

EQUESTRIAN PARK

4th Quarter Report for the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and Event Center

December 2015



The Intermountain Snowmobile Show filled the Event Center in October

Variety of Events in 4th Quarter Illustrates Park's Many Uses

The Equestrian Park and Event Center continues to attract more than just equestrian-related events. Fourth Quarter events included a BMX competition, holiday parties, a circus, a lacrosse match and snowmobile show.

In addition to the **Intermountain Snowmobile Show** in October, the Park hosted **Barrel Buddies Barrel Racing**, **Danise Team Roping**, the **Utah Hunter Jumper Association**, **Los Reyes Del Carril Match Races** and a special theatrical event with horses, **Believe in Magic**. The **Greater Utah Lacrosse League** held its final match of the season and the Ramos Bros. Circus held performances over a 10-day span.

In November, the **Utah Barrel Racing Association** held its Winter Series, and other equestrian events included: **ZD Roping**, **Barrel Buddies Winter Nights**, **USWRCA (chariot races)** and the **Rocky Mountain Professional Rodeo Association** meeting. **RAD Canyon BMX** held another meet at the Park, providing a lot of thrills and spills. The **Utah High School Mixed Ultimate Frisbee State Championship** used the Polo Field and the month wrapped up with a **private banquet**.

Mid-December, the **Utah Valley Chariot Association** held its first race of the season and there was a **family Christmas Party** on Christmas Eve.

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Equestrian Park Housed Exotic Animals for Circus

The Circus came to town the first week of October, bringing along a variety of exotic animals that had to be boarded at the Park, including zebras



and camels. Ramos Bros. Circus was on the grounds for over a month and ran shows for 10 days. In addition to animal acts, the circus featured high wire acts, clowns and carnival games.

SnoWest Brings Large Crowd of Winter Outdoor Enthusiasts

People who enjoy snowmobiling and related outdoor equipment lined up for the opening of the annual Intermountain Snowmobile Show. Park crews laid the entire portable floor for this event. Snowmobiles, snowcats and lots of protective equipment filled the arena. This was the 14th annual event.



EQUESTRIAN PARK STAFF HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRIER FOR CHILDREN AT SHRINERS HOSPITAL

The 4th Quarter Employee Action service project involved both a product donation drive and an opportunity to volunteer at the hospital's Winter Carnival. Park staff donated a number of stuffed animals, PJs, toys, cash and games to this Salt Lake City hospital that specializes in treating children with orthopaedic and neuromusculoskeletal disorders, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

4th Quarter Sales

October

- Rocky Mountain Professional Rodeo Association
- Intermountain Kennel Club 2016
- Los Reyes Del Carril Promotions Match Races
- Barrel Buddies Winter Nights
- Utah High School Mixed Ultimate State Championships
- Believe in Magic
- Wasatch Horse Show Association (x6) 2016
- IALHA National Andalusians Show 2016
- Utah Dressage Days
- Jordan World Circus 2016

November

- Utah Valley Arabian Horse Show 2016
- Ryan Lovendahl Clinic 2016
- Utah Valley Chariot Association Races

December

- Hickman Family Christmas Party
- Utah Valley Chariot Association Races
- Utah Quarter Horse Racing Association

Employee of the Quarter

In the 3rd Quarter edition, Jesse Stringer was identified as Employee of the Quarter. He is actually the 4th Quarter selection. Third Quarter honors went to Chelsea Wilson who was a part-time temporary employee working in an administrative capacity. She helped with the planning and implementation of the Salt Lake County Fair. Chelsea was a very valuable asset who was quick to learn and displayed excellent customer service.

RAD CANYON BMX EVENTS KEEP PARK GROUNDS CREW BUSY

Another winter season of BMX racing got underway in November and will continue through February. These events continue to draw an increasing number of spectators and competitors. Setting the race course is challenging for the grounds crews. On Thursdays before the races, all of the rails are removed from the arena and the dirt is scooped into one big pile in the center of the arena. This takes the



Photo courtesy of Doug J. Johnson

Equestrian Park Staff about nine hours to complete, using a grader and front loaders. Early Friday morning, the BMX crew then comes in to build the actual racecourse; this takes roughly 12 hours. Races begin Friday night and go through Sunday afternoon. The Park crew then comes in to level all the dirt and prepare the arena for equestrian events. On Monday morning, the rails are re-installed and the arena is ready to go!

Operations Update

Arena Footing Project

Ground crews completed the footing upgrade in Arena 5 and the Rodeo Arena. This project incorporated a special sand mixture into the dirt to improve footing, primarily for barrel racing practice and events. Without sound footing, horses are more prone to injury.

Crows Nests Improvements

Both the crows nests above the racetrack were renovated during fourth quarter. Many clients had requested improvements to these facilities as they were sorely in need of a fresh coat of paint and new flooring.

Salt Lake County Fair

Planning continues for the 80th Anniversary of the Fair which will be held next summer.

John Wesley Joins EPEC Staff as Event Manager



John has been a familiar fixture around the Equestrian Park for a number of years having served on the Fair Board. He was part of the University Extension Service that held many 4-H and livestock programs at the Park. He lives in West Jordan.



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2015 Wraps Up with Employee Training Sessions and Recognition Luncheon

On December 14th, Supervisors, Managers and Directors attended a half-day K'nekt leadership training session. Katie Wells from the SMG corporate office conducted the training that included lectures, videos and team break-out sessions. In between the two courses, a lunch was served and HR gave an update on open enrollment and other benefit-related issues.

On the 15th, there were three, one-hour presentations by organizations whose work is relevant to our work in public facility management. The first presentation was given by Tracy Ita and Sgt. Tony Russell of the Salt Lake Police Department on active shooter scenarios. They gave a mixed media presentation on the history of mass shootings and cited specific examples from the Salt Lake City area. They stressed the importance of always being aware of one's surroundings and to follow the police department's advice: If you see something, say something!






The next speaker was Rebecca Sanchez, Director of the Salt Lake County Mayor's Office of Diversity Affairs. Her presentation gave us all tips on how to be more sensitive to people who are not like us, including understanding gender, race, age and socio-economic differences. The presentation incorporated role-playing using some of the employees in a scenario of interacting with a person with disabilities.

The final presenter was Eric Bonin, the Salt Lake Program Manager for Splore, a national program which offers a variety of indoor and outdoor sporting activities for people with disabilities. He offered a mixed media presentation illustrating the fact that just because someone is disabled doesn't make them unable to enjoy many activities, including rock climbing, river rafting and skiing.

The presentations were then followed by the Employee Recognition Luncheon, catered by Utah Food Services. General Manager Dan Hayes gave a recap of the year's activity at all three SMG facilities and talked briefly about the coming year. Employees who have been with the company for three, five, ten and above years received Years of Service certificates. Employees of the Year were also named from each facility and they received a special certificate and cash award. (See below.) All of this was interspersed with performances by some of the talented people who work at our facilities. Leona Schultz from the Business Center and Bryant Larsen, Salt Palace Office Administrator both sang. Engineer Josh Densley performed a two-part magic show/stand-up comedy routine. Special guests included Erin Litvack and Holly Yocom from the Salt Lake County Community Services Department.

★ EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR ★

 Mike Garcia SPCC	 Bill Jiminez EPEC	 Jimmy Mosley STEC
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