

# HAPPENINGS...

## at HIGH CALIBER STABLES

MARCH 2010



Enjoy  
the  
Moment

Here we go into the second season for High Caliber Stables! Evan and I are both looking forward to the show season and want to invite everyone to our home on **March 13 at 5:00 pm** for a Show Season Kick Off Party! I was informed this is ACC tournament time. We promise to have the TV going with ACC games and updates. We will provide burgers and hot dogs and would love for you to bring either a salad or dessert. Please let us know if you plan on attending and how many people by March 9th.

Last year was our “Year of Firsts” and, quite honestly, it surpassed all of our expectations! I was also reminded how quickly time flies. This year, we will have four High Caliber riders graduating from High School: Anna Drew Jackson, Katie Morrison, Cecilia Kucera and Sally Rolfe. I remember teaching Cecilia to canter, I remember Anna Drew riding her first show horse, I remember Katie Mo staying the night with me for the first time, and I remember Sally’s first lesson with Evan. All were accepted to wonderful schools, and all are amazing young adults. More importantly their maturity is a reminder for all of us to “Enjoy Every Moment” win or lose and appreciate the time we have to spend with friends, family and children.

So as we move forward, let’s “Enjoy the Moment”. Let’s work hard, be kind to all we come in contact with, lose as well as we win, and take pride in our barn, our horses and our riders.

~Mary

# Rider in the Spotlight



## Meredith Macy



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

*I've been riding for 13 years. I started out at the age of 3 riding quarter horses. I did some trail riding and rode in some parades in East Bend. When I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade I wanted to take lessons to learn to ride saddleseat. I have been hooked since my very first lesson!!!*

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

*My favorite thing about showing is the bond that I (with Mary & Evan too) share with Elton. We both LOVE doing patterns. My favorite thing about riding is learning something new and improving my horsemanship with every ride. My least favorite thing about showing would have to be the warm-up ring. With everyone going different directions, etc....it can get a little bit hectic/chaotic.*

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

*Pleasure Equitation 14-17 division*

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

*My goal for this season is to give 100+ % every class.....and to make Mary & Evan proud!!*

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

*My favorite school horse would have to be Vivian (sorry Ursula). Mary let me help train her when she first came. I got to teach her patternwork, and in the process she helped train me to be more relaxed and a better rider.*

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

*Mary tells me to be more confident in myself and my ability to ride/show.*

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

*What excites me most about riding horses is the feeling of accomplishment that I get when I know that I have done my best and learned something in the process.*

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

*1-To be patient*

*2-CONFIDENCE!!!!*

*3-Relationship skills-with Mary, my fellow riders, and the horses too.*

*These are just a few...there are so many more!!!*

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

*Yes. I always walk my patterns with Mary----sometimes in the ring...sometimes just in my head. I also wear my horseshoe pin on my lapel. I like to ride every ride for God....for the memory of some very special friends...and for my barn family!.*

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

*When I am not riding...I love to play/write music, sing...sing...sing..., and hang out with friends. I have also started running.*

# Barn News and Upcoming Events



## Medal Winners from High Caliber

Congratulations to the following Academy riders who recently received award medals at the ASHA Convention in Lexington, KY.

**Bronze:** Heather Bowen, Isabel Wood, Ainsley Ruley, Graham Troxell, Lilly Boyd

**Silver:** Rachel Whitt, Audrey Kim

**Gold:** Sydney Beason, Rachel Baker, Melinda Tedder

## ASHA Horse of the Year WGC CH Our Charming Lady

Congratulations to Jack and Donna Finch for receiving the ASHA Horse of the Year award from ASHA at their convention in Lexington, KY on February 20, 2010. Although we had a small group in attendance from High Caliber, it was a lovely evening and we are all very proud of Grace!



## Is this Einstein? No it's Allie Poovey!



Our own HCS rider, third grader Allie Poovey recently won the Science Fair at Whitaker Elementary School for Grades 3-5! Her project was "The Effects of Different Colored Lights on Plant Growth".

Because of her winning entry, she was asked to represent her school at the Forsyth County Science Fair held at Sci Works on February 18, 2010. Great job, Allie!

### Lessons will not be taught on:

Friday 3/6  
Monday 3/22 through Friday 3/26  
Monday 3/29

### Show horses will be ridden:

Thursday 3/4  
Saturday 3/13  
Saturday 3/20

## High Caliber rider headed to World Cup Try-outs

**Drew Taylor Hewitt** will head to William Woods University in Fulton, MS on March 26th for World Cup try-outs. This is a huge achievement and honor! According to Ellen Beard of Stephens College, the applicants “were very deep this year.” Of all the applications received, only 15 were asked to come try out for one of the 12 slots.

What a wonderful honor for Drew Taylor, her family and for High Caliber Stables! We wish her the best of luck!



## ASHA Juvenile Country Pleasure Horse of the Year

CH Uwharrie's Patriot Sage, owned by Tom and Patsy Plant and ridden by Laura Plant, was honored with the Juvenile Country Pleasure Horse of the Year award by the American Saddlebred Horse Association in Lexington, Kentucky. Way to go Henry!

*Welcome, Mia!*

Congratulations to the Bowen family on their recent purchase of *Princessa Mia*.



*First Show Horse!  
How Exciting!*

February 6th was a very exciting day for HCS Rider, Macy Blake. Macy's parents, Paul and Penny presented Macy

with *Callaway's Kiss and Tell*. We all can't wait to cheer this new team on in 2010!



## Attention Young Riders!



Don't forget to keep up with your Saddletime Hours. The notebook is located in the school horse tack room and each rider is responsible for keeping track of their hours. Hours will be checked every 4 months and submitted to ASHA. Hours will be checked next in May.

Congratulations to the following riders who have completed the first level of the Saddletime program:

**Sydney Beason  
Lilly Boyd  
Ellie Kangur  
Ainsley Ruley**

## News from the HOT SHOTS

The HOT SHOTS had their first meeting of the year on February 13th at Skatehaven! Officers for the year were selected and everyone enjoyed the skating.

Our new officers are:

Co-President: Drew Taylor Hewitt

Co-President: Anna Drew Jackson

Secretary: Meredith Macy

Historian: Alex Foster & Laura Plant

Photographer: Ellie Kangur & Allie Poovey

Our next meeting will be at the Ronald McDonald House on March 13th. Please plan to meet at the House at 2:00 pm for a tour of the facility and to learn what this wonderful organization does. Please bring an item from their Wish List below.

Let Mickey know if you plan to attend by March 10th.



## CLASSIFIEDS:

### WANTED: HOT SHOTS MOM (S)!

We are looking for an energetic MOM (S) to serve as our HOT SHOTS Advisor. Responsibilities include notifying members of meetings and seeing that things run smoothly. The 2010 Schedule has been established but can be changed if desired. Please see Mary if you have any questions or if you desire to apply for this very prestigious volunteer position.  
**WE NEED YOU!**



Winston-Salem

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**THANK YOU for thinking of our families!**

- ♥ Microwavable Single-Serve Meals and Snacks
- ♥ Fresh Fruits
- ♥ Sugar and Sweeteners
- ♥ Powdered Creamer
- ♥ Garbage Bags – 39 Gallon
- ♥ Disinfectant Wipes and Cleaners
- ♥ Laundry Detergent
- ♥ Floor Dusting Sheets (Swiffer)
- ♥ Disposable Food Storage Containers
- ♥ Re-sealable Plastic Bags
- ♥ Foil and Plastic Wrap
- ♥ Liquid Hand Soap
- ♥ Glass Cleaner
- ♥ Dishwasher Detergent
- ♥ Cups – Hot and Cold
- ♥ Plastic Knives, Forks, and Spoons
- ♥ Plates – Sturdy Paper
- ♥ Bowls – Sturdy Paper
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Coffee Stirrers
- ♥ Napkins
- ♥ Word Find Books
- ♥ NEW Toy Cars and Trucks
- ♥ NEW Arts and Crafts Kits
- ♥ Postage Stamps

♥ Urgently needed items.

We are unable to accept used stuffed toys/animals, used toys, or used books. THANKS!

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

\$86 - adopt a family for a night

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## HOT SHOTS take over Lexington, KY

Several HOT SHOT members headed to the ASHA Convention in Lexington, KY with Mary and Evan and had a great time! They enjoyed dancing on Friday night, seeing several barns in the area on Saturday, lunch at the Red Mile, and of course, the very elegant Saddlebred Ball. With all of this fun though, the kids voted riding with Mr. Evan and enjoying his snacks their favorite part of the trip!

**The HOT SHOTS also received several awards for their scrapbook that was submitted. Congratulations to our "Award Winning Youth Group" for receiving awards for Membership and Fundraising. Way to go!**



# Thanks for your help

To better serve our customers, we have implemented a new policy concerning returning phone calls.

Each day, we will return phone calls between the hours of:

7:30 to 8:30 am  
1:30 to 2:30 pm  
After 8:30 pm if necessary

Thank you for understanding this new policy is to better allow us to train your horses and children! Should your need be immediate, we encourage you to call the barn office at 769-4701. Office hours are 9:00 to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday and someone should be available to answer your call. If not, please leave a message on the machine and know that these are checked regularly.

Please continue to email or leave messages for us and we will be in touch!

## HCS March Birthdays:

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  
Jeni Geisler  
Drew Taylor Hewitt

## Show Season Kick Off Cookout

When: Saturday March 13th 5:00 pm  
Where: Mary & Evan's house  
1100 Reynolds Price Drive in K'ville

Please bring a salad or dessert!

RSVP by March 10th to  
[highcaliberstables@hotmail.com](mailto:highcaliberstables@hotmail.com)



OK, this is just scary!

## Attention all Show and Academy Riders:

Please let us know by *March 12th* if you plan to show at the JD Massey Classic Horse Show in Clemson, SC April 21-24