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Riders, horses partner for square dancing at Poway riding school

Jeremy's Ranch English Riding School in Poway has put a new face on square dancing.

In a valley just east of downtown Poway, eight cooperative horses — including thoroughbreds, Welsh ponies, an Arabian, a quarter horse and a Morgan — recently acted as dance partners for eight motivated riding students in a challenging square dance on horseback, pictured above.

'The Dancing Horses of Poway' featured dosidos, fans and sashays choreographed to include all eight horses and riders jumping five jumps in various patterns, often with partners clearing a jump simultaneously in opposite directions, pictured right.

To add to the challenge, the dance was performed in time to 'Cock o' the North' and 'Hundred Pipers,' arranged and performed for Jeremy's Ranch by Peter McDonald.

The idea and choreography were the brainchildren of Stephanie Kicinski, the owner of and instructor at Jeremy's Ranch. 'Our riders put their hearts and minds into this project, and the result was an impeccable presentation in which each participant was essential to the performance as a whole. Best of all, we had a blast rehearsing and performing.'

The dancing couples included: Sheena Rutherford on Jeremy (the landlord), Shannon Clark on Oliver, Bonnie Fach on Peaches, Raylene Herrera on Teddy, Veronica Savery on Zebedee, Leah Sittler on Bell, Haleigh Spasojevich on George, and Weishin Woltz on Picabo.

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