



Rad Canyon BMX Racing Adds to the Variety of Park Events

Although it's named the Equestrian Park, the facility continues to attract more and more events that don't feature horses. Rad Canyon BMX, for example, has become a regular in the Indoor Arena. That organization held three events during 4th quarter and attracted a wide array of competitors.

Other non-equestrian events included Lone Peak Ultimate Frisbee, Kraken's Ultimate Frisbee, Utah Pigeon Club's Salt Lake Premier Show, Utah Middle School Classic Ultimate Frisbee, the Utah Pheasant Society, Women's Defense Academy and the Salty Dogz Agility Club of Utah.



Dove at Pheasant Show

Club Nights continued into this quarter with 4-H, Utah Mounted Thunder, Utah Paint Horse Club, Barrel Buddies Winter Nights, Barrel Buddies Jackpot (x4) and ZD Roping. (See Events, next page.)

December Food Drive Benefitted Utah Food Bank

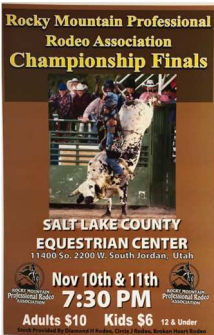


Employees from all three SMG/ Salt Lake facilities proved, once again, how generous they can be when it comes to helping those in need. Non-perishable food items were collected at the annual Employee Recognition Luncheon on December 13th.

In return for a donation, employees received an extra "opportunity drawing" ticket making them eligible for fabulous prizes. In the end, over 360 pounds of food was donated to the Utah Food Bank.

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The Rocky Mountain Professional Rodeo Association Championship Finals attracted some of the best bull riders, ropers, steer wrestlers and bareback riders from around the Intermountain West.



A Gypsy Vanner Stares Down the Photographer

Other events included the Wasatch Horse Show Association, Utah Hunter Jumper Association, Utah Valley Chariot Association (x2), Carter Ranch Horsemanship Clinic and From the Heart Performance Horse Show.



Participants line up for the team roping event that was held in November.

4th Quarter Sales

October

- Rad Canyon BMX (x4)
- Barrel Buddies Winter Nights
- Diamond J Horse Preview and Auction (x2)
- Utah Middle School Classic: Ultimate Frisbee
- Barrel Buddies Winter Nights 2018
- ZD Roping
- ZD Roping 2018
- From the Heart Performance Horse Show
- Utah Barrel Racing Association Jackpot (x6)
- Arabian Horse Association of Utah

November

- Women's Defense Academy
- Utah Valley Chariot Association Racing

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Park Adds New Front Loader to Its Equipment Inventory

Park staff was thrilled to take delivery recently of the new CAT front loader. This piece of heavy equipment will increase efficiencies at the Park, easily moving soil into and out of the Event Center for such events as the Rad Canyon BMX competitions. Outside, it will be used for emptying the manure bins, digging trenches to aid in drainage, landscaping and helping with road maintenance. Staff training will begin the first week of January.





Kristie Freeland Named Employee of the Year Shortly after Taking Reins as New Operations Manager for the Park

2017 was a big year for Kristie. She recently stepped into the role of Operations Manager at the Park, giving up her part-time position as Accounting Manager. In that position she worked nights and weekends while holding down a full-time job.

It was a fairly easy transition for Kristie to take over the Operations Department. 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.

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.

Kristie was selected from the list of *Employees of the Quarter* for 2017 which included:



Catherine Cravotta



Joe Masnica



James King

Catherine is the Office Coordinator, Joe is the IT Manager for all three SMG/Salt Lake properties and James supervises the jail crew that comes to the Park to work on special projects.

One of the highlights of the end-of-year Employee Recognition Luncheon is the naming of the Employees of the Year for each of the SMG/Salt Lake facilities. Candidates are selected from the pool of Employees of the Month from the Salt Palace, and Employees of the Quarter from the Equestrian Park and the Mountain America Expo Center. Those employees are nominated by their peers and selected by members of the Employee Action Committee. Employees of the Year are selected by the Directors from all three facilities.

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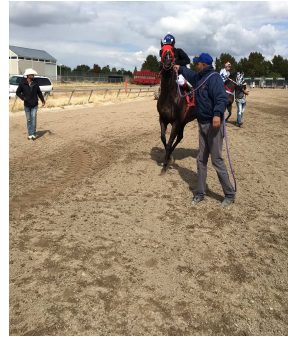
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Capital Projects Update



The **asphalt facelift** for the parking lot in front of the Events Center was completed this fall. The project also included paving the access road to the outdoor arenas.

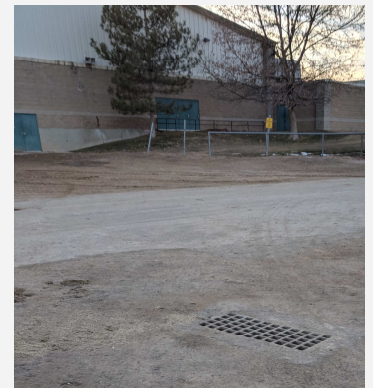
Work on the **racetrack footing** project continues. Certain areas of the track will be amended with sand, clay and dirt. Compost is being added to the infield.



The much-anticipated **sound system upgrade** is becoming a reality. The upgrade will link together audio systems in the indoor arenas, covered arena and show barns. With this upgrade, competitors in various parts of the facility will be able to hear an event's announcer alerting them to upcoming events, classes and, generally, keeping competitors and the audience updated throughout the show. Stallings Construction has been awarded the installation contract.

Storm Drain Project Receives Bond Money

In working with Salt Lake County, Park personnel have started to suction the drains and holding areas of the Park's storm water system. The cleaning of these areas, and the removal of debris, will allow for water run-off to pass through the system and drain without interruption. There is more work in the future with this project; additional updates will be forthcoming.



Drains throughout the park are being cleaned.



Old Arena Panels Headed to Recycling as Bond Money Becomes Available for Replacements

A request for bids has been generated through the County's Contracts and Procurement for upgrading the livestock panels that are used during events at the facility. With this additional equipment, the Park will have the ability to run several events concurrently, and will allow for flexibility to run rough stock events in the covered and outdoor arenas.



Christmas in Color Was Big Hit

The west side of the Equestrian Park was transformed into a light and sound extravaganza from Thanksgiving to December 30th. Over 1.5 million lights were part of the synchronized-to-music display.