

# EQUESTRIAN

## AWARDS BANQUET

*Fun and Friends - a good combination.*



-Dana Leavitt & Stephanie Davidson-  
- hand crafted trophies  
- Right: Katie Sinclair and Pretzel

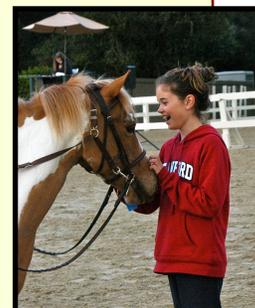
The Northern California American Saddlebred Horse Association held their annual High Point Award banquet on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord

California. Participation was great and members from all over northern California enjoyed a lunch of Italian food while catching up on everyone's holiday updates. *see page 2*

### MCC Show

While the Eastern part of the country was covered with snow and ice, the last day of February in Northern California was sunny and warm - a perfect weekend for a show. Well, a couple of showers made their way through, but that didn't dampen spirits and the sun took command for most of the weekend. Kevin Michael judged Saturday, Merin Maggi did the honors on Sunday.

Margaret Olney was the announcer, Milan Khordestani was ringmaster and Jennifer Dixon was the manager. *see page 6*



### MONTEREY UPDATE

We are down to the wire and things are coming together. Prize lists are out, sponsorship forms have been mailed (if you can help us out by sponsoring a class, that would really help). We are hoping for a good turnout. If you can help with set up or maybe taking a turn at our



hospitality table, that would be great. Hope many of you are planning to bring horses and make our first year at Monterey, a great one!

April 16 - 18 - Be There!!!

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Beth Davis organized the event. Vice President Stephanie Davidson and Secretary Susan Valley presented the awards. The trophies were lovely hand crafted Saddlebred sculptures made by Julia Threet, Christmas Valley, Oregon. Special awards included:

**Sportsmanship** : Nancy Bernhard

**Father of the Year**: Gary Eritzian – prompted by his legendary 6 hour car trip to his house and back to the horse show to retrieve his daughter’s forgotten show outfit.

**Travel Award**: Brigitte Scholl & Julie Barrow who flew in from Kentucky that morning just so they would not miss the banquet! Now that is dedication!

Other awards as listed below.

(Julie Threets email: [k13t@sagerat.com](mailto:k13t@sagerat.com) if you are interested in her sculptures)

**5-Gaited**

**Kayak** Barrow 248 - Champion

**5-Gaited – Jr. Exhibitor**

**Starlike Successor** Eritzian 63 - Champion

**What’s Your Daddy** Alster 42 - Reserve

**3-Gaited**

**It’s Z Prince** Groce 80 - Champion

**3-Gaited - Jr. Exhibitor**

**Captain Kangaroo** Roy 96 - Champion

**Park**

**Korageous Kat of SO** Streitfeld 304 - Champion

**Mahvalous in Black** Rainwater 156 - Reserve

**5-Gaited Show Pleasure**

**Kalarama’s Hottie** Morrow 149 - Champion

**Tee’s Merlot** Martin 128 - Reserve

**3-Gaited Show Pleasure**

**Ninja Warrior** Barrow 268 - Champion

**Matchbox’s Glass Slipper** Groce 198 - Reserve

**Jr. Ex. Show Pleasure**

**CH Tommy James** Roy 124 – Champion

**CH Thundersnow** Freeman 108 - Reserve

**3-Gaited Country Pleasure**

**CH Too Attached** Valley-Chen 324 - Champion

**Ceremony/Bucks Persusion** Glick 104 - Reserve

**Lullaby Baby Blues** Raven 104- Reserve

**Show Pleasure Driving**

**Irish in Lights** Davis 120 - Champion



*Top to bottom: Julie Barrow, Julia Eritzian and Stephanie Davidson, Anna Roy and Stephanie, Sue Valley*

**Country Pleasure Driving**  
**A Lemonade**  
**Hammered Last Night**

**Sebasto**      **240 - Champion**  
**Rainwater**    **192 - Reserve**

**Western Country Pleasure**  
**CH Fiasco**  
**Tuffy's Gunslinger**

**Glick**            **192 - Champion**  
**Davidson**       **156 - Reserve**

**Saddleseat Equitation 18 and under**

**Milan Khordestani**      **124 - Champion**  
**Paige Raven**              **92 - Reserve**

**Walk & Trot Equitation**

**Johnny Jean Groce**      **324- Champion**  
**Rylee Abbott**              **144 - Reserve**  
**Ava Bender**                **92 - 3rd**

**Walk & Trot Pleasure**

**It's Z Prince**              **Johnny Jean Groce**      **112 -**  
**Champion**  
**Goldencrest Nobelle**    **Ava Bender**              **62 -**  
**Reserve**  
**Shakiri of Silver Oaks**    **Johnny Jean Groce**      **60 - 3rd**

**Academy Walk & Trot Equitation**

**Zoe VanGorder**          **116 - Champion**  
**Lucie Bacon**              **96 - Reserve**  
**Lily Rose Bacon**         **80 - 3rd**

**Academy Walk & Trot Pleasure**

**Zoe VanGorder**          **180 - Champion**  
**Lily Rose Bacon**         **144 - Reserve**  
**Lucie Bacon**              **60 - 3rd**

**Open English Pleasure**

**Cococabana**              **Leavitt**                    **228 - Champion**  
**Mario O Malley**         **Ross**                      **164 - Reserve**  
**Jesse Ventura**            **Bernhard**               **164 - Reserve**

**Open Pleasure Driving**

**KatScratch Fever of SO**    **Smith**                    **84 - Champion**

**Open Competition**

**Wit's Worth**              **Pheley**                   **47 - Champion**  
**Too Attached**             **Valley**                   **40 - Reserve**



*Top to Bottom: Stephanie Davidson, presenting in all. Theresa Sebasto, Beth Davis, Kaylyn & Rylee Abbott, Laura Flaming*

**Pleasure Riding - Adult**

Wit's Worth  
Too Attached

Pheley  
Valley

577 hours - Champion  
550 hours - Reserve

**Pleasure Riding – Jr. Exhibitor**

Perfect Adventure  
My Girl Mollie  
Ransom My Heart

Laure Fleming  
Rylee Abbott  
Kaylyn Abbott

288 hours - Champion  
117.5 hours - Reserve  
107.5 hours – 3rd



**Also presented were the ASHA State Pleasure Horse Awards and Pacific Coast Awards**

**ASHA State Pleasure Horse Awards:**

Tee's Merlot - 5-Gaited Show Pleasure Lynnda Martin  
CH Too Attached - 3-Gaited Country Pleasure Sue Valley  
Hammered Last Night - 3-Gaited Country Pl. Driving - Shari Rainwater  
CH Spurwing's Superfine Lady - Western Country Pl - Kathy Dunn

**Pacific Coast - NCASHA members**

5-Gaited - Reserve Powder Blue - Royalee Cleveland  
5-Gaited Amateur - Champion - Kayak - Julie Barrow  
5-Gaited Amateur - Reserve - Berryred - Royalee Cleveland  
5-Gaited Jr. Ex - Reserve - Starlike's Successor - Julia Eritzian  
3- Gaited Jr. Ex - Reserve - Captain Kangaroo - Anna Roy  
Fine Harness Amateur - Reserve- Sir Frank Sinatra - Gen Hess  
Park Amateur - Champion - Mahvalous in Black - Sarah Rainwater  
5-Gaited Show Pl - Reserve - Tee's Merlot - Lynnda Martin  
5-Gaited Country Pl - Champion - Callaway's Southern Cross - Dana Leavitt  
3-Gaited Country Pl - Champion - CH Too Attached - Susan Valley  
Country Pl Driving - Champion - Hammered Last Night TS - Shari Rainwater  
Western - Champion - CH Spurwing's Superfine Lady -Kathie Dunn  
Western - Reserve - CH Fiasco - Doug Glick  
Hackney Pleasure Driving - Champion - CH Heartland Entitled - Sharon Bender  
Roadster Pony - Reserve - Heartland Tuscany - Linda Kane  
Saddleseat Equitation - Reserve - Milan Kordestani  
Pleasure Horse 12 and under - Champion - It's Z Prince - Johnny Jean Groce

*Top to Bottom: Stephanie  
Davidson presenting:  
Royalee Cleveland  
Lynnda Martin & family  
Awards*

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2015 Season. I'm Stephanie Davidson, the new president of NCASHA, and for those of you who don't know me I'd like to tell you a little about myself.

I've been riding my whole life and trained in Quarter horses, Paints and Hunters. In the 1980's I was introduced to showing and instantly became a 'show junkie'. After many years of highs and lows it was time to step back and take a break. During this time I got my 'fix' by watching Thoroughbred racing and reading books and magazines.

When it was time to rejoin the Tribe, like many people in the Saddlebred world, I came into it by way of the Morgan Horse. The first time I rode a Saddlebred into the ring I knew this was the breed for me.

This next year as a club will be one a very exciting one. For the first time NCASHA will

be putting on Monterey Springfest in April as well as continuing our fun show in Watsonville with new show manager, Margaret Olney. With everyone's support ( and patience) I think 2015 will be one of NCASHA's strongest yet!



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## SUMMER CLASSIC HORSE SHOW



Just because the club is involved with the Monterey Springfest Show, doesn't mean we are not going ahead with our annual Summer Classic Show in Watsonville!

Dates are: August 1 & 2.

Manger is Margaret Olney

We are at a bit of a handicap this year as the Morgan Medallion is moving to the same dates, so we will likely lose our Morgan barns.

They are adding Saddlebred classes, but the area Saddlebred barns are committed to our show, so we will go on! Several other breeds have expressed interest in our show, so we hope to keep it even more successful than last year.

Margaret will be looking for people to help and volunteer for various jobs - hope we can count on you to help us make our annual event a success!

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## 2015 HIGH POINT AWARDS

As mentioned in the meeting minutes - we will be expanding the show line up to include 3 Rated shows (Monterey, Woodside, Santa Barbara), the Summer Classic and 3 "Fun" Shows. The Fun shows may not include all the divisions we count for points. MCC, Gold Coast Arabian May 24th in San Martin - for more information on this show go to [goldcoastarabian.org](http://goldcoastarabian.org) and look at their schooling show. We will look at the classes and determine which ones will count for points. The final show is the BAFTA show in September in Santa Rosa, more information will follow in a few months. Any questions, contact Sue Valley.

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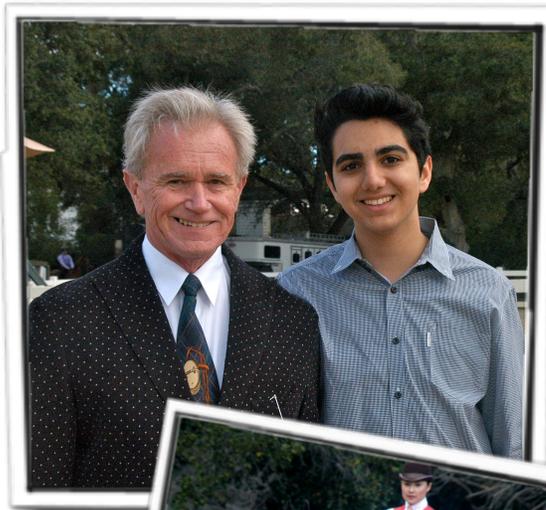
## Menlo Circus Club Show 2/18 - 3/1 continued

The majority of classes were Academy classes for the large lesson program at the Menlo Circus Club, but there were several Saddlebreds that made an appearance. The Abbott family from Pondera Equus came with both girls riding hard. Rylee and My Girl Mollie took 3 blues in the 10 and Under Walk, Trot classes, while sister Kaylyn started the show on Ransom My Heart and finished up the next day with their new mount Pineapple Express. The two make a very nice up and coming pair. New rider Ashley Gaffney did a wonderful job in the Academy classes on Ransom My Heart.

JL Dixon Stable had several nice combinations. Julia Roy and her new gaited horse Legacy's Erotic Icon made a good debut. Sister Anna and Captain Kangaroo started the year out well taking the 3-gaited blue. Cute Katie Sinclair and Something is in the Air took the 10 and under Equitation blue in style. Several academy riders put in very good rides: Rebecca Penno made her first time in the ring a blue ribbon one with great rides on Habanero Hot. Meghan Ghumman, Grace Huber, Julia Crandon and Mary Gaughan Curtin all took great ribbons in the academy division. Ava Bender and her adorable Morgan Goldencrest Nobelle we the Open Saddleseat Pleasure Champion. 87 year old Harriet Quarre took the blue in the Pleasure Driving class with Attache's Major Magic.

Several of area Amateur Owner/trainers brought their horses to the show. Wits Worth owned by Susan Foss Pheley and ridden by Jr. Ex Samantha Robins, took home 5 blue ribbons in the Hunt Seat division. Gen Hess and 4 year old It Takes a Fortune debuted in the western division – he put in 2 solid performances one in the rain and one in the sun!. Dean MacCracken and HS Sense of Style took home several nice ribbons in the Open Saddleseat Pleasure Class. Sue Valley and CH Too Attached couldn't find anyone to compete against in the Country Pleasure division, so they joined in the fun in the Open Saddleseat Pleasure division, taking home the blue on Sunday.

A bit light on entries, but always fun, the Menlo Circus Club Tournament is always a good start to the season.



- Kevin Michael & Milan Kbordestani
- Julia Roy & Icon - Mary Gaughan Curtin & Durango
- Rylee Abbott & Pineapple Express
- Wit's Worth, Sue Pheley, Samantha Robins & her mom.



*Gen Hess & It Takes A Fortune*



*Left: Rylee Abbott & My Girl Mollie*

*Below: Ava Bender & Goldencrest Nobelle*



*Katie Sinclari & Something is in the Heir*



*Top left, clockwise: - Dean MacCracken & HS Sense of Style,  
- Marin Maggi  
- Sue Valley & Too Attached  
- Margaret Olney  
- Ashley Gaffney & Ransom My Heart.*

Saturday – Judge: Kevin Michael

Open Walk & Trot Equitation

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| 1. Samantha Robins | Wit's Worth     |
| 2. Kaylyn Abbott   | Ransom My Heart |

Open Walk, Trot Pleasure

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| 1. Wit's Worth        | Samantha Robins for Susan Foss Pheley |
| 2. Ransom My Heart    | Kaylyn Abbott                         |
| 3. It Takes a Fortune | Gen Hess                              |

10 and Under Walk/Trot Equitation

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| 1. Rylee Abbott | My Girl Mollie |
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10 and Under Walk/Trot Pleasure

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| 1. My Girl Mollie | Rylee Abbott |
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Academy SaddleSeat Equitation Walk, Trot

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| 1. Ashley Gaffney | Ransom My Heart |
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Academy Saddleseat Pleasure Walk/Trot

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| 1. Meghan Ghumman | Habanero Hot    |
| 2. Ashley Gaffney | Ransom My Heart |
| 3. Rebecca Penno  | Sitka Durango   |

Academy Saddleseat Equitation WTC

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| 1. Grace Huber | Habanero Hot |
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Academy Saddleseat Pleasure Walk-Trot- Canter

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| 1. Grace Huber    | Attache's Major Magic |
| 2. Meghan Ghumman | Habanero Hot          |

5-Gaited Pleasure

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| 1. Legacy's Erotic Icon | Julia Roy for Helen Roy |
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Open Hunter Under Saddle

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| 1. Wit's Worth | Samantha Robin for Susan Foss Pheley |
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3-Gaited Jr. Ex

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| 1. Captain Kangaroo | Anna Roy |
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Open Saddleseat Pleasure

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| 1. Goldencrest Nobelle | Ava Bender      |
| 2. CH Too Attached     | Susan Valley    |
| 3. HS Sense of Style   | Dean MacCracken |

Open English Pleasure

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| 1. Wit's Worth | Samantha Robins for Susan Foss Pheley |
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Sunday – Merin Maggi Judge

Open Walk-Trot Equitation

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| 1. Jenny Meisel  | Epic Beauty       |
| 2. Kaylyn Abbott | Pineapple Express |
| 3. Ginny Herron  | Roxy              |

Open Walk, Trot Pleasure

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| 1. Epic Beauty        | Jenny Meisel  |
| 2. It Takes a Fortune | Gen Hess      |
| 3. Pineapple Express  | Kaylyn Abbott |
| 4 Roxy                | Ginnie Herron |

10 and under Walk, Trot Equitation

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| 1. Katie Sinclair | Something is in the Heir |
| 2. Rylee Abbott   | My Girl Mollie           |

10 and under Walk, Trot Pleasure

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| 1. My Girl Mollie | Rylee Abbott |
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Academy Saddleseat Equitation Walk, Trot

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Rebecca Penno       | Habanero Hot    |
| 2. Ashley Gaffney      | Ransom My Heart |
| 3. Mary Gaughan Curtin | Sitka Durango   |

Academy Saddleseat Walk and Trot Pleasure

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Julia Crandon       | Attache's Major Magic |
| 2. Ashley Gaffney      | Ransom My Heart       |
| 3. Mary Gaughan Curtin | Sitka Durango         |

Academy Saddleseat Pleasure, Walk, trot Canter

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| 1. Geneva Climent | Habanero Hot |
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Academy Saddleseat Equitation walk, trot canter

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| 1. Geneva Climent | Habanero Hot |
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Open Saddleseat Pleasure

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| 1. CH Too Attached   | Susan Valley    |
| 2. HS Sense of Style | Dean MacCracken |
| 3. Habanero Hot      | Geneva Client   |

Open English Pleasure

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| 1. Wit's Worth | Samantha Robins for Susan Foss Pheley |
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Pleasure Driving

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| 1. Attache's Major Magic | Harriet Quarre |
| 2. Pretzel               | Nicole Salmasi |

Open Hunter Under Saddle

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| 1. Wit's Worth | Samantha Robins for Susan Foss Pheley |
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- 5 others

## Minutes from 2015 Annual Meeting of NCASHA

February 8, 2015 Meeting called to order at 1:20 pm

Minutes from the 2014 meeting were read and approved

Election of officers:

President: Stephanie Davidson ; Vice President: Suzan Foss-Pheley & Nancy Bernhard

Treasurer: BethDavis; Secretary: Susan Valley

Treasurer' Report:

Income:

Banquet: \$1,075.00

Donations: \$0.00

Summer Show: \$14,559.00

Memberships: \$1,540.00

Misc \$6.50

**Total: \$17,180.50**

Expenses:

Administration: \$1,779.30

Banquet: \$1,174.34

Promotional: \$500.00

Summer Show: \$12,901.98

Pacific Coast Circuit: \$125.00

Deposit on 2015 Show: \$400.00

ASHA Charter Dues: \$45.00

**Total: \$16,925.62**

**Bank Balances as of 1/31/15:**

Checking: \$19,543.07 Savings:  
\$14,516.03

**Monterey Springfest:** The Monterey Springfest Show will be April 16 – 18. The prize list is finalized, final touches were put on the schedule. Discussion was held on ideas for Center ring and area decorations. Nancy Bernhard took charge of local publicity – plans were made for advertising banners and signs to draw in the public. Plans were made for a Welcome/information table for spectators. Additional meetings are planned as the show gets closer.

**Summer Classic Show:** Dates are Aug 1 & 2 – same weekend is reserved for 2016. We will have a conflict with the Morgan Medallion show, but the membership elected to proceed and drum up local horses. MFTs are interested in joining in and have a judge willing to work for expenses. Mike Aponte has offered to judge for expenses. Margaret Olney was elected to manage the show. Sue Pheley will run the silent auction.

**Newsletter:** we will continue to print and mail them. They will also appear on the website.

**Website/Facebook:** Margaret Olney will continue as our webmaster. The site is updated and will continue to post newsletters, updates, calendar as well as point rules and links to our Facebook page and member facilities. Members can send pictures to Stephanie to have them posted on the Facebook site.

**Membership:** The Mail out campaign by Beth was successful. We will continue to include forms in the newsletters. Decision was made to raise dues starting 2015: Family: \$50, Sr: \$35, Jr: \$20.

**Regional Shows:** A decision was made to support the Woodside shows with a \$250 donation.

**Breed Promotion:** The Cow Palace demonstration this year was a big success, members voted to do it again this year. Hopefully we may be able to cut down on the stall expenses.

**Year End Awards:** The brunch banquet at The Old Spaghetti Factory worked out well this year. Those that attended liked the location and the price. Discussion was held about the possibility of combining the annual awards and the annual meeting, adding some talks/entertainment and run the event at a facility over 2 days. We will continue to explore this option.

Members decided to include the following shows for 2015: Menlo Circus Club, Monterey, Woodside, Santa Barbara, Summer Classic, BAFTA and Gold Coast Arabian in May. Points would be the same for all the shows except the Summer Classic which would count for double points.

Discussion was held about expanding and promoting our non-show categories: Pleasure Riding, Open Competition and maybe adding Trail Riding. Members would like further discussion about amending or adding some of the non-rated shows.

Also discussed the ASHA latest promotion of high point awards for open competition horses.

## ASHA Saddlebred Ambassador Program

The ASHA is launching a great new program, that recognizes the many things Saddlebred lovers do to promote their breed. Points can be accumulated by Individuals, Barns and Charter Club - Regional Champions and World Champion Saddlebred Ambassadors will be named and garner great prizes and recognition.

Categories include:

- Showing at an all breed open show
- Taking your horse to an all-breed event such as a parade, group trail ride etc
- Taking your horse to an Expo or other public promotional event
- Get written up in an all-breed or on-line publication
- Participate in school or club seminar with your horse or as a speaker
- Have a public lesson program (number of different students scheduled/month)
- Host a barn show open to the public and other barns
- Host a clinic
- Host a camp
- Active in more than one discipline: Western, jumping, saddleseat, hunt seat, dressage, eventing, driving, other..
- Hold a public open house

If you or your barn does any of these things, send the information to Sue Valley. We will tabulate in 3 categories: Individual, Barn and Charter Club - lets see if we can capture some awards! We are planning to return to the COW PALACE in 2015 - THAT WILL COUNT!!!



*Just some of the things you can do...*

- *Kathie Dunn & Superfine Lady barrel racing*
- *Teddie Estes & Tuffy's Gunslinger in a trail class*
- *Edy Compton & Santa Fe Spirit at the Horse Expo*
- *Sue Pheley & Wit's Worth, Sue Valley & Tucker, Charles Kennedy & Matt at the Wine Ride*

## MICHAEL CRAGHEAD STABLE

FRESNO, CA

The Michael Craghead Stable was well represented at the NCASHA Awards banquet (see above article). In addition to those awards, Julia Eritzian and her Starlike's Successor were ASHA Regional Champions as was Lynnda Martin's lovely Tee's Merlot. The barn is also very proud of NCASHA Father of the Year: Gary Eritzian. Lynnda Martin summarized his many achievements and had the crowd laughing and cheering.

Shari Rainwater has a new Three Gaited Pleasure Horse, Sir Aaron. Purchased from Laura Sukowaty with Terri Anne Ullman and Michael Craghead, agents.

The barn just returned from the Carousel Horse Show - all had a good time and came back with some impressive wins.

Sarah just won the Amateur Three Gaited Park Championship at Carousel with Mahvalous in Black at Carousel. They were Pacific Coast Champions for 2014.

Shari and Hammered Last Night won both Country Pleasure Driving classes at Carousel. Also Pacific Coast Circuit Champions for 2014.

Linda Kane and Heartland Tuscany won the Roadster Pony Open and Reserve Championship at Carousel.

Kevin again joined the Scripps Miramar group in the Rose Parade this year with old fashioned sulkies.



*Top left clockwise: - Sir Aaron-*

*- Gary Eritzian receiving his award*

*- Julia & Starlike's Successor*

*- Kevin driving in the Rose Parade*

*- Sarah & Mahvalous in Black*

*- Linda Kane & Heartland Tuscany*

# Monarch Stables

[www.monarchstables.com](http://www.monarchstables.com)

It has been a winter of change with many new horse and rider combos. Lynn Silva purchased the handsome, **Such A Catch** and is getting together with this big stretchy guy.

After the quick sale of **Kalarama's Hottie**, Sherry Morrow has a new challenge for 2015! She and Fred purchased a beautiful, young bay mare, **Kalarama's Queen Makeda**. They hope to start Makeda's show career early this year.

Julie Barrow, who was 'not horse shopping' fell in love with a huge, black, 4 year old prospect while on our group's January trip to Kentucky. He somehow managed to make it to Monarch Stables. ;)

Julie Streitfeld also decided a new challenge would be fun. She purchased a young, gelding who has not been shown yet. He's cute as a button and they will be a neat team.

Welcome to the barn and welcome back to the de Fontaine family. Several years ago, Amity had her beautiful Friesian, Elan at Monarch, but this time, Genevieve is the rider. She's taking up saddle seat equitation.

On a sad note, Beth Davis has been in the hospital for almost two weeks, recovering from influenza. Her email is [bethdavis5544@yahoo.com](mailto:bethdavis5544@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone at Monterey SpringFest!



- Lynn Silva & Such a Catch
- Sherry Morrow & Queen Makeda
- Julie Barrows new boy
- Julie Streitfeld's new mount.



-Geniveve and Look Closely  
-Julie & Sherry having fun in Kentucky

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**FOR SALE - to a good and caring home**

One of our members came across this mare while horse shopping.

Located near Vallejo. She's a 9 year old, 15 hand American Saddlebred mare. Her papers are missing. " I rode her a little, she had some things like tail swishing, etc but moved off the leg and knew what she was doing. A train went by right behind her and she never moved a muscle. My heart goes out to her, she obviously has some sad stories to tell, and was very withdrawn into herself, but I think could make a neat horse for someone who had more time and love than budget. The lady has her priced at \$2,000. She has scrapes all over, as you can see on her forehead, but otherwise looked in sound order, clean legs, etc. " Lady's name is Desiree Her email address is: [desireegrooms@yahoo.com](mailto:desireegrooms@yahoo.com)



Thanks for passing this along to anyone you think might be interested. I really want her to get a good home.



# JL DIXON STABLE

Menlo Park, CA.



*Top 2 - Julia Roy & Legacy's Midnight Rambler*

*- Ava Bender & Attache's Major Magic*

*-- Scott Matton*

January 31st and February 1st JL Dixon Stable hosted nationally renowned trainer and instructor Scott Matton for a riding clinic. Scott and his wife, Carol, own and operate Knollwood Farm in Heartland, Wisconsin. Scott has put many world and national champions in the ring, from pleasure, performance, and all divisions of equitation.

He brought his knowledge and experience to our riders, offering a fresh perspective to each ride. Several show riders and a few academy riders were able to ride school horses and show horses to receive instruction on how to help move with and “max out” their horses in both equitation and performance. All of the juvenile riders rode a school horse Saturday morning so that Scott could get a feel for their styles and techniques.

All participants soon found out that the clinic would not only be very educational but also littered with one-liners and humor.

After some of the adult riders rode their show horses with Scott, everyone was invited to attend the annual New Year's Brunch at the Menlo Circus Club. Everyone enjoyed a great buffet while catching up with one another and getting to know a little more about Scott. Once we finished brunch, it was time for more riding.

The kids rode their show horses. They worked on helping move with their horses so that their directions were clear and calm; allowing their horses to understand what was expected and execute what was asked.

Susan Valley, Gen Hess, Amanda Vinson, Lexie Castaillac, Becky Sinclair, and Kelly Cannistra also worked with Scott on how to better their body positions and bridle work to keep bringing out the best in their horses.

Sunday continued with three academy riders having the opportunity to take the reins and learn from another trainer. They showed how passionate they are about saddle seat and took Scott's feedback to heart. All of the show riders had another chance to practice what they had worked on the day before with their own horses. It was exciting to see the energy and determination of every rider. There was thoughtfulness to their riding that was enhanced by a fresh set of eyes.

Everyone involved in the clinic appreciated all of Scott's advice and guidance. We sincerely value the opportunity to have such a successful horseman lend his expertise to our riders. It was a great chance for all before the start of show season, which kicks off **February 28th and March 1st with the MCC Spring Show.**

The MCC Spring show kicked off the season with several academy horses and riders as well as a few show horses. The Roy girls, Julia and Anna each showed on Saturday. Julia teamed up with her new horse Legacy's Midnight Rambler in the Gaited class and Anna with her buddy Captain Kangaroo. Ava Bender showed Goldencrest Nobelle for her first real canter class. Katie Sinclair showed her pal “Nemo” in the ten and under on Sunday. One short week later we were off to Scottsdale AZ with 10 horses ready to start the season at the Carousel Charity Horse Show.

Gen Hess is the proud owner of Stonecroft Royal Reflection who was shown by Whitney Anderson to win the Park Pleasure Championship. This team wowed the audience with his extreme head set and expression. Gen showed her own Your Lucky Stars to the Reserve Championship in the Country English Pleasure Division.

Alison Freeman and her new mare Kalarama's Witness took the victory pass with the tri-color in the Juvenile Show Pleasure division. Alison and "Bella" look like they were made for each other and showed confidence and team work beyond the short few weeks they've been together.

Milan Kordestani was all smiles showing his new horse Ch His Supreme Reflection. "Alec" no stranger to the show ring made his debut in the equitation division trotting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon. These two returned the next day to the Amateur Park Saddle class taking the blue and the victory pass. Milan also showed the pattern perfect Mocha's Mudslide the the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon in both the UPHA and USEF medal classes.

Katie Sinclair and "Something Is In the Heir" were second in the 10 and under walk and trot equitation class and then took the third place ribbon in the championship. Katie is becoming more and more confident on "Nemo".

Jennifer Dixon was in the irons for the Roy Family on their new Gaited horse Legacy's Midnight Rambler. Jennifer and "Axl" won the Junior Novice class and then were third in the Gaited Stake.

Ethan Feiber and River Card were fourth in the juvenile 5 gaited qualifying class and then came back and put on a very good performance for the fourth place ribbon but this time with the amateur division added in. Well done Ethan!

Amanda Vinson and VVM Uncensored were second in the Morgan Classic English Pleasure class. Vegas had a bit too much animation back in the Championship. We couldn't be too upset with him as this was his first show back after colic surgery in July.

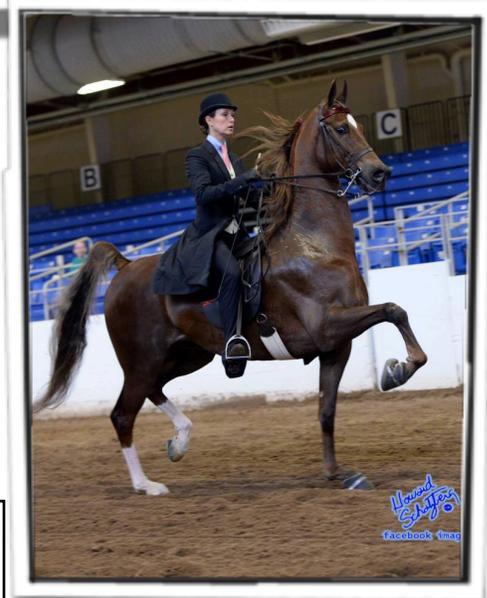
Sharon Bender and CH Heartland Entitled wore the bridle the best and trotted in style in the Pleasure Driving Pony class. They showed to the third place ribbon and then the fifth. At 19 years old "Pip" is still going strong!

If you haven't been to the Carousel show, put it on your calendar for next year! Fantastic weather and good competition are the theme.

We'll see you in Monterey and then at Woodside! Come join the fun!



*Allison Freeman  
& Kalarama's  
Witness*



*- Milan and CH His Supreme Reflection.  
- Whitney & Stonecroft Royal Reflection.*

## Golden Ridge Stables Teddi Estes, Trainer

All were invited and the response was overwhelming. Nearly a hundred attended the Grand Opening of Stephanie Davidson's new barn located in Gilroy. In conjunction with Golden Ridge Stables and Teddi Estes the 2014 Holiday Party announcing their opening was a wonderful success. Complete with wonderful guests, outstanding food, champagne, and an absolutely incredible bouncy house made this event one that you shouldn't have missed. But if you did miss out on the party and would like to come out and visit all are welcome. Don't hesitate to call as we would be happy to show you around. Congratulations Stephanie on realizing her dream of owning her own ranch.

Passion for the American Saddlebred and the hope and drive to keep our local charter club humming and hopefully expanding is Stephanie's next goal. As the newly elected President of NCASHA Stephanie will be working with everyone to make this happen. She is actively working on the Monterey Springfest Show and encourages everyone who loves to show and loves the horse to participate! Don't hesitate to be a part of a wonderful organization and work towards making our industry better!

Looking forward to also working as an officer in the club is Nancy Bernhard. Nancy will co-chair with Susan Foss-Pheley as Vice President and is dedicated to working with NCASHA members on making great memories in the upcoming year.

Nancy has suddenly taken an interest in driving and has not only been riding Jesse Ventura but enjoying learning how to drive. She hopes to try her newly acquired skill in the ring this year with Jesse in what will be a new division for her. We wish Nancy the best of luck.

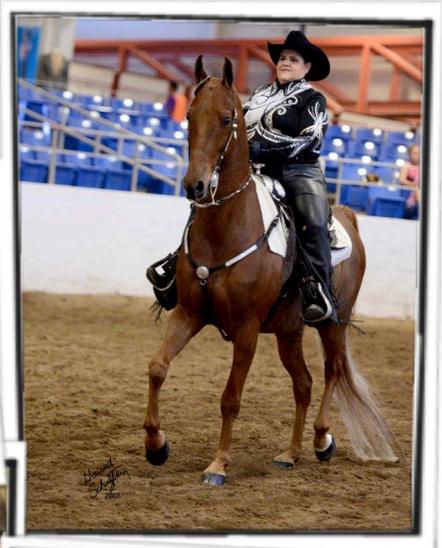
GRS held their first of three horse camps during what is traditionally known as ski week. Gianna Cassarino worked alongside Teddi as they hosted 18 kids the week of February 16! The campers not only rode but enjoyed many other activities as well as special guests. Parents joined in the last day of camp to see what their kids had worked on during the week. Lunch and cake and beautiful sunny weather were provided. If you are interested in attending camp contact Teddi at 925-286-0711 and she will be happy to sign you up! Camp dates are June 15th – 20th and July 20th – 25th.

*Above: Grand Opening Party shots  
Below: Camp photos*



Making strides in the lesson program are two familiar faces Jack Bartoszek and Gavin Davidson. Both are eager to start their show seasons. Jack's debut will be at the Monterey Show where he will be competing in the Academy Division. We will be cheering him on and hoping that this year brings him not only great show ring experiences but possibly a new mount as well!!

Gavin will also be in the ring showing in the Lead Line Walk and Trot classes. GiGi will be his mount in the ring but Gavin admits that there is something he likes almost as much as GiGi. It has been reported that a little boy with a big grin has been seen riding around the ranch on something other than a horse. Something very big and red and comes equipped with its own siren. If you guessed a BIG RED FIRE TRUCK than you were right! What boy wouldn't want to have that? The big question now is what in the world is Gavin going to name it? Hmmmm...we will just have to wait and see. First stop on the GRS schedule is the Carousel Charity in Scottsdale, AZ. Four will be making the journey and we wish them safe travels and as always the best of luck!



*Carousel: - Teddi & Rogue Wave  
- Stephanie & CH Tuffy's Gunslinger  
- Gavin & Gianna in Leadline  
- Gianna & I've Been Dhiered*



*- Jack Bartoszek  
- Stephanie & Embarcadero  
- Gavin and his new Fire Truck!*

**Long time Santa Clara County educator and “barn mom,” Kelly Abbott**, saw a need in her community that was going unmet. In her many years working with youth as a professional educator, she knows how important the roll of extra curricular sports and activities are to youth development. As a barn mom of two equestrian athletes herself, she knows how involvement with horses can develop responsibility, leadership skills, sportsmanship, and much, much more. However, there is a higher financial commitment to participate in equestrian sports over other youth sports such as soccer, baseball, or softball. There are plenty of non-profit sports organizations for these other youth sports, and there are also equine non-profits for rescues and therapy riding groups, but there is nothing in this area for equestrian athletics. That is until now. Our Board of Directors proudly announces the launch of The Cheval Foundation, a non-profit public charity organization for youth equestrianism.

The Cheval Foundation received IRS 501(c)(3) status in late November 2014. Our mission is to afford local youth the opportunity to participate in equestrian sports and activities through quality, low cost horsemanship and sportsmanship programs. It is our belief that structured equestrian sports and leadership programs enable youth to gain skills in and out of the show ring. We seek to develop character and life skills in youth participants through education, equestrian sports, their interaction with horses, and community service opportunities.

In order to fulfill our mission, we have created two major programs. We rolled out our initial program in June of 2014 while we began working on our 501(c)(3) status. The Cheval Saddle Club meets monthly and serves 12 -15 youth participants from Southern Santa Clara and Northern San Benito Counties. The Cheval Saddle Club provides leadership, horsemanship, and equestrian related activities, as well as community service opportunities to youth participants. During the first six months of the club's existence, members worked on several American Saddlebred International Youth Program (ASIYP) equestrian badges including Horse Grooming, Safety, Tack, and more. Members also volunteered in equestrian community events by facilitating awards at the 2014 NCASHA Summer Classic Horse Show, and by helping out at the NCASHA information booth at the Grand National Rodeo. They also packed and wrapped Christmas gifts for other children in need around the world through The Operation Christmas Child program. The Cheval Saddle Club is a proud affiliate of the American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) Youth Clubs.

We rolled out our flagship program in January of 2015. The Cheval Training Academy is a low-cost lesson program for local youth who want to learn to ride or train to compete. Financially, our goal for this program is to subsidize lesson package fees, training, competition expenditures, and other related costs including the care of our lesson horse, Ransom My Heart, a.k.a., Val. She is a kind-hearted American Saddlebred and is loved by all the youth who ride her! Any donations or monthly contributions to help fund this program are greatly appreciated and tax deductible!

The Cheval Foundation proudly partners with trainer, Rachel Leal of PONDERA EQUUS to provide lessons and training for our training academy participants. Together, The Cheval Foundation and PONDERA EQUUS debuted our first joint equestrian team at The Menlo Spring Tournament in early March. Even with a little rain, everyone had a great time! Kaylyn Abbott debuted her new gelding, Pineapple Express, giving him his first introduction to the show ring. Rylee Abbott and My Girl Mollie showed well in the 10 and under division. Morgan Elia and April Essence took four blue ribbons in the 11-14 Academy Division, and our newest rider to the team, Ashley Gaffney, made her debut in the ring with Ransom My Heart taking multiple second place ribbons. We couldn't be more excited about this wonderful new team!

Speaking of debuts, PONDERA EQUUS and riders Kaylyn and Rylee Abbott made their debut at the Jingle Bells Horse show in December. Oh what fun, it is to... DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS! Even though it was such a busy time of year, it was lots of fun to be at such a festive show. The Abbott sisters both rode My Girl Mollie placed well at this wonderful venue. Kaylyn took a 5<sup>th</sup> place in her Jr. Exhibitor W/T Pleasure Championship class and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Fantasy Costume class. Rylee brought home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon for 10 and Under Saddle Seat Equitation, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 10 and under UPHA Challenge Cup, a 1<sup>st</sup> place in 10 and under Saddle Seat Pleasure, and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 10 and Under Saddle Seat Pleasure Championship! Not to shabby for some Jingle Bell first-timers!

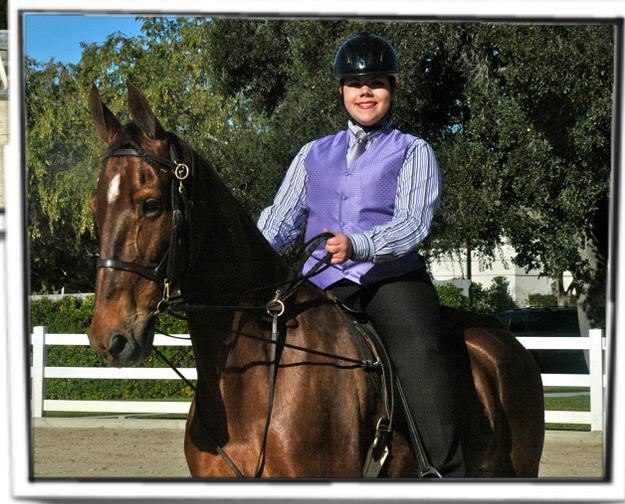
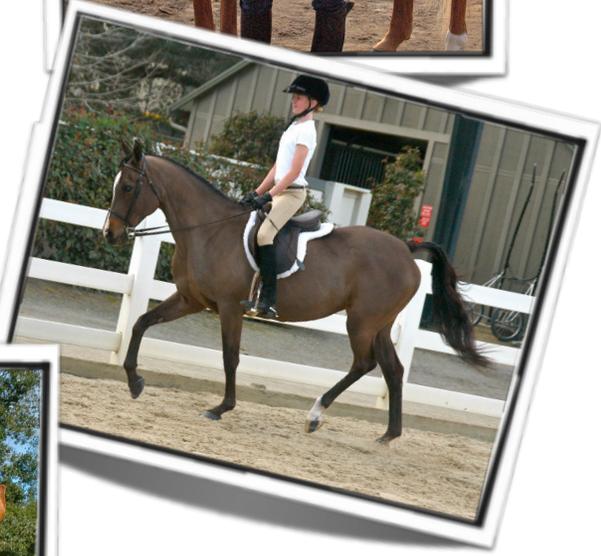
For more information about The Cheval Foundation or to make donations to support our cause, please visit our website. Support from NCASHA members would be greatly appreciated!

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*Top clockwise: - Kaylyn & Mollie  
- Rylee & Mollie at Jingle Bell  
- Morgan Elia & April Essence  
- Kaylyn & Pineapple Express  
- Ashley Gaffney & Ransom My Heart  
- Rylee & Mollie  
- Costume class at Jinglebell*

# Bits and Pieces



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** are due. If you have not renewed for this year - do so ASAP so all of your points from Monterey will count!. Rates have gone up a bit to help finance some of our endeavors - Family \$50, Individual - \$30, Youth - \$20.

Send to Beth Davis, 1709 Deneb Lane, Petaluma 94954.

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**VISITOR INFO TABLE AT MONTEREY** - we will have a visitor table set up - any barns are welcome to bring literature for us to hand out. If you have a **UPHA SHOW HORSE BANNER** and want us to display it at the show - bring it along to Monterey - we want to display them in the stands.

Best wishes to Beth Davis recovering from pneumonia.  
**GET WELL SOON!**



## Calendar

**April 16 - 18**

Monterey Springfest

**May 7 - 10**

Horse Show at Woodside

**May 24**

Gold Coast Arab Training Show - Gilroy

**July 2 - 4**

Santa Barbara Horse Show

**August 1 - 2**

Summer Classic - Watsonville

**September**

BAFTA show - Santa Rosa