



LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU to all the other volunteers who truly made this year's FALL PLAY DAY a great success! You all did a fabulous job – Charlotte Gowdy, Barbara Burke, Gina Wearin, Wayne Reynolds, Mike McKelvie, Cindy Cronin, Linda Reid, Greg Roush, Sunny St. Claire, Maralee Farmer, Linda Martin, Gael Berhow, Ken and Linda Gibson, Toby and Jennifer Wilson, Dayle Boucher, Tony and Tina Borba, De Martin, Kim Russell, George and Cheri Stark, and Florence Neis. Bobbie Bashian was also on hand to answer questions and distribute packets for next year's 2011 La Pine Rodeo Queen.

**For more information about
La Pine Rodeo Association
and Play Day,
please visit our website:
www.lapinerodeo.com**

Fall Play Day, hosted by La Pine Rodeo Association and Presenting Sponsor Purina Mills, was enjoyed by 40 enthusiastic riders of all ages at this year's event held Saturday, September 11th at the rodeo arena grounds in La Pine. The annual Fall Play Day event is the rodeo's primary fund raiser.

Announcers Scott Morrison and Kathy DeBone kept the games -- Pole Bending, Keyhole and Barrel Racing – lively and FUN. Four divisions comprised of Buckaroos, Rough Riders, Vaqueros and Viejos competed for prize ribbons. Play Day festivities began with 2010 La Pine Rodeo Queen Chrystal Bates presenting the flag while Scott sang the national anthem. Invocation was given by Ken Gibson.

The Sportsmanship Award, a custom-made leather breast collar denoting this year's Fall Play Day, created and donated by Stark's Custom Saddles and sponsored by the rodeo association, was presented to Cherie Appleby. The recipient of this award is chosen by votes cast by volunteers, riders and members and is given to the participant who demonstrates the spirit of friendship, goodwill and horsemanship. Congratulations, Cherie!

AND, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE FOLLOWING RIDERS:

High Point Winners by Division

Buckaroos (14 and under)

1ST PLACE-Ruby Wilson, 2ND PLACE (tied)-Michaela McKelvie and Matti Wilson,
3RD PLACE-Harley Dick, 4TH PLACE-Halie Dick, 5TH PLACE-Alissa Likens
PARTICIPANTS: Melissa Allen, Ashlyn Johnson, Lillian Pichardo, Randi Allen

Rough Riders (15-30)

1ST PLACE-Makayla Bashian, 2ND PLACE-Samantha Hollinger, 3RD PLACE-Kristen Russell,
4TH PLACE-Kyia Sell, 5TH PLACE (tied)-Charisa Bates and Kelsey Dozier
PARTICIPANTS: Jodi Griffith, Erin Cordray, Heather Sittel, Chrystal Bates, Mikaela Koellermeier,
Alex Nizinski, Kim Delwisch

Vaqueros (31-49)

1ST PLACE-Toby Wilson, 2ND PLACE-Bobbie Bashian, 3RD PLACE-Mike McKelvie,
4TH PLACE-Kathy Russell, 5TH PLACE-Lisa Cox
PARTICIPANTS: Tina Allen, Charlotte Gowdy, Erin Likens

Viejos (50 and up)

1ST PLACE-Kerri Raymond, 2ND PLACE-Barbara Roof, 3RD PLACE-Shay Bartels,
4TH PLACE-Les Fillis, 5TH PLACE-Celeste Mason
PARTICIPANTS: Dayle Boucher, Rita MacDonald, Cherie Appleby

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THE GAMES:

High Lakes Feed (Pole Bending), La Pine Eyecare Clinic (Barrel Racing), and Home Federal Bank (Keyhole). Homestead Tavern and Les Schwab made additional "Friend of Rodeo" donations at the event – thank you!

WE ALSO WISH TO THANK ALL THE BRONZE SPONSORS FOR THEIR ARENA BANNER DISPLAYS:

Bancorp Insurance, Books Boxes & Business Services, Citizens for Tony DeBone, Families and Communities Together (FACT), Homestead Tavern, La Pine Feed & Pet Supply, Les Schwab Tire Center, Little d Technology, Patrick's Woodwork, Wilderness Garbage & Recycling Service, and Wise Buys Ads and More. Thanks also to Bud Kendall for use of his water truck.

La Pine's VFW Post #7242 provided food and drinks for the riders and volunteers!
Also, a special thanks to Dan Varcoe for his permission to use the arena grounds for Play Day.