



## 4-Day Rodeo & Country Fair Brings in Big Crowds

*Annual May Long Weekend event celebrates family with Cowboys, Cowgirls Skateboarders, carnival treats and rides, an art show and so much more!*

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**Surrey, B.C.** – The 2018 **Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair** continued its place as one of British Columbia's most beloved May Long weekend traditions. In excess of 110,000 Country Fair guests and more than 21,000 rodeo fans took in the long weekend events. Running from May 18 to 21, visitors enjoyed fireworks, agricultural displays, midway rides and world-class rodeo competitions, along with traditional fair foods and exciting live family entertainment.

With the sun playing hide and seek throughout the weekend, it was the perfect weather and the crowds filled the Stetson Bowl stadium all weekend long. The famed Cloverdale Rodeo and its world-renowned cowboys and cowgirls drew packed crowds with three sell-outs on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoon performances.

Families had a blast in the Country Fair with the **Kids Zone, Douglas Lake Equipment Zone** and **Agri Zone**. Other must-see, popular attractions for visitors of all ages included: **S&R Sawmills West Coast Lumberjack Show**, the **BC Country Music Association Pavilion**, **B.C.'s largest travelling Midway** from **West Coast Amusements**, and the spectacular **Art Knapp Outdoor Living Pavilion**.

### **Rodeo Results**

The Cloverdale Invitational Rodeo features four rough stock rodeo events: Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, and Ladies Barrel Racing. This year, the winners split \$330,000 in prize money.

### **Bull Riding**

- 1) Toby Collins, Stephenville, TX – 87.5 points
- 2) Stetson Wright – Milford, UT – 86 points

### **Bareback Riding**

- 1) Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, UT – 90 points

- 2) David Peebles, Redmond, OR – 89.5 points
- 3/4) Richie Champion, Woodland, TX – 89 points (TIED)
- 3/4) Clint Laye, Pocatello, ID – 89 points (TIED)

### **Saddle Bronc Riding**

- 1) Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, AB – 92 points
- 2) Tyrell Larsen, Inglis, MB – 91 points
- 3) Taos Muncy, Corona, NM – 89 points

### **Ladies Barrel Racing**

- 1) Callahan Crossley, Herminston, OR – 15.87 seconds
- 2) Lynette Brodoway, Brooks, AB – 15.99
- 3) Angela Ganter, Abilene, TX – 16.03 seconds
- 4) Nikki Hansen, Vale, SD – 16.07 seconds
- 5) Sydney Daines, Innisfail, AB – 16.16 seconds

The Country Fair also showcased the world's top skateboarders for the seventh annual **World Freestyle Round-Up** skateboarding competition, where riders representing 15 nations around the globe competed for \$10,000 in cash prizes. In the Amateur Division it was **nine-year-old Yuzuki Kawasaki** from Uji, Kyoto, Japan who wowed the crowd and the judges with his tricks bagging the first place. **Marcio Torres from Sao Paulo, Brazil** came in second place while third place was Japan's **Yuta Fujii**, whose father is one of the top freestyle skaters in the world.

**12-year-old Isamu Yamamoto** from Japan who finished in fourth place last year in the World Round-Up finally achieved first place win this year in the Pro Division. Another winner from last year's Pro Division (first place), **Guenter Mokulys from Germany**, came in second place this year ahead of local BC boy, 26-year-old **Ryan Brynelson from Delta, BC**.

### **Skateboard results**

#### **Pro Division**

- 1) Isamu Yamamoto, Otsu City, Japan
- 2) Guenter Mokulys, Munster, Germany
- 3) Ryan Brynelson, Delta, BC

#### **Amateur Division:**

- 1) Yuzuki Kawasaki, Uji, Kyoto, Japan
- 2) Marcio Torres, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 3) Yuta Fujii, Chiba, Japan

**About the Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair:**

The Cloverdale Rodeo and Exhibition Association is the non-profit organization that manages the world-famous Cloverdale Rodeo and Country Fair, held every year on the May long weekend at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds in Surrey, British Columbia.

The Association is also responsible for year-round management of the Cloverdale Exhibition Grounds (Fairground) that hosts over 1,000 events annually, with eight unique facilities on 100 acres capable of hosting 100 – 100,000 attendees, including trade shows, concerts, festivals, sporting events, and is a #BCFilm film-friendly location. For more information on the Association and the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Cloverdale Rodeo and the 130<sup>th</sup> annual Country Fair, visit [www.CloverdaleRodeo.com](http://www.CloverdaleRodeo.com).

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