

# HIGH CALIBER STABLES

March 2011

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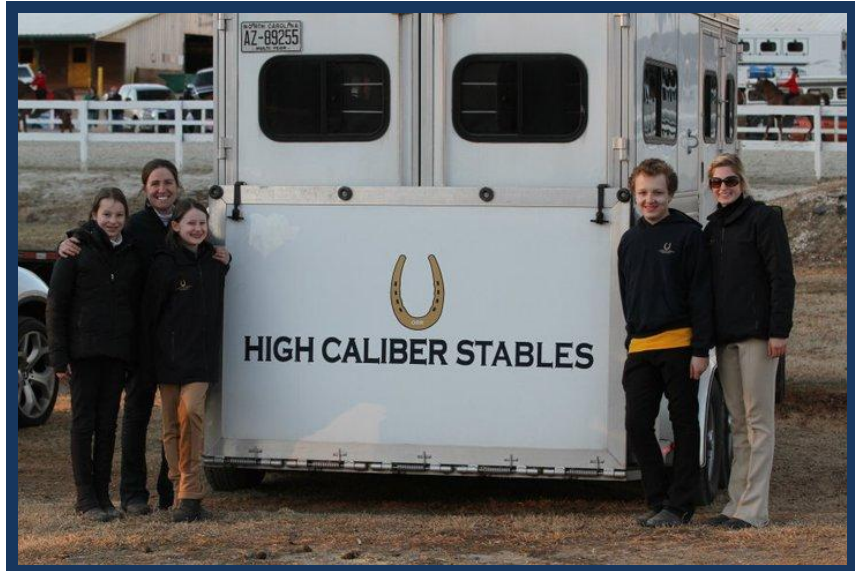
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## Fun at the Winter Tournament: Great Kick-Off to the 2011 Show Season!

The Winter Tournament in Raleigh holds a special place in my heart. This is the first place a lot of my riders showed for the first time or really began to take showing to the next step.

The first time I went to this particular tournament several years ago I took Meredith Macy, Ellie Kangur, Allie Poovey and Donna Finch to name a few familiar faces. It was SO cold but it was so much fun to introduce them to the crazy wonderful world of showing horses. Needless to say, these riders have gone on and definitely made a name for themselves.

This year Allie Poovey, Ellie Kangur, Graham Troxell, Ali Fitton and Marion Bryan came to help our next generation of High Caliber riders. I have to say it was such a good feeling to watch so many of the parents beam with pride watching their children take the ring for the first time and for those that have already been showing, working on taking their skills to the next level as they prepare for show season.

It is also very heartwarming to have Miss Morgan by my side. No, I am not old by any stretch, but I see Morgan starting her career and I take great pride in watching her grow along with our new riders.

Congratulations to all who participated and we hope to see more of you in the show ring! And *Do Not Listen* to the Show Horse parents when they say RUN NOW! At the end of the day I know they love it and would not have it any other way.

### *Congrats to these riders for their Winter Tournament Accomplishments!*

Corbin Bumgarner	6 & Under	Equitation: First	Showmanship: First
Ali Fitton	14-17 WTC	Equitation: First	Showmanship: Second
Caitlin Fuller	9 & 10 WT	Equitation: First	Showmanship: Second
Laney Henley	11-13 WT	Equitation: First	Showmanship: First
Rachel Sanchez	Exceptional Rider	Equitation: First	Showmanship: First
Lily Sweeney	7 & 8 WT	Equitation: Third	Showmanship: Third
Becca Turner	Leadline	Equitation: First	Showmanship: First



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## Rider of the Month Macy Blake



- 1) **How long have you been riding?** 6 years  
**How did you get started?** I've always loved horses! I rode a pony at the fair and fell in love and kissed him!
- 2) **What is your favorite thing about riding and/or showing?** The excitement of showing and getting to hang out with barn friends  
**Your least favorite thing?** Getting up really early for shows with Mom screaming "eat a good breakfast"
- 3) **What division will you be competing in 2011?**  
3-Gaited Pony with Bailey
- 4) **What are your goals for the 2011 show season?**  
Bounce down the rail straight, give 110%, and have fun!
- 5) **Who is your favorite school horse and why?**  
Lance and Clint. I love Lance because he helps with collection. I love Clint because he is a challenge and is fun to ride.
- 6) **What is the one thing Mary always seems to tell you when you ride?** Have the presence and make it look easy.
- 7) **What is your biggest challenge or what excites you about riding horses?** My biggest challenge is to remember and put everything together that I've learned. I am excited about the upcoming show season.
- 8) **What lessons have you learned from riding horses?** It takes patience, confidence, and determination to be the best you can be. I've also learned to never, never give up.
- 9) **Do you have any good luck charms or rituals when you show?** I have a lucky hair rubber band and lucky socks.
- 10) **What do you like to do when you are not riding horse?** playing piano, riding bikes, and hanging out with my friends at the barn

## SHOW SEASON HERE WE COME.....

Well, it's that time of year for us to gear up for our first horse show and show season. We are so excited and nervous and ready to hit the ring. Please remember to join us at our home for our **Show Season Kick Off Party March 19th**. Details will follow and I've said before, we will try to make sure to have the grill working this year. Evan and I would again like to thank you all for trusting us to be your trainers. We want you to know that we will do our very best to prepare your rider and horse for the show season and try to make showing the best experience it can be for everyone involved. We get to wake up every day and "Live The Dream". I would be lying if there were not times that "The Dream" might not be easy late at night or on a Sunday morning when standing with a sick horse but all and all we are just thrilled to be doing what we love working with great people and horses. Remember our goal is to work hard, have fun and leave it at the gate!

## HCS BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Sage Lawson
March 9	Leo Ellis
March 10	Penny Blake
March 11	Rachel Whitt
March 12	Margaret Poovey
March 13	Mickey Kangur
March 22	Josie Jenkins
March 27	Dwight Jenkins
March 29	Steve Brackett
March 29	Jeni Geisler
March 29	Drew Taylor Hewitt
March 30	Becca Turner

*"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



### Show Season Kick-Off Party

Please join us for our **Third Annual Show Season Kick Off Potluck Party** on **MARCH 19th** at 6pm at Mary and Evan's home. Last year, we did as High Caliber tends to do; we rallied together and boiled hot dogs since the grill had a little trouble. Evan says this year the grill will work!:)

Please RSVP to the barn by **March 11th!**

### Horse Show Cram a HUGE Success!

Musical rides, bareback rides, hotdogs, s'mores, and a sleepover makes for a great Horse Show Cram. We had a great group of riders come and participate. The riders rode a lot, laughed a lot, and hopefully learned a lot!

Often I wonder if the kids have as much fun as I do. Well, I hope so but there is nothing better than spending a weekend with a bunch of kids and a bunch of horses.

I have to give myself a lot of credit as I stepped outside of the box and let my riders plan a musical ride. As you all know, I am a bit of a Control Freak but I sat down and watched riders young and old work together and create some pretty neat patterns and find music to finish the package. They surpassed all of my expectations and made me very proud! That was not a surprise!



### Avis is coming!

*Avis Girdler is coming to High Caliber. She is an amazing photographer and will be coming before the Adult Camp begins to take pictures of the High Caliber riders.*

*These pictures are wonderful to have and also very useful to use when doing ads. Please*



*picture taken.*

*E mail Mary so you can discuss time, cost and clothing choice.*

### THE ADULT RIDING CLINIC IS HERE!

Well, here come our riders from ALL over the country and we want everyone to be a part!

Please join our guests for Margaritas on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the barn and then dinner for a Mexican Buffet at the High Point Country Club.

The cost of dinner per person is \$25 and reservations must be made in advance. Please let Mickey know if you would like to attend!

This is an adult only party for both men and women! (Sorry kids, you have to sit this one out!)

Also, we will ride show horses on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 4pm. Many of our guests will be here to watch our horses, so please come and be a part of the fun. This is a great opportunity to meet great people from all over the country. Please plan to join us!

### Horse Show Sign-Up Deadlines

February 25<sup>th</sup> Raleigh Spring  
Premier

March 15<sup>th</sup> JD Massey

Please Email your plans to the barn at [highcaliberstables@gmail.com!](mailto:highcaliberstables@gmail.com)

## What's been happening...

### Horse Happenings

*Congratulations to Katie McKenzie on the recent sale of CH Thundersnow (aka Pogo)! Pogo will now be an Equitation horse for his new rider at Knollwood Farm with Scott and Carol*



*Congratulations to the Bowen Family on their recent purchase of The Nutley News (aka Sherman)! What a great pair he and Libby make and we can't wait to see*



*Congratulations to the Kangur Family on their recent purchase of Doubletree's Very Fancy aka Fancy. She certainly lives up to her name and we can't wait to see her paired up with Ellie in*

## What a Birthday!

*Ainsley Ruley turned 10 and what a Birthday she had! There was a petting zoo, scavenger hunt, bon fire and of course, riding horses! Here are a few photos from her celebration. Although we don't host many, High Caliber Stables knows how to throw one heck of a party tailored to each child! No two are ever alike but they're always fun!*



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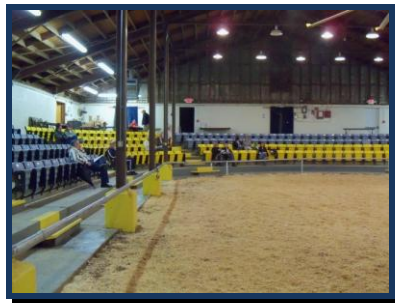
We have a new addition to our Happenings At High Caliber. We want to recognize our High Caliber riders and their accomplishments outside of the barn! It is important to celebrate the WHOLE person, not just the rider so let us know and we will let everyone else know.

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!

Congrats to **Margaret Morrison!** Margaret was one of four Silver Key Winners in the Scholastic Visual Arts Awards at Reynolds High School. This is an extremely competitive event including students from 62 counties in our region. Way to go, Margaret!

Congrats to **Meredith Macy!** Meredith was asked by the band, SalemSpeaks to perform with them at the Millenium Center on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Way to go, Meredith!

Congrats to **Allie Poovey** and **Libby Bowen!** Both of these talented young riders are also budding Einsteins! They both received high awards for their respective science projects. Way to go, Allie and Libby!



## *Mary and Evan Invited to speak at Guilford County Extension Seminar*

On Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mary, Evan and Morgan packed up Sampson and headed to Greensboro to speak to about 35 people. Morgan was dressed in her suit and Mary and Evan talked about Saddleseat Equitation and the American Saddlebred. It was a wonderful opportunity to go out into the community and represent what High Caliber Stables does best and promote our breed! The attendees had a lot of great questions and seemed very interested. Morgan was an excellent "Equitation" rider and Sampson was a great representative of the American Saddlebred breed.

This experience was a nice honor for High Caliber Stables and a wonderful way for Mary to spend her birthday!

**IMPORTANT**

### **NO LESSONS**

**Thursday, 3/10**  
**Friday, 3/11**  
**Wednesday, 3/23**  
**Thursday, 3/24**  
**Friday, 3/25**  
**Monday, 3/28**

### **SHOW Horses on:**

**Saturday, 3/5**  
**Thursday, 3/10**  
**Saturday, 3/19**

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## Stuff you need to know...



### New Shipment of T-Shirts has arrived!

Do you still need a High Caliber T-Shirt? More are in stock! Stop by the office to pick one up today!



Last month we posted all of the High Points and Year End Awards for High Caliber. What an amazing list! Unfortunately we left a few riders and horses off the list. With this many horses and so many accomplishment we are bound to make few mistakes!

For those of you we left off the list

#### WE ARE SORRY!

Here are the High Caliber riders and horses that also were recognized with yearend accomplishments. Congratulations and again we apologize.

#### *Libby Bowen*

Horse World's People Choice  
Reserve Champion WT Equitation

*CH Kalarama Shiraz*  
ASAC Reserve Champion  
Juvenile Park Pleasure

*CH Our Charming Lady*  
All American Champion

*High Velocity*  
Saddle Horse Report Top 10  
Amateur Roadster to Bike

*CH Stonecroft I'm Radiant*  
All American Champion

### THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



At High Caliber Stables, we are so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of parents and children who are always willing to do whatever needs to be done! We could not accomplish a lot of what we do without you!

One example of help we can't do without is Academy help! We are so thankful to our children who are always willing to help our Academy riders and give back to them as others have given to them.

In order to keep everyone safe and to ensure we represent ourselves in the High Caliber fashion that we are proud of, we will be sending out an Academy Helper Agreement for all potential helpers. Please read this over carefully, let us know if you have questions and then sign and return the form to the office before the Raleigh

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[highcaliberstables@gmail.com](mailto:highcaliberstables@gmail.com)!  
Thanks for your prompt attention.

Yes, this has been included twice! Just want to make sure you don't miss it! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE let us know your show plans by the deadlines. Although we know this isn't always possible, we greatly appreciate it when you let us know when you can!

**Forsyth  
Woman**  
*Celebrating the Lives of Women*

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

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## NEWS from the HOT SHOTS



### The Hot Shots are off to a great start for 2011!

Officers were elected during a brief business meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> and then everyone (including Miss Mary and Hot Shot Mom, Maria Fitton!) skated the afternoon away. Congratulations to our new officers: President- Ali Fitton; Vice President- Shey Washburn; Secretary- Ellie Kangur; Treasurer- Graham Troxell; Scrapbook helper- Laura Plant!

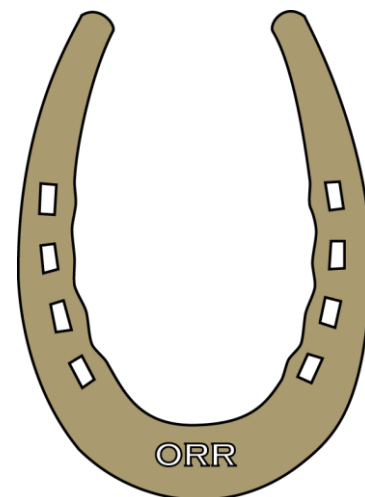
**Upcoming Events:** Looking for the perfect gift of jewelry for Mother's Day, Graduation gifts or just because? See Mickey in the office to browse through the latest **Silpada jewelry** catalog and enjoy some shopping! The Hot Shots will benefit from your order and so will you!

The Hot Shots will participate in the **Ronald McDonald House Sport a Shirt** fundraiser again this year! By purchasing a \$10 t-shirt, you will sponsor a family to stay a night at the Ronald McDonald House. Everyone is then invited to wear their shirts to celebrate on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help us support this wonderful organization by pre-ordering your shirt. Contact Mickey to place your order!

Plans are in the works for our **Fun Show on April 30<sup>th</sup>** with proceeds from the show benefitting Victory Junction. It is going to be a great partnership and Hot Shot Parent Advisor Margaret Poovey is very busy planning the day. Our next meeting will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Fun Show and other upcoming events. Stay tuned!

## 2011 SHOW SCHEDULE

SHOW	DATES	LOCATION	SIGN UP DEADLINE
Raleigh Spring Premier	March 23-26	Raleigh, NC	<b>February 25, 2011</b>
JD Massey	April 13-16	Clemson, SC	<b>March 15, 2011</b>
Asheville Spring	May 13-14	Asheville, NC	
Asheville Lions	May 18-21	Asheville, NC	
Blowing Rock Charity	June 9-12	Blowing Rock, NC	<b>NOT ATTENDING</b>
Roanoke	June 23-25	Roanoke, VA	
Lexington Junior League	July 11-16	Lexington, KY	NO ACADEMY
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