

2009 Special Olympics Equestrian Competition

Gotta tell ya folks; if ya couldn't attend the 2009 Special Olympics Equestrian Competition ya missed a great show!!!

Four teams came to ride; producing 27 riders who competed for the gold. They came from Albuquerque's South Valley, Corrales, Bosque Farms and Highland Meadows; and ride they did!!!

Thanks to Lonnie and Patti Wright, of the Rockin' Horse Ranch Arena, many of these athletes were treated to a new experience---riding in an indoor arena!! With numerous mental and physical challenges, not being exposed to a day of sunshine gave these special riders plenty of energy to "whoop and ride". Hey, can't forget our full stomachs due to Shorty's Bar B Que!! Thanks Santos and Leanne. You're great!!

Check this out...Over forty volunteers from the Edgewood and Moriarty areas gave their time, so the Special Olympic competitors could have the time of their lives. Without their service this event would not have been a success. Thanks to all of you wonderful folks. Can't forget the generosity of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Reddie Ice, Cannon Septic, High Desert Riding Club, and Dennison Drilling. You all made it happen.

While the Special Olympians had a great time, they also took home ribbons and trophies. The Rockin' Wranglers, from the South Valley, took home fifteen 1st place ribbons. Bosque Riders walked away with eight 1st place. While the Curley Key Riders of Corrales earned eight 1st place; the Highland Meadows team sported six 1st place ribbons. Awesome!!! I've listed the standings below.

Showmanship Halter

Level CS Division 2

- 1st Rosemarie Marrujo
- 2nd Michelle Hernandez
- 3rd Patrick Andrew Brady
- 4th Anthony Marrujo
- 5th Joshua Peterson
- 6th Carleen Blumenthal
- 7th Jamie Cantrell

Level BI

- 1st Andrew Hozier
- 2nd Phillip With
- 3rd Matthew Scates
- 4th Shawna Boyd

Level D

- 1st Jeannie Hentrix

Level BS

- 1st Jessica Chavez

Level CI

- 1st Esteban Lujan
- 2nd Paul Garcia
- 3rd Jamie Marten
- 4th Amelia Ann Dickey

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- 2nd Paul Garcia
- 3rd Jamie Martin
- 4th Amelia Ann Dickey
- 5th Catalina Rael

Level A

- 1st Cynthia Fiala
- 2nd Vanessa Brunson
- 3rd Martin Wiggins
- 4th Van Pexa

Working Trail

Level CS Division 2

- 1st Howard Thurmond
- 2nd Carleen Blumenthal
- 3rd Rosemarie Marrujo
- 4th Lyndara Holmes

Level BI

- 1st Shawna Boyd
- 2nd Matthew Scates
- 3rd Phillip With
- 4th Andrew Hozier

Level BS

- 1st Jessica Chavez

Level CS Division 3

- 1st Jamie Cantrell
- 2nd Anthony Marrujo
- 3rd Michelle Hernandez

Level A

- 1st Vanessa Brunson
- 2nd Martin Wiggins
- 3rd Cynthia Fiala
- 4th Van Pex

Stockseat Equitation

Level D

- 1st Seth Eggleton
- 2nd Jeannie Hendrix

Level BS

- 1st Jessica Chavez

Level CI

- 1st Amelia Ann Dickey
- 2nd Jamie Martin
- 3rd Esteban Lujan
- 4th Paul Garcia

Level D Level

- 1st Seth Eggleton

Level CI

- 1st Amelia Ann Dickey
- 2nd Catalina Rael

Level BI

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- 2nd Shawna Boyd
- 3rd Phillip With

Level D

- 1st Seth Eggleton

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- 2nd Rosemarie Marrijo

Level BI

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Figure 8 Stake Race

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- 3rd Carleen Blumenthol
- 4th Howard Thurmond

Level A

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- 2nd Cynthia Fiala
- 3rd Martin Wiggins

Poles

Level CS Division 3

- 1st Patrick Andrew Brady
- 2nd Anthony Marrujo
- 3rd Jamie Cantrell
- 4th Michelle Hernandez

Level A

- 1st Van Pexa
- 2nd Cynthia Fiala
- 3rd Vanessa Brunson
- 4th Martin Wiggins

Barrels

Level CS Division 3

- 1st Patrick Andrew Brady
- 2nd Joshua Peterson
- 3rd Anthony Marrujo
- 4th Jamie Cantrell
- 5th Michelle Hernandez

2 Level CS Division 3

- 1st Michelle Hernandez
- 2nd Patrick Andrew Brady
- 3rd Jamie Cantrell
- 4th Joshua Peterson
- 5th Anthony Marrujo

Level A

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- 3rd Cynthia Fiala
- 4th Van Pexa

Level CS Division 3

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- 2nd Joshua Peterson
- 3rd Jamie Cantrell
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The 2009 Special Olympics Equestrian Competition was a great day for Edgewood and Moriarty. The coaches have voiced their appreciation to all those who had a hand in the amazing hospitality shown to them and their teams. Because of your support, an often overlooked population, left that arena with huge smiles and sweet memories. We made a difference!!

Thanks,

Steve and Cathy Brunson

Special Olympics Event Coordinators