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Raleigh Spring Premier

Thank you to all who showed, came to support, and helped with the Raleigh Spring Premier Show.

Congratulations to all of our riders and drivers who participated.

Simply said, we came, we showed, we learned, AND we had a good time!

But... this is only the beginning!

ADULT WEEKEND RIDING CLINIC

The Adult Weekend Riding Clinic was a huge success! We'd like to share some of the comments we received from those who attended:

"How can I express my thanks for all you did to make my first High Caliber clinic so memorable! Your staff was organized and focused and those girls saddling and unsaddling the school horses showed a maturity rarely seen in young teens today. It's obvious they are positively influenced." - Cookie Palassis

"It was just great – what else can I say." – Flo Alston

"The clinic was more than I ever could ever have imagined – the quality of instruction and horses, along with your organized and warm hospitality was such a great experience." – Peggy Kelber

"I enjoyed every part of the weekend's activities, and I thought each aspect to be valuable....In addition to the value of the sessions, everything was extraordinarily well-planned." – Annette Greene

"You are blessed with a group of terrific customers who are so supportive of your efforts and endeavors...It was so refreshing and encouraging to see the camaraderie at High Caliber, and everyone having a good time. All of your hard work, talent and enthusiasm guarantees your continued success. I'll be back next year!" - George Anne Nash



Several visitors to the Second Annual High Caliber Stables Adult Weekend Riding Clinic



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Rider in the Spotlight ALI FITTON



Ali Fitton lives in Gibsonville with her parents, Maria and Jack and is the oldest of 4 children. She started riding at High Caliber Stables last summer.

Always willing to pitch in, Ali helps with the school horses several afternoons a week.

She is a great addition to our barn!

- 1) How long have you been riding? How did you get started?
I have been riding horses for 7 years. I started riding Hunt Seat with a friend who owned horses when I was 8 years old and rode Hunter Jumper/Dressage for a few years. I had always liked Saddlebreds and switched to Saddle Seat when I was 11. I like it so much better!
- 2) What is your favorite thing about riding and/or showing? Your least favorite thing?
I love everything about riding and showing horses. I love the excitement at the horse shows and being able to put to test what I have been working on. I like the challenge of always being able to improve, always knowing I can do better.
- 3) What division will you be competing in 2010?
Academy 14-17 Walk-Trot-Canter
- 4) What are your goals for the 2010 show season?
To give 110% in every class
- 5) Who is your favorite school horse and why?
I like riding Lance and Ursula, just because they are fun, but I like riding Stella and Fear Factor because they are a challenge.
- 6) What is the one thing Mary always seems to tell you when you ride?
She tells me to keep my ankles tight!
- 7) What is your biggest challenge or what excites you about riding horses?
What excites me about riding horses is learning to adjust to each horse and learning the different techniques for riding each one, and having fun while doing it.
- 8) What lessons have you learned from riding horses?
The biggest thing riding has taught me is confidence.
- 9) Do you have any good luck charms or rituals when you show?
Not really, I have one pair of socks that I always wear for horse shows.
- 10) What do you like to do when you are not riding horse?
I love photography as well as drawing and painting (mostly horses and flowers) and I enjoy playing in bell choir.

HIGH CALIBER STABLES APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 1	JACK FITTON
APRIL 5	CORBIN BUMGARNER
APRIL 7	MIKE ORR
APRIL 10	CECILIA SISK
APRIL 11	TOM WOOD
APRIL 12	CHRISTINA BRACKETT
APRIL 13	ALAN RULEY
	SALLY ROLFE
	JULIE FULLER
APRIL 14	ANDREW PLANT
APRIL 19	LAURA PLANT
APRIL 22	NORRIS BAKER
APRIL 23	DONNA FINCH
APRIL 26	MARION BRYAN

Scheduling Notes:

Lessons will NOT be taught on:
Monday 4/19 through Friday 4/23
Monday 4/26

Show horses will be ridden:
Saturday, 4/3
Saturday 4/10
Saturday 4/17

SLOW DOWN!!

Please slow down when driving through the Leonard's drive-way! We appreciate your cooperation.

Barn Happenings

Thanks to everyone for coming to the Show Season Kick-Off Party! We had a great time despite the broken grill (nothing is ever easy!) and enjoyed having everyone to our home.



Here's to a great 2010 Show Season!



Please congratulate Drew Taylor Hewitt on a job well done at the World Cup try-outs in Fulton, Missouri. Drew Taylor was one of only five who made the 5-Gaited Team! Way to go Drew Taylor!

Don't forget the DEADLINES for the upcoming shows:

Asheville Lions	April 8
Asheville Spring	April 14
Blowing Rock Charity	April 30

Congratulations to the Brackett family on the March 6th birth of Dottie's first baby!



Here comes the Bride!

Congratulations to Morgan Shindler who recently became engaged to Matt!



HIGH CALIBER STABLES

April 2010

Congratulations to the Poovey Family on their recent purchase of 5-Gaited Pony, Our Sonflower, for their daughter, Allie! We're looking forward to watching this new team!



News from the High Caliber Stables HOT SHOTS

Several HOT SHOTS members sold raffle tickets at the recent Adult Riding Clinic. The HOT SHOTS raffled off an autographed poster from the 2008 World's Championship Horse Show, an autographed book from Ms. Lampe and HCS apparel. Tickets were sold for \$2.00 and the HOT SHOTS were able to raise \$278! Way to go!

On March 13th, the HOT SHOTS visited the Ronald McDonald House in Winston-Salem. Each member brought items from the House's Wish List to donate and toured the House. Everyone learned so much about what this great place does to help so many families. Our group was so well-behaved and had a wonderful time!



Let's show the **Ronald McDonald House** our wonderful High Caliber Support by supporting **Sport a Shirt/Share a Night!**

Buy a \$10 tee shirt and share the cost of a night at the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem! Then wear your shirt on April 23rd in support of the House!

Sizes Youth XS – Adult XXXL are available

To order and support the House with a small \$10 donation, please contact Mickey by April 8th

Shirts will be available for pick-up after April 15th at the barn

The Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" that provides cheerful bedrooms, a fully stocked kitchen, and areas of play and rest for families of children receiving medical care in our community's hospitals.

The House charges just \$5.00 a night for each family yet the actual cost per family per night is approximately \$79.

Buy a \$10 tee shirt and share the cost of a night at the Ronald McDonald House and show you care about the families served by the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem.

HIGH CALIBER STABLES

April 2010



Jenni's Walk of Hope



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for the

6th Annual Jenni's Walk of Hope

organized by the Hewitt Family

9:00 am 3-Mile and 1-Mile Walk

2:00 pm 18 Hole Golf Tournament

Registration forms can be found online at

www.JennisWalkOfHope.org or you may pick up one at the barn.

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Bermuda Run Country Club

Rain or Shine

2010 SHOW SCHEDULE

High Caliber Stables Show Schedule 2010		
Show	Dates	Deadline
Raleigh Spring Premier	March 25-27	March 1
JD Massey	April 21-24	March 12
Asheville Spring	May 14-15	April 14
Asheville Lions	May 19-20	April 8
Blowing Rock Charity	June 10-12	April 30
Charlotte Charity	June 24-26	June 10
Lexington Junior League	July 5-10	May 24
Blue Ridge Classic	July 27-31	June 17
Louisville	August 22-28	June 23
NC State Championship	Sept. 15-18	August 9
ASHAV	Sept. 29-Oct. 2	August 30
Alabama Charity	Oct. 13-16	Sept. 30
American Royal	Nov. 16-20	October 4
No Academy at highlighted shows	Subject to Change	

Please let us know by the highlighted date if you plan to attend the show. Please respond via email!