

The 2007 Horse Lover's Fling: A Jazzy Success

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On the warm spring evening of March 31, more than 200 Boulder County horse lovers stepped out of their barn attire, donned their party best, and gathered together at the Stadium Club at Folsom Field to celebrate "Horses... and all that jazz." Party goers were greeted with a magnificent sunset view of the Flatirons and the Indian Peaks Wilderness, and were welcomed by a traveling variety of scrumptious hors d'oeuvres. Tunes from The Dave Camp Band aired gracefully in the background as old friends and new faces mingled around the bar, browsed through the silent auction items, and studied the various information tables set up by our local equine non-profits.

The sit-down dinner was a meal fit for those with hearty appetites. It was also a time to honor those in our community that have done much in the name of horses and the industry: Marty Marten, Mary Midkiff, and Jacque Lee. Marty was named Horse Person of the Year by the Colorado Horse Council and has been an integral contributor to the Colorado horse industry as an author, mentor and trainer. Mary initiated Public Lands Appreciation Day when she served as a BCHA board member and has organized a number of the events since. She is also an author and frequent contributor to local equine publications and to RFD-TV. She and her husband Tom Aronson are returning to Kentucky where he is now Vice President of Churchill Downs Racetrack. Jacque Lee, BCHA President and recent recipient of the BCHA's Achievement Award at the annual meeting, was recognized for her dedication to the horses in Boulder County.

Dessert awaited everyone in the dance area, and the band was playing dance music as people wandered over to check out their silent auction bids. Before the auction wrapped up, several found a partner for the dance floor to swing and two-step the night away. It was a beautiful evening full of friends, food and philanthropy in a fabulous setting atop Folsom Field.

The Horse Lovers' Fling is BCHA's only fund-raising event of the year, and exceeded our expectations. Stay tuned to an upcoming announcement of next year's Fling details, and plan to join us for another great party!

FLING FUN!

Top: The view from the Stadium Club. Middle: The Dave Camp Band. Bottom: Centerplate catering delivered the hors d'oeuvres.

