

Horsing Around

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The Norwegian-derived sport of skjoring, in which skiers are pulled behind dogs, vehicles or horses, has found a new home in the wild West. Last weekend's 6th annual skjoring competition in Silverton once again showcased the sport, knocking some socks off contestants and spectators alike with its speed and intensity. Racers were expected to navigate a slick obstacle course replete with jumps, twists and turns, all the whilst gathering neon orange rings and bar-reling behind a speeding horse.

The two-day event offered plenty of spills and thrills for the cheering fans to get by on until next year. And hopefully, the frozen toes will have thawed by then, too.



En route to a stellar run on the rock skis.



A cowboy guns the throttle.



Ouch! One contestant holds a very public yard sale.



The hungry crowd anxiously awaits its next taste of carnage.