



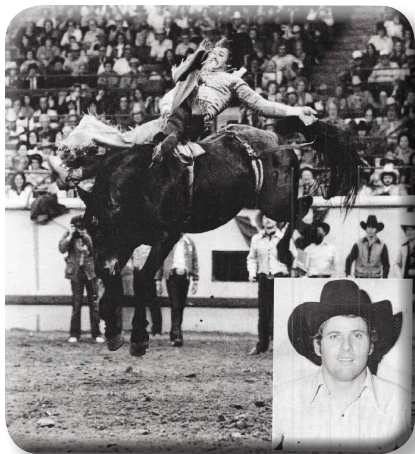
ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

HALL OF FAME



Jack Ward

By Ronda May



Jack Ward began his career as a bull rider by winning the 1969 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Championship.

He qualified for his first National Finals Rodeo in the bareback riding in 1972 and went on to make eleven (11) appearances at Rodeo's World Championships. Those 11 trips gave him two (2) World Bareback Championships Titles in 1977 and 1978. He won the NRF Average three times. During his riding career, Ward was

known as the kind of cowboy who excelled when the competition was at its toughest.

He served as the Bareback Director on the PRCA Board of Directors from 1977 to 1979, where he worked diligently to keep professionalism in the event a priority.

Ward never traded in his rigging when he retired from the arena; he just used it as a prototype for his rodeo equipment company.

He was quoted as saying "My ultimate goal in life and in rodeo is to leave this earth and not have one enemy. I believe if I can do that, I'll have been successful."

Jack Ward was born on May 21, 1948, in Caldwell, Kansas, and his family moved to Odessa, Texas, when he was two months old. He currently lives in Weatherford, Texas, and enjoys playing golf in his spare time.

