

Rocco Wachman's "Food For Thought"



As "Horse People" in most cases, we are all proud of how well we take care of our horses and other animals. I'm not kidding! I have seen barns, facilities, ranches that are absolutely mind boggling! The list of items that can be purchased at some online equine/livestock stores rival the amount of items found in small Supermarkets or Specialty Retailers.

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Queen of Hearts Cowgirl Historical Foundation Awards

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Queens of Hearts, A Winning Deal!

By Kay Miles

On Saturday, March 29, the Cowgirls Historical Foundation hosted their second annual fundraiser, the "Queens of Hearts Best Five Card Trail Ride and Dinner" which proved to be a great time for all. The trail ride in the San Tan Mountain Regional Park was approximately a 1 1/2 hour trip through the scenic foothills, catching glimpses of the east valley panorama and remnants of our desert's beautiful spring wildflowers. Along the way, riders were greeted by some of our Cowgirls, offering western heritage trivia questions for a chance at raffle prizes, and of course, the opportunity to draw the winning card hand. After a refreshing and delicious lunch, contributed in part by Basha's, the winners were announced; Dan Fowley trotted off with the First Prize, a pair of leather saddle bags, Kathy Norgren and her husband Karl were a great team, taking second and third, winning a leather headstall and spur straps. Special thanks go out to the Queen Creek Posse and everyone who "came along for the ride"!

Saturday evening's festivities were perfectly placed at the Mission Patio at Rawhide. After perusing the silent auction (which included such desirable items as a Sun's basketball autographed by Steve Nash, and boxing shorts autographed by Chuck Liddell), and feasting on a delicious barbecue chicken dinner, our guests were treated to a variety of entertainment, including a video and fashion show showcasing western wear "then and now". We were happy to highlight "graduates" of last year's Cowgirls 101 Clinic and our Jr. Cowgirls. Nicole Bonilla dazzled as she displayed her abilities to perform rope tricks. Mr. Ron Perryman was our second annual Queens of Hearts honoree, chosen for his years of service to the community and his dedication to the western lifestyle. As equestrian enthusiasts, we were honored to award a scholarship for therapeutic riding at Angel Acres in Queen Creek to Joshua Zieger of Tempe. And what barbecue would be



complete without "kicking up your heels"? Yes, indeed, hats off to the four couples who competed in our very own version of "Dancing with the Stars", displaying moves and style all their own. Wenda Wilson and Gary Bennett had the crowd laughing and cheering as they delivered their winning routine which ended in a "jitter bug" type lift.

The Queens of Hearts Best Five Card Trail Ride and Dinner proved to be a winning hand! Many thanks to our sponsors; Rawhide, Perryman's

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