

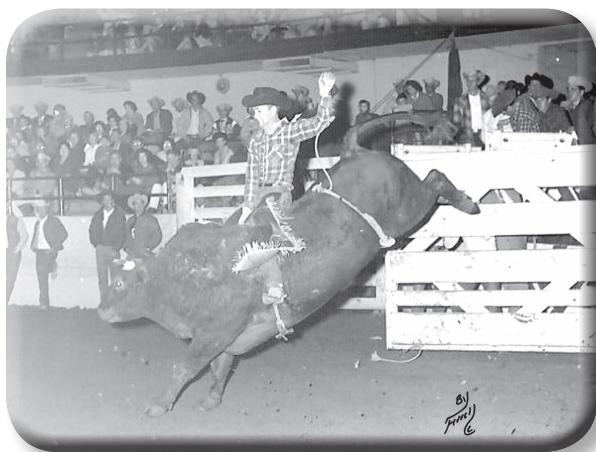


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Clyde and Carol Kimbro

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Clyde Kimbro, commonly known as “Riding Clyde” was born in Center, Texas on March 27, 1937. While a youngster, he rode calves and horses on his grandfather’s ranch. He continued riding horses and learning to rope and in 1953 began rodeoing in high school in two events, bullriding and calf roping.

Clyde claimed the all-around title at the South Texas High School Championship in 1956, that same year after graduating he joined the Rodeo Cowboy Association. He was a competing member from then until 1976.

In the early 1960s, Clyde continued as a 2 event man thru 1962 with many winnings at major rodeos across Texas and the United States until he was called to serve with the United States Army from 1960 to 1962. During this time, due to his horsemanship skills, he worked with horses often and was invited to participate in the United States Modern Pentathlon, riding jumping horses. After the United States Army, in 1963, he trained polo horse and traveled to South America and Australia in competition. That same year he won the Willis Hartman Polo Pony of the Year award.

One of Clyde’s favorite venues was the San Antonio PRCA rodeo. In 1961, 1964, 1965 and the last time at the age of 37 in 1974, he came away as the big money winner in the bull riding event. In 1976, after 20 years of competitive rodeo



events, Clyde made the difficult decision to retire.

In 1964, Clyde married Carolyn Hughes from Edinburg, Texas. He continued rodeoing and won or placed at most every major pro rodeo. In 1974, at the age of 37 he won the San Antonio rodeo just before retiring. In 1980, he joined the National Old Timers Rodeo out of Roundup, Montana. He won the finals that year. Also, in 1980 he joined Old Timers Rodeo Cowboy Association. He won the bullriding title in 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983. In 1993, at the age of 56, he rode his last bull and retired.

After retiring from rodeo he started training cutting horses and conditioning race colts. He has also produced bullridings and rodeos with his sons Mel Kimbro and Jim Kimbro, both of whom are top P.R.C.A Texas Circuit bull riding directors.

Clyde continues to be active in the sport he so dearly loves, being a rodeo producer and doing movie work in westerns and cowboy movies. He also is a gold cardholder of the P.R.C.A. and now hangs his hat in Bandera, Texas. After a 6 year absence from the rodeo trail, Clyde pulled out his rope and riggin bag and joined the Old Timers Rodeo Cowboys Association in Texas as well as the National Old Timers Rodeo Cowboys Association. With travels across the United States once again, with the same enthusiasm and sportsmanship as he showed as a youngster, he was back to his winning ways.

With several years' absence, the rodeo itch caught Clyde again, when in 1993 he entered his hometown Open Rodeo at Bandera and won the bull riding event. Later that same year, at 56 years old, he won the bull riding at the Laredo, Texas rodeo and then hung up his bull riding gear for the last time.

Clyde has trained cutting horses and colts for the race track. He has been involved with the production of some rodeo events across central Texas with his 2 sons, Mel and Jim, and also has worked in the western and cowboy movie business. He and his wife, Carolyn have been married for over 40 years and live in Bandera, Texas, not too far from his beginnings.