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## **NEW LEADERSHIP**

### *Dudley to take the reins of the Red Bluff Round-Up*

Red Bluff, Calif. (December 24, 2018) – A new man is at the helm of the Red Bluff (Calif.) Round-Up.

Mike Dudley has been elected as president of the Round-Up.

Dudley, a resident of Red Bluff, has been helping with the Round-Up since 1991. That year, his dad, Harry, a long-time director on the Round-Up board, asked Mike to stop by the Tehama District Fairgrounds with a tractor to help with a job. Mike did, enjoyed it, and returned for the next few years, doing “odds and ends and chores,” he said.

A few years later, he began helping prepare the arena for competition. Frank Moore directed arena work, and one morning in 2001, Moore didn’t show up to oversee Dudley as he worked. “Frank didn’t show up at Oh-Dark-Thirty,” Dudley remembers, “and I thought, if he trusts me to do it myself, I’ve made the grade.”

Before Dudley became a director in 2001, he won the Top Hand Award, given annually to a volunteer at the Round-Up who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Being president of the nation’s largest three-day rodeo is an honor, he said. John Trede served as president prior to Dudley; before Trede, Dave Ramelli was president, and before Ramelli, it was Frank Moore. Dudley knows he has big shoes to fill, or, in his words, “I’ve got big Justin (Boots) to fill.”

At elections held last week, Trede was elected as first vice-president; Mike Growney was elected as second vice-president, and Paul Wood was re-elected as secretary/treasurer.

The 98<sup>th</sup> annual Red Bluff Round-Up will run April 19-21. Tickets are on sale online at [www.RedBluffRoundup.com](http://www.RedBluffRoundup.com).

For more information, visit the website or call the office at 530.527.1000.

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Cutline: Mike Dudley is the newly elected president of the Red Bluff Round-Up. Photo courtesy Round-Up.