

# HAPPENINGS

## at HIGH CALIBER STABLES

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What  
a  
YEAR!

High Caliber Stables is not only celebrating their first complete show season together, but we are celebrating an AWESOME first show season together!

With many "old faithful" partners back in the show ring continuing to be noticed and enjoying the spotlight of the winner's circle, as well as many new teams who were learning and growing, success was had by many!

From Laura Plant's World Championship win, Ellie Kangur's Reserve World Championship win, and Drew Taylor Hewitt's tremendous success and Triple Crown victory with CH Sunken Treasure (now owned by Stephanie Brackett), it was a year to celebrate. Of course, the 34 consecutive wins, the Three Gaited Open Triple Crown victory *and* winning the UPHA Three Gaited Horse of the Year for the third consecutive year by the Finch's WGC CH Our Charming Lady helped put us all on the Saddlebred-industry map.

All this being said, the show ring victories really aren't what made this year memorable. The real victory is the fact that we all took this journey together, not knowing exactly what we were doing or how it would turn out, and we made it! This is our greatest success!

A big thank you to everyone for being a part of such a great year. We are looking forward to many continued successes in 2010!



# Alex Foster

## HCS Rider of the Month



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

About 6 years. I started after my 10th Birthday Party.

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

My least favorite thing is the pressure, which I have tremendously lessened by changing divisions.

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

14-17 year old Country Pleasure with CH Over Achiever

**What are your goals for 2010?**

To smile more, to have fun, try not to get nervous and for me and Archie to do our best and make Mary and Evan proud of us.

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

Commander - he is like Archie in many ways

**What is the one thing Mary always seem to say to you when you ride?**

Smile and look like I'm having fun (because I am!!)

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

The thrill of living my dream and feeling like I am almost flying.  
The challenge to be the best we can be also excites me the most!

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

To be aggressive, to just have fun and to do your best.  
Riding has also helped me come out of my shell.

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

I never eat before I show. I always want Mary to pick my hair bow and put it in.  
I always stroke Archie's shoulder or muzzle before getting on in the warm-up ring.

**What do you like to do when you are not riding?**

Read (just about anything from novels to textbooks to comics)

Bake (anything)

Draw and/or paint

Travel (London, Paris, SC, NC, KY and anywhere there is a horse show!)

Watch football (Wake Forest and University of Louisville)

Playing baseball with my Dad

Being with my barn friends and barn family and other friends

# Barn News, Upcoming Events, & Scheduling Notes



## Missy Hughes comes to High Caliber

Missy Hughes came to visit and held a riding clinic at the barn on December 26 - 28. She was able to help many riders work on things they wanted to improve, and gave lots of insight to others. There were several little people with very sore legs after she left!



## Becker Brothers is coming to the barn!

Dale and Brad will be at Mary and Evan's house on

*January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.*

Please call the barn to schedule an appointment time if you need to have any alterations made or order any new clothing for the upcoming show season.

## Who said things slow down when show season is over??!

In fact, Mary and Evan seem to be busier than ever! Between attending conventions, horse-hunting in Kentucky, participating in Judges' Clinics and teaching riding clinics at other barns, their January schedule is very tight! Thanks to everyone for their understanding and patience with riding times this month!

As a reminder, lessons will NOT be taught the following days in January: 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 & 29

Show horses will be ridden on the following days in January: 2, 14, 21, & 28



## ASAC Convention:

Don't forget to get your registration form and money to the barn if you plan on attending the ASAC Convention in Concord, NC on January 29 & 30th. All forms will be mailed from the barn Tuesday morning so all forms need to be received by end of day Monday, 1/11 - NO EXCEPTIONS!

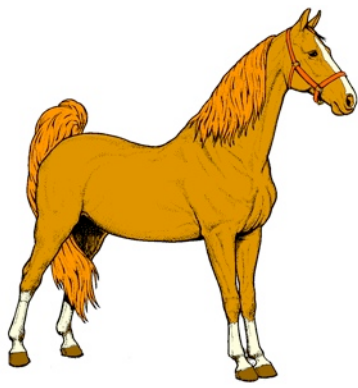
If you need to download a registration form, please go to [www.asacsaddlebred.com](http://www.asacsaddlebred.com).



## SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway to attend the ASHA Youth Convention in Lexington, KY on February 18-20th.

Mark your calendar now if you would like to attend and look for details to follow.



# CALLING ALL ACADEMY RIDERS!!

## Get ready for the first HCS show of the season!

We will be going to the Winter Tournament in Raleigh, NC on **Saturday, February 13th**. The show will start at 11:00 am.

Winter Tournaments are a great introductory experience for riders new to the show ring. They are also helpful for those new to cantering in the show ring or even for riders who just want to “warm-up” before the season officially begins.

If you would like to participate, please let Mickey know by **February 1st** after talking to Mary about your plans!

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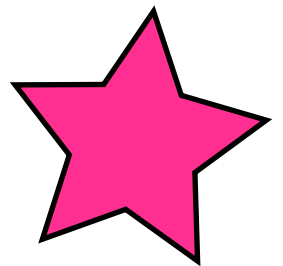
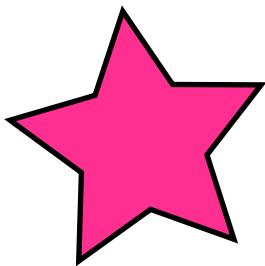
*Do you know someone who may want to have a birthday party at the barn?*

If so, ask them to give us a call!

On a **very limited basis**, we are now hosting parties for our current customers and referrals from our customers.

Both “The Poove” and Sydney Beason recently celebrated their birthdays with us. A great time was had by all and both of these very generous young ladies asked their guests to make donations to the HOT SHOTS in lieu of gifts!

Many thanks for their generosity!



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## Wacky Photo of the Month



Ask Mr. Evan what this picture is about!



## News from the HOT SHOTS:

The HOT SHOTS have been busy! In October, thanks to Jennifer Foster, the HOT SHOTS teamed up with the Second Harvest Food Bank and collected non-perishable food items at several performances of the Piedmont Opera's production of **Hansel and Gretel**.

With the help of Margaret Poovey, the HOT SHOTS also sold shopping passes for Macy's Shop for a Cause. Passes were sold before the event and several members also sold passes the day of the event at the HCS booth set up in the store. In addition to educating the public about the American Saddlebred breed and the HCS riding program, the HOT SHOTS raised over \$600!

Currently, the HOT SHOTS are working on completing their scrapbook to submit for the ASHA Youth Convention in Lexington, KY.



## 2010 SHOW SCHEDULE

Show	Dates
ASAC Winter Tournament	Feb. 13
ASAC Horse Show*	March 18-20
Raleigh Spring Premier*	March 25-27
JD Massey	April 21-24
Asheville Spring	May 14-15
Asheville Lions	May 19-20
Blowing Rock Charity	June 10-12
Charlotte Charity	June 24-26
Lexington Junior League	July 5-10
Blue Ridge Classic	July 27-31
Louisville	August 22-28
NC State Championship	Sept. 15-18
ASHAV	Sept. 29-Oct. 2
Alabama Charity	Oct. 13-16
American Royal	Nov. 16-20
*Will decide between 2 shows by 2/1/10	
No Academy at highlighted shows	

## HCS Birthdays

January 1  
Harvey Freeman  
Jennifer Kim

January 13  
Tonu Kangur

January 18  
Sarah Beth Longworth

January 23  
Ray Morrison

January 25  
Stewart Beason

January 31  
Glen Robinson

