



# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME



## Terry Bowen



Terry started his rodeo career in 1960 riding bareback horses at Texas Open Rodeos. In 1961 he enrolled in Texas A&I College at Kingsville, Texas and became a member of the Rodeo Team in 1962. He was the president of the Rodeo Club for three years, overseeing the production of their NRA rodeo. While at A&I Terry was at an open rodeo in Texas where he saw one of the bull riders get badly hurt after he had been thrown. There were no clowns/bullfighters hired at that rodeo and he swore then he would

never see or rodeo without a bullfighter again and entered into that profession which spanned some forty-two years.

Terry had also gone to work for Federal Law Enforcement in 1968, stationed at various locations in Texas and California. He continued his clown/bullfighter profession, make some twenty-five rodeos a year. In 1982 he joined the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) and worked all the IPRA rodeos in California and Arizona for five years. In 1985 he also joined the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) starting his PRCA career working for Cotton Rosser's Flying U Rodeo Company.

In 1993 Terry retired from Federal Law Enforcement at Del Rio, Texas and continued with his rodeo career, working mainly PRCA rodeos in some twenty different states and Canada where he had his Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) card.



In 1996 he was elected to the Board of Directors with the Rodeo Clown Bullfighters Association where he served a two-year term. He has also worked several Professional Bullriders (PBR) events in Texas, North Carolina and Minnesota.

In 1995 Terry transitioned from Clown/Bullfighter to Clown/Barrelman. Always having contract acts since starting in 1963, the change was somewhat smoother. He always carried one act that he called a major act and several “fillers”. Over the years the main major acts were a bull chariot, miniature fighting bulls and the infamous Coors Lite Buckin’ Truck. In 2005, after forty-two years in the arena, he decided it was time to hang it up. After working a rodeo in Duncan, Oklahoma he retired at the age of 63!

Terry is a Gold Card Holder in the PRCA and continues to be involved in various aspects of Professional Rodeo.