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WALLY WOODS
(Narre Warren, Victoria)

With the circumstances of today's title bids in the roughstock events, it is very doubtful that Wally Woods hat trick of the three riding events at an Australian championship rodeo staged at Brewarrina, New South Wales will be matched.

This was in 1959. Just to substantiate his undoubted versatility he was also in fourth place in the steer wrestling.

The 1958 world champion saddle bronc rider, his wonderful skill at going for long stretches without bucking off was in the realms of legendary. With so many bucking horses of an unknown nature in those times, it was a case of calling for the gate and experiencing what they would do.

Wally was the first president of the original Australian Rough Riders Association. This was at a time when the rules were changed so that all competing riders would belong to a board of directors that would run the affairs and direction of the association.

He served a six year term with distinction being directly involved with numerous major changes of policy that forged the arena sport into the progressive and popular entertainment it is today.

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CHILLA SEENEV
(Monto, Queensland)

Any sport needs great characters and the former Golden Gloves finalist from a cattle station north of the township of Monto proved to be such a personality. Like most of the contestants of the fifties/sixties, he competed in all events. In fact he holds the unique record of the longest span in national riding event championships - winning the bareback bronc riding title at Rockhampton, Queensland in 1951 and then the saddle bronc title at Cootamundra, New South Wales in 1967. At the same rodeo he won his second calf roping title after winning the first in 1965.

His timed event horse 'Baby Doll' got to be as well known as he and after he retired from easing down on those outlaw broncs it was a natural flow on to participate in the new, fast emerging sport of cutting.

The U.S.A. of course was the natural home of it all - intense competition and huge amounts of prize money, but the Monto rancher met the challenge. A man who had tangled with wild cattle since a mere teenager and some horses with dispositions akin to the cattle was no weekend cowboy and he was up there with the best of them.

A member of the Board of Directors he was instrumental in Australia changing over to the International saddle, and thus giving Australian riders the chance to match it with the best of the International.

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RAY HERMANN
(WINTON, QUEENSLAND)

He came out of the North West Queensland cattle country as an unknown ringer to compete in a world championship rodeo staged at Sydney, New South Wales in 1978. When the dust cleared he was the brand new saddle bronc riding champion with a winning margin over the two head of 8 points. His 84 point ride in the first round was higher than the many times Canadian champion Mel Coleman and he placed again in the second, a payout that included American All Around Cowboy Larry Mahan.

Defending his championship in 1981 at Rockhampton, Queensland he placed second in both rounds to win again.

Through the eighties he won a record number of seven national titles, six of them from 1980 to 1985. He was narrowly beaten the following year, but came back strong to claim his final one in 1987.

He qualified also for NFR selection in the bareback bronc riding, won a few bull rides and also entered in the team roping. An exuberant character and great party man, when it came down to going the distance on some rank outlaw, it was a deadly serious matter. He won all the major rodeos from Ulverstone, Tasmania - Marrabel, South Australia and north to Darwin in the Territory. Some many times over.

A horse breaker and trainer who at one stage in 2004 won the much vaunted trifecta of the Betoota Cup, the Bedourie Cup and the Birdsville Cup with his thoroughbred, 'Vain Joe'.