

# HIGH CALIBER STABLES

September/October 2010

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## TWO YEARS

15 World and Reserve World  
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One World Grand Champion  
USEF Horse of Honor  
USA World Cup Rider  
Academy National Champions  
ASAC Horse Trainers of The Year  
2010 ASAC High Point  
Performance Barn  
*This is just the beginning.....*



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It is hard to believe that High Caliber Stables has been going for just two years! Sometimes it seems like we have been on our own forever and other times it seems like yesterday. September 3rd 2010 I was on a plane to Fall River Mills California and if you haven't heard the story already it is a 5 1/2 Hour Flight followed by a 5 hour drive through the mountains. NO there is not another airport closer and YES that is how far my parents come Every time they visit. In the plane I woke Evan up (as I always do) and told him we have made it through two years in Business. He smiled and went back to sleep.

Change is inevitable and as we speak we are going through many changes. We have new families that will become a part our Barn in Academy and the show horse side as well. We welcome you! We are so excited to have you and hope we do not scare you too much!!! Some of our show horses that have been with us from the beginning will be rounding out their careers. This is very bitter sweet. As we retire those horses we look forward to the new horses that will take their place and even more exciting looking forward to some of their Babies!!! Vikki Byrd's first Jaunty Jannette baby, Cosby is FINALLY here and ready to be trained.

Three of our High Caliber Girls are off to College! So far so Good! The barn is different and they are truly missed and never really gone (see you at Thanksgiving and Christmas!) but all of a sudden in walks our newest set of Big Girls to help get horses ready! Once again CHANGE. Every evening it seems I see another rider driving themselves to the barn, going to a dance, wearing make-up, or even scarier sitting down and having a conversation with me. Not to mention Sarah Beth Longworth is a Junior in College. WOW!

Thank you to each and every person that has been a part of High Caliber Stables. We are so grateful for the support and wonderful memories that we have had. We look forward to making more memories making new friendships and continuing the friendships we have here. Here is To Many More!!!

Mary and Evan

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## Rider in the Spotlight LIBBY BOWEN

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

Almost 5 years. I went on a pony ride in Pre-K and decided I want to learn to ride.

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

My favorite thing is being challenged with new school horses and new experiences like Louisville. My least favorite thing is when I realize that I didn't do my best!

- 3) What division do you compete in?

Walk/Trot Country Pleasure and 8 & Under Equitation in Louisville

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

To make Maggie look her best and to have my elbows bent, to sit back in the saddle so her head is set.

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

Chuck because I like that he needs to be pushed to perform

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

To sit back in my saddle!

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

What excites me the most is riding new horses.

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

You have to do your best to get better

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

I have lucky socks. They are aqua blue with a horse head on them.

- 10) What do you like to do when you are not riding horses?

I like to read and play basketball.



## HCS BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

7 <sup>TH</sup>	LILY SWEENEY
9 <sup>TH</sup>	LIBBY BOWEN
12 <sup>TH</sup>	CAROL HEWITT
13 <sup>TH</sup>	KIMBERLEY BAKER
15 <sup>TH</sup>	PEGGY BRACKETT
15 <sup>TH</sup>	RACHEL SANCHEZ
7 <sup>TH</sup>	ELLIE KANGUR
22 <sup>ND</sup>	CAITLIN FULLER
27 <sup>TH</sup>	KAREN PARKER
29 <sup>TH</sup>	DAN MARCUM
29 <sup>TH</sup>	KATE RULEY
30 <sup>TH</sup>	KIM JACKSON

### OCTOBER

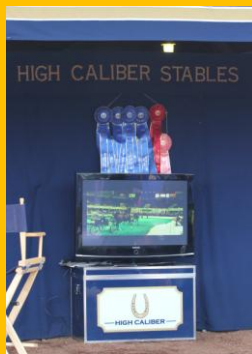
1 <sup>ST</sup>	CHARLES LEONARD
6 <sup>TH</sup>	TAMARA MACY
10 <sup>TH</sup>	RACHEL BAKER
18 <sup>TH</sup>	BRYAN MACY
20 <sup>TH</sup>	AUDREY KIM
21 <sup>ST</sup>	KATIE YOUNG MCKENZIE
28 <sup>TH</sup>	CONNIE LEONARD



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## What a Wonderful Louisville

Where do we begin?! What a year...again! We are so proud of all of our riders who participated in Louisville. We are so proud of everyone.

The week got off to a great start with **Debbie Marcum** breaking her arm. A plate and 16 screws later, she is good as new!

**CH Our Charming Lady!** She has been to Louisville the last four years and has won her Qualifier and Championship for all 4 of these years! Jack Finch said this year meant the most and we have to agree! GO Grace GO!! This will have been her final showing at Freedom Hall. Be sure to Save the Date for 2011 when we retire her on the Green Shavings!

Two time World Champion **Laura Plant** and now Reserve World Champion of Champions! Pretty Awesome and two years in a row!

World Champion **Allie Poovey!** We started the year learning to canter Sonflower and now she is a Unanimous World Champion! Go Poovee!!

Reserve World Champion Sunken Treasure and **Stephanie Brackett** and Top Three in the Championship class! Both times with a first place vote! This was Stephanie's first time cantering on the green shavings – add 2 more gaits and you get a girl and horse that have surpassed all expectations in their first show season together.

**Ellie Kangur** making the work-out in the Junior Equitation Championship class and nailing her pattern in Freedom Hall

**Libby Bowen** made her debut on the green shavings and made us all proud!

**Evan Orr** and Susan McGee made their last show under the High Caliber banner. A few bobbles but a promising future!

**Drew Taylor Hewitt** did a great job with Shiraz and had a great Reserve Champion win on her catch ride.

**Donna Finch** rode hard and proved that when you have trouble, keep going!

The list could go on. These are just a few of the wonderful highlights from the show. All of riders rode to their potential and demonstrated the hard work they put in.

Congratulations to them all!

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Drew Taylor Hewitt will be competing with the United States World Cup team October 6-8, 2010, in Shelbyville, Kentucky. She is a member of the US Five-gaited team. She was chosen after a rigorous application and audition process. She will be taking with her our well wishes and three of the barn horses, Lance, Ursula, and Prince.

Drew Taylor and team USA will be competing against teams from five other countries. High Caliber Stables wishes Drew Taylor and Team USA the best of luck. Go Drew Taylor!

## DR. Deker retires



WCH CH Dr. Deker ended a long and successful career September 16, 2010, at the North Carolina Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina. Before retiring, Doc was a champion at halter, three gaited and five-gaited classes, show pleasure driving, and country pleasure driving. He was previously owned by Todd, Margaret, and Allie Poovey. In 2007, he was leased and later purchased by Dan and Debbie Marcum. His record after that would include a World's Championship, Reserve National Championship, and Lexington Junior League Championship.

Mary and Debbie rode into the arena together while supporters of Doc watched from center ring. After the presentation of flowers and a few more trips around the arena, Debbie, Mary, and Doc exited to a crowd of smiles and tears.

Later in the evening a delicious meal prepared by the Hollowell family was enjoyed by all. Pictures and mementos from Doc's career were on display as people ate and visited. Special thanks to Mickey Kangur, Frank and Susan Hollowell, Vickie Byrd, Sarah Johnson, Dan Marcum, and Mary and Evan Orr for helping make the retirement ceremony a success.



## We have Baby News!

*Congratulations to Frank and Susan Hollowell who welcomed their first grandchild, grandson Garrett on August 19<sup>th</sup>!*

*Congratulations also to Susan and Wallace Williamson are first time grandparents after welcoming granddaughter Stella Grace on August 31!*

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Congratulations to the Ruley Family!  
They found their name in the July  
newsletter and will enjoy a free riding  
lesson!

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



## Riva to live the life!

Saturday night of NC State Championships, **CH Riva Diva and Donna Finch** were called out of 14 exhibitors as the **Country Pleasure Champion** for the last time. What a way to end a fabulous career!

Next job for Riva, babies and trail riding with Donna!

Congratulations to Audrey Kim for recently  
receiving Undulata's Time to Shine!

Looking forward to seeing this new team in the  
show ring!



## Attention ALL RIDERS

**ASHA Saddletime Points**  
will be turned in at the end  
of October. Please make  
sure you are up to date on  
your entries!

## SOLD from High Caliber Stables

Recently, the following horses have sold from HCS. We congratulate all new owners!

**Wee Pee's Meadows** now owned by Layton Sydenstricker

**Undulata's Susan McGee** now owned by Barbour Childress

**CH Over Achiever** now owned by Suzanne Bradshaw



Lisa Bodenhoerst of Ivy  
Run Jods will be at the  
barn on Friday, October  
23<sup>rd</sup> to sell her great  
denim jods. Cost is  
approx. \$60/pair

Those who have them,  
love them! Be sure to  
come check them out!

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## NORTH CAROLINA CHAMPIONSHIP

Exciting performances, warm weather, birthdays, retirement, Hall of Fame honors, good food, wolf-pack howls, smiles, and tears sum up an exciting four days of horse competition at the North Carolina Championship.



It has been said that there is no "I" in team. This was evidenced by the teamwork of High Caliber riders and volunteers Saturday, September 18, 2010. A busy crew of adults and young volunteers could be seen fixing hair buns, attaching numbers, fixing ties, applying make-up, taping gloves, holding horses, changing tack, taking care of horses, and keeping track of participants. The following e-mail from a parent sums it up.

*"As I rode home from the horse show yesterday I was listening to Abigail tell me about everyone who helped her in the warm-up ring and in the barn before and after the show. It occurred to me that 95% of those individuals are not academy riders or families. Most of the helpers are people who do not have to be there, show riders, moms and dads, but do it because they love the kids and they love HCS. You guys are wonderful plant1 and you make High Caliber the kind of barn that everyone wants to be a part of. Thank you for being so willing to help in getting ready, doing hair, changing saddles, calling lead changes at every corner of the arena and even writing the children's names on their ribbons. You go above and beyond and we are so thankful for each and every one of you."*

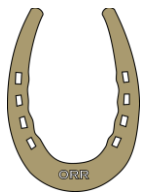


Rachel Sanchez brought the nouse down with her first ride on Sampson. We are so proud of you Rachel!

Congratulations to the riders for their great effort and thanks to all of the parents and volunteers.

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**High Caliber  
HOT  
SHOTS  
Youth Club**

Congratulations to the High Caliber Hot Shots for winning the award for the Best Equine Themed basket at the ASHA auction in Louisville! There were many entries, but our basket stood apart from the rest! Those who attended the auction were impressed with the creativity of the theme and the quality of the content of the basket! Thanks to all of the Hot Shots for their contributions. It represented the Hot Shots and the barn very well demonstrating the High Caliber's focus on quality!

The next Hot Shot event will be a Silpada Jewelry Party at Libby' Bowen's house on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00. A big thanks to Jennifer Kim for enlisting her friend and Silpada Representative, Cherita Bell for the event. Cherita has agreed to donate all of the profit from the jewelry sales to the Hot Shots! If you would like details about the party, please contact Heather Bowen at hbowen@wcsr.com or 336-529-3704.

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## High Caliber Stables Show Schedule 2010

Show	Dates	Deadline
ASHAV	Sept. 29-Oct. 2	
NC State Fair	Oct. 27-30	Oct. 1

**Please let us  
know by the  
highlighted date  
if you plan to  
attend the show.  
Please respond  
via email!**



A new athlete has been added to the barn, Cosby. He is the son of Jaunty Janette and Nutcracker. Vickie Byrd is happy to have her "baby" in training.



## SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**High Caliber Stables Christmas Party**  
on December 11<sup>th</sup>!

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