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Tradition

I love tradition. It is not a High Caliber Christmas Party if we don't have a Chocolate Fountain. You don't go to the American Royal without eating at the Golden Ox. If you win at Louisville you get Mary and Evan a BIG picture for the office.

Christmas brings about a lot of family traditions. Some families have the same meal, wear the same necktie, bake the same cookies....the list goes on.

A lot of the times people roll their eyes with the thought of tradition but I am a little older, and I am just now starting to realize how wonderful traditions are and how important it is to appreciate loved ones.

We are embarking on our 3rd High Caliber Christmas Party. Please make it a part of your holiday tradition to come celebrate our 2011 Show Season and have a great time!!

We are also finishing up our 2011 Show Schedule and Calendar of Events. Please put us on your calendar as we continue to make High Caliber Traditions!!

-Mary



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Congratulations Morgan Shindler

On December 8th, Morgan will graduate from William Woods University and become High Caliber Stables' Assistant Trainer and Riding Instructor! We are so excited to have her join us and can't wait for her to get here!

Even better, Morgan's fiancé, Matt will also be joining High Caliber as our Farm Manager!

The world is better with Morgan and Matt as a part of the High Caliber team!



You don't have to be a member of anything to vote for your favorite horses, exhibitors, trainers and shows in the Annual People's Choice conducted by HORSE WORLD and The SADDLE HORSE REPORT. It's wide open...just your opinion of who were the 'Best of the Best' during this great season. This survey is your opportunity to "mark the cards" for the best of the 2010 season.

Voting for American Saddlebreds must be completed by Friday, January 7th, 2011 to be counted. Look for an e-mail from us with the High Caliber favorites!

HIGH CALIBER STABLES

December 2010

Rider of the Month

Allie Poovey

1) How long have you been riding and how did you get started?

6 years. I wanted a horsey birthday party and I kept on going from there.

2) What is your favorite thing about riding and/or showing? Your least favorite thing?

My favorite thing about riding and showing is getting to ride all of the horses and competing. It's all good!

3) What division will you be competing in 2011?

Five Gaited Pony

4) What are your goals for the 2011 show season?

To do better with the 5 gaits and be more consistent every time I ride.

5) Who is your favorite school horse and why?

Prince because he helped me learn to rack and he will always be a challenge.

6) What is the one thing Mary always seems to tell you when you ride?

To keep Sonflower's head up and nose tucked

7) What is your biggest challenge or what excites you about riding horses?

To grow up and show in the Five Gaited Stake and to be able to train a young horse.

8) What lessons have you learned from riding horses?

I have learned that riding and being around horses is a lot of fun but you have to always think and expect surprises.

9) Do you have any good luck charms or rituals when you show?

Not really.

10) What do you like to do when you are not riding a horse?

Play with friends (especially horse show).



HCS BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Tim Jackson
December 2	Andy Hewitt
December 3	Emma Sanchez
December 9	Karen Washburn
December 16	Jade Schewickert
December 21	Joy Troxell
December 23	Vernon Foster
December 23	Katie Morrison
December 25	Jack Finch

Save the Date!!

December 11	Barn Christmas Party
January 14	Becker Brothers
January 15	Winter Tournament
January 21-22	ASAC Convention
February 4-6	Missy Hughes Clinic
February 12	Winter Tournament
February 18-19	ASHA Convention

IMPORTANT

NO LESSONS

**December 23, 24
December 30, 31**

SHOW

Horses on:

**December 4
December 18
December 22
December 30**



Riding Clinic at William Woods University (Gosh, we're getting older...)

Evan and I were asked to go back to our Alma Mater, William Woods University, to give a clinic to students who are now attending school and are in the Saddle Seat program. Not only were we asked to give a clinic, but we also had the opportunity to speak to students and parents that were attending William Woods Perspective Weekend. There are few words to describe what it is like to be teaching and speaking from the center of the arena that you yourself took lessons from! It was quite a reminder that we are definitely getting older! When 10 pm rolled around and we hit the bed instead of the bars, we knew! The message we tried to send to all of the students was to take every opportunity that you are given, be grateful for every donated horse and learn from every horse you ride and care for because they are the best teachers.

It was nice to see that William Woods was the same inviting environment with the same supporting teaching staff. We were a little jealous when we went through town and realized that there is now a Cinema 8, a real bowling alley AND a Wendy's! Fulton, Missouri looks to be growing!

What we were most proud of was speaking about High Caliber Stables and telling them about our customers, our riders, our horses and our business. We told the truth, and told the students and parents that the days are long, but we also told them how much we loved what we did and how important it is to us to be a good example and make a difference in all of our riders' loves. Overall, our trip was tons of fun and created many great memories!

An early Christmas gift



Congratulations to Alex Foster! Vernon, her father, surprised both Alex and Mom Jennifer with Milady Huntley. This was one of the toughest surprises to set up! Everyone knows the Foster family has more addresses than most any other family in the barn. When Vernon decided to get Alex her next horse, he really wanted to be there to see the look on both of his "girls" faces. With a little thought and a lot of phone calls, we figured out how to get it done! We moved the new horse to Steve and Tiffany Wheeler's farm in Kentucky where Alex's previous horse, Archie now lives. A time was set up for Alex and Jennifer to go visit Archie during one of their stays in Kentucky. After visiting with Archie, they were presented Alex's new horse! Needless to say, they were shocked! We hate not getting to see their surprised faces but it was more important that the man that made it all happen be there. We are so happy for the Fosters and once again say Congratulations!



New High Caliber Stables T-shirts are here!

We have just received a very small shipment of short and long sleeve High Caliber t-shirts.

*Please see Mickey if you are interested in purchasing one.
Price are \$15 for short sleeve and \$20 for long sleeve*

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Searching for the Perfect Christmas gift? How about a HCS Gift Certificate?

During the month of December, HCS is offering a special riding package for your favorite Equestrian (or Equestrian to be!)

Purchase a gift certificate good for 5 lessons for the price of 4!

See Mickey in the office for details!

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Youth

The Christmas Spirit

Boy, the Hot Shots have been busy! It seems this wonderful group of children has the Christmas spirit year round!

On Monday, November 15th, the Hot Shots assembled Luminary kits for the Ronald McDonald House's 24th annual Light a Luminary project. Every Christmas Eve, neighbors in and around Winston-Salem honor families whose holidays will not be as bright due to an illness of a child by lining the street with these luminaries. Lots of fun was had playing in the sand while helping this organization succeed with this long-time community tradition.

Still exemplifying their giving spirit, the Hot Shots decorated two trees for Brenner Children's Hospital's fundraiser, The Festival of Trees. Thanks to the help of many volunteers and under the leadership of Margaret Poovey, the Hot Shots raised \$700 for the hospital. Way to go!



The HCS Annual Holiday Celebration

We can't wait to see you at the
**Third Annual
High Caliber Stables Christmas Party**
on December 11th at 7:00 pm!

They'll be lots of food, drink, dancing
and fun!

If you have any "song requests" from
the DJ, please let Mickey know. She's
compiling a Play List!

*Attention All Academy
Performers!*

Mark your Calendars for the
2011
Winter Tournaments in
Raleigh, NC

**Saturday, January 15th
Saturday, February 12th**

Winter Tournaments are great
for riders new to the show
ring, riders performing in a
new division or for any rider
wanting more show
experience.

