



Riding hard for Horses with Heart



Lila Pierce, winner of the Open 1D class, in action at the Third Annual Have A Heart Barrel Race/Poles fundraiser. See Barrel Race Results, page 3. Photo by Karen Richert

Who will be our Volunteer of the Year?

It's time to nominate your choice for HwH Volunteer of the Year. Who best demonstrates a strong commitment to our riders, other volunteers and our programs? Who should be honored at our annual Volunteer & Donor Appreciation Event in January?

Name your nominee, state how that person exemplified volunteerism at HwH this year, and email your candidate **by Nov. 30** to Executive Director Pam Berry: execdir@hwhonline.org, or place your nomination in Pam's folder in the office.

Please note that Volunteers of the Year for the last five years are not eligible this year. These devoted past winners are: Mary Ann Baridon, Malenna Gonsalves, Debbie Holmes, Jan Grise and Kris Dockum.

Time sheet alert: deadline Nov. 30

You can help HwH get grant money by reporting all your volunteer hours by **Nov. 30, 2018**. These hours are used to calculate total volunteer hours for the year ending Nov. 30, and also for the Volunteer Appreciation Potluck in January.

If you're unable to record your hours in the Time Sheet book at the ranch, please scan and email them: note dates(s), start/end times and duties performed, and email to either Carol Bowe at cbowe1225@yahoo.com, or Malenna Gonsalves at malennajm@gmail.com.

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Calendar of Events

Through Nov. 9 ~ Session 4, Therapeutic Riding.
Through Nov. 10 ~ Special Olympics Fall Session.
Nov. 11 ~ **Seniors Only Horse Show**. For competitors 55 and over, at HwH. In-hand, under saddle and fun, for novice to advanced riders. Check-in starts at 10 am, Grand Entry at 11. Contact Pam Berry: 928-899-4759.
Nov. 17 ~ **Fun Bucks Auction & Store/Potluck meal**, 11:30 a.m., HwH.
December 11 ~ **Christmas luncheon**, 11:30 a.m., Hotel St. Michael, Prescott. Prepaid reservations needed--\$15 including tax, tip and beverage, plus menu selections—due by Nov. 30 to Volunteer Coordinator Maureen Owen: 702-335-6909 (see item next page).

Volunteer of the Month:



ASHLEY HAMILTON
Reasons selected: When Ashley first volunteered with HwH, she was a teen and the group was based in Dewey. Now back as an adult, she's more than an accomplished horsewoman—she's a certified instructor with both PATH (Professional

Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) and CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association.). Volunteering in classes, schooling horses, helping with special events like the Barrel Race—Ashley has stepped up and become an outstanding volunteer.

Q & A with our Volunteer of the Month:

Q: How long have you been with HwH?

A: I started in 2005 but moved away. I missed it so much I came back last June.

Q: Why do you volunteer at HwH?

A: I enjoy seeing what an amazing impact horses can
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have on people with special needs. To witness riders getting on a horse for the first time is a wonderful experience

Q: What is your favorite memory or moment at HwH?

A: Participating in the Ride-A-Thon in 2007 on my favorite horse, Glory.

Q: If you could share one thing with new volunteers, what would that be?

A: To come with an open mind, helping hands and a willing heart.

Special holiday lunch Dec. 11



Save the date – Tuesday, Dec. 11 – for Horses with Heart’s holiday lunch and gift exchange (\$15 limit). That’s when volunteers, riders, families and staff will gather for food and fun in the ballroom of Hotel St. Michael, 205 W. Gurley St. in

downtown Prescott.

Prepaid reservations (\$15 including tax, tip and beverage), in addition to menu selections, must be made no later than Nov. 30. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Maureen Owen at 702-335-6909 for more information.

Feast on a tax cut: donate to HwH

At this thankful time of year, you can donate to Horses with Heart and give thanks for a state tax cut. Under Arizona law, your dollar-for-dollar state tax credit could be \$400 for a single person, \$800 for a married couple filing jointly.

Be sure to consult with your tax advisor to see how current donation tax laws may affect you.

To donate, call or email Pam Berry: 928-899-4759; execdir@hwonline.org. Or, mail your check soon, payable to Horses with Heart, to P.O. Box 2427, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.

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Showtime for Special Olympic Team



Our Special Olympic Equestrian Team showed their stuff last month at Santori Ranch in Chino Valley, competing in the High Desert Horse Show. The whole team did a spectacular job of displaying their talents and sportsmanship. Three new additions to the team brought special excitement: Anya Bryce on Remedy, with Volunteer Susanne Stock (above, left), James Decker with Sam (above right), and Michelle Sullivan, in fine showmanship form with Rennie (below).



Grouped behind Head Coach Pam Berry (seated, front), Special Olympic riders and volunteers show their team spirit at the Fall Show at Santori Ranch.

Photos by Karen Richert & Sandy Owens



"Have a Heart" Barrel Race recap



Carly Longo and her horse Glory (left) won the "Horse with the Most Heart" award for their winning combined time in open barrels and poles. At right, HwH's own Jeremy Owens navigates a barrel atop his horse Maureen.

Over 100 competitors saddled up for our Third Annual "Have a Heart Barrel Race & Poles" fundraiser, setting a new record. Thanks to the generous donation of their arena by Olsen's Grain in Chino Valley, a crowd of spectators enjoyed the competition and excitement.

The day kicked off with the Grand Entry led by two mounted riders – Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Queen Sarah Grant, and Trudy Chapman-Radley. The National Anthem was sung by Brittany Hubbard, and the prayer was led by Pastor Crystal Logan. Then the action began for riders ages three to 81.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Mike Olsen for his time and for keeping the arena grounds safe for the riders; Penny Hubbard, production manager, and her assistants: Terry Sutton, Greg Burns, Ashley Hamilton and Helen Collins.

CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS and Special Needs Partners!

Open 1D: Lila Pierce/Bobbie Gibson; Open 2D: Joanie Pritchard/Ciclo Marisca; Open 3D: Amanda Smith/Benson Owens; Open 4D: Gabby Veneziz/Carleton Haines; Youth 1D: Carly Longo/Elizabeth Mackin; Youth 2D: Carly Longo/Zachary Mackin; Youth 3D: Lilly Kline/Jeremy Owens; Pee Wee: Trevor Pritchard; Poles Open 1D: Michael Allen; Poles Open 2D: Kenna Realford; Poles Open 3D: Maddison Lyons; Poles Open 4D: Kailey Kirkpatrick.

Event approved by the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.

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Jim Radley steered a hay wagon full of winners--HwH volunteers, family members, and the HwH "Partner" contestants who paired with riders to cheer them on and "win" alongside them.

THANK YOU, HwH volunteers!

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