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ANNUAL HORSE EXPO HAS NEW DATE, NEW LOCATION

EXPO SHOWCASES SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRAINERS

THE Third Annual Southern Arizona Horse Expo is just around the corner, and this year's expo promises to be the best yet.

The Southern Arizona Horse Expo is the creation of Clay and Jacquie Harper and their desire to bring world class horse trainers, clinicians and presenters to southern Arizona. The past two expos have been big hits with big crowds, lots of great presentations, demonstrations, giveaways, and fun.

"This year's expo will be the best one yet," says Clay Harper, organizer of the event. "We have a really interesting line up of presenters in both the main arena and alternate arena this year, as well as much, much more stuff to be given away, including a brand new design Trail Saddle, by Circle Y Saddles."

The expo showcases southern Arizona trainers as well as nationally known trainers with Arizona ties. John Lyons, last year's headliner, was a University of Arizona student and lived in Tucson in the '70s.

"We work to showcase trainers and presenters that the local horse person can contact and work with. Our format is a bit different than most big expos in that the people can access our trainers to help them with their horses. We are a smaller expo, but we have been compared to some of the biggest and best in the country," Harper said.



Clay and Jacquie Harper

This year's expo is on a different date and at a different location, Nov. 26 and 27, at the 77 Arena in Oracle.

"We wanted to do it on the first big Christmas shopping weekend to bring in shoppers and kick off the shopping season for horse folks and non-horse folks," Harper said. "We are billing it as southern Arizona's Cowboy Christmas for the folks that don't go to Las Vegas for the NFR (National Finals Rodeo) experience."

People can come and experience great demonstrations and visit booths with great horse and non-horse gifts and interesting new products.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the days of the show. Tickets can be purchased at all Boot Barn stores in Tucson and most tack and feed stores in southern Arizona, as well as online at southernarizonahorseexpo.com.

"We are in the process of purchasing the 77 Arena in Oracle," said Harper. "The arena will be our permanent home for future expos as well as a new equestrian center for southern Arizonans to board and have their horses trained by Jamie Drizin and other local trainers. We are going to create a quality venue that people will want to come to. Oracle is much cooler in the summer; we have lights and over 230 acres to ride on with a competitive trail course and new barns going up soon."

For more information visit www.southernarizonahorseexpo.com.