

CCALT celebrates 20 years and record fundraiser at Johnson/Hammond Ranch

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Guests Warren and Helen Hanks and co-host Natalie Johnson (Mark) join ranch patriarch Don Johnson and Arlene Mohler Johnson

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Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust holds a Sunset BBQ annually rotating ranch venues around the state. The 2015 event was a record-breaking success on a brilliant Colorado day and sparkling evening at the Johnson/Hammond Family's Elk Ranch just 17 miles west of the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Although the dinner and entertainment began at 6 p.m. with cocktails and appetizers prior, the fun began as early as 10:30 a.m. when guests were invited to spend the day on the scenic acreage enjoying horseback riding, fishing and tours of the precious land that the organization strives to preserve. Although there are buildings on the property, a huge tent was erected to shelter attendees for meals, entertainment, the auction and awards. Cowboys and girls have big appetites so an elaborate sandwich lunch buffet was included and a beef brisket buffet with

abundant trimmings was a hearty dinner spread from Tommy's Bodacious BBQ & Catering. Shuttles ran frequently from the Broadmoor making transportation convenient for those who had already traveled quite a distance. For further information about CCALT and its mission: www.ccalt.org.



Charlie Bolton takes advantage of good fishing opportunities



Past CCALT Executive Director Chris West shakes hands with Past CCALT Board President Bill Fales after both received Forever Colorado belt buckles for their service to the organization on stage with new Board President Ben Duke and new Executive Director Erik Glenn.



Trail riding began early in the day.

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Courtney Rackley and Jim Johnson, ranch co-host for Sunset BBQ



Coal Town Reunion band entertained during dinner.

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Ranch co-host Mark Johnson
leading trail rider Mary Wood
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