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**RESULTS FROM THE JAMES PICKENS JR.
CHARITY ROPING EVENT AT THE CLOVIS RODEO**

8th Annual Event Held During Clovis Rodeo Week - Tuesday, April 25th

The Eighth Annual James Pickens, Jr. Charity Roping was held Clovis Rodeo on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. The event offered a Pro-Am, Open and a Kids Dummy roping contest.

Now in its 103rd year, the Clovis Rodeo is one of the oldest rodeos in America and has grown into one of the top three rodeos in California and one of nine PRCA Gold Tour Rodeos.

Trophy saddles by Coats Saddlery were awarded to the Average winners Tom Richards and Ryan Motes in the Open, along with trophy buckles from Montana Silversmiths. Amateur Pro-Am winners Ryan Rocca and Paul Eaves earned cash and trophy spurs from Montana Silversmith. Trophy buckles from Montana Silversmith were also awarded to the reserve winners.

Newly added to this year's roping event was the Kids' Dummy Roping competition sponsored by RopeSmart. Children from ages five years and under, six to eight and nine to twelve competed to win a Short Go Mini Roping Dummy with LED lights and wheels.

This event was sponsored by Bloomer Trailers, the largest manufacturer of horse trailers in the U.S. "We always try to align ourselves with people of character and integrity, like Mr. Pickens, we share a common interest in team roping. We are proud to partner with him to support this event in an effort to grow the sport," says company CEO Randy Bloomer.

Other sponsors included: Cactus Ropes, Circle Y, EquiBrand, LubriSynHA, Pro Equine, Professional's Choice, Re-Borne, Resistol, Vibrant Health and Wrangler.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the James Pickens, Jr. Foundation Hands for Hope after school program, Camp Giddy-Up, a free weekend for at risk youth and for the first time, the Clovis Rodeo Foundation. "The Clovis community has embraced us so warmly for the past few

years. I'm delighted to be able to give back to this community in a meaningful way.” - James Pickens, Jr.

Results are as follows: payoffs are per man.

Open Roping: 96 teams.

1st round: 1st. Cody Snow and Junior Noguera, 6.52, \$1,341.

1st round 2nd Tom Richards and Ryan Motes, 6.67, \$894.

2nd. round: 1st Brandon Bates and B.J. Campbell, 5.37, \$1,341.

2nd round 2nd Luke Brown and Jake Long, 5.71, \$894.

AVERAGE:

1st Tom Richards and Ryan Motes, 35.55, \$6,795

2nd Kaleb Driggers and Walt Woodard, 36.27, \$5,006.

3rd Cody Snow and Junior Noguera, 36.27, \$3,218.

4th Clay Smith and Jade Corckill, 38.18, \$1,788.

5th Blaine Vick and Cesar De La Cruz, 38.88, \$1,071.

Short go: 1. Clay Smith/Jade Corckill and Cody Snow/Junior Noguera 5.93, \$600.

Pro Am Roping: 16 teams.

Payoff for this roping is per team.

Fast time Am Header: Mike MacKenzie and Kyle Lockett, 5.97, \$300.

Fast time Am Heeler: Kevin Diaz and Kolton Schmidt, 7.66, \$300.

AVERAGE:

1st 21.36 Ryan Rocca, \$1,488 and Paul Eaves, \$992.

2nd 21.57 Mike MacKenzie \$1,116 and Kyle Lockett, \$744.

3rd 24.95 Flint Sweet \$744 and Shay Carroll \$496.

4th 27.13 Jack Batey \$372 and Ryan Motes \$248.

For information on the event, contact Scott Perez at 661-305-0399 or Neal Williams at 818-519-9573 or visit www.jpjfoundationroping.com or on Facebook. For a full calendar of Rodeo events, visit www.clovisrodeo.com

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Open Average Winner Tom Richards, host James Pickens, Jr., Open Average Winner Ryan Motes and sponsor Randy Bloomer of Bloomer Trailers. Photo by Sal Owen www.salowen.com



Pro-Am winner Paul Eaves, host James Pickens, Jr. and Pro-Am winner Ryan Rocca.
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