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WOW! What a month!



I remember running down the Red Mile in a dither and Jeoff Bodenhorst grabbing my arm and making me stop for a minute and look up at the beautiful sky line. March has been a month of busyness (if that's even a word) and right now I will choose to sit back and look at all that's been accomplished. Our adult camp was an amazing start to the month. The next weekend was our show season Kick Off Party with a few moments to laugh and enjoy our barn company before heading off to our first horse show. The next weekend was Raleigh Spring Premier. 25 Horses(!!!) and most of those new combinations. How can we forget Miss Abigail clucking to Aqua as she made it around the arena for the first time. Thank you Ellie for helping make that possible. Laura Plant racing on War Hart getting her first feel of a juvenile five gaited class. Alex Foster actually smiling as she made her first pass on Milady and a big thanks to DT for helping with Miladay's first ride. Debbie Marcum driving Lilly for the first time with her eyes open. McGee and Reed made a beautiful picture and Jack has found yet another wonderful new partner, but do not forget Goose racing for the Blue! How about that Macy Blake and Bailey making pass after pass and truly mastering the bumpy canter and making it look easy. Meredith did an amazing job on Libby's new horse Sherman as he made his first trip to a horse show with High Caliber. It's Libby's turn at JD Massey. We can't forget Mr. Evan and Rocky in the Fine Harness division- perfect spot for horse and driver. It goes without saying as DT and Magic continue to turn heads in the Juvenile Five Gaited, Ellie and Joe make a wonderful picture in the Show Pleasure division and we look forward to seeing her on her new horse Fancy soon. Little Audrey and Phil growing up and turning into a real team. Meredith gaining confidence in Pleasure Equitation and Graham taking his time becoming a real showman. Donna and Fred really putting it together in their new division not to mention her friend Rascal, add a second way canter and we have it made! There is always the Poove getting more and more consistent with Sunflower and a great start with her new horse Trigger. Catherine and Manny making a great first trip to Raleigh and getting stronger in the second class. Don't forget Sarah Beth, our catch rider riding a horse for Cater Stables and making a great show. What about Hannah?!? Grace's big sis learning to make it around the show ring. Academy did not disappoint with Becca and Victoria getting 4th and 5th in a 10 horse lead line walk and trot class. Did you see Rachel Sanchez on Ursula for the first time, wow, it was wonderful. Mickey Kangur perfecting her driving in much bigger classes. Lilly looking wonderful in her Walk and Trot Show rider class. Rachel Whitt, our veteran, winning both her classes. Sydney Beason stepping up to 11-13 and preparing for her own horse to show! Caitlyn showing in her first Big academy show and our little Corbin growing up and making it through a wild class!!

This was just our first horse show! I know it's a lot but I wouldn't have it any other way. What a great group of people, a great group of horses, and an amazing staff. Watch out horse world, we're just getting started!!!



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April 2011

Rider of the Month

Drew Taylor Hewitt



- 1) **How long have you been riding?** 12 years
How did you get started? My Aunt Jennie got me started and originally I rode Hunter Jumpers
- 2) **What is your favorite thing about riding and/or showing?** My favorite thing about riding is just getting to do what I love and getting the adrenaline rush going down the shoot at Louisville
Your least favorite thing? Wearing all of the expensive clothes!
- 3) **What division will you be competing in 2011?**
Juvenile 5 Gaited
- 4) **What are your goals for the 2011 show season?**
To do all 5 gaits both ways without blowing up!
- 5) **Who is your favorite school horse and why?** Clint because he helps me learn how to use my bridle and he is a big challenge
- 6) **What is the one thing Mary always seems to tell you when you ride?** Don't over do it!
- 7) **What is your biggest challenge or what excites you about riding horses?** My biggest challenge is knowing when I've gotten all I can out of my horse and I end up pushing until they come off their feet.
- 8) **What lessons have you learned from riding horses?** That everything is not in your control all the time.
- 9) **Do you have any good luck charms or rituals when you show?** None
- 10) **What do you like to do when you are not riding horse?** I like to hang out with my friends



HCS BIRTHDAYS

Jack Fitton	April 1
Corbin Bumgardner	April 5
Caitlyn Anderson	April 5
Mike Orr	April 7
Cecilia Sisk	April 10
Tom Wood	April 11
Christina Brackett	April 12
Alan Ruley	April 13
Sally Rolfe	April 13
Julie Fuller	April 13
Andrew Plant	April 14
Laura Plant	April 19
Norris Baker	April 22
Donna Finch	April 23
Marion Bryan	April 26

"Promise me you'll always remember you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

***Christopher Robin to
Winnie the Pooh***

Upcoming Events at High Caliber



Equine Extravaganza!

The High Caliber Hot Shots will hold the first ever Equine Extravaganza at the barn on April 30th to benefit Victory Junction! The day will be filled with fun games and classes both on and off horses, a great raffle with many wonderful prizes and an old-fashioned burger and hotdog cookout from The Old Fourth Street Filling Station. This event is open to the public and we encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors. All proceeds raised at this event will go to help send a child to a week of camp at Victory Junction.

Come out and support the Hot Shots and Victory Junction help us show the community what a wonderful place High Caliber Stables is – you don't want to miss it!

Jenni's Walk of Hope

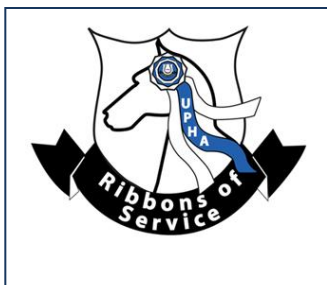
The Hewitt Family will once again hold the Annual Jenni's Walk of Hope on May 14th. This event is inspired by the life, the hope, and the loss of Jenni Hewitt, (Drew Taylor's Aunt) after her five-year battle with melanoma cancer. Those who knew her can speak volumes about the gracious and determined spirit Jenni had. Those who did not know her wish they had.

"Everyone has a cancer story," Jenni used to say. Everybody knows somebody whose life has been affected by this disease. Diagnosed with melanoma at the age of 29, Jenni was determined to make her "cancer story" one with a purpose. Jenni endured multiple surgeries and experimental studies to aid in the understanding and treatment of melanoma, the most fatal form of skin cancer. She insisted that even if her own life could not be saved, perhaps someone else's would be as a result of the research she supported. Your participation in this event and your donations to the American Cancer Society are helping Jenni's goals to be realized.

So it is in Jenni's honor that we gather each year near her birthday to celebrate life, to share love, and to encourage hope.



The 7th Annual Jenni's Walk of Hope is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th, 2011**. There will be a walk and a 10K race in the morning and a golf tournament in the afternoon. Please visit their website at www.jenniswalkofhope.org or contact the Hewitt family at rahewitt@mindspring.com.



Meredith Macy and Ellie Kangur, both Equitation riders at High Caliber, will be participating in the UPHA Ribbons of Service program this year. Both girls will be raising money for St. Jude Children's Hospital with each of their rides. Please show them the HCS family support by sponsoring their rides.

You may contact the families directly for details!

Horse Show Sign-Up Deadlines

April 7th Asheville Spring & Lions
May 20th Lexington Junior League

Please Email your plans to the barn at highcaliberstables@gmail.com!
Thanks for your prompt attention.

What's been happening...

High Caliber Adult Clinic a HUGE Success (and a great time!!)



We had an amazing turn out for the High Caliber Adult Clinic! This is the third year we've had the clinic and each year it seems to get better and better. Never have we had so many accomplished adult riders in one place. It was an honor to have them at High Caliber Stables. Ms. Lampe was a joy to have as always. Avis took a ton of pictures and they were beautiful of all of our riders and horses not to mention her personality that makes us all smile. Grace Henley made it possible for us to have our dinners at two wonderful venues in High Point. Todd Poovey and About Face Day Spa had a massage therapist at the barn that was amazing. Kate Ruley gave a great talk on eating healthy at a horse show. Carol Hewitt stretched out the riders and helped with visualization. Our older High Caliber riders helped groom and kept the school horses looking beautiful. Gordon Ingram spoke about shoeing and did a bang up job along with Dr. Meeker. We had our chiropractor speak and the Blue Seal food rep talked about equine nutrition. Tracey Smith of Equine Insurance Center spoke about insurance and our great trainer friend Sherri Tallant worked out the ladies and tried to help Mary (lost cause!). We had a good turn-out of High Caliber adults for the Saturday night dinner. Dick Boetcher, a very successful horse trainer from Washington State came along with Martha Keck and several other ladies from the west coast. Ellyn Dorsey, who formerly owned Most Definitely Diamonds and her friend Diana represented Illinois to name just a few. Donna Finch and Heather Bowen did a great job representing the High Caliber ladies. We have a lot to be proud of here at High Caliber and it's wonderful to make friends with fellow horse people from all over the country! Here's to next year!



Welcome Home, Sportster

One of Kate Bryan's show horses, CH Sportster, recently came home to retire at High Caliber Stables. In addition to being a very special horse to the Bryan family, Sportster is a four time World Champion, with wins in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2002, along with a Reserve World's Grand Championship in 2002, and a Reserve World's Championship in 2006. All of his Louisville wins were in classes of no less than 12, and up to 18 horses. His wins were in four different divisions; Three Year Old, Junior, Ladies, and with Kate in the Junior Exhibitor division. He made his last appearance at Louisville in 2006, where Kate showed him to the Reserve World's Championship title in the Amateur Ladies division. During his career, he also had multiple wins at Lexington Junior League, The American Royal, and many other major shows throughout the country.

Marion Bryan put it best, "He's 16 years old, and deserves every bit of retirement; he's done his best for everyone that's ever shown him. We're very grateful that he's back home where he belongs."

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We have a new addition to our Happenings At High Caliber. We want to recognize our High Caliber riders and their accomplishments outside of the barn! It is important to celebrate the WHOLE person, not just the rider so let us know and we will let everyone else know.

REMEMBER if you don't tell us we can't post it! This is our first try this month, so if we have not included something you recently accomplished, let us know and we will make sure to put it in next month!

Come see Meredith Macy perform!

Come see a showcase of some of RJR's finest dancers, singers and performers!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Key Club Follies Talent Show on April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$5 and children (Under twelve can enter for free)

The money goes to support the KeyClub as well as local and global charities.

Riley Didier has quite an arm!

Congratulations to the Forsyth Country Day School Varsity Softball team! 7th grader, Riley Didier has been pitching for them! Way to go!!



Congratulations Sydney Beason!

After more than 6 years of waiting patiently, Sydney Beason received her first horse! Not a dry eye in the place and rightfully so as Miss Morgan rode Commander in Motion. There have never been so many children and parents so happy for such a great kid!

Stuff you need to know...

IMPORTANT

Make sure to check out Mary in the May edition of Forsyth Woman Magazine. She will be highlighted as a "Woman on the Move"

Forsyth Woman
Celebrating the Lives of Women

NO LESSONS

**Monday - Friday
April 11-15**

**Monday
April 18**

SHOW Horses on:

**Saturday, April 2
Saturday, April 9
Saturday, April 23**

Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to the High Caliber Stables Show Season Kick-Off Party! Evan and I loved having you in our home but more importantly, we love having you in our lives! It was a great time with great people! Here's to a killer 2011 Show Season.

Mary

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April 2011

NEWS from the HOT SHOTS



The previous Hot Shots meeting was a huge success with a good turn out and good plans for the upcoming year. Many plans were discussed but to name a few: An educational trip to Victory Junction to learn about their purpose and see their work first hand! Victory Junction is a camp to send campers with serious illnesses for a week where they can completely forget about their day-to-day struggles. A "fun day" was also discussed with many fun games and activities for kids to participate in with all proceeds benefiting Victory Junction and sending a camper for a week! Not only will this event hold fun games for the kids but also a great raffle with many great prizes and a lunch catered by 4th Street Filling Station. All Hot Shots are asked to sell a minimum of 10 tickets but of course we ask that you sell more. The kids that sell the most will also receive great prizes with the grand prize being a lunch of your choice with Mary! We hope to see lots of participation and attendance at this event so please put it on your calendar. With many other fun and educational plans for our 2011 year, we know it will be a huge success and hope that you come and help that happen with us!

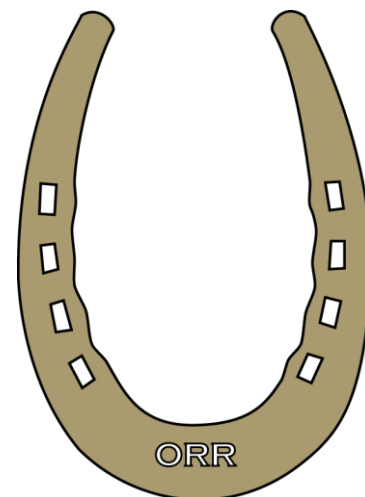


Also, the Hot Shots have recently created a Facebook page with many stories and news of our happenings, so please make sure that you or your parents "Like" us!

Ellie Kangur
Hot Shots Secretary

2011 SHOW SCHEDULE

SHOW	DATES	LOCATION	SIGN UP DEADLINE
JD Massey	April 13-16	Clemson, SC	Entries mailed
Asheville Spring	May 13-14	Asheville, NC	
Asheville Lions	May 18-21	Asheville, NC	April 7, 2011
Blowing Rock Charity	June 9-12	Blowing Rock, NC	NOT ATTENDING
Roanoke	June 23-25	Roanoke, VA	
Lexington Junior League	July 11-16	Lexington, KY	May 20, 2011
Blue Ridge Classic	July 26-30	Asheville, NC	
Louisville	August 22-27	Louisville, KY	NO ACADEMY
NC State Championship	Sept. 14-17	Raleigh, NC	
ASHAV	Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Lexington, VA	
NC State Fair	Oct. 26-29	Raleigh, NC	
American Royal	Nov. 15-19	Kansas City, MO	



Change to Show Schedule!

We will NOT be attending the
Blowing Rock Horse Show