

RANCH ROPING CLINIC

MARK GOSS

JUNE 26 AND 27, 2010

9 am to 5 pm

This clinic will be for beginners and intermediate ranch ropers, with the emphasis on those skills necessary to compete in the Ranch Roping Class in our show.

Topics will be:

- Choosing the correct rope
 - Proper Length
 - Material
 - Lay
- Building a loop correctly and quickly
- Proper swing and loop control
- Basic side arm shots
- Introducing your horse to ropes
- Horsemanship and Cowmanship in the pen
- Setting up the shot to succeed

The clinic will be two days, with the initial instruction being on the ground, learning to build a loop and using a roping dummy.

Then we will move to using the rope around the horse and throwing it at the dummy from the horse.

We will then move on to the cowmanship portions of the clinic where we will learn the drive-lines of the cow, and how to set up the shot for the best chance of a catch.

Those who can use a rope around their horse without danger will then go on to catching a cow in the pen. During this time we will talk about the job of the herd holder and how the herd holder can make the roper more successful. We will also discuss the rules of our Ranch Roping Class.

The clinic will be here at our barn and there will be no charge for the clinic. There will be a \$20 rider/cattle charge to offset the cost of the cattle.

Horses can be stalled here overnight if necessary (\$15/night charge to cover the cost of shavings and cleanup). Trailers can be left here overnight, and those having living quarter trailers or campers can stay, although there are not sufficient electrical outlets and no hook-ups.

If enough people would like I can order the proper ropes for those who don't have them, as we will not be using team-roping type ropes because they are not long enough or soft enough for ranch roping situations.

All roping will be done on cows with a breakaway honda. There will be a limit of 8 riders due to the size of the arena and the area needed to spin all those loops.

Due to the limited size of the clinic, please contact me if you are planning on attending, or have any questions!

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More Information

We will review the rules of the Ranch Roping Class. Emphasis of this clinic will be on teaching the attendee how to safely work horseback around cows with ropes and get the cow caught in a gentle and non-stressful manner.

Things to Bring to the Clinic

At least a 50-foot ranch rope (I recommend a 3/8 scant lead core gold poly from King Ropes of Sheridan, Wyoming) with a breakaway honda. The normal team roping 30-foot stiff rope will not work for our purposes. If you have any question about ropes call me.

I highly recommend that attendees use a snaffle bit during the roping clinic. Split reins are not recommended, but will work if necessary. Mecate reins are recommended and a continuous loop roping rein is okay.

A roping glove is recommend for the roping hand. A "Blue Streak" roping glove is very good and costs about \$2. Heavy leather gloves are not recommended.

Chinks or Chaps are recommended

Please wear pull-on, slick soled cowboy type boots. No cleated sole lace up boots are allowed for safety.

Riding helmets are recommended.

If your horse has not been around cows, it is okay. We will work on introducing your horse to cows on Saturday evening after the class. We will be in the pen with the cows on Sunday for the first time.

We can have a BBQ cookout on Saturday night if everyone is interested. Maybe pulled pork BBQ, slaw and beans. Cost about \$5/person.

This clinic is for the person who has not thrown a rope before and for those who need help in perfecting their roping skills for the Ranch Horse Roping class held at our BSFTA show in July. Any level of roper is welcome to attend. Do not feel that you have to have held a rope before to attend this clinic. Also, if you have roped before it will be beneficial to get some more times on cows. This will be a low keyed event designed to allow the attendee to be familiar with the concepts of ranch roping, be able to adequately perform in the pen with a rope in a safe manner, and improve their horsemanship skills. This clinic will show the attendees what great fun it is to work as a team with their horse to accomplish a common goal.

Those who like to bring stud horses, please call first.

Please, **NO DOGS** at the clinic.

And remember to reserve a stall if you are going to need one (\$15/night)