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## RECORD CROWDS ATTEND THE FOURTH ANNUAL SASKATCHEWAN EQUINE EXPO IN SASKATOON

Despite the nasty snow storm on Saturday, organizers are very pleased with the attendance for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Saskatchewan Equine Expo. Just over 9500 horse enthusiasts attended the three-day event produced by Prairieland Park in partnership with the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and the Saskatchewan Horse Federation

Throughout the weekend, attendees were able to take part in a variety of seminars and demonstrations presented by the Western College of Veterinary Medicine; and world renowned horsemen, Jonathon Field and Sandy Alexander.

Friday and Saturday evening Equine Extravaganza thrilled a sold out audience and included one component of the Battle of the Breeds competition; fence work component of the Ultimate Cow Horse Competition and a demonstration by the Saskatchewan Cowboy Mounted Shooters.

The Trainer's Challenge, sponsored by NAERIC, drew large crowds for every performance and on Sunday evening Cain Quam, from Kendal Saskatchewan was granted the winning title. In Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse Competition, Suzon Schaal from Calgary, Alberta swept the competition by winning both the Open and Non-pro divisions. Champion awards for both events were designed and custom made by Wilm Saddlery of Bruno, Sk.

"We are more than pleased to be able to present this unique equine event and thank the horse community for their continued support and encouragement". Brenda Sapergia

Results: Trainer Challenge, Cain Quam, Kendal, Sk. Sponsored by NAERIC

Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse Competition: Open division 1<sup>st</sup> - Susan Schall, Calgary AB, riding Genuine Brown Gal 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dale Clearwater, Hanley SK, riding Lena in the Starlight 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rod Thiessen, Estevan SK, riding Chexboonsmal

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Canada's Ultimate Cow Horse Competition: Non-pro division 1<sup>st</sup> – Susan Schall, Calgary AB, riding Chics Ruffled Up 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ian Hryhirchuk, Irma AB, riding Sign of Hail 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ron Farrow, Dalmeny SK, riding Smokin Frizz

Battle of the Breeds:  $1^{st}$  – Team Quarter Horse  $2^{nd}$ - Team Arabian  $3^{rd}$  – Team Thoroughbred

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

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