

# EQUESTRIAN

## Horse Expo & Anne Judd

*Saddle Seat Equitation featured at Western States Horse Expo*



Cara Sivara, Julia Chen  
& Lila Tatar

Charles Kennedy and  
Manhattan Valor

NCASHA has been participating in the Western States Horse Expo for over 10 years, but this year Anne Judd was invited to attend as a clinician and for the first time, Saddle Seat riding took a seat in the line up of events.

Teddi Estes took over the reins from Barbara Molland and organized the event this year. With the addition of Anne, we were able to present not only the Saddlebreds but also Saddle Seat riding and Anne did an amazing

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## NCASHA SUMMER CLASSIC HORSE SHOW JULY 31 - AUGUST 1

Dean MacCracken is doing a great job heading up the NCASHA Summer Show.

Prize lists were e-mailed over a month ago. Location: Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Judge: Terri Yount

Susan Foss Pheley is organizing a silent auction, we plan to have a pie party and best



of all the weather is usually much cooler than most of us are enduring - so plan to come! If you can't come, consider sponsoring a class - this is our primary fund raiser for the year - HELP TO MAKE THE SHOW A SUCCESS!

### Presidential Comments

Wow, here we are hot and heavy into the 2010 Show Season! Menlo Circus Club Horse Show kicked things off in March; Monterey Springfest and UPHA Chapter 1 shows took us through April and May; the Del Mar Charity Horse Show in June and the Santa Barbara National took us into July; our own Fun Show in Santa Cruz County is scheduled for the last weekend in July. We even had some brave folks make the trip east to show on the Red Mile in Lexington.

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job of presenting this style of riding to a crowd who rarely sees it anymore.

The show would not have gone on without the support of those who volunteered their time and horses. The Saddle Seat clinic utilized:

**Elle Fire** - a wonderful pleasure horse newly purchased by the Lambert family and ridden by *Julia Chen*.

**Mr. Snapple** - donated by Jennifer Dixon and ridden by *Cara Sivara*.

**Tammy Michelle** - donated by *Teddi Estes* and ridden by *Sue Valley*.

**FF Russian River** - donated by *Teddi Estes* and ridden by *Lila Tatar*.

**Santa Fe Spirit** (who filled in for Russian River after the wood incident) - donated by Edy Compton and ridden by *Lila Tatar*.

*Lillian and Lila Tatar* made the trip from Southern California to help out in the demonstrations. Lila is a rising equitation star and has a string of wonderful Morgans - she was a wonderful addition!

Anne's Saddle Seat clinic ran for an hour each day - she compared the seat to Western and Hunt Seat, demonstrating with volunteers sitting on saddles. She talked about the progression of instruction - starting with Academy/lesson level (Lila), riding for

performance (Julia), equitation, pattern (Cara) and riding as an adult (Sue). In addition - she featured a fashion show of riding attire, from pleasure, day coats up to formal tuxedo.

The Clinics were very well received, even in the hot sun with less than idea arenas (another story) Anne managed to attract a crowd. We had many people come back to the stalls and booth asking about Saddleseat. Teddi had a sign up sheet in the booth for those interested in trying out SaddleSeat riding and many signed up for the free lesson offered by: Brigitte Scholl, Michael Craghead, Jennifer Dixon and Teddi Estes. We also had several people interested in the outfits!

Anne was also nice enough to act as our announcer for the breed demonstrations. Because of the limited arena space we cut down on the demonstration, but despite the conditions, the horses were very well received:

**The Harlem Kid** - owned by the *Bartoszek family* and presented in hand by Cooper and Teddi. Harlem turned a lot of heads with his good looks and presence.

**Santa Fe Spirit** and *Edy Compton* under Western tack were an eye catching pair.

**Manhattan Valor** and *Charles Kennedy* did a wonderful job demonstrating a 5-Gaited

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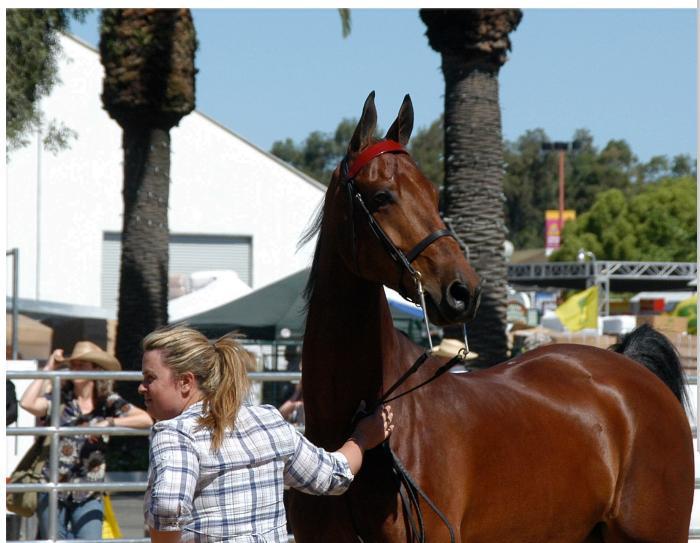
pleasure horse. Matt picked up each gait and slow gaited in the small space just as nice as you please!

*Sue Valley and Julia Chen* set up the booth. Many thanks to Jeannie Bartoszek who spent a good amount of time manning the booth.

*Gen Hess and Rhonda Gowa* came up to help get horses ready - which made a huge difference for everyone.

All in all it was a good weekend - it was hot and dusty and the arena assigned to us (for all but one session) was really sub-par. The booth was back in with the vendors which was a good thing. Anne seemed willing to give a repeat performance if we can get a guarantee of better arena space and there was discussion of combining the breed demonstration with the Saddle Seat Clinic. All of us involved really enjoyed working with Anne, she is so enthusiastic and committed to promoting the breed and Saddle Seat riding. She is heavily involved in the Saddle Seat World Cup team and they will be putting on a demonstration during the World Equestrian Games in September.

Many thanks again to everyone who participated in the Expo this year!

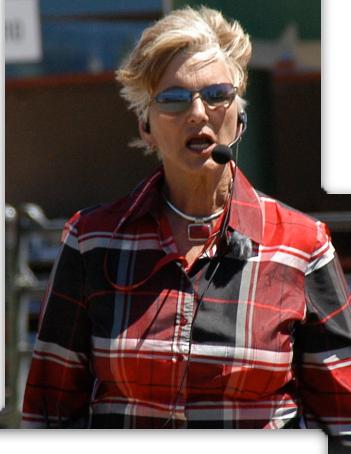


Above: Cooper Bartoszek, Julia Chen, Lisa & Cara Sivara



Above: Cara Sivara & Mr. Snapple

Left: Teddi & The Harlem Kid



Teddi Estes & Charles Kennedy

Anne Judd  
below:  
Elle Fire & Julia

Below: Edy Compton & Santa Fe Spirit



Above: Lila Tatar



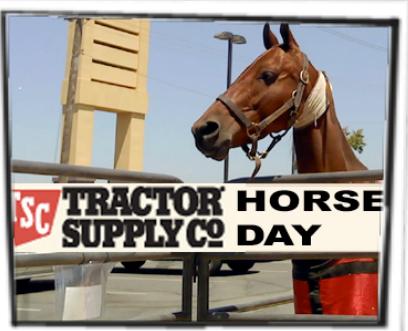
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NCASHA had great representation at the June Horse Expo in Sacramento. The club sponsored a saddle seat clinic with well-known saddle seat expert Anne Judd. Demos and an NCASHA booth were also part of the activities. Thanks to Teddi Estes, Jeanie Bartozek, Sue Valley, Charles Kennedy and Edie Compton for their time and commitment. Thanks to JLDixon Stables for allowing Mr. Snapple to be part of the fun!

The Board has been busy getting our official NCASHA website built, and we have a whole new presence on Facebook, thanks to the efforts of Dean MacCracken. Thanks Dean! The website should be ready to launch in the next few weeks. Information on membership, show dates and high point eligibility will all be part of the site, as will news, announcements, and an extensive list of resources...from associations to trainer contact information. Look for an announcement of our go live!

Hope to see you all in a few weeks at the NCASHA Fun Show in Watsonville. It ought to be terrific. Thanks again to Dean and his show committee for getting things ready to go. See our Facebook page if you want to sponsor a class or donate an item for the silent auction.

*Susan Estes & Jenny Blackburn*

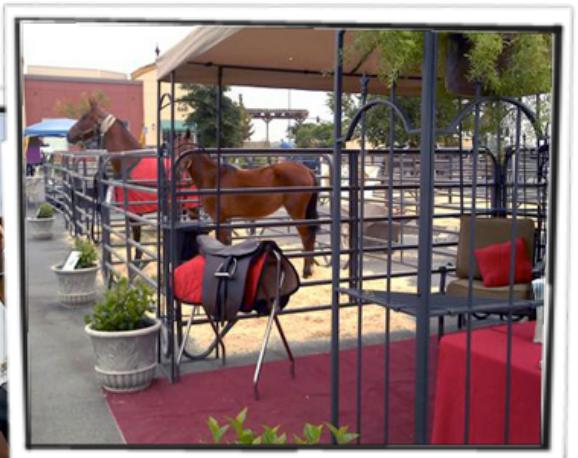


*Above: Emily & Romeo  
Romeo with sign, Below - Romeo under Saddle*

**Johnny 6 Stables** is happy to congratulate Emily Miller who is the proud new owner of Finally My Romeo a wonderful 4 year old Country Pleasure gelding of whom will stay in training at Johnny 6 Stables.

We had a great time supporting our local Tractor Supply when they asked us to participate in Day of the horse. Our Saddlebreds did a fine job of proving that they are not a crazy wild breed as they loved on all the people that came up and petted and kissed them. We spread awareness of Saddlebreds in the area and also picked up a few more lessons.

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## NEWS FROM WALLA WALLA WASHINGTON - CATHY AND ART

On June 13th The Walla Walla Symphony performed with an all-breed entourage of horses . Drill teams, vaulting,Arabians, Friesian, and Edward Morris brought 2 American Saddlebreds , **E-Ticket** and **Doubletree's Doubletake**

to partake in the event. The music coordinator designated a song to be performed by each individual . E Ticket performed to "Syncopated Clock" and Doubletree's Doubletake to "Horse and Buggy" both written by Leroy Anderson. The Saddlebreds were the crowd favorite. Many folks came back to the barn to see the horses, and this was a great event to promote our Saddlebreds.

The Walla Walla Fairgrounds is an exceptional facility as the stalls are large, there are 2 "warm-up" rings, one is

covered, and their is an indoor performance arena. This event will be held next year on June 12th , if anyone is interested? Call Cathy Sauer 509-529-5562



Doubletrees Doubletake

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## GAR-MAR FARMS



My Park Horse **Kourageous Kat** did himself proud at Santa Barbara by winning the qualifying Open Park class and then going on to win the Park Horse Stake class. Lisa Lesch trainer at Spring High Stables did a great job of riding Kat to his third stake win including Borning Oregon, Woodside and the Santa Barbara California show

We were excited to take home the Beautiful Sam and Anita Coler Brock Perpetual trophy at Santa Barbara

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The nice folks that run the Motherlode Morgan Show in Rancho Murieta September 3,4 &5 are interested in adding any classes we might like. Right now they have Walk trot pleasure & Walk Trot Equitation for 11 & under along with a Road Hack & Jack Benny Class. They could add a Western & English open pleasure (+stake) if we wanted it? - call Dean MacCracken

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Brigitte Scholl trainer

Welcome to Allen and Shelley Nelson - All Roses Farm - and their beautiful Three-year old gelding, **Chocolate Thunder**. Thunder is ready to make his show ring debut in the Park Pleasure division. This sporty young horse is by the Nelson's talented bay stallion, Promise Keeper. If you are looking for a fresh face for the show ring, please come and take a look. -> ->



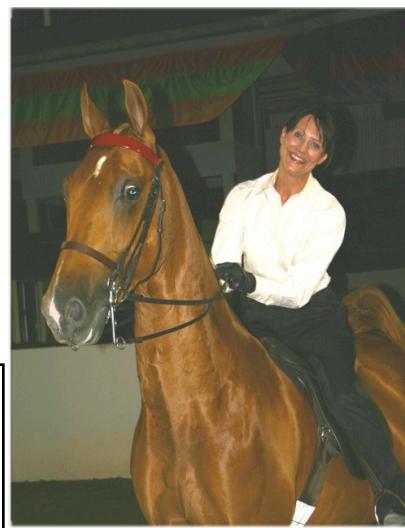
We are so pleased to have new addition to the barn, Stephanie Morgan Wangler. After an eight year hiatus from riding, Stephanie is back in the saddle full swing. She was able to make her debut at the UPHA Chapter 1 through the generous help of Beth Davis who has graciously leased Stephanie her special mare, **The Georgia Peach**. Also, a warm welcome to Katherine Cota and her darling Morgan mare, Miss Siagon.

Congrats to Mindy Vanhellemont on the sale of her exquisite Friesian gelding **Loek B**. Loek is now owned by The Anderson Family of Santa Rosa and will be daughter, Mackenzie's new mount. Enjoy!

We would like to congratulate and welcome new Saddlebred owner, Michele Brule! Michele is the proud new owner of the handsome grey four year old gelding, **Dream Out Loud**, formerly owned by Beth Davis. -



Congratulations to Gar-Mar Farms on the sale of the pretty mare, **The Silk Flower**. Silk sold at Santa Barbara Horse Show to new owner, Emily Chapman of Tucson, Arizona.



Congratulations to Silver Oaks Saddlebreds and another first time Saddlebred owner, Susanne Fix. Susanne is the new owner of the Friesian **Twirre fan Viltsccht** and the darling pinto Saddlebred gelding, **The Polar Express of Silver Oaks** for her daughter Katie. Both horses will soon be heading to their new home in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mindy Vanhellemont is now the new owner of the Santa Barbara National Three-gaited Amateur Champion - **The Shooting Star of Silver Oaks**. We are excited about this new team and wish Mindy much success with this junior horse.

## CH Mac the Knife Passes Away

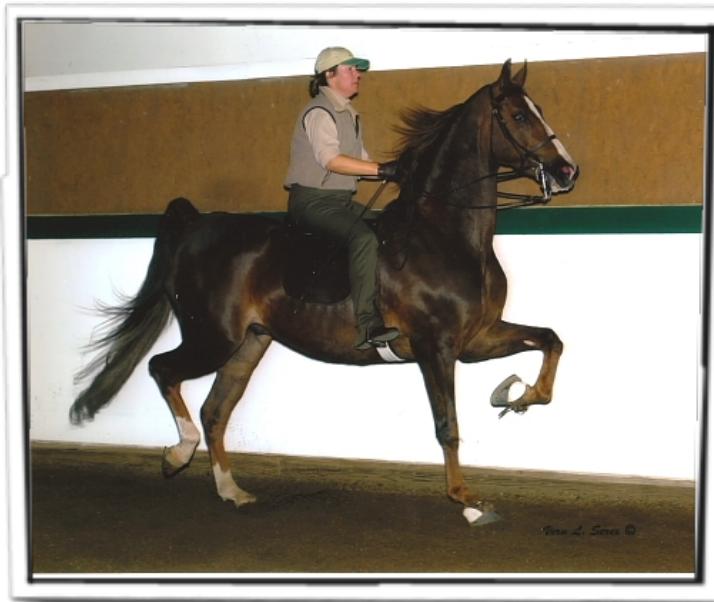
On Friday, June 25, ASB CH Mac the Knife passed away quietly at his home at Golden Ridge Stables, Gilroy, California. Mac was 24 years old.

Mac was foaled on April 12, 1986. He was bred by Ann Whitley of Red Oak, North Carolina. By The Mean Machine and out of Bonheur's Surprise Package, Mac represented the finest aspects of our breed. He was the most consistent ride you could imagine. He knew his job, took pride in doing it, and would school anyone who was willing to learn. He was as durable as he was consistent. As a weanling he was shown in the September 1986 Carolinas Futurity. 23 years later, in July 2009 at the Santa Cruz Morgan Horse Show in Watsonville, California he was shown in the English Pleasure division. These bookends marked a show career than spanned 23 years, homes in countless barns across a half dozen states, 12 owners, 15 different recorded riders, and 108 separate recorded trips to the show ring. (There were countless other trips to the ring in non-rated shows and in the Academy Division.)

Notable trainers in Mac's career included Jack Nevitt, Fran and Kim Crumpler, Sarah and Dave Patton, (who taught him to bow and shake hooves) Bret and Susi Day, Bruce and Jennifer Dixon, and Teddi Estes.

Mac loved every minute of his career. As an older horse at home, he was Old Shep...but he transformed when he saw the show ring, He would often startle his new, novice riders as his head came up, his trot got big and he began snorting his way into the ring. Mac was the grand old campaigner in his later years, teaching young and old alike the joys of riding this wondrous breed, He'd tell you what he thought. His mouth was tough and his back was strong, but even Mac had a limit to his patience. Well into his 20's he was known to buck off more than one rider if they pulled on him one too many times.

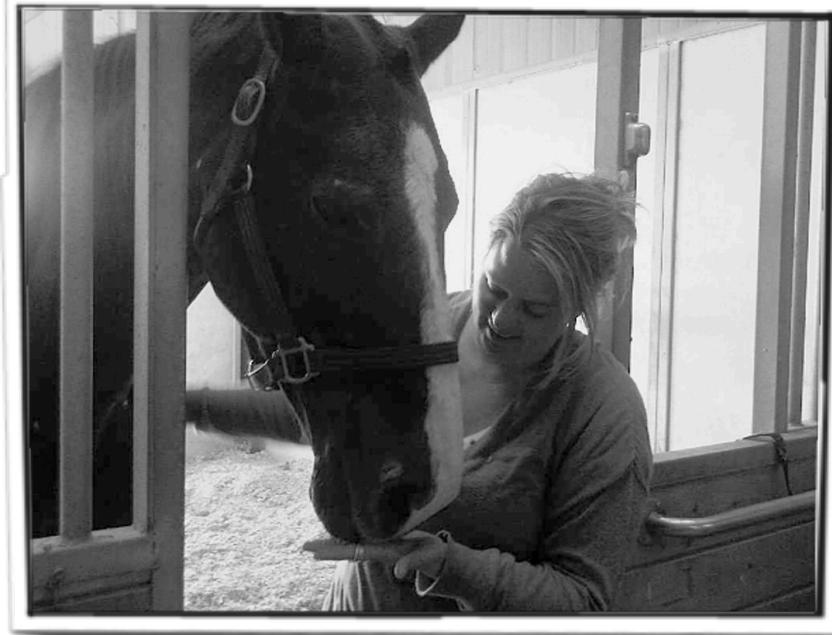
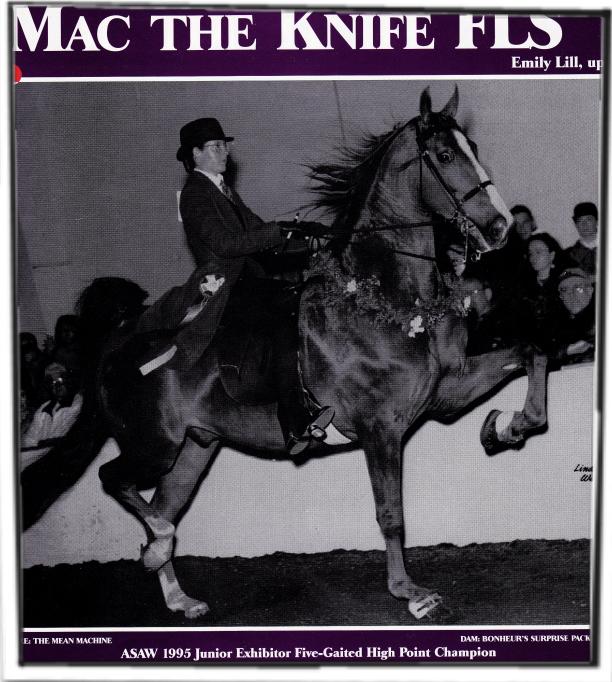
Mac's 15 riders over his 2 decades plus of competition included trainers, experienced amateurs, juvenile riders, and riders brand new to the show ring. He competed in every 5-gaited class imaginable: Classic, Novice (Rider and Horse), Amateur, Junior Rider, Ladies, Open and Show Pleasure. Later in his career he finally accepted a 3-gaited status, competing in Limit Rider, Show Pleasure and English Pleasure.



*MAC and Jenny Blackburn*

His greatest success was with juvenile riders, most notably Emily Lill and Latane Crittenden. He had a very successful Amateur career with Martha Pope in the irons. Later in his career, he took his novice adult rider, Jennifer Blackburn, to top 3 finishes in the competitive West Coast 5-gaited Show Pleasure division. His final job was that of lesson horse and Academy Division star. Teddi Estes' Golden Ridge Stables was the base from which Mac carried several new riders, ranging in age from 6 to 60, into the ring (and safely back again!).

Mac was dearly loved and will be hugely missed by his trainer, Teddi Estes, as well as his girlfriend of 8 years, All American Jo-C, his canine companion Snippy, Jenny Blackburn, Susan Estes, and countless children and adults in California who have learned from Mac over the years. Rest in peace big guy—you were a true champion—Champion Mac the Knife!



*Above: MAC in his prime - 1995 with Emilly Lill*

*Below: MAC with Shannon Pheley 2008*

*Left: Teddi and MAC*

## **Golden Ridge Stables News Gilroy, CA, Teddi Estes trainer, 925-286-0711**

Monterey Springfest Horse Show was the first stop in 2010 for Golden Ridge Stables. Cooper Bartoszek, Priyanka Bharghavan, Marc Lambert, Angelina Ragsdale and Leilani Ragsdale all put forth great effort and competed very well. Riding in the Academy Pleasure Walk and Trot classes were Priyanka Bharghavan, Marc Lambert and Angelina Ragsdale. This was Priyanka and Marc's first time in the show ring. Angelina was the seasoned although the youngest academy rider in the bunch, having made her debut at the NCASHA Fall Fun Show last year. Leilani, Angelina's younger sister, took her first laps around the ring in the Lead Line Class. This was also a very special show for Priyanka as she celebrated her birthday. Family and friends of all the GRS students participated in a scrumptious potluck during the Saturday break.

Busy schedules kept a few students from attending the UPHA Chapter 1 show in Woodside the following month. Marc and Priyanka were able to attend and support the Academy division. They both improved tremendously from their last show. Teddi stepped in the irons for Cooper in the Park division and guided Harlem to a beautifully consistent go. Jeanie Bartoszek was thrilled. Jeanie along with the expert assistance of Jack Bartoszek participated in the pink drink day at the show. Jack is a quick study and mastered the use of the Magic Bullet as he churned out fruit smoothies. A big thank you to Jeanie and Jack for helping not only with the drinks but with the creative work decorating the barn in a pink beach theme day. The sand was a hit not only with GRS kids but others as well.

Golden Ridge Stable headed to the Chapter 1 show with four horses and returned home with five. Edward and Nathalie Lambert purchased Elle Fire from Rashell Johnson for their son Marc to show in the Walk and Trot division. New horses are always exciting but the thrill of your very first horse is extra special. Congratulations to the entire Lambert family including Hermes!

In other exciting news during the Woodside show Jenny Blackburn learned that her Harlem Globetrotter mare Sail Away foaled a bay filly by County Treasure. Sail Away is an outstanding mare with 14 Broodmare Hall of Fame mares in her 4 generation pedigree and loves her work as a mom. Jenny traveled to Iowa in June to see her new arrival and reported back that the filly loves to trot!



*Marc Lambert and Elle Fire*



*Above: Angelina Ragsdale & Barbie*



*Left: Sail Away's new filly*

With the Western States Horse Expo right around the corner, GRS headed straight home from Woodside and began preparing for this important American Saddlebred Horse promotion project. The Bartoszek's once again participated in the event and presented The Harlem Kid in the breed demonstration. Teddi took GiGi for the clinic portion along with the Lambert's new guy Alfie. Russian River went as well to round out the group from GRS. The Expo was once again a great venue to showcase our breed and encourage people to try a Saddlebred!

Summer vacations prevented the Academy group from heading on to Santa Barbara but a few of the horses did make the trip. The Harlem Kid once again was a star. This handsome gelding really enjoyed his job at this show and just keeps getting better and better. Charles Kennedy riding Manhatten Valor joined the group and came through with two blue ribbons in the five gaited country pleasure division.

Unfortunately we have some very sad news to report. On June 25 we lost CH Mac the Knife. He was dearly loved by all of us here at Golden Ridge and we are grateful to have had the privilege of owning him, knowing him, riding him and dancing in the crossties with him. He was a true champion.

*Right: Lambert family  
Center: Jeannie and Nathalie  
Below: Marc and Anelina*



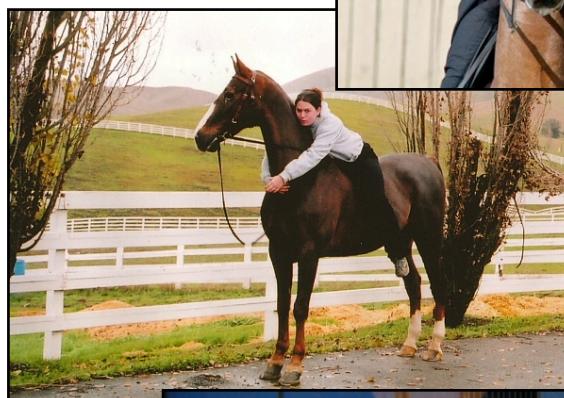
*Piyanka, Claudine and BFF*



*Above right: Leilani Ragsdale*

*Above and left: The Harlem Kid and Cooper*

*Below: Teddi and MAC*



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## FAR FIELD FARM NEWS OR THE STRANGE CONNECTION BETWEEN HATS AND HORSES

One of the down sides of encouraging your children to be type A personalities is that they chase jobs and end up living in places far from your farm. This summer's farm news is about our trip to visit our daughter, Maria, who lives a life far different than the one we thought we taught her to love. Just goes to show a parent has no control over what happens in the minds of our children.

Life on the farm starts at 7 AM, grab a cup of coffee and a bowl of oatmeal, and give the employees their directions for the day. For me lots of phone time, dealing with problems in Kentucky, trips to the barn where the trainer is hard at work saddling colts while I am paying bills, but I rarely stray far from the horses and fields I love, and if I do it's near the pastures of Lexington.

Life for our daughter who lives in London is a blur of activity which starts even earlier. Between the office job she has during the day and her social life in the evening, there is Pilates and running in Hyde Park. However, one thing doesn't change when introduced early enough.....a love of horses. This may not take the form of riding American Saddlebred horses, but it does take some form, and in the case of our

Maria it is polo. Polo, with its helmets, and knee pads, and teeth guards, and goggles. Polo with its polo stick, chukkars, and Argentinian men. I haven't quite figured out if all the protection is against potential injury or the Argentinian men, but it may be somewhere in between.

So, when Michael and I signed up for our flight to London, we knew we would get caught up in this madcap schedule which is exactly what happened. Trips to Guards Polo Club near Windsor to see Adolfo Cambiaso play for Dubai against Australia. The Queen showed up in a startlingly blue dress and matching hat with a very large red rose on the brim to honor Cambiaso, apparently the World's best polo player. The man could do things on horseback which were marvelously difficult to do on the ground, let alone astride an agile horse going 35 miles per hour. Staying with an equine theme, on day seven we went to the Ascot races. I was beginning to see a faint connection in England between horses and head apparel.

Having the Bill Bryson outlook on travel, I had failed to bring the requisite hat, so had to borrow one to

accessorize the ancient rain coat I brought for the occasion, and my husband gave me the look he gives me when he is just about at the end of his patience when he had to turn around and go buy a tie just to get in the gate of the race course. He humored me and Maria and Maria, her Swedish friend, and in the end we even managed to get him to don a trilby to have our picture taken in front of a red cadillac with fins, a sight not often seen in England, especially when it is driven by a chauffeur who is a willing photographer. In case you were wondering, he was wearing a top hat....of beaver.

Our final day, we waved goodbye, our blistered feet complaining bitterly. The younger generation waved back, and drove gaily away in their sport car to attend the Hyde Park Midsummer Festival, the polo lesson, and to buy some new riding boots. Must be the English version of a passion for horses. If you ask me, there's a market there for a cure for Hat Head.



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### WE DO STUFF!!

July finds JL Dixon Stable in the thick of show season!

Monterey Springfest had the most beautiful weather in years! It was most enjoyable this year as the temps were up in the high 70's and low 80's. Jackets were almost unnecessary!

Woodside and the Chapter One Horse Show came up next in May where the competition and the temperatures once again heated right up! Being a "home town" show JL Dixon Stable was there in force!

The Del Mar Charity Fair in June was next on the calendar. With little June gloom and some of the best competition on the West Coast, the Charity Fair was one of the best shows of the season on this coast! It was also a good warm up for the three horses heading to the Lexington Junior League Horse Show in Lexington KY. CH Like Sunshine, CH X's and O's and CH Walterway's Remember Me made the trip east for one of the oldest and largest outdoor American Saddlebred Horse shows in the country!

**Lexie Castaillac** and her boys Callaway's Editors Note and Timeline made their presence known at the Chapter 1 show and the Charity Fair. Lexie and Editor's Note had a great 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon in the Pink Ribbon Ride for the Cure Class at Chapter 1. They moved up a placement and were reserve Champion in the Amateur Stake.

Chrissy Christensen teamed Timeline for a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon in the Open Three Gaited class at Chapter 1 while Lexie had good ribbons in the amateur and amateur championship. At the Charity Fair Horse Show Lexie and "Calvin" were called to the workout in the Amateur Gaited qualifying class. Hard riding earned them the fifth place ribbon in both the qualifier and the championship. Lexie and Timeline won the blue in the Limit Three Gaited class at Charity Fair. With a smile from ear to ear the victory pass photo was a great one! Jennifer Dixon showed Timeline back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon in the Open Three Gaited Championship.



*Lexie and Time Line*

**Susan Valley and Julia Chen** teamed up with CH Like Sunshine have once again been a dominating force on the West Coast in the Amateur three Gaited division. They handily won the Amateur qualifying class at the Monterey Springfest and then snuck in the Open Three Gaited stake to win that! Chapter One had them as Reserve Champions and they once again rose to the top at the Charity Fair winning both the Amateur qualifying and Amateur Championship. July found them in Lexington at the Junior League Horse Show. Susan teamed up with Sunshine was the 4<sup>th</sup> place winner of the Ladies Three Gaited 15.2 and

under. Sunshine was ears up and using her legs with the best of them as Sue piloted her around the Red Mile. Julia had her turn Friday night in the Ladies Championship class. One of the deepest classes of the horse show Julia and Sunshine put on a very consistent performance. They were not ribbon winners but left the arena in very good company and having represented the West Coast very well!



*Julia & Sunshine*

**Kendall Anderson** and Wizard's Icon have been sidelined for the first several shows of the season. They are now getting back in fine form and readying themselves for the Summer Classic in Watsonville! Kendall came to Chapter 1 to cheer on her friends! For those of you that don't know Kendall well, she's a fashionista at heart! You can find her at the Nordstrom's store at the Stanford Shopping Center selling the most fashionable items.....

*Kendall & Wizard's Icon*



**Ethan Feiber** and CH X's and O's have been walking and trotting their way to the winner's circle this season! With wins at Monterey and Chapter One the team was tuned up for Charity Fair. Tying second in the Equitation qualifier Ethan and X's were then called back to the rail for extra work in the 10 and under walk/trot Equitation Championship. Ethan was all business and piloted X's around like a pro garnering a Reserve Championship ribbon. This set the stage heading to Lexington and the largest numbers in the ring that Ethan has ridden in. Ethan showed his maturity and stepped onto the Red Mile like he'd been there before! He and X's were 5<sup>th</sup> in their hotly contested qualifying class and moved up a notch to 4<sup>th</sup> in the Championship. Both classes were with their own drama of a vomiting competitor and a shoe off! Never a dull moment! Ethan's appetite was huge after his qualifier as he polished off a Hot Brown all on his own! And then had some pie!



Ethan and his beautiful blonde mare CH A Magic Spell were in the ring again after a prolonged absence and claimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon at the Charity Fair in the walk and trot Pleasure class. Jennifer Dixon showed "Blondie" earlier in the week to the blue in the Open Park Pleasure class.

**Helen Roy** and CH Tommy James are gaining more and more confidence with each ride! Winning the reserve ribbons in the Limit Three Gaited Show Pleasure division in Monterey was good experience for this new team. With more horses in the ring Tommy and Helen won good ribbons at Chapter One. With more work under their belt Helen and Tommy won the Limit Rider Show Pleasure class at the Charity Fair. The smile on Helen's face said it all! Back in the Adult Three Gaited Show Pleasure class Helen and Tommy were one of four teams called back to the rail for extra work. Helen and Jennifer will forever know Helen's back number at every show from there on out! Helen re-MEorganized and put Tommy back on the rail

winning the 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon in the championship.

**Julia Roy** took a spin out of the Academy division and showed CH Java Sea in the Juvenile Three Gaited Show Pleasure class at Chapter 1. Julia gained confidence in both classes winning ribbons and learning even more how to "show" a horse! Good job Julia!

**Anna Roy** teamed up with Mister Snapple winning the Academy Walk and Trot equitation and pleasure classes at Chapter One. Anna and Snapple have become quite the team together and are looking forward to showing again soon.



*Above: Julia Roy & Java Sea*

*Middle: Helen Roy & Tommy James*

*Far Left: Ethan Feiber and X's & O's at Lexington*

**Alison Freeman** and her bff Attaché's Chaminade were third in both the Academy Walk and Trot pleasure and Equitation at Chapter 1. At the Charity Fair horse show Alison and "Hank" stepped it up and won the Academy 11 – 17 Walk/Trot class and ended up with the red ribbon in the pleasure class. Alison is riding as much as she can this summer along with basket ball, golf and cooking camp! She's a busy girl!

**Katie Jarve** and her gaited geldings once have been racking and trotting their way through the summer! CH Callaway's Capitol Reporter and Kate were the reserve ribbon in both the Five Gaited Show Pleasure classes at the Monterey Spring Fest. Kate put in great rides on CH Walterway's Remember Me at Monterey as well particularly in the Championship putting on a very thrilling ride!

Kate and "Snoopy" were in the winners circle twice at Chapter One winning both the Five Gaited Show Pleasure classes. She and "Walter" were Reserve champions in the Juvenile Division.

Charity Fair found Kate having spectacular rides on "Snoopy" at Charity Fair winning the Reserve ribbon in both classes. Kate and "Walter" were reserve in the Juvenile Gaited class. Jennifer stepped onto Walter in the Open Five Gaited class at Charity Fair turning back the competition winning the blue ribbon. Jennifer and Walter made their turn of the track at the Red Mile bringing back ribbons in the Ladies division. Ending up 4<sup>th</sup> in the Championship with a more

ladylike less stake like ride the two moved up the ranks from 8<sup>th</sup> in the qualifier. Walter seemed to be enjoying his trip to the Bluegrass state and his old

Sacramento just days before heading to the Mid West Horse Show. Cara being coached by Anne Judd showed the crowd just what an equitation rider should look like!



Kentucky home.

**Cara Sivara** flew to Springfield MO to team up with Cascade Stables Irish Earth Wind and Fire to win third place ribbons in the Pleasure Equitation 14-17 and the Pleasure Medallion. "Jake" threw a shoe so Cara teamed a new mount that she'd never ridden before to win the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon in the Pleasure Equitation championship. Cara and Mister Snapple impressed the crowds at the Horse Expo in



there!  
*Above middle: Katie Jarve & Walter*

*Above: Cara Sivara & Mr. Snapple at the Horse Expo*

*Below: Sue Valley, Heather Buhr & Jennifer Dixon at Lexington.*



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## **THE FLEMINGS “PERFECT ADVENTURE” HAS BEGUN**

by Susan Fleming

Our newest members, 13 year old Laura Fleming and her parents, Susan and Kevin of Alamo, have started a “perfect adventure”. In November 2010 Susan and Kevin bought their daughter, Laura her first horse. It all started last October when the Fleming’s attended the NCASHA Fun Show at Diamond Hills in Livermore. they immediately fell in love with Saddlebreds. Here is their story in Susan’s perspective:

After 4 years of riding, Laura had been begging us for a horse. Her dad promised to buy her a horse provided she maintain an average for a year. Laura kept her end of the bargain now it was our turn. When we attended the Livermore show, only to observe of course, I casually mentioned (to anyone who would listen!) that we were looking for a nice horse for our daughter. Of course Laura’s Dad was in no hurry to buy a horse. It seemed that everyone I spoke with said, “Go find Brigitte, she has the perfect horse for your daughter.” People described Brigitte as a beautiful blond haired Barbie wearing a pink baseball cap! It took some time but I hunted her down! It was then that Brigitte showed us a flyer with several Saddlebreds for sale including the one everyone was talking about named “Rocky”. We asked Brigitte if we could come up to Santa Rosa, see her horses, possibly ride Rocky and just get acquainted.

So the next week we drove up to Santa Rosa. Brigitte had this

big, magnificent red horse all saddled up in a western saddle patiently waiting for us in his stall. As soon as Laura went up to Rocky, he licked her hand. It was love at first sight. Brigitte turned to Laura and asked, How old are you?” Laura replied “I’m 12.” Brigitte shook her head and politely said, “Im sorry you are too young. This is too much horse for you.” Our hearts sank, then I asked Brigitte if Laure could just ride him since we drove all the way up. Brigitte said, “Sure but I’m going to lead you around on him.” First Brigitte led them around walking. Then she let Laura walk him by herself. Laura took control. Then she let her trot in a circle, then around the entire ring with no problem. She even let her canter and told Laura that she rode more like a 15 year old. Even I got to walk and trot on Rocky. He was perfect!

After riding Rocky, Laura got to brush him and we gave him more peppermints. It was as if Rocky sensed that we were destined to become his new owners. We went up to Monarch Stables 4 more times and that was it. We bought him and moved him to a private stable in the East Bay. We got off to a “Rocky Start” because just one week after we bought Rocky, I broke my leg riding a Quarter horse up Mount Diablo! For 4 months I could not go to the barn and supervise Laura’s riding. My broken leg was almost a blessing in disguise for my husband got to know and love Rocky as he had to pick Laura up from the barn daily. Laura literally figured out how to ride Rocky on her own. Laura also did a lot of ground work and really bonded

with Rocky. He follows Laura around like a puppy dog. Once my leg healed, in March we transferred Rocky to a great facility, Summit Ranch, only a 12 minute drive from our home. We are so excited to be there because Sue Valley and Tucker also board at Summit. I ran into Sue the second day we arrived. It is really a small world because Sue not only knows Rocky, she has ridden him in horse shows. She e-mailed us beautiful photos of her riding Rocky along with some of his other show photos. We are so thrilled to have Sue as our new friend and mentor to Laura. Rocky is also much happier at Summit as he has much more room to roam in his large paddock with a million dollar view of the Diablo Hills. Rocky has no trouble adjusting to his new stall mates. At first one of the horses tried to bite him. Rocky just turned away. he is a lover not a fighter! Now they are best buddies and nuzzle ear other! Should I be worried?

After 4 months Laura was in need of a trainer. I called Brigitte and asked if she could recommend someone who knows Saddlebreds. Brigitte told us to contact Teddi Estes who has come to our rescue and after only 2 sessions, Laura is riding with much more poise, confidence and control. Laura hopes to participate in some schooling shows later in the fall. She wants to do Western Pleasure which is Rocky’s forte.



*Laura and Rocky*

Even though Rocky's background is very impressive being a National Champion in Western Pleasure, we could not love him any less had he no credentials. Rocky lives up to his name "Perfect Adventure", because he is the perfect horse for our daughter, and no doubt they will have many perfect adventures together. They are truly soul mates. It is a wonderful thing to see how much our daughter and this horse love each other.

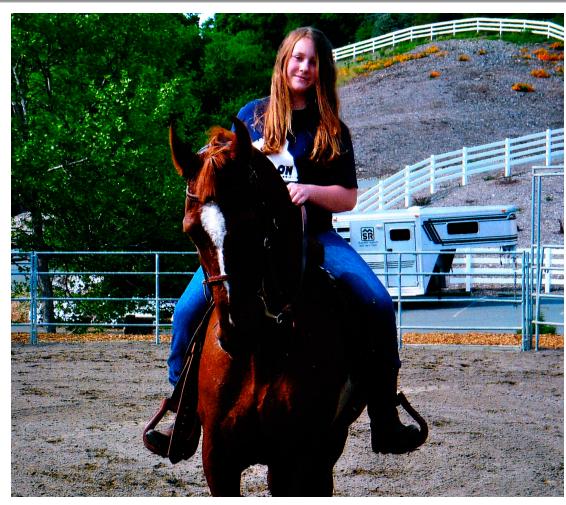
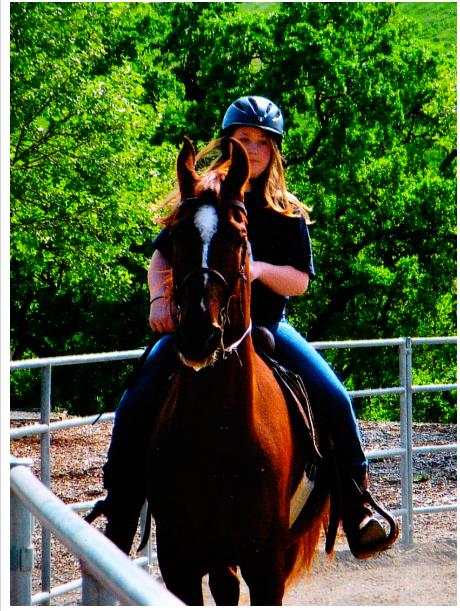
Once I could walk, we went to Vegas for a week. Rocky was used to Laura riding him every day after school. When we were all in Vegas, after the 2nd day of not seeing Laura, at 3:30 on the dot, Rocky would pace up and down in his stall and whinny for her. Nothing seemed to console him. Once we returned and Rocky saw Laura, he whinnied and she ran up and he bent his big long neck down and just nuzzled and lightly liked Laura for 10 minutes.

Laura takes Rocky out on trail rides and he is almost perfect. He saw his first rattlesnake and he just wanted to sniff it. Laura just talked calmly to him and told him to Woah. They waited patiently

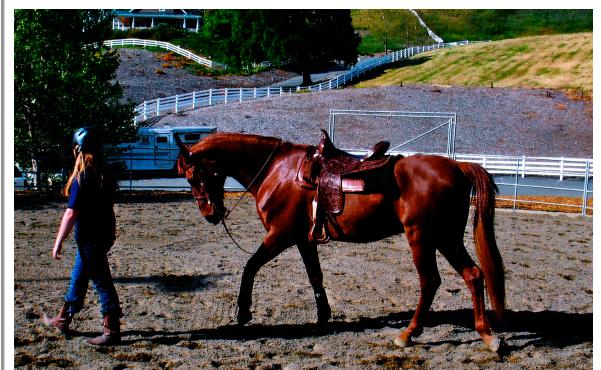
for the snake to slither away. On another trail ride they encountered cows and coyotes. Rock did not flinch. However, when Laura and a friend went riding, both their horses bolted when a turkey flew onto a fence. Rocky only ran for a few seconds and stopped once he heard Laura's soothing voice and realized there was nothing to be afraid of. Laura is very patient and calmed him down

immediately. The other girl's Thoroughbred horse ran downhill, but once he realized his friend Rocky was standing still he turned around and walked back to him!

I was raised on a ranch in Oregon where I rode Quarter horse and wild Arabs. I have owned and ridden many horses but never have I encountered a horse as smart, sweet or with as big a heart as Rocky. As the song goes, "What was I thinking"?! I feel I was deprived all my life of not owning a Saddlebred. We have a lot of ground to make up. We feel privileged and grateful to be Rocky's new owners. He is a part of our family and we will keep him for the rest of his life no matter what. Owning and riding Rocky is truly going to be a "Perfect Adventure". We look forward to getting to know all you nice Saddlebred people. By the way, Teddi told me that "Mr. Ed" was a Saddlebred. Rocky must be related to Mr. Ed because he does the same gestures with his mouth. He lifts his upper



lip as if to say, "Wilber"! Or maybe he is just saying, "Thank-you"!



## The (Almost) Million Dollar Trail Ride

by Sue Valley

A sleep over at your buddy's is the best way to get in the mood for a wonderful day of adventure. Don't know what the boys did all night, but they both hopped in the trailer and **Suzan Pheley, Sue Valley, Mikey and Tucker** headed off to the Livermore Stampede Annual Wine Ride bright and early on the first

Saturday in May. Unfortunately Charles Kennedy had to cancel at the last minute, so it was the girls and their boys.



Both boys did a respectable job of tying to the trailer while we tacked up – a vast improvement from last year. We mounted, joined the group and off we went. What a beautiful morning, sunny and cool

with a hint of the heat to come. We headed off to Muiretta's Well. Suzan's friend and photographer Jeff Banks met us at the winery. The boys stood tied fairly well, Tucker was moaning his plight at being placed away from everyone else and enticed one of the helpers to keep him company. After we had a nice tasting of wine, we let the horses have a taste of the water trough, Jeff captured the moment, and then off we went toward the Wente Winery. As we crossed the road into the vineyard, we were warned to stay on the trail, as we were about to cross through the oldest and most valuable vines in the Livermore Valley. The vines were rather small and craggy, and we breathed a sigh of relief when we made it

through the field unscathed. The boys seem to be OK tied up to the flat bed trailers at Wente, and off we went to sample the fare.



I was just deciding whether to go for another pork slider, or wander over to the cheese cake when someone came to the tables looking for Tucker's mother (Oh no!). Tucker had been a bit board and with nothing else better to do, had untied himself. Since there wasn't much to eat where he was tied and between stepping on his rope and the horse sitters trying to catch him, Tucker decided it was too much and had taken off at a gallop back down the trail. All I could picture was TUCKER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MILLION DOLLAR VINES!!! Jeff took me in his jeep to the nearest crossroad – hoping to head Tucker off at the pass. The next group of riders was ready to cross the road, No they had not seen a loose horse, not even one covered in vines. I took off back down the trail searching the horizon – thank goodness the field of old vines looked intact, in fact the next field looked pretty good too, no sign of a wayward horse. By the time I got back to the hitching posts, the escapee had been captured and was tied back up next to Mikey (who was a perfect gentleman), looking a bit sorry about the whole thing. Thankfully he was fine and he hadn't even lost any of his tack.

The return trip was quiet and uneventful (well it was for us anyway, other members of the group were not so lucky – but that is a different story). The boys enjoyed a picnic of grass back at Mikey's house before everyone said their goodbyes and headed home. I know I was looking forward to pouring a tall glass of something, just happy that the price of the ride didn't include restoring half a vineyard.



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## **LET'S GO TO LEXINGTON**

*by Sue Valley*

There are a lot of things I have never done, but as the years roll by I'm becoming more inclined to jump in, say what the heck and just do it – so with that frame of mind I decided why not go to the Lexington Junior League Horse Show and what the heck, lets fly the horse out too. And since the JL Dixon Stable "Likes to Do Stuff" it seemed like the perfect opportunity.

With Sunshine safely Fed-Exed a few days before the show, Julia and I joined the Fieber family and Jennifer for a week of a great horse show, meeting new friends, seeing old friends, touring the countryside and Thoroughbred Stud Farms and enjoying many gastronomic delights along the way.

The weather was hot but not too humid, (only rained one morning and my dollar store shoes were just perfect in the Red Mile mud) the ring was awesome – yes it is narrow, and long, but how exciting to head through the gate, crowds filling the stands, on my little mare who was just as excited as I was. I was so pleased to place in a show with so many great horses. The West Coast did ourselves proud placing well in the Ladies 3 & 5 Gaited divisions, 5-Gaited Show

Pleasure (Martha Keck), Concourse de Elegance (Scripps Ranch) and 10 & Under Walk/Trot (Ethan).

But once you get to Lexington, you have to see more than the show – fried chicken and Hot Browns are a must (I must admit I just couldn't do a Hot Brown, but Ethan and Heather did us proud – Ethan amazed everyone by completing his meal with a slice of Peanut Butter/Chocolate pie –what a guy! We even managed to find a few fresh vegetables.

The tour of Three Chimney's Farm was spectacular – the facility was huge & beautiful. It was amazing to see studs such as Smarty Jones and Dynaformer just hanging out in their paddocks.

As much as I hated to miss Santa Barbara, I'm so glad we went – the show has the same quality of horses seen at Louisville in a much more relaxed atmosphere. Can't beat watching great horses head down the track into the ring with the sun setting behind them and the smell of Kettle Corn wafting over the stands.



*The Red Mile, Sunshine & Me!  
Below: Scripps Circus Wagon.*



*Above: Celebrity sightings  
Below: The Dixon group at 3 Chimneys*



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## 2011 CALENDARS ARE READY!!!!

Sue Pheley pulled it off again and the 2011 Calendars should be ready by the Summer Show - be prepared to buy a bunch - never too early to think about Holiday Gifts!

# Cool off & come to the “Other Ville”



*Ethan Fieber and his buddy X's & O's cooling off before their performance at Lexington.*

While the whole central valley will be sweltering, you can be nice and cool and support the club in the process by coming to the 1st Annual Summer Classic Horse

Show the weekend of July 31 - August 1. We would love to see you with or without your horse. Any questions, just call one of the officers or Dean MacCracken - 415-455-9209, [dbmsrca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbmsrca@sbcglobal.net).

Just think - silent auction, pie party and where else can you get 5lbs of Carnitas for \$6? If you can't be at Shelbyville or Louisville, might as well say you have been at Watsonville - “The Other Ville”!!!



## Calendar

### **July 31 - August 1**

Summer Classic Horse Show

### **August 22 - 28**

Kentucky State Fair Show

Web cam for those who can't go!

### **September??**

Clinic at Monarch Stables??

### **Sometime in the Fall ??**

Club Trailride - someplace nice and kind of flat?????

### **October 22 - 24**

CA Futurity Show in Las Vegas

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