

Wild Deuce Saddles up for STARS

Wild Deuce would like to thank everyone for another successful Working Mountain Horse Competition & Select Sale that took place in Kingman, AB, Sept 23-25, 2011. You couldn't have asked for better weather, in the +30's to be exact, and there was many familiar, along with several new faces, that came through the doors.

Fundraising for STARS once again was a highlight of the weekend.

New this year to the efforts was the "Amazing Backcountry Race for STARS." A race designed for Friday's Open Competitors to get more riding in over the weekend. Entry into the race was a donation to STARS and the participants raised \$550.



Mantracker with "The Amazing Back Country Race" participants.

Also, MANTRACKER graced us with his presence over the weekend. People had a chance to have a picture taken with him, which was then printed off and personally autographed by the man himself. In just 4 short hours, this raised \$1675!



Mantracker with some of his "fans!"



Kerry Murphy selling a cookie (just one..?) to Verna Pohl.

And Kerry Murphy, who makes those delicious, homemade cookies, rounded off the number by raising \$400 with her delectable treats.



Guy Murdock enjoys a ride on the custom painted Bike brought for display by Dave of Da'Shop Killer Kustoms.

Dave Baird, owner of Da'Shop Killer Kustoms in Acheson, AB, who makes custom motorcycles and artwork in the form of custom paint jobs, made a very generous donation of a custom paint job on anything the buyer chose. This was live auctioned off, full proceeds to STARS, and when the bidding got to \$2000 or more, Dave doubled the value of what the purchase was worth. So Jim Green of Hay Lakes was the recipient of a \$4000 value custom paint job. Thank you Jim and Dan both for your generosity.



The Silent Auction this year brought a record \$6000 thanks to more donations and generous bidders. Thank you to everyone who help make the Silent Auction more and more of a success every year!

Bringing the fundraising together, as a special treat representing emergency services, the Round Hill Fire department was able to bring out a fire truck for people to check out and receive a tour of. Thank you to the Round Hill Fire Department!



Photo by Kayla Burrington

Over the past 4 years, fundraising at the Working Mountain Horse Competition has raised over \$30,000, turning 2011 into another a record breaking year for Wild Deuce's fundraising efforts for STARS. Frank Turner of STARS says this is a great accomplishment for an event of this size. So Wild Deuce would like to thank all those who donate, buy, and volunteer their time to help raise money for the lifesaving organization. Kerry Murphy and Tracy DeHoop, who organize the Silent Auction every year, were recognized by Frank Turner of STARS for their hard work and long term commitment.



Total Fundraising for STARS at the 2011 Working Mountain Horse Competition was over \$8,000.

Wild Deuce would also like to make a special mention again of Flaman Rentals of Camrose who donated the tent to hold the Silent Auction in and to the CRE who donated all the tables. Each year these companies help us out greatly in our fundraising as rental of tents and tables is a huge cost for running the Silent Auction.

Friday

Friday morning started off with lots of sunshine and 20 Adult and 8 Youth competed in the Open and Youth Competitions running all day. Judged by three judges each day, the focus of the course is not on time, but on how the horses respond to new obstacles as well as horsemanship. Every year there are surprise obstacles in the course along with the standard ones. Besides the treat of having Mantracker as a guest judge, one of the new obstacles this year was a "canoer in distress." Competitors had to rescue a stuffed person and carry them to safety to the "STARS" covered wagon.



Youth competitor Jonah Pouliot and guest judge MANTRACKER.



Consignor and Overall Highpoint Champion Craig Reesor and his horse Drywood Mink on the surprise canoe obstacle.

OPEN COMPETITION RESULTS:

- **Champion** of the OPEN Competition went to Heather Shandro of Vegreville, AB with her horse Ginger, sponsored by Richmond Transport.
- **Reserve Champion** went to local rider John Pouliot of Kingman, AB and his horse Taco with sponsorship from Total Orthotics.
- **3rd** place, sponsored by Lammles Western Wear, was Blaine Szott of Daysland, AB riding Duce.
- **4th** place, sponsored by Fosters Covered Wagons, was Jill Lungal of Tofield, AB riding Pinto Pete.
- **5th** Place, sponsored by Summit Outfitter Supplies, was taken by Craig Grove of Cochrane, AB riding his mount Stormy.



Open Champion Heather Shandro



Reserve Open Champion John Pouliot



3rd Place Blaine Szott



4th Place Jill Lungal



5th Place Craig Grove

YOUTH COMPETITION RESULTS:

- Youth competitors have the option to ride through the entire course and complete the obstacles of their choice. This year though, due to time constrictions, the course had to be shortened. Wild Deuce wants to promote riding, safety and fun, so ALL Youth take home prizes. Competing this year was:



Youth Competitor Chloe Axton riding Blaze

- Lilian Axten riding Brandie
- Chloe Axten riding Blaze
- Justine Pouliot riding Red
- Jonah Pouliet riding Ginger
- McKinley Wall riding Fancy
- Hayley Notman riding Austin
- Taylor McKinney riding Studly
- Shawnee Williams riding Danny



McKinley Wall & Fancy go thru the Tunnel of Tarp

Friday wrapped up with the Sale Horse Challenge. A timed relay race based on life in the mountains. Always entertaining for the crowd, Consignors competed for the fastest time while racing around the track and completing several obstacles.



A delicious BBQ sponsored by Curty's Oilfield Services followed the Relay Race, and the day wound down around the campfire.

Demos ran all weekend ranging from roping and dog agility in the Kids Korner, to a talk on Hoof Health and Founder, an Equine Therapist, and The Hitchmasters Q&A in the UFA Demo Ring, as well as the spectacular 6 Hitch team which always thrills the crowd.



Roping in the Kids Korner with Ken McKinney



Horse Health with Rebekah Rasmussen



Learning about Hoof Health with Guy Murdock



Neil Dimmock of Hitchmasters with his team of Percherons

Saturday

Saturday was greeted with more sunshine and a Pancake Breakfast. The Sale Horses competed letting potential buyers have a chance to view the horses as they are put through their paces.

CONSIGNOR HORSE COMPETITION RESULTS:

- **Champion**, sponsored by Dakota Rentals Inc., was Craig Reesor from Irvine, AB, riding Lot #4, Drywood Mink. Craig was also the **Overall Highpoint Champion** which includes all competitors across the Open and Consignor Horse Division.
- **Reserve Champion**, sponsored by Riverview Veterinary Clinic, was Pam Didier from Alder Flats, AB, riding Lot #21, Dash.
- **3rd Place**, sponsored by Dogspaw, was Cynda Didier from Alder Flats, AB, riding Lot #2, Cowboy.



Consignor & OverAll Highpoint Champion
Craig Reesor & Drywood Mink



Reserve Champion Consignors
Pam Didier & Dash



3rd Place Consignors Cynda Didier &
Cowboy

Saturday evening there was a catered BBQ by Food With Flaire of Viking, AB, followed by the campfire.

Sunday

Sunday morning was greeted with a free Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Food with Flaire, followed by an early morning Mountain Church Service; a thank you to John Pouliot for his inspiring words; and viewing of the Sale Horses. Informed buyers had a chance to ride mounts of their choice before the sale.



The top five selling horses were:

Pines Bar Mercury	consigned by Wild Deuce	\$16,000
JRJS Rebas King	consigned by Wild Deuce	\$12,750
Axel	consigned by Wild Deuce	\$ 8,400
Dash	consigned by Pam Didier	\$ 8,000
King	consigned by Gillis Quarter Horses	\$ 6,700

Of the 20 horses sold the sale average was \$6800, with prices starting at \$3600.

Wild Deuce would like to thank all their volunteers and sponsors:

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