

2009 INFR Steer Wrestling Champion

Name: Dan Connelly

Age: 39

Marital Status: Married

Family: Wife: Karla
Daughter: Susan Loretta

Home Town: Browning, Montana

Native American Heritage: Blackfeet

INFR Events Worked: Steer Wrestling

Horse name: Sheik, Owner Martin Connelly

How important is it to you to have won an INFR Championship?

“Winning my first INFR validates for me all the hard work and sacrifices that myself and my family has had to endure.”

What is your most memorable run at the 2009 INFR?

“Round 2 - 3.9 second run to win the round and put me in position to win a world title.”

Who has been your biggest influence in Indian Rodeo?

“My dad, Bud Connelly, he is the reason I started rodeoing.”

What are the benefits of INFR rodeos for you?

“Not having to travel as much as a PRCA cowboy while at the same time competing with and against some of the toughest competition in North America.”

Rodeo Accomplishments:

11 x INFR Qualifier

4 x UIRA Year End Champion

1 x WSIRA Year End Champion

1 x CRIRA Year End Champion

1 x RMIRA Year End Champion

Thank you's:

“I would like to thank my wife and daughter for all their support. My brothers for all their help; TR my traveling and practice partner, Martin for coming through with a World Champion horse, and Brian for his encouragement. Last but not least, my parents, Bud and Loretta, without their guidance I would not have the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in the rodeo world.”