

EQUESTRIAN PARK

1st Quarter Report for the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and Event Center

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Racers head out of the gate on a wintry day in South Jordan.

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Chariot Races Added Drama to Winter Activities at Equestrian Park

Spring marks the end of the **Utah Valley Chariot Association** races, but there was plenty of action on the racetrack during the snowy winter months. These races have been a mainstay at the Park for many years. Other equestrian-related events included the Winter Series of the **Utah Barrel Racing Association**, **Barrel Buddies Winter Nights**, **Utah Mounted Thunder**, **Utah Paint Horse Show**, **Utah Barrel Racing Association J/Ps**, **South Oquirrh Hills Club Nights**, **Intermountain Reining Horse Association**, **ZD Team Roping**, **Utah Horse Expo**, the **Arabian Horse Show** and the **Wasatch Horse Show Association**.

The Equestrian Park hosted other sporting activities, including the **RAD Canyon BMX** group and the **Gathering of the Tribes Lacrosse Tournament** for boys and girls. (See "Events," next page.)



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More and more groups are using the Equestrian Park facilities to hold meetings: the **Junior Livestock Board**, the **4-H Club**, **UBRA** and the **US-WRCA**. **Salt Lake County Animal Services** used the Park for a one-day training, as well.

The Joran World Circus and the **Carvention** held multiple day events.



The Carvention featured classic American-made automobiles. If you wanted to peer inside the perfectly restored interior of a '57 Chevy, this was the place to do it! Dozens of classic cars, trucks and vans were featured during this annual event.

BMX Rider & Equestrian Park Featured in *Sports Illustrated*

Foresta Named High School Athlete of the Month

Sophia Foresta is often seen at the RAD Canyon BMX events at the Equestrian Park. She's become somewhat of a celebrity at the facility and certainly a role model for girls who also want to compete in this sport. The junior at Bingham High School in South Jordan travels around the country to attend various competitions and still manages to maintain a nearly perfect 4.0 GPA. She will be honored at the upcoming Governor's State of Sport Awards. Click on the *Sports Illustrated* on-line magazine link below to see Sophia competing at the Equestrian Park Event Center.

<http://www.si.com/high-school/video/2016/02/23/high-school-athlete-month-bmx-champion-sophia-foresta>

1st Quarter Sales

January

- UBRA Meeting
- 2016 Oldies Rock & Roll "Carvention"
- Barrel Buddies Club Nights
- Utah All Breeds Horse Association (x3)
- Utah Paint Horse Show (x2)
- ZD Roping Spring Arena #1
- Summer Horse Sale
- South Oquirrh Hills Club Nights
- Arabian Horse Show
- 7-11 Riding Club
- Utah Hunter Jumper (x2)
- Rose Ranch Hunter Jumper Early Show
- Utah Polo Club

February

- Barrel Buddies Club Night
- 7-11 Club Nights
- Utah Paint Horse Club "Back to Basics"
- Silver Spurs Riding Club
- Intermountain Reining Horse Association
- 4-H Horse Shows 2016

March

- Gathering of the Tribes Lacrosse
- Utah Pheasant Society
- Rocky Mountain Waterfowl Festival 2016
- Utah's Mounted Thunder Club Nights
- Utah Barrel Racing Association Jackpot
- USWRCA District #1 Meeting
- Ride the Brainwave Fund-raiser
- Dutch Oven Society
- Utah Heavy Athletics Club



Operations Crew Completes Winter Clean-up

Arenas & Track Prepped

Operations Manager Mike Terry and crew spent first quarter prepping the outdoor arenas and racetrack. This is always a challenge because the ground is wet and must dry out in between multiple grading sessions. The racetrack alone took about six weeks to fully prep after the Chariot racing season.

500 & 600 Barns

Work continues on repairing and upgrading these barns with a projected completion by the end of April. In addition to the repair work, the barns will receive a new coat of paint.

General Upkeep

Crews have begun their weed mitigation program throughout the park. Storm drains were hydro-blasted and gutters on all the structures were cleaned.

2015 Paint Show at Park Takes Top Honors

The American Paint Horse Association, along with the *Paint Horse Journal*, has recognized the Western Regional Zone 2 Zone Show as the number one show of the year. It took place at the Equestrian Park last May and was sponsored by the Utah Paint Horse Club. This is the seventh time in nine years that this show has received the top ranking. The show attracted over 1,000 entries.

Partnership between Sheriff's Office and Equestrian Park is a Win-Win Situation

Last October, SMG initiated a partnership with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Department to revive the Jail Crew Work Program at the Equestrian Park. Marty Oviatt, who was part of the Park's Operations Department, became Supervisor of the program. Monday through Thursday, Marty heads to the Salt Lake County jail and picks up low-risk, non-violent offenders who are assigned to work at the Park instead of spending time in jail. The participants, in fact, spend no time in jail unless they violate the terms of program, which includes being drug tested before heading to the Park. A crew of between two and five people work from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., cleaning out the show barns, pulling weeds or cleaning.



Marty Oviatt Named Employee of the Quarter

Marty Oviatt is the recipient of first quarter honors, selected by his peers who serve on the Employee Action Committee. Marty started working for SMG in 2014, after working several years for Salt Lake County. He continues to work for both the Equestrian Park and Salt Lake County on a part-time basis. In his County role, he Supervises the Jail Crew Work Force. At the Park, he is part of the Operations Department. Marty spent 40 years in service to our country as a member of the US Army.



Salt Lake County Fair to Celebrate its 80th Year

“Celebrating 80 Years of Traditions” is the theme of this year’s Salt Lake County Fair, which kicks off August 17th for a four-day run. The popular demolition derby will be back this year with a two-night stand of “Old School Derby.” On Thursday evening the 18th, the Fair will feature for the first time the National Mexican Festival and Rodeo Show. Of course there will be 4-H competitions, a petting zoo, food trucks, carnival rides, mid-way and various displays.



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Town Hall Meeting Scheduled to Discuss Future of Equestrian Park

Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams will hold a Town Hall Meeting on **Monday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Event Center at the Equestrian Park. The public is invited to attend.

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