

Mid-July 2010

HIGH CALIBER STABLES

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Somehow or another it is already the middle of Summer!

We are back from Lexington Jr. League and gearing up for Blue Ridge. As always, Lexington was a wonderful horse show!

The week started off with the World Cup Gala which included our very own Drew Taylor Hewitt. I am proud to say without a doubt that Drew Taylor had the most barn support out of all of the World Cup riders. Way to go Drew Taylor and way to go High Caliber Stables for backing one of our riders.

Aside for blistering heat and one really rainy day (and me getting sick on Saturday night) Lexington was a big success! All of our riders rose to the occasion and truly made some great shows and were rewarded with some big ribbons.

A big congratulations to **Stephanie Brackett** for winning both her qualifier and championship classes with CH Sunken Treasure. She started out the year learning to rack and now she is racking the Red Mile!

Also a big shout out to **Mr. Evan**. Evan and Undulata's Susan McGee, owned by **Jack and Donna Finch**, were the Jr. Three Gaited Stake Champions. From start to finish, Evan has brought Susie along and we are so proud of him.

As always **Sarah Beth** and Magic RAN down the Red Mile capturing 2nd in the qualifier, once again showing that heart and determination along with a lot of talent can compete against and beat the best.

It goes without saying our little **Laura Plant** and **Ellie Kangur** also held their own both competing in classes of 17 riders; not to mention the age groups were combined so they were with the Big Kids! And, it's official Ellie and Aqua mastered their pattern!

Donna Finch and Riva Diva battled it out in the Country Pleasure Class keeping it all together and stepping up in the Championship. We all know everyday there is a different Riva and this time Donna rode each personality well!

Let's not forget **Ms. Vickie** and Fred! Nothing needs to be said but *2nd out of 24!!!!* Way to go Vickie and way to go Fred.

Drew Taylor had the come back of the week on Deac finishing third in the Championship for the Jr. Exhibitors and more importantly had a perfect ride on Shiraz proving that is not about the ribbon but about the ride.

Debbie Marcum and Dr. Decker really came through with strong drives. NOTE: I did not yell at Mom this Show!!

It is a little odd writing about myself, so here it goes. After three years of being undefeated I showed Grace and we came in second. We made a good show but after many months off did not have quite enough steam for our last trot. As with every other rider/horse team, we'll keep working at it!

Howie Schatzberg, the show photographer, told me as I stood in center ring with Stephanie Brackett that High Caliber was a class act! He could not believe the sportsmanship that was by all of our riders. I told him I expect that of my riders and I best be the example. Win or lose I am so proud of everyone! Thank You! Mary



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Rider in the Spotlight **LAURA PLANT**

- 1) **How long have you been riding? How did you get started?**
7 or 8 years. Our old house was by a barn and my Mom asked if I wanted to ride. I did and I love it.
- 2) **What is your favorite thing about riding and/or showing?**
When you ride you always feel free.
- 3) **What division will you be competing in 2010?**
3 Gaited Country Pleasure
- 4) **What are your goals for the 2010 show season?**
To win the second class.
- 5) **Who is your favorite school horse and why?**
Clint, he is really fun
- 6) **What is the one thing Mary always seems to tell you when you ride?**
Only come off the rail if you are sure you can.
- 7) **What is your biggest challenge or what excites you about riding horses?**
It is hard to ride a 5 Gaited horse and it is so much fun
- 8) **What lessons have you learned from riding horses?**
Do not pull back and hit the horse with the whip
- 9) **Do you have any good luck charms or rituals when you show?**
My hummingbird pin on my jacket and lucky socks
- 10) **What do you like to do when you are not riding horse?**
Play with my brother



HIGH CALIBER STABLES **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

JULY 10	VICKIE BYRD
JULY 13	TOM PLANT
JULY 14	CHRIS BOWEN
JULY 15	SUSAN HOLLOWELL
JULY 15	MARIA FITTON
JULY 16	RHEANNE GREENE
JULY 28	STEPHANIE BRACKETT
JULY 30	DEBBIE MARCUM

IMPORTANT!!

Remember to check the Lost and Found box in the School Horse Tack room if you are missing anything.

Also, be sure to check the folders in the Barn Office for anything that may have been left for you.



Remember to become a Fan (or "Like") High Caliber Stables the next

time you are on Facebook. Todd Poovey does a great job managing our page and welcomes your opinions, suggestions, and/or things you might want to add.

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Barn Business

Drew Taylor Hewitt World Cup Five-Gaited Team Member

As most of you are aware I have been fortunate enough to have been selected to the United States Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup Five Gaited Team. This is a remarkable honor for me and I am truly blessed to have this opportunity. Our competition is October 6 – 8, 2010 and I am so looking forward to the experience. Along with my nine (9) other World Cup teammates we are responsible for certain fundraising opportunities to assist with making this event as successful as possible for our Country as well as our beloved Saddle Seat industry. As a member of our US Team, each member is responsible for the solicitation of \$5,000 in fundraising and the selling of raffle tickets for a riding suit from Becker Brothers valued at \$2,500.

I hope you may consider helping me in my efforts to raise my \$5,000 fundraising goal. I promise to you that any amount you so feel capable of donating will be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be forwarded to me at my address below. Raffle tickets for a custom riding suit from Becker Brothers will be available from me from now fitton1 until the World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville, KY. The drawing for the raffle will be held at Louisville and tickets are \$20 per ticket or six (6) tickets for \$100. My goal is to sell as many as possible and to put one of my barn mates or friends in a new riding suit for the 2011 season. I'll be hounding you!!!!

Thanks for taking the time to read this and for your consideration in helping me in some way. This is such an unbelievable experience for me and my horsemanship journey and I thank you for being a part of it.

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Five-Gaited Team Member



Congratulations High Caliber Graduates!

Four very special riders from High Caliber Stables graduated from High School this June and the HCS Barn Family enjoyed celebrating their accomplishments! Thanks to the Hewitt family, everyone gathered to honor these very special ladies at a wonderful potluck dinner celebration.

Katie Morrison, Anna Drew Jackson and Cecilia Kucera graduated from Reynolds High School and Sally Rolfe graduated from Salem Academy. Katie will attend Virginia Tech, Anna Drew will attend University of South Carolina, Cecilia will attend Wake Forest University, and Sally will head out west to attend William Woods University.

We will miss them next year but know they will be very successful in what is ahead!

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Fun Times at Roanoke Valley Horse Show

High Caliber Stables attended the Roanoke Valley Horse Show for the first time this year. It was a wonderful and positive experience for everyone and we are so proud of those who participated! And... we all enjoyed the ribs feast provided by the Washburn Family – many thanks!

Congratulations to Sydney Beason, Rachel Whitt, Ainsley Ruley, Courtney Kim, Debbie Marcum, Ellie Kangur, Donna Finch, Drew Taylor Hewitt, Macy Blake, Laura Plant, Shey Washburn, Libby Bowen, Katie Morrison, Debbie Marcum and Audrey Kim for wonderful rides!



Attention All Summer Barn Helpers!

Thanks so much for everyone's cooperation with our Summer Barn Helper policy. We greatly appreciate everyone's help and enjoy having the company.

If you have not already done so, please bring your signed paperwork to the Barn Office.

Newsletter Contest: Each month, a customer's last name and the number "1" will appear somewhere hidden in the newsletter. If the customer finds their name and lets us know, they will receive a free lesson! Better start reading! (Name will appear as "orr1")

Congratulations to the Poovey Family!
They found their name in the June newsletter and will enjoy a free riding lesson this month!

SAVE THE DATE!!

The very popular Adult Weekend Riding Clinic dates have been set!
Please mark your calendars to attend
March 11-13, 2011!

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HOT SHOTS visit Riverwood

The Hot Shots visited Riverwood Therapeutic Riding center on June 19th to learn about their program and how they use horses for physical and psychological therapy. Their riding program consists of over 100 lessons per week, some of which are for able bodied riders, but most of which are for riders coping with a disability.

While the Hot Shots were there, they toured the facility with Program Director, Laura Pallavicini, helped clean tack and spent time with the chickens who also live at Riverwood. The Hot Shots were particularly taken by "Tony," a therapy horse who roams the property. Tony is a gentle giant and was a very gracious host ☺ It was a great opportunity to see another aspect of the horse world and to see how these magnificent animals can be a part of a healing process for so many.

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High Caliber Stables Show Schedule 2010

Show	Dates	Deadline
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!

