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JD Massey Classic

What a difference a show makes!! JD Massey proved to be another great step forward for High Caliber Stables. Working on our second Show Season, Evan and I want to continue to express our gratitude to everyone that is a part of our lives ranging from a riding lesson to a show horse. The support we feel as we work to make High Caliber Stables a barn that everyone is proud to be a part of with a reputation of honesty, quality and a lot of fun.

As we move forward with the Show Season, we have made a change in our June Schedule. We will be going to the Roanoke Valley Horse Show in June, taking both Academy and Show riders. We will be taking Academy riders to the Blowing Rock Horse Show but will not be taking Show Horses. We are trying to embrace CHANGE and enjoy doing something NEW for our horses and our riders!



Jenni's Walk of Hope



Don't forget...Jenni's Walk of Hope is Saturday, May 8!

Make sure you have signed up for the Sixth Annual Jenni's Walk of Hope to benefit melanoma research.

Registration will begin at Bermuda Run Country Club at 7:30 am and the 3 or 1-mile walk will start promptly at 9:00 am. Lunch at the Hewitt home will follow and include a wonderful Silent Auction. A golf tournament will also begin at 2:00 pm.

Our HOT SHOTS will be selling bookmarks to support this event.

Please support both the Hewitt family and the HOT SHOTS by planning to attend. Ask the barn if you have any questions!

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Rider in the Spotlight

SARAH BETH LONGWORTH

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

I have been riding horses since I was 10 years old. A few of my friends from school were taking lessons, so naturally I wanted to, also. Ter-Ter called, set up an introductory lesson, and the rest is history. If Ter-Ter only knew then what she knows now!

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

I love the thrill, as well as the challenge that accompanies the thrill, that riding and showing brings. Not only do you have to hold yourself together and accomplish what needs to be done, but, in the meantime, you are also responsible for holding together a 1,000 pound animal who is depending on you, and you alone. It's a phenomenal feeling.

There is not much I do not like about showing, perhaps other than finding myself without a challenge ahead of me. In such cases, showing does not quite have the same appeal.

3) *What division will you be competing in 2010?*

Magic and I will be competing in Amateur 5 Gaited and/or Ladies 5 Gaited. You never know with us...we like to keep things interesting.

4) *What are your goals for the 2010 show season?*

Five gaits. Both ways. This seems to be a recurring theme for Magic, Mary, and me, even after all these years together.

5) *Who is your favorite school horse and why?*

Annabelle is my absolute favorite school horse, of course! This is partly due to the fact that she is mine, but also I love that she still makes you do your job; she is 20 years old and still has her attitude! She is just an angel.

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

"Get on the RAIL!" It's a new catchphrase we have nowadays.

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

I love a challenge; it is the challenge that Magic presents to me almost every single time I ride him that I love so much about this sport. I love (and occasionally dislike) that when I go into the ring, I never know exactly what might happen. Sometimes I make mistakes, and things sometimes blow up in my face. But, when Magic and I can get it right and I can feel accomplished and confident in my ride, nothing can beat that feeling.

8) *What lessons have you learned from riding horses?*

A major lesson I have learned from the whole experience of riding horses, including being around our barn family, is that you can get through anything; never give up. Things do not always go according to plan, and the road sometimes can get a tad rough, but if you hold those who are important to you close and focus on what makes you happy, you can get through absolutely anything. The whole sport of riding horses as well as our barn family has been such a blessing.

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

Nope, no good luck charms or rituals for Magic and me. Winning is not a huge focus of ours...we are just hoping to do five things both ways; anything beyond that is icing on the cake!

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

I love spending time with my friends, spending time at the lake, going to see movies, shopping, organizing, and lots and lots of travelling.



HIGH CALIBER STABLES MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 4	MELINDA TEDDER
MAY 10	ALEX FOSTER
MAY 13	MARIE WOOD
MAY 17	PAUL BLAKE
MAY 28	EVAN ORR

IMPORTANT!!

Change to Show Schedule

We will now be attending the Roanoke Valley Horse Show June 23-26. Both Academy and Show horses will show at this show.

Only Academy will be attending the Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show.

If you have any interesting news or tid-bits that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let Mickey know by the 15th of the month at mickeyhcs@hotmail.com.

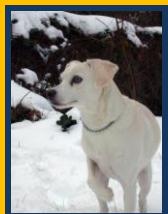
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Barn Happenings

Morgan is on her way!

Great news, Morgan and Matt will be arriving in North Carolina on May 10th! We can't wait for them to get here!



Sally Rolfe needs your help!

Sally will be heading off to William-Woods in the fall and is need of a foster family for her dog, Jess. Jess is a 9 year old Whippet-Dalmatian cross. She has a lot of energy but is really sweet and obedient. She is an indoor dog and not an off-leash dog. She is fine with cats and ok with other dogs – it just depends on the dog.

Sally has had Jess for 8 years and would love for someone she knows or someone the barn knows. Please email her at littlejoecochise@gmail.com if you can help.

IMPORTANT SHOW ENTRY DEADLINES

Blowing Rock Charity- **Academy only**

April 30

Roanoke Valley Horse Show

May 10

Lexington Junior League

May 24



High Caliber Raises Money for the Ronald McDonald House

Many thanks to those who purchased t-shirts to benefit the Ronald McDonald House's Sport a Shirt/Share a Night fundraiser. Our barn sold 22 shirts, raising over \$200 for the house! At \$5.00 a night per family, High Caliber Stables was able to sponsor 44 families to stay at the House. Great job!

High Caliber Stables horses and riders often advertize in numerous horse coverage publications. If you're not already familiar with them, check out the following publications:

PUBLICATIONS TO CHECK OUT



Saddle & Bridle
Saddle Horse Report
National Horseman
Horse World
Show Ring Times

www.saddleandbridle.com
www.saddlehorsereport.com
www.tnh1865.com
www.saddlehorsereport.com
www.showringtimes.com

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HIGH CALIBER STABLES

News from the High Caliber Stables HOT SHOTS

Many thanks to moms Heather Bowen, Patsy Plant and Margaret Poovey for agreeing to serve as our HOT SHOT advisors. These Moms have already been busy planning many wonderful activities for our youth group and are off to a great start!

The HOT SHOTS met at the barn on Friday, April 16th and learned about Jenni Hewitt and what the Jenni's Walk of Hope is all about. The group made bookmarks that they will be selling for \$1.00 to raise money to donate to this wonderful cause. PLEASE PLAN TO SUPPORT THEM BY PURCHASING A BOOKMARK FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS!



High Caliber Stables Show Schedule 2010		
Show	Dates	Deadline
Asheville Spring	May 14-15	April 14
Asheville Lions	May 19-20	April 8
Blowing Rock Charity – Academy	June 12	April 30
Roanoke Valley Horse Show	June 23-26	May 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!

New Email address at the barn!
Please make a note of the new email address at the barn. The new address to use is highcaliberstables@gmail.com.

SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE: Academy and Show Riders
Please let the barn know by **Monday, May 10th** if you plan to show at the Roanoke Valley Horse Show to avoid a \$25 late entry fee.