

THE SLIDING EDGE

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SHOWRING SUCCESS!

Congratulations Genna Fishgold for being named Scottsdale Reserve High Point Rider!

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Horses do not produce electrolytes naturally, so we must supplement them
- With summer coming on students need to come to the barn prepared with water & Gatorade to replenish their own electrolytes!
- As the weather heats up, please be sure to cool your horse down! Horses MUST be tied a minimum of 30 minutes after their workout, with out food or water.

This year has already been an amazing success. Due to space, we will only cover the highlights thus far:

Tucson:

The Buck Stops Here **Champion** open reining (with an Adult Amateur!)

SJ Aleasha **Champion** Open Western Pleasure; **Reserve Champion** AAOTR with Veronica Cowdrey!

Tamar Galileo **Champion** Jr Horse

Kahari+/**Champion** JTR Sidesaddle with Genna Fishgold

Maker Mine+/**Champion** JTR Reining

Rootin Tootin Cowboy+ **Reserve Champion** JTR Reining with Alexa Emmons

USEF Medal Kara, Chie, & Alexa placed & received qualification points

Scottsdale:

Cedardell Ben+++/**Champion** open trail with Amateur owner rider, Becky Nathan

Quais Habibi+++ & Lauren Whyte **Reserve Champion**

STEQ \$1000 Scholarship, **1st** place JTR trail, **1st** place STEQ, **2nd** reining JTR

Obayid & Genna Fishgold **1st** JTR Reining, **Top Ten** STEQ

Maker Mine+ & Genna Fishgold **Top Ten** AOTR Reining & trail

Maker Mine+ & Becky Nathan **1st** AATR trail

Cedardell Ben+++ & Lauren Whyte **1st** place JTR Sidesaddle

Maker Mine+ & Kara Fishgold **Top Ten** STEQ

Galvanic & Avery Lincoln **Top Ten** STEQ

Rootin Tootin Cowboy+ & Alexa Emmons **Top Ten** STEQ

Windboerne Maestro & Alex Mitten **Top Ten** STEQ & Western

Pleasure

Tri Tones Sierra+ **Top Ten** with Alex Mitten & Avery Lincoln in Showmanship

Quais Habibi+++ & Alexa Emmons **Top Ten** Showmanship

Carousel:

Cyber Bob & Amanda Golestani **1st** Hunter Pleasure JTR

The Apparition+ & Shannon Timms **1st** AHA HSEQ Medal

Acklaim & Rachael Hveem **1st** HSEQ on the flat (We had 5 riders in the class & they placed 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6!)

RCAHA (Pomona)

Maker Mine+/**Champion** open trail, **1st** open trail & reining, **1st** reining JTR

SJ Alesha **1st** Ladies sidesaddle

Cyber Bob **Reserve Champion** Hunter Pleasure Jr Horse

(Blue Ribbon Results throughout newsletter)

THE WELCOME WAGON

After months of searching & failed vet checks, Cyber Bob is our latest equine acquisition; proudly owned by the Golestani family. Amanda & Cyber Bob (4 year old by Cytosk++) have already made their show ring debut, winning their first class together!

Next we would like to welcome Rachael & Audrey Hveem. Both girls keep their horses at home & practice diligently between lessons. Watch for Rachael & Acklaim as they practice hunter & Audrey on King who will eventually ride reining!

Sofia Keller comes to us all the

way from Sweden! She is a welcome addition to our program as she has a natural gift with horses & teaching students. Sofia recently went to her first "American" Horse Show & was Reserve High Point! We look forward to her progress with the program!

EQUINE EXPOSURE

The preparations for Summer Camp are underway!

This year we have added many new aspects to our camp to accommodate more levels of riders!

For the first camp (June 7-11, 2004) we will be adding a "Jr Expedition" for students 4-6 years old. This will be a shorter session, but will allow students to ride daily & work on their overall skills.

Intermediate riders will enjoy the option of choosing a horse to work with for the week! This can be a working with one of the foals, learning ground work on a young horse, or helping to prepare a new horse for the lesson program... you get to pick!

In addition, Intermediate riders will work on judging, advanced show prep & more!

This year we will also be

adding in a horseshow on the final day that students can invite family & friends to!

Applications for Summer camp are available online, as well as at the barn.

Applications for Camp counselors are also available. A special training session for camp counselors will be held in May... please check for updates on place & time!



YOUR HORSE NEEDS HOT OIL HELP!

At this time of the year, the horses feet, mane, & tail start to dry out. We always oil the horses feet & Vaseline their chestnuts on Monday. In addition, we also attempt to condition tails every other week.

Unfortunately, this is not always enough. What can you do with your horse to help? Make Saturday (or whatever day works best for

you) spa day!

After your lesson, set aside some time to indulge your horse in a moisture rich, sudsy, bath. Use a separate shampoo & conditioner for the mane & tail. Once a month, you can use a deep conditioner (Aussie 3 minute miracle, or VO5 instant hot oil)

Once your horse is clean as a whistle, add a little cowboy

magic into their mane & tail to help detangle. Re-braid tail (mane if necessary) & put back into tail bag.

Take some Vaseline to rub into the horses chestnuts & ergots (this keeps them soft & easy to peel off for shows) then apply hoof oil 1 inch above & below the coronary band (it is not necessary to put oil all the way down the hoof. Enjoy!

"A horse is like a bank account; you can only take out as much as you put into it."
Charlie Hutton

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Allison Walker is a 11 year 5th grader at **St Simon & Jude Catholic School in Phoenix.**

Allison started riding with us last spring when she signed up for summer camp. She is always a student who takes the hands on approach to horses and ALWAYS is there to lend a helping hand to another student.

Anyone who knows Allison, knows that her favorite horse is Viatka,

AKA "Via". On any Saturday you can find the two of them preparing for the next show!

Allison's first show was in February and hopes to continue pursuing a year end award at the Blue Ribbon Shows.

When Allison is not at the barn, she spends her time **playing with her pet Ferret, 'Mathew', her cats**

'Snap', 'Hazel' and 'Believe' and has an insatiable appetite for reading.

Most recently, at the March Blue Ribbon Show, she won her first (two) blue ribbons in Stock Seat Eq. & then another in western pleasure!

Allison currently rides western & hunt, but will soon be adding showmanship to her resources.



Allison Walker & Viatka
At the March Blue Ribbon

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE? PART 2

So far, your journey into the horse world has been riding lessons, & maybe a couple of shows. What is next?

If you have been riding for about a year, you know what kind of rider you want to be. Some have decided that this is just a "hobby" and will just ride intermittently, working on basic skills. You may have started your collection of tack & equipment (English equipment is generally more economical to start with)

You may have even gone one step further & started to collect you show clothes & start showing at the local shows, but now what?

Work on your skill. Chances are that you are at a critical point in your riding career. You have decided that this is not your "hobby" but your "sport". If you have made that decision, then you have made a commitment to work hard & be the best you can

be! You should be riding a 2-3 times per week, keeping your ride time spread out as much as possible.

Some students are unable to get out here that many times per week, so on Saturdays we have multiple lessons available for students wishing to add in a work out.

Watch for the next segment in the series:

Part 3- Leasing vs Buying



Rachael Larsen & Shelby Ruddock
Sharing good times at the horse show!

BARN PHOTO PROJECT

Remember when grandma got run over by a reindeer? Or when you were driving to a horse show & you did something embarrassing that your passenger caught it film? Well here is your chance to make your snapshot become a barn treasure!

We have talked about it in the past, & now we are going to make it happen! Please bring your favorite snapshots,

preferably spontaneous moments at the barn, or on the road, that you want to be remembered at the barn.

OK... so you don't have any... yet, let's make some memories! Take your camera to the next event or even just to your next lesson!

We will be providing a HUGE frame with numerous spots to fill, so everyone MUST participate!

Bring pictures, postcards, or even the number from your favorite show!

Any other ideas? Send them on over! We are looking for creative volunteers to help with the project!

"Character is both developed & revealed by tests, & all of life is a test."
Rick Warren

NURSERY NEWS

Foaling season is upon us & we have foals bouncing in all corners of the barn!

First we must welcome I Can Oonly Imagine. "Friday" was born on David's birthday (2/27) is out of the Morgan mare, CONCEALED WEAPON, AKA "Magic"



The next foal was born on Trish's birthday (3/19) at 8PM

(same time Trish was born!), Freed'M Echoo, or "Spice" is out of PW Alove Affair, AKA "Sugar" (Sugar & Spice... get it?). The Emmons family are pleased with their new arrival (excluding Sugars attitude).



Our third foal is, Oonly Kid-ding (3/23), & we are thrilled to have our first filly! This will

be Kari's final foal; she is 21.

All three of these foals are by Echoo Quest (Echoo Magnifico X Fame VF daughter) & are Sweepstakes Nominated.

Also born on 3/23 was another chestnut filly by Bey Tspark++//! Our first reining foal hit the ground! She was a little premature, but is now progressing well.

Also bred here was Cara Mia who had a bay filly on 3/12 & is owned by Ron & Tamara Wald.



One more to go! Watch for Destinee to

