

## 75 Years and Counting—A Description

The book tells the history of the Horsemen's Association in a flowing narrative fashion. It is organized into six chapters: The Early Years Plus, Rodeo Grounds and Arena, Parades, Programs, Rodeo Pictures and News Clippings, and Key People.

*Book details:* It is currently at 286 pages, but I expect to add 30 or so pages on Index entries, so the final book will be about 308 pages, with 50 having color photographs. It will be 8-1/2 x 11 inches, with a soft, laminated, color cover and a glued binding—called a perfect bind. The book will be about an inch thick.

### ***Chapter descriptions:***

*Chapter 1* describes the founding and provides brief biographies of the Gay Nineties founders: Mutt Sullivan, Charley Butler, and Sharky Moore. The bio on Sharky will include the first Dick and Nora, and their children; Millie, Beulah, Earl, Sharky, and Irene. It will also include Sharky's children; Brother, Dick, and Carmel and her children, who became the Flying Cossacks. It will include information on the following topics: early members from the 1951 Minutes, committees, associations, financials, dances, and social doings.

*Chapter 2* begins with the first rodeos and then covers the two fires and the rebuilding following the 1960 fire. In flowing narrative, the chapter describes the construction of grandstands, announcing booth, office and bar, camp grounds, Recreation District and its funding of the 1986 arena and grandstands work, the new office and storage, the new metal chutes and corrals, moving the gates and chute from the north to the south ends, the new corral, and the new grandstand seating. It ends with photographs of rodeo workers.

*Chapter 3* describes the Gay Nineties and revived parades, using photographs and news clippings. Its 20 pages include photographs of rodeo queens, and Grand Marshals.

*Chapter 4* is the largest, at 182 pages. It includes the information from the rodeo programs from 1955 through 2017, *i.e.*, contractor and acts, officers, committees, dedicatees, and royalty. It also provides the names of events and contestants for all but 11 of the 100 rodeos between 1955 and 2017, which are a lot of names! Joyce and I believe this section will sell books because of the memories evoked by the historical listings.

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*Chapter 5* provides 17 pages of rodeo history using news clippings and photographs.

*Chapter 6* provides tables listing names of people who served as officers, committee members, or who worked at the rodeo. It is currently 8 pages, but will grow as Joyce adds names.

*Notes on Sources.* This section, as its name implies, provides details on where the information came from: Joyce's history, Minutes, News sources, etc..

*Index.* The index is not yet done. There are a ton of names in Chapter 4, so I expect the Index will run to over 30 pages. With the index and Contents listings, it is relatively easy to quickly find needed information.