

Congratulations to

### Jodi Hill

for being Inducted into the

2019 USTPA Hall of Fame!



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### Congratulations to this Year's Inductee!



Jodi Clay Hill was born and raised in Kremmling, Colorado. His family is a 5th generation of ranchers. All his life he "cowboyed" on the ranch and team roped. In 1985 he married Sandy, who is also a 5th generation rancher from Kremmling. They have 4 kids and now 10 grandkids. Jodi and

Sandy together run Troublesome Creek Ranch (a cow/calf operation), do wildlife habitat and custom haying.

Jodi and Sandy also produced team pennings in Colorado. They drew people from all over the United States. Jodi was great at putting on events with great prizes and big added money. He participated in many AQHA events and world shows with many titles under his belt. He won the AQHA World Grand Champion from 1997-2002 every year except 1998 and he was also Reserve Champion in 2000. Jodi and his family belonged to several team penning association over the years and competed successfully in all of them. They ran the local team roping for over 20 years. Jodi and Sandy were also superintendents of the team penning for several years at the Denver National Western Stockshow. In 2001 Jodi had High Money and High Point National Champion Futurity horses in team penning.



In the 80's, his mom became interested in "team penning" and did some investigating. We all know where that led! She organized an event in Kremmling and Jodi was soon traveling around the United States with family and friends from all over. Those were some great memories that he will always cherish. Family, from Grandpas and grandmas to grandkids, Uncles and Aunts, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, cousins all traveling and riding together. In the 90's Jodi formed a box with David Hall, Larry Pancost and Donnie Wynne. Many lifetime friendships were made.



Their kids were active in 4-H and school events and in junior high they took up rodeo more seriously and Jodi slowed down traveling and penning to haul the kids to their events. Now that the kids are grown and have kids of their own (10 as of now + his sister's 3 who call him "papa", too), Jodi is back to team roping and traveling mostly to the World Series Team Ropings in Colorado and Vegas. He has recently started going to Arizona in the winter to rope. The grandkids are active

in 4-H, school sports and rodeo. He loves roping and riding with them and going to their games. They are becoming the best help on the ranch.



One of Jodi's highlights every year is the spring branding. He goes to his Uncle Gary's to help several

times as well as our own and neighbors. He loves the roping and dragging calves to the fire.

Jodi has switched horses from penning to roping, as most of the penning horses have gone to greener pastures. He teases Sandy that he's thinking of adding some penning horses back into the



herd and who knows! He certainly loved his traveling days and maybe he will do it again with the younger generation of family. They are becoming great little cowboys and cowgirls and read cattle pretty good! Sandy says Jodi is a magnet for kids and people in general. He has a big heart and fun to be around. Over the years, we have been blessed with many friends we have met along the way



It has been mentioned several times "family" and lifelong friends". Sorry to be repetitive, but that is one of the best things about the team penning and rodeo world. No matter where you find yourself there is a friend and place to stay over with your horses. The invitation is two way.







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- 2. Celebrate Excellence. We shall enshrine those who excelled and made our sport better.
- 3. Preserve our History. We shall honor those who sacrificed and worked whenever they were asked without personal reward.
- 4. Promote USTPA Values. Family, teamwork, leadership, excellence, horsemanship, community and sportsmanship.

