

1st Annual WAHL Clipper NARHA National Therapeutic Shootout

by Nevada Joe

CMSA was proud to present the 1st Annual WAHL Clipper NARHA National Therapeutic Shootout held in Tunica, Miss. Wednesday was a qualifier round with 12 CMSA riders and 12 students from Hearts Desire Therapeutic Riding Center. The CMSA shooters shot the regulation Arrow pattern on their own horses and then came back and led their partners through the same pattern riding the wild mustang "Nevada Joe" who is NARHA's Official Horse Ambassador. The students used a dowel stick with a sharp point to pop their balloon targets. Each rider was rated on accuracy on the shortest amount of time.

NARHA's mission statement is: A membership organization that fosters safe, professional, ethical, and therapeutic equine activities through education, communication, standards and research for people with and without disabilities. Equine therapeutic riding is used as a viable resource, as a horse's gait mimics a human's walk. The movement of the horse stimulates and tones unused muscles building strength and enhancing coordination. The warmth of the horse's body can soothe tight muscles and increase joint mobility.



Above: Saturday night showcase with 2 winners of the event from Hearts Desire. From left to right: Ernie Purcelli, Nevada Joe, Bob Ernst, Daniel Arata, Melissa Thomas, Casey Amsden, Tom Henning & Diane Purcelli

Below: Stu Townlain introduces his partner a horse.

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For more information please contact www.NARHA.org or call 1-800-369-RIDE.

For more information regarding the CMSA Therapeutic Shootouts please contact diane@nevadajoe.net.

CMSA is proud to be partnered with NARHA throughout the year and the big 4 events and look forward to a fun filled event in Gillette, Wyo. We would also like to thank our support from WAHL Clippers, AJ Horses, Monticello, Minn. - Christy & Mike Bradley - Silver Lining Herbal Supplements and the support of the families of all the Little's and Kuka's.

Thank you to everyone who has helped bring the CMSA and NARHA together and as our motto is in Mont. - "DARE to DREAM."



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