

EQUESTRIAN PARK

3rd Quarter Report for the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and Event Center

October 2017

81st Annual Fair Brings in Thousands of Visitors, Many 4-H Members Vie for Blue Ribbons



4-H members show their lambs during the livestock judging competition.



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One of the highlights of this year's Salt Lake County Fair was the 4-H livestock auction. Sale of various animals netted area clubs over \$166,000. Participants brought goats, lambs, steers and hogs to display and auction. Ribbons, plaques, jackets and belt buckles were the prizes competitors hoped to win.

The 4-H, along with open class participants, provided a great display of chickens, rabbits, pigeons and other small animals in the Event Center. Outside, there was plenty of action with Joe Diffie's concert, the monster truck show, barrel racing, horse pulling competitions, carnival and midway. There was entertainment throughout the Park, as well as lots of food options.

The Fair received local media coverage, including a spot on Channel 2's morning show featuring the "Best of Show" hog.





Utah Barrel Racing Event at Fair Attracts More Than 100 Competitors

Barrel racing is a timed rodeo event in which the rider

guides the horse in a cloverleaf pattern around three, pre-set barrels in the center of an arena. It is a test of the horse's athletic ability and a demonstration of horsemanship skills by the rider. Women primarily compete in this popular sport. And there was plenty of competition during the barrel racing event at this year's Fair. Participants vied for the coveted UBRA belt buckle, as well as prize money.



3rd Quarter Sales

July

- Wasatch Gem Show
- Utah All Breed Horse Association

August

- Los Reyes Del Carill Match Race
- Kraken's Ultimate Frisbee
- Utah Hunter Jumper Association
- Wasatch Horse Show Association

September

- Utah Heavy Athletics Club
- Salty Dogz Agility Club of Utah
- Lone Peak Ultimate Frisbee
- Utah Pheasant Society
- Match Race
- Rad Canyon BMX (x3)
- Jordan World Circus
- Carter Ranch Horsemanship Club



Equestrian Park Launches *The Whicker*

In an effort to increase awareness about what is happening at the Equestrian Park, The Whicker made its debut in August. This monthly newsletter

features updates on capital projects, park improvements that will be funded by the 2016 Parks & Recreation bond, events—past and upcoming, plus park policies. Email EP-Front@equestrian-park.com to be added to the electronic mailing list or ask for a copy at the front desk.



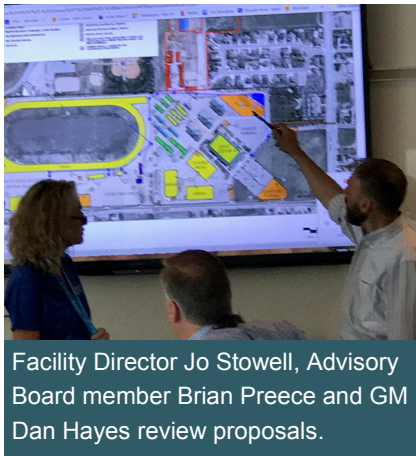
FAIR'S BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Midway at the Fair featured the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Friday, August 4th. Enough blood was donated to help save the lives of 27 people.

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Facility Director Jo Stowell, Advisory Board member Brian Preece and GM Dan Hayes review proposals.

Park Bond Dollars Will Bring Major Improvements to Park

Five million dollars has been earmarked for improving buildings, grounds and infrastructure at the Equestrian Park. Here is a list of

projects under consideration:

Storm Drain Additional Phase/Repair— This project has been discussed with Salt Lake County project managers and facility staff. The County is in the process of assessing the facility infrastructure and will make suggestions based upon their findings.

Remodel/Replacement of Barns A – D – This project is in the discussion phase with the Advisory Board. A sub-committee has presented suggestions, but no final decisions have been made.

Panels in Five Arenas/Panel Upgrades – Information continues to be gathered to determine the exact needs at the Park. Facility staff is working with Salt Lake County project managers in drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for this project.

Trailer Parking – The scope of this project is being assessed and it may be integrated into the RV Parking project.

Restroom/Shower Facilities – This project is being assessed.

Arena Footing – This project is moving forward with the gathering of information pertaining to facility needs. Facility staff are working with Salt Lake County project managers in drafting an RFP.



Scrap Metal Being Recycled in Park Beautification Efforts

Crews have been working hard to collect scrap metal from all around the park. It

will be recycled, with the money going back to Salt Lake County. Much work has been completed to make the facility more attractive to our clients and guests.



Kristie Freeland Employee of the Quarter

THE NOMINATION: We are excited about the changes happening around here with our Operations Team. Kristie has recently accepted a position as the Operations Manager here at the park. She has been filling in since the departure of our last manager, helping coordinate scheduling, work orders, show set up and stall turns. Of course, at the same time she has been completing her already high volume of tasks in financing. She is truly an asset to our team and we look forward to her future success here at the equestrian park.

This is Kristie’s second Employee of the Quarter award, having received the honor in 2014. Kristie was just recently promoted to Operations Manager at the Park, giving up her part-time position as Accounting Manager. In that role, she worked nights and weekends while holding down a full-time job.

Kristie easily stepped into her new position at the Park. She is familiar with all the equipment and knows her way around horses since she grew up on a farm. She has three children and several grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys spending time in the outdoors camping and boating.

Congratulations, Kristie, on both the promotion and the Employee of the Quarter award.

New Events and Club Nights Keep Park Buzzing



New to the Park this year was the **United States Equestrian Federation/American Vaulting Association National Show**. Vaulting is often described as gymnastics on horseback. This ancient sport includes acrobatic displays performed on cantoring horses. Third quarter bookings also featured many local club nights, including **4-H, Barrel Buddies (x4), Silver Spurs Riding Club, Utah Mounted Thunder, 7-11 Riding Club (x2)** and **Utah Barrel Racing Association (x4)**.



The **Utah Paint Horse Club** hosted an event over Labor Day Weekend, booking 236 stall nights. Other events included the **Utah All Breeds Horse Association (x2), Utah Arabian Horse Club, Wasatch Horse Show Association, Los Reyes Del Carill Match Racing, Utah Heavy Athletics Club (x2) 4-H Horse Show** and **Linda Parelli Master Class**. Meetings included: **Salt Lake County Fair Livestock, USWRCA District 1** and the **Utah Pheasant Society**.



The Park hosted 12 **Match Races**, with horses from multiple states, on Saturday, September 23, on the Laurel Brown Racetrack. The weather was crisp and clear with the grandstands full of eager spectators. Jockeys were flown in to pilot these magnificent animals. The pole position was modified depending upon the nature of the race. The track was slightly muddy in the morning, but became faster as the day progressed.



Capital Projects Include Improved Footing for Racetrack

Work on the racetrack footing project is underway. Certain areas of the track will be amended with sand, clay and dirt. Compost is being added to the infield.

SOUND SYSTEM PROJECT is in the design phase.

RV PARKING COMING IN 2018

The RV Parking area is in the design phase with proposed modifications from the Advisory Board presented to Salt Lake County. We look to move forward with the project in 2018.

ASPHALT FACELIFT The main parking lot adjacent to the Event Center was slated to be repaired the end of September.



PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW:

- The removal and replacement of metal stalls in the 400 – 600 barns.
- Construction of attendant booths and gates.
- Installation of an access card reader and gates.

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