

ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS HALL OF FAME

Clark Rossi



Clark Rossi (L)with Bill Putnam (R)

In 1961 at the age of six years old Clark got on his first saddle bronc. Ten years later, in 1971, he began learning to ride bareback horses practicing twice a week under the guidance of his father Andrew Rossi.

Andrew (Clark's dad) rode his first bareback horse in 1945, and his last in 1982 at the age of 52. Andrew was Clark's mentor, inspiration, coach and traveling partner for over six years.

In 1973, Clark and Andrew hit the road on the open rodeo circuit, going to 2-3 rodeos per week. They competed in both open and PRCA rodeos, and were known as the father-and-son rough stock team wherever they went.

In 1979 Clark bought his PRCA permit. After competing in the Bareback event, he began to transition and learn to ride Saddle broncs - his first love! He eventually filed his permit in the Saddle Bronc event. Clark traveled and competed in Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Illinois, North Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Iowa for the next six years. He placed at the Dallas State Fair & Rodeo; also in Springdale, AR and Pecos, Tx, just to name a few.

