

THE SLIDING EDGE

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SUMMER SHOWRING SUCCESS!

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Youth & Canadian Nationals can be easily summed up by the following statistic's:

7 National Champions

8 Reserves

1 Triple Crown Winner

And countless Top Tens!

Wow! What a year!

Congratulations to Lauren Whyte for winning the prestigious TRIPLE CROWN (Champion in one class at Scottsdale, Nationals, & Canadian Nationals) in Stock Seat Equitation! Lauren & Bit's hard work & full time effort paid off as there are very few to EVER make that feat!

Please take the time to applaud your teammates on representing us well!

Alexa Emmons & PW Alove Affair

Reserve Nat. CH Showmanship

Genna Fishgold & Obayid

Reserve Nat. Ch Reining Seat Eq

Genna Fishgold & Maker Mine+/
Reserve Nat CH HA Reining

Reserve Nat CH Freestyle Reining

Kara Fishgold & Maker Mine+/
Reserve Nat. CH Horsemanship

Lauren Whyte & Quais Habibi+/
Reserve Nat CH PB Reining

Whitney Richardson & Abiance+/
Reserve Nat CH Trail JOTR

Whitney Richardson & Idjett+/
National Champion Train JOTR &
JTR (Coached by Lou Roper)

Lauren Whyte & Cedardell Ben+/
National Champion Trail JOTR

Reserve Nat. Ch Trail JTR

Lauren Whyte & Rootin Tootin Cow-
boy+

National Champion HA Reining

Lauren Whyte & Quais Habibi+/
National Champion Reining Seat

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Win a free trip to the US Nationals! Go to www.IAHA.org
- Time to renew your membership cards! Please be sure that you renew in time to receive your cards by December 1 (for Scottsdale entries & the Saguaro)
- Help your horses coat with lots of currying!

THE WELCOME WAGON

Please take the time to welcome back to the barn Erin, Terry, & Shannon Timms! Shannon brings to the barn 2 time national champion "ZA Candiman+++/".

Also take the time to greet Jennifer Danvers & her horse "Delta Dawn". Delta Dawn is by Desperado V and is here to begin her show career.

Congratulations go out to Brenda Joyce on her purchase of "EZ Dunit" (by Hollywood Dunit) & "Mags Firebug". Brenda lives in Tucson & will be joining us periodically for "mini-clinics"

Another new arrival is John & Karen Emmon's reining prospect "Destinees Hobby". Sound familiar? You Bet! This is IM DESTINEES HOBBY's ONLY full sibling!

Welcome Debbie Adamson and her horse "Cloud" who are joining us for training & lessons.

Also welcome Sophie Hart who began lessons in September and carools with friend, Avery Lincoln (actually Liz, Avery's Mom, brought Lori, Sophie's mom, along for her

own entertainment!)

Summer camper Allison Walker has begun to ride full time this fall. Her EXTREMELY supportive father, Steve, makes sure she gets to all of her lessons.

Gaby (another camper) and Madeline Edwards ride on Saturdays. They recently purchased two new horses & keep them at home.

Please be sure to say hi to Alex Welch who also just started up again.

THE BOOT EXCHANGE

Remember when you went for your first lesson? You thought that it might be fun & you should give it a try. Your instructor said that you should try a few lessons before you made the investment of purchasing new boots.

Soon you (or your child) started to come to the barn more frequently, for more lessons; now it is time for boots.

"Where do I go?" & "What kind

should I get?" were your questions. Wouldn't it be nice if there were already a pair for you to use until you got your own?

Lets start a boot exchange. We all know how quickly kids feet grow & parents are soon left with a brand new pair of boots that have only been used a few times.

Soon we will put a box inside the door of the client tack

room to accommodate used boots for new riders. The catch? They have to be returned for other riders to use in the future.

Now, what about all those "tall boots" (hunt boots) that your child keeps growing out of? Make a note up on the bulletin board that you have some available for purchase as many upcoming riders may be looking for some that are already broke in.



Who's boot is this?

Write you guess up on the bulletin board in the client tack room!

Answer will be revealed at the BBQ Bash!

...SUMMER SUCCESS CONTINUED

Chie Morita & Galvanic

4th Freestyle reining

Alex Mitten & DC Letauba

Semi Finalist Hunter Pleasure (out of 64)

Chie Morita & In The Nic Of Time+/
Semi-Finalist Hunter Pleasure

Genna Fishgold & Kahari+/
Top Ten Western Horsemanship

A the Canadian Nationals, Lauren won her first ever Nationals Championship in Western Horsemanship!

Most importantly, what made the shows so much fun was the amazing team spirit.

A special thank you goes out to Clarissa Callison, Trish Wagner, Kelly Whyte, Karen Emmons, Tamara Wald, Becky Nathan, & Desiree DeAngelo for their un-ending

effort to go the extra mile for activities such as: "Mocktail" parties, set-up, braiding, grooming, "Go-forring" (you know, go for this & go for that!), shuttling, Doctoring, pep talks, scheduling..... The list goes on & one!

You Are The Best!

Horses change lives. They give young people confidence & self-esteem. They provide peace & tranquility to troubled souls, they give us hope!
-Toni Robinson

WHAT CLUBS SHOULD I JOIN?

It is that time of year again! Please take the time to renew your cards ASAP!

What cards you ask? If you are showing at ARABIAN shows, then you must have an AHA card. If you want to renew on line, go to www.IAHA.org, find region 7, click on to there, & join a local club.

You must also be a member of USAE. If you are a youth, join accordingly. If you are an adult, you must join & choose a disciple (Arabian/ NSH, rein-

ing, etc). If you are an AMETURE rider, you must also state that as you apply for your membership.

If you ride ARABIAN reining horses, you need to join ARHA (Arabian Reining Horse Association) If you do not join this association, you will not be eligible to win money. This membership also counts as you AHA (Arabian Horse Association) card.

If you are showing your reiner in open competition, you need to be-

long to NRHA (website available).

If you wish to run for year end awards for the local reining shows (buckles for awards) you need to be a member of the Arizona Reining Horse Association prior to the first time you show.

Links to all of these sights are available on our website:

www.beinperformancehorses.com

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! Join or renew ASAP so that we have your cards back & available before the Saguro Classic.



HEALTH NEWS

BY DR. JOHN SPARKS

The time is rapidly approaching that horses will be going to the US Nationals in Albuquerque

I have written numerous articles on how people are supposed to properly prepare their horse for nationals competition. The problem is that occurs is that people have not read them, or if they did, they have forgotten how it is done.

Preparation actually begins months before this, but I am going to enumerate some items that are very important.

1. Horses need to have been properly shod for National Competition.
2. Body condition needs to be tip top through proper feeding & conditioning
3. Hair coats must be nice & shiny which not only comes from good feed-

ing practices, but daily hard grooming.

4. Horses need to be body clipped at the proper time depending on their coat color. Palominos & light colored horses need to be clipped earlier than Bays .
5. Horses need to be schooled to a tee, meaning you do not send them to the trainer a



Quais Habib+/
2002 National Champion
Open Reining
Patient of Dr. Sparks

HEALTH NEWS CONTINUED

Month before the show. It takes a minimum of 90 days to fit a horse. It is longer for young horses.

6. All worming, Coggins test, & health certificates must be up to date.
7. If horses have chronic or slight lameness problems, they should be addressed by a competent veterinarian prior to shipping to a show.

It is best to have all of your horses

examined by a show horse type veterinarian so that low grade, subtle, problems can be treated. If all of them items are addressed ahead of time, then when your horse goes to a large show, you will have a greater chance at soundness & success. If any of these items are skipped or let go, then you will have less chances to succeed at the show & your

trainer will have his or her hands tied as to making your horse competitive.

Dr Sparks is a Nationally recognized vet that specializes in Arabian Show Horses. Known for is motto, "Prevention is the key", he spends numerous hours educating people on preventive maintance for their horses

Always Smile
while you are
riding because it
changes your
intent.
-James Shaw

SEPTEMBER SHOW RESULTS

e weekend of September 19-21 was ckd full with showing! Lessons ran as ual at home, teams went out everyday to ferent shows.

iday was busy as Clarissa Callison (who w in from Kentucky earlier in the week) owed for the first time! She was awe-me...nerves of steel! In the same class, ronika Cowdrey showed Boo and won! e later went back to qualify in the 18-39 e division...GOOD WORK!

ter that day Lori Pinkerton showed at her st A-rated show and qualified for region-! It was a long day for Lori, as she also owed (& placed) in the open!

Saturday was another day full of fun! Genna Fishgold showed Galileo for the first time & won! In the same class Clarissa was 3rd!

Later, Avery Lincoln won her first Horsemanship class (and left all the cones standing)

Fahrenheit V V "Bob" won the open trail championship.

Sunday was an early start...4AM! With 2 trucks & trailers, we headed out to the bustling metropolis of Globe. We left with 8 horses & returned with 7 (sold one).

By the time we were done showing at 2:30, we loaded up, went to fuel, & get some well deserved lunch @ a little café. **Word to the wise, never leave your load Tea unattended with Trish, Chie, Genna, & Clarissa around!**

By the time we found our way back through the beautiful superstition mountains, we were ready for bed! As all the delirious, giggling girls (yes that includes the adults!), braided the last tail & ice tighted the last leg, it was confirmed...



Congratulations buckle winners:
**Trish Wagner & Im Destinees Hobby+/
Genna Fishgold & Obayid
Jessica Bain & Islo Lily**

We love this way of life!

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Upcoming events

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| • End Summer BBQ Bash | 9/27/03 | (deadlines) |
| • US Nationals, Albuquerque | 10/17-25 | past |
| • Bob Dorociak Reining Show | 10/24-26 | 10/1 |
| • AHAA Fall Show | 11/6-9 | 10/1 |
| • Saguaro Classic | 12/2-7 | 10/29 |
| • <i>Scottsdale All Arabian Horse Show DEADLINE November 25, 2003</i> | | |
| • Christmas Party | 12/13 | |
| • Christmas Mini-Camp | 12/22 & 23 | |
| • Winter Riding- Camp | 1/2&3/2004 | |
| • Trail Clinic | January 2004 | |

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AS THE HOTWALKER TURNS

It is hard to imagine that summer is coming to a close. Kids are back in school & the fall lesson schedule has begun.

Please take the time to discuss with us your goals for the future so that we can begin to help you focused in the right direction. More directly, if you are planning on showing next year, please set up a budgeting meeting so that we can plan out which shows best suit your budget & aspirations. If you do not show, let us help you by making a game plan of

what you wish to accomplish (advancing in riding, pursuing the Materhorseman program, etc)

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!
Renew your memberships ASAP.

As always, we welcome any input and/ or suggestions to help us accommodate your needs in the program.

Please do not hesitate sharing any ideas that you wish to have implemented in the program.

Sincerely,

Jessica

Next Issue

"Where do I go now?"
A guideline to get to where you are going with horses

A year in review

What did we do in 2003?

Goals for next year

Please forward any input on these subjects to:

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The last swim of summer