



Horses Help Therapeutic Riding Center

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It all started years ago at the world finals of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association at West World, when Diane Holmes contacted me about an idea to have some of our special needs kiddo's participate with the world finalists in a special program. Well, at first I thought this lady was on some heavy medication, to think we would have our therapeutic riders brandish a six shooter, and oh by the way, shoot targets on the back of a special horse known as Nevada Joe. But Diane, explained the Dare to Dream idea, and we were hooked ever since.

So on Saturday the 10th of December, we ventured out to Ben Avery Park and the home of the Royce Anderson Az Cowboy Mounted Shooters with 8 very excited youngsters and a few tentative parents. It was a crisp morning, but the warmth of the AZCSMA shooters who came from Montana, South Dakota, Nevada, and of course Arizona and the excitement of working closely with the designated shooters made it all bearable.

The Wahl "Dare to Dream" shootout pairs our special needs riders with real live cowboys and cowgirls who form amazing teams and compete in a three stage competition. First, just to raise the level of excitement, a member of the team rides the balloon lined course and races through the arrow

shooting the balloon targets while demonstrating speed and shooting accuracy in a timed event. Next our special needs riders get to mount Nevada Joe and with a side walker, a horse handler and Diane maneuver a similar course and pop the balloons with a dowel stick and some expert help from Diane. There time is calculated and added to the team score. Finally, there is a ground shooter who races on foot with track star like agility, (sort of), and shoots the balloon targets, then digs for home to the finish. All three scores are then computed and the winners are announced.

Winning Cowboy Team = Mark & Jamie Zueger & Zach

Winning Cowgirl Team = Doug Rogers , Nancy Crosby and Kylee

Other Teams Represented:

Wayne Riggs, Amy Boterman & Aiden

Skip and Collette Neuman & Griffin

Pat & Dawn Morris & Sammy

Royce Anderson & Kathleen Slayton & Jacob

Cristina Belound & Alan Firetto & Leo





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None of the fun would have been possible without the heartfelt support of our sponsors. Many thanks to:

- WAHL Clipper: Who's has supported this event from its inception 11 years ago!
- Jeffers Equine: Who provided amazing gift bags for the Dare to Dream Team's.
- Susan Turner: Who coordinates the riders and with tones of love, has taken Nevada Joes shoes and made wonderful wall hanging keepsakes.
- Jenanne Key: Who is a wonderful scholarship sponsor and provided the picture frames which will be treasured for a lifetime.

Special Thanks to Kim Riege, Dan Byrd , Natalie & Marlene Johnson, Leah Smith, Lorie Montgomery.

Photography by Kenda Lenseigne.

Finally, Horses Help would like to thank the Arizona Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association for their continued scholarship support for Horses Help in honor of Preston Kiley, one of our Angels who remind us to never take a day for granted, live life to the fullest and share your love with everyone. Preston's number for all of the CMSA Dare to Dream Shootouts is #1.

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