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RECORD CROWDS ATTEND THE THIRD ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN EQUINE EXPO IN SASKATOON

In excess of 9,000 horse enthusiasts passed through the doors at Saskatoon PrairieLand Park for the third annual **Saskatchewan Equine Expo in Saskatoon, February 14-16, 2014**. The three-day event presented in partnership with the WCVM and the SHF, featured educational seminars presented by the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, clinicians Jonathan Field and Connie Dorsch, Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse Competition, seven breeds competing in the first Battle of The Breeds, a demonstration by the Mounted Cow Dog Association and Sanquine Clydesdale Heavy Horse Hitch, an industry trade show, and the highlight of the weekend, the Trainers Challenge. The Friday and Saturday evening Equine Extravaganza thrilled a standing room only audience.

The Trainer's Challenge, sponsored by NAERIC, showcased the talents of three outstanding horse trainers; Dale Clearwater from Hanley, Saskatchewan, Doug Mills from Kamloops, BC and Lachlan Bell from Cochrane, AB. All three amazing horseman thrilled the crowd during each session with their individual skills. In the Sunday afternoon final Doug Mills, in a very close completion was awarded the Championship buckle custom designed by Wilm Saddlery of Bruno, SK.

A clinic presented by Connie Dorsch from Estevan, SK was a big hit with spectators and pre-registered participants alike. Connie explained and demonstrated the methods of judging Hunter and Jumper classes.

Jonathan Field from Abbotsford, BC attracted standing room only crowds in the Information Theatre as well as a two-day clinic with pre-registered participants. All sessions filled the stands.

The industry trade show, once again exceeded expectations with vendors indicating they will be back next year.

"Standing room only, once again confirms that Saskatchewan people really appreciate that we are showcasing the equine industry right here in Saskatoon." said Brenda Sapergia, Livestock Manager.

Results:

Trainer Challenge, Doug Mills, Kamloops, BC - Custom buckle & runners up received a snaffle bit.
Sponsored by NAERIC Awards were donated by Wilm Saddlery of Bruno, SK

Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse Competition: 1st Suzon Schaal, Calgary AB – Custom buckle and \$3350
Sponsored by DFI, Rocky Ridge Ranch, 2nd Taylor Douglas, Yellow Grass, SK - \$1750 and snaffle
LS Energy, Heagy Altrogge Matchett, Prairie 3rd Kent Williamson, Calgary AB - \$1250 and snaffle
Animal Health, Saskatoon Coop Agro

Battle of The Breeds: 1st Team Quarter Horse - \$1500
Sponsored by Pharmasave 2nd Team Arabian - \$900
3rd Team Paint - \$600

For further information on the Saskatchewan Equine Expo visit www.saskatchewanequineexpo.com.

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