

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 and Other Workers.

Book details: It has 344 pages, with 54 having color photographs. It is 8-1/2 x 11 inches, with a soft, laminated, color cover and a glued binding—called a perfect bind. The book is 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 includes the first Dick and Nora, and their children; Millie, Beulah, Earl, Sharky, and Irene. It also includes Sharky's children; Brother, Dick, and Carmel and her children, who became the Flying Cossacks. It includes 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.

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 200+ 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 89 of the 100 rodeos between 1955 and 2017.

Chapter 5 provides 24 pages of rodeo history using news clippings and photographs. It ends with photographs of rodeo workers.

Chapter 6 provides tables listing names of people who served as officers, committee members, or who worked at the rodeo. It has 10 pages.

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 has 36 pages. With the index and Contents listings, it is relatively easy to quickly find needed information.