

Mike Bridges

"A California Vaquero Style Horseman"



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TOPICS COVERED

HAND POSITIONS, POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE
UNDERSTANDING THE PELVIS POSITIONS AND HOW TO USE THEM
USE OF YOUR LEGS TO CREATE ENERGY TO DELIVER DIRECT AND INDIRECT
SIGNALS.

UPPER BODY WEIGHT, HOW TO USE IT TO ENHANCE SIGNALS
PUTTING MULTIPLE SIGNALS IN CONCERT
DEVELOPING TWO OR MORE SIGNALS TO ASK YOUR HORSE FOR THE SAME
MOVEMENT

WHEN: JUNE 7-10, 2012
WHERE: RNR RANCH & TACK
ST CROIX FALLS, WI
COST: PARTICIPANTS
\$400 FOR ALL 3 1/2 DAYS

AUDITORS \$50 PER DAY

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MORE ABOUT MIKE.....

Mike Bridges is an internationally known clinician and bridle horseman in the California Vaquero Style with more than fifty years of making his living on the back of a horse.

He began learning the Vaquero tradition as a teenager from his grandfather, who advised him to seek out other vaqueros to deepen his knowledge. Mike set out to buckaroo on various ranches in California and Nevada where he learned from those who lived this old tradition. Today he is one of the few horsemen who can still build a traditional California Vaquero "turn at the touch" Bridle Horse.

Mike focuses his clinics towards people who have a basic foundation in soft, not harsh, horsemanship, these days often referred to as Natural Horsemanship.

He has been written about by Robert M. Miller, DVM in *Western Horseman* in an article titled "Bridges to the Past" in the May 1996 issue. Mike also wrote an excellent article for *Western Horseman* in July 1998 - "Vaquero-Style Bridle Bits" - What they are and how they work. And, Mike was on the Cover of *Western Horseman Magazine* with the feature article on the "Secrets of Vaquero Horsemanship" in August of 2006.