

EQUESTRIAN PARK

2nd Quarter Report for the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park and Event Center

July 2016

Town Hall Meeting on Future of the Equestrian Park Draws Large Crowd, Diverse Interests

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Hundreds of people came to the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 25, to discuss the future of the Salt Lake County Equestrian Park. Mayor Ben McAdams, along with Councilmembers, user groups, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation representatives, other stakeholders and Dan Hayes of SMG were front and center in the Event Center Arena at the Park.

The meeting focused on the four options being considered by the County regarding the Park's future and funding: 1) Leave the facility as is, with on-going maintenance and modest improvements; 2) make more significant improvements to attract large, regional events; 3) reduce amenities and use some of the land for field sports; or 4) close the park.



General Manager Dan Hayes explains SMG's role at the Equestrian Park.

The County continues to deliberate on the issue. However, the Council did approved on May 3rd, \$66,000 to amend the aging soil in the 85,000-square foot indoor arena.



Councilwoman Aimie Winder Newton listens to a constituent.

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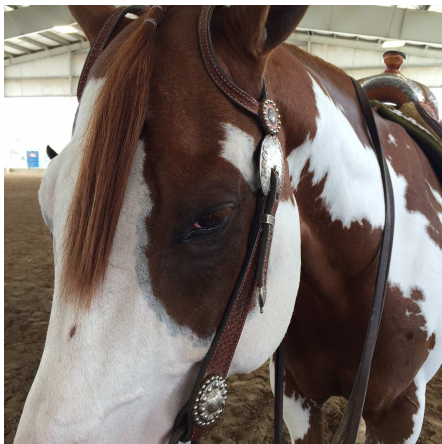
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Club Nights & New Events Keep Park Staff Busy

Club Nights are a staple of arena bookings with a variety of equestrian disciplines. Groups include the **Utah Barrel Racing Association J/Ps**, **South Oquirrh Hills Club Nights**, **ZD Roping - Spring**, **Silver Spurs Riding Club**, **7-11 Riding Club**, **Utah Mounted Thunder**, **Barrel Buddies** (Club Nights, Wednesday Nights & Jackpot Nights), **Utah Paint Horse Club** and the **Maverick's Riding Club**.

Other equestrian events included the **Wasatch Horse Show Association** (x3), **Utah All Breeds Horse Association** (x2), **Rose Ranch Hunter Jumper Early Show**, **Sheriff Mounted Posse**, **Utah Quarter Horse Racing Association**, **Utah Chariots Association**, **Los Reyes Del Carril Match Race** (x3), **Carter Ranch Horsemanship & Ranch Clinic**, **Utah Valley Arabian Horse Show**, **4-H Horse Shows** and **Utah Hunter Jumper**. The **Utah State Western Riding Club Association** held its District #1 meeting. The Park hosted two Paint shows, including the nation's largest. The **Utah Paint Horse Club Zone 2** show occurred over the Memorial Day Weekend. Last year, this show was recognized as the number one show of the year by the American Paint Horse Association. The show attracted over 1,000 entries.



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NEW EVENT!

Feathered Horse Classic/West

Feathered horses are certain breeds that have long hair on their lower legs and fetlocks. This particular show featured Gypsy Vanner horses, a breed imported from the British Isles. The event was held in early June.



2nd Quarter Sales

April

- Maverick Riding Club
- North American Dog Agility Council
- Intermountain Kennel Club Beehive Cluster Dog Show
- Children of the Earth Fundraiser
- Sheriff Mounted Posse
- Carter Ranch Horsemanship & Ranch Clinic
- Wasatch Horse Show Association

May

- Los Reyes Del Carril Match Race (x2)

June

- Los Reyes Del Carril Match Race & Concert

PARK PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mike Terry has been named the Interim Facility Director with the departure of Susan Hayward. **James King** is the new Jail Crew Supervisor, replacing **Marty Oviatt**, who has returned to the Maintenance crew at the Park. Interviews are currently underway for a new Maintenance Supervisor and **Catherine Cravotta** has accepted the position of Office Coordinator.

Facility Operations Update

Barns

The 500, 600 and rabbit barn stalls received new kick plates at the bottom of the panels and doors; the latches and hinges were lubricated and repaired, as needed; the stalls were painted and prepped; and, the lights changed in anticipation of the Paint Show. Also, 18 stalls were repaired, painted and installed in the rabbit barn for the Paint Show. The A, B, C and D barns' drainage catch basins have been pumped and the gutters have been cleaned in order to eliminate flooding during heavy rain storms. All of the lights have been replaced in the 900 barn.

Facility

New swamp coolers were installed, two in the rabbit barn and two in the track office. The floor drains have been inventoried and jetted to ensure that all drains flow to the sewer and not into the storm drain system. These findings have been sent to the County. The sound mixer and microphones have been replaced.

Arenas

The arenas have been graded to eliminate puddles and to bring some of the footing in from the corners. A new method of working the dirt has been implemented which will eliminate ridges and create a safer footing.

Equipment

A new harrow was purchased for the conditioning of the track. New gussets and teeth were installed on the track conditioner and another piece of equipment had a hose replaced and the hydraulic fluid and filter changed.

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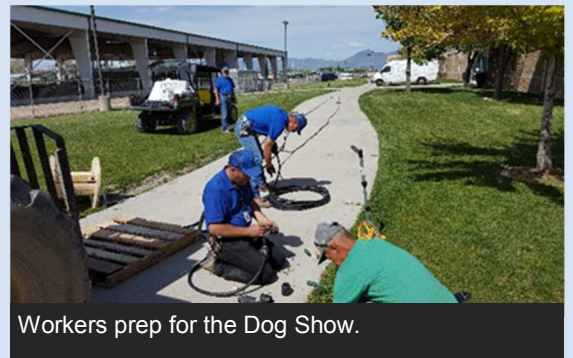
Equestrian Park Going to the Dogs — in a Good Way!



A sheepdog is prepped for the competition.

The Intermountain Kennel Club hosted the Beehive Cluster show May 4 - 7. The show included spaniels, bulldogs, Shetland sheepdogs, Doberman Pinschers and collies.

The Intermountain Kennel Club is the oldest all-breed dog club in Utah, founded in 1924.



Workers prep for the Dog Show.

Events (continued)

Other events included the **4-H Club meeting**, the **Jr. Livestock Board meeting**, the **Utah Avalanche Soccer Club**, **Utah Heavy Athletes Club**, **4-H Jr. Livestock Tagging**, the **Wasatch Gem Show**, the **Dutch Over Society** and the "Ride the Brainwave" fundraiser hosted by the **Children of the Earth**, benefiting children who are suffering from brain diseases. The Park was also used as a parade staging area for the **South Jordan Country Fest**.



Demolition Derby Returns to the Salt Lake County Fair

— Celebrating 80 Years of Tradition

The Salt Lake County Fair begins its four-day run on Wednesday, August 17th. The opening night grandstand concert features country artists **Darryl Worley** and **Stephanie Quayle**. Thursday night's main event is the National Mexican Festival & Rodeo Show. The popular "Stirrin' Dirt" Demolition Derby will be featured both Friday and Saturday nights. In addition to the carnival, competitive exhibits, vendors and fair food, this year's outdoor events will include the Utah Horse Pullers, Car Cruise, Hypno Hick, the Great Bear Show, a Classic Car Show and BMX demonstration. Inside the arena, attendees will find the new Princess Castle, "Ag in the Classroom" activities and other special events and appearances.



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Mike Terry Named Employee of the Quarter

Employee Action Committee Members from the Salt Palace Convention Center, South Towne Exposition Center and the Equestrian Park select an outstanding employee from the Equestrian Park for each quarter.

Mike Terry, now Interim Facility Director, received the honor for second quarter. Mike has been the Maintenance Manager at the Equestrian Park since SMG took over management of the facility in 2014. Mike came to the Park from the South Towne Exposition Center where he worked in the Engineering Department for over 10 years. He won this award in 2014, as well.