

ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS HALL OF FAME

Mike Fletcher

Bareback Rider



Mike Fletcher, born February 28, 1955.

Louisiana Farm and ranch cowboy, son to Bo and Jean Fletcher, brother to Scott Fletcher and great cowboy in his own right.

My dad rode barebacks in the 50s and early 60s. I rode my first horse for money when I was 12 years old, so rodeo couldn't be far behind.

I joined the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association in 1971. I was Louisiana and national champion bareback rider in 1972 and 1973. I joined the IPRA that year and made my first finals in Albuquerque in 1974.

I was blessed to have traveled with some of the best. I started riding saddle broncs in 1977 and won the all around championship at the IFR that year.

I fell in love with Darlene my wife at 45 years old in 1978. Darlene was the 1st woman to be in the top 10 all around winners and runner up for two world championships and was inducted into the



Arena Champions Hall of Fame in 2021. I filed my PRCA permit and got my card in 1979 when our first son Mike Jr. was born. We got the opportunity to be charter members of the Tulsa Twisters rodeo team in 1980; we competed in the games and IPRA rodeos and I was saddle bronc and All Around champion in 1983. We moved to Florida in 1985 and I won the PRCA southeast circuit championship seven times and qualified for the National Circuit Finals nine times. I retired riding barebacks in 1984 and broncs in 1999.

I had a good long run and still love to rope steers with Mikey, 2003 BFI “Bob Fiest” winner.

Darlene still rides barrels and we keep up with what’s going on in the rodeo world. God called our family into His service. Our ministry is called Spur On, founded in 1996 and we have church in our old hay barn in Mineola, Texas every Sunday and Wednesday.

In my career I’ve won pretty much every major rodeo in the south. Pasadena, Texas three times, the CRA and UPRA, the LRA, CRRA, FCA and more notably the saddle bronc riding in Madison Square Gardens.