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Ridin' High at the Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo

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More than 9,000 people gathered in San Juan Capistrano last weekend for the 15th annual Rancho Mission Viejo Rodeo, which took place Saturday and Sunday at the RMV Riding Park.

This year's Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association line-up featured 30 of the world's best cowboys competing for a purse that was in excess of \$250,000.

The annual event has been hosted by Rancho Mission Viejo's O'Neill-Avery-Moiso family for the past 15 years, with donations totaling more than \$1.5 million since the rodeo's inception. Proceeds from the rodeo benefit a number of South Orange County charities, including The Shea Center for Therapeutic Riding in San Juan Capistrano and CHOC at Mission Hospital. Rodeo organizers said CHOC and the Shea Center each received a \$50,000 donation this year.

For a full list of rodeo winners, photo galleries from the two-day event and an interview with Trina Moiso, Rancho Mission Viejo CEO Tony Moiso's eldest daughter, visit www.thecapistranodispatch.com. **CD**



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