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Attention Charter Club Secretaries and Youth Club Advisors:
CHARTER AND YOUTH CLUB RENEWALS WERE DUE APRIL 30, 2010

If you wish to have your club included in this listing, please complete and send in your renewal as soon as possible.



2010 SADDLEBRED YOUTH CONFERENCE

By Ashley Biggins, Kara Bekebrede and Stephanie DiLuca

Field trips and fun marked the weekend for ASHA's incredible youth. Read on for the tale of their visits to award-winning horse farms, parties and more.



Photos by Sabrina Ball, Kaelynn Donnelly, Jodi Higdon and Paige Lawrence

Honored as 2009 Youth Clubs of the Year were the Mighty Mallard Mustangs (above) and Tall Tails Youth Club (below).



2011 SADDLEBRED SUMMIT FEBRUARY 17-19



Photo by Kaelynn Donnelly

The ASHA Youth Convention is a time for all Saddlebred riders to come together and celebrate our achievements and the beautiful horse we ride. We learn a lot, visit beautiful barns, and meet some very influential people of the Saddlebred industry.

People from all over the country come together each year for this convention. Our youth groups and yearbooks may be very different, but our love of the Saddlebred is the same. Throughout all the activities we do that weekend, the high-stepping and graceful American Saddlebred brings us together. We may be giving awards to each other, but we are always honoring our favorite horse, the Saddlebred.

The ASHA Youth Conference was a great success this year. It started on Friday night with registration and a pizza party. This also gave time for the youth clubs to look at all of the wonderful yearbooks and get ideas for next year. The yearbooks looked fantastic, and all of the hard work put into them paid off. Everyone then split up into groups and went to the three round tables. One of the round tables was with Helen Robertson, who talked about the UPHA Ribbons of Service Program. This program is a great opportunity in which scholarship money can be earned by youth showing in equitation classes, when they perform community service and raise money for Saint Jude's Hospital.

A second round table was with nationally renowned judges Bret and Susi Day. This fascinating couple talked about the judge's perspective. They reminded the youth to remember what the judge is thinking and watching for while you are in the show ring. In addition, they suggested for all the youth competing in shows to order the handbook for judging, because it explains exactly how judges want exhibitors to show.



Photos by Kaelynn Donnelly

Above: ASHA Youth enjoy the Friday evening Dance Party featuring "The Outrageous Music Machine." **Bottom left:** Morgan Mulligan, attending with the M.P. Saddlears, shows her "horsey" cupcake. **Bottom right:** Andrea Steponaitis, ASHA Youth Committee member, assists with cupcake decorating.

The third round table was with equine veterinarian Dr. Louis Johnson, who talked about the essentials of keeping and caring for a healthy horse. After the three round tables, there was a dance party for the youth. This gave everyone a chance to catch up with old friends and have some fun together! There were also some imaginative cupcake decorating and delicious desserts. Many of the cupcake decorations included horses, barns, and other ingenious designs only the youth could create.

On Saturday, the morning started with the Youth Academy Awards Breakfast. The bronze, silver, gold, and the Acad-





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The White Star Showstoppers proudly accept their Academy Award medals.



Photo by Jodi Higdon

Maggie McElroy, Alexis Fenger and Michaela Kratofil (Tall Tails) won Showmanship at Halter awards.



Photo by Kaelynn Donnelly

The Biggins Bridle Bunch receives the Youth Award for Club History.



Photo by Jodi Higdon

Merrill Murray meets with Tall Tails during the field trip where he joined Nelson Green for a visit.

emy Master Medal awards were handed out to all the beaming youth who participated in the Academy program. The Academy riders were thrilled with their achievements and everyone had a picture taken. For the rest of the day, the youth wore their medals around their necks, showing off their great success.

Once the awards had been given, everyone jumped onto the bus and headed on the adventurous field trip. One of the barns was Nelson Green Stables, where we were greeted with a huge banner welcoming us! Everyone had the pleasure of meeting Nelson Green and World's Champion rider Merrill Murray. Nelson has been in his barn for twenty years and concentrates on young horses. The barn was a Thoroughbred barn before he took it over. While we were there, we saw Sarah Taylor ride. She is very talented and won a gold medal in the 2006 World Cup in South Africa. Bill Becker also gave the youth the good advice that a show horse is like an actor or actress; it wants to perform for the audience and must like the attention to be a champion. We were told to cheer and make noise so the young horses would get used to it. Their reaction determines whether or not they will make it in the show ring. The crowds were cheering and clapping — it sounded just like Saturday night at Louisville! Josie Forbes challenged us with Saddlebred trivia questions to win fabulous prizes.

Another barn we visited was Carriage Lane Farm, where everyone got to meet John and Tammie Conatser. While we were there, we got to compete in the "Name the Foal" contest, and have some delicious cookies and drinks. Kaeli McCarty, from Simpsonville, Kentucky, was the winner of the contest, with the name Picture Me Perfect. The \$50.00 Target gift card prize was then donated by Kaeli to Metzger's Country Store for their rescued animals that are up for adoption. Another great attraction was their goat named Jeanette. She was originally a stall pet for the horse Lynn, but when Lynn sold, Jeanette stayed because she had already become a part of the family.

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Photos by Sara Pieper

Above: John Conatser shows League Of Nations to the youth on their visit to Carriage Lane Farm. **Right:** Last stop of the field trip: The Teaters bid us farewell!



Jeanette was very pleasant and sure loved the attention. She even had a friendly head-butt for a few of those in attendance. In addition, Mr. Conatser rode a fabulous horse, League of Nations, that later became a picture perfect model for everyone to snap tons of photos.

The third barn was Teater Stables, where we met Martin Teater and his family. We were greeted at the door and welcomed in for homemade treats and hot beverages. The Teater family not only trains horses, but they also run TSE/Tattersalls sales company. It was amazing to see the committed Teater family who runs the sales and barn as a successful family business. Everyone has

their specific tasks and loves what they do. Ryan Teater gave us the history of the legendary Tattersalls sales, and we also heard about some of the famous horses that have been sold there. Martin Teater, along with Ed and Suzie Teater, talked to us about the farm and how they run it. They also brought out one of the young horses and Cydni Simmons rode for us. It was remarkable to see a great family so committed to promoting the American Saddlebred and so thankful for the opportunity to contribute their talents to the horse industry.

After the three barns, everyone went to the historical Red Mile for a delicious lunch of regional favorites that are loved

2009 Youth Awards

ASHA SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

High Point Regional Championships

Region 5

- Corie Jean Allen, Kankakee, IL – 45 points
- Allison Lapidus, Glencoe, IL – 35 points
- Melissa Sells, Bourbonnais, IL – 26.5 points
- Brianne Sells, Bourbonnais, IL – 24.5 points
- Alyssa Weddell, Batavia, IL – 18 points
- Alex Fischer, Elgin, IL – 12 points
- Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL – 10 points

Region 6

- Cassidy Kelly, Waller, TX – 12 points

Region 8

- Alexis Fenger, Lapeer, MI – 41 points
- Maggie McElroy, Grand Blanc, MI – 21 points
- Michaela Kratofil, Grand Blanc, MI – 17 points
- James Damone, Grand Blanc, MI – 17 points
- Emmie Neu, Goodrich, MI – 16 points
- Nicole Rodriguez, Grand Blanc, MI – 10 points

National High Point Champion
Corie Jean Allen, Kankakee, IL

ASHA YOUTH AWARD

- 13 and Under Division*
Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
- 14-20 Division*
Hannah Vandeventer, Scottsdale, AZ

ASHA YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST

- 13 and Under Division*
Kristen Stucker, Johnston, IA
- 14-20 Division*
Melissa Smith, West Allis, WI

ASHA 2009 YOUTH CLUB AWARDS

- Membership*
M. P. Saddlears, Hastings, MN
- History*
■ Biggins Bridle Bunch, Simpsonville, KY
- De Equus Stablemates, Cato, WI
- Meetings and Programs*
■ Mighty Mallard Mustangs, Georgetown, KY
- White Star Showstoppers, Scottsdale, AZ
- Educational Activities*
Tall Tails, Grand Blanc, MI

Community Service

- White Star Showstoppers, Scottsdale, AZ

Fund Raising

- Rancho Del Martians, Huntington Beach, CA
- Winning Ways Whinnies, Tomball, TX

Promotions

- Mighty Mallard Mustangs, Georgetown, KY
- Tall Tails, Grand Blanc, MI
- Imagination of Yearbook Presentation*
White Star Showstoppers, Scottsdale, AZ

ASHA YOUTH CLUB RECOGNITION FOR FIRST-YEAR CLUBS

- Membership*
■ High Caliber Hot Shots, Kearnersville, NC

- Destiny Riders, Pleasant Hill, MO
- Meetings and Programs*
Club Landmark, Oak Brook, IL
- Fund Raising*
■ Club Landmark, Oak Brook, IL
- High Caliber Hot Shots, Kearnersville, NC
- Promotions*
■ Club Landmark, Oak Brook, IL

YOUTH CLUB OF THE YEAR

- Tall Tails, Grand Blanc, MI
- Mighty Mallard Mustangs, Georgetown, KY

FRANK OGLETREE YOUTH AWARD

- Amy Hein, Nashville, TN



Photo by Kaelynn Donnelly

2010 SADDLEBRED SUMMIT & YOUTH CONFERENCE



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by all ages. We had the opportunity to learn about The Red Mile and its major events. During lunch, the long awaited youth club awards were finally distributed. Different youth clubs received awards for their incredible yearbooks and other youth club activities. There were two clubs awarded Youth Club of the Year this year, The Mighty Mallard Mustangs of Georgetown, Kentucky and Tall Tails from Grand Blanc, Michigan. The youth clubs were very proud of themselves for their awards. It was also interesting to see the achievements of other youth clubs, and what they did to receive recognition.

After the luncheon, everyone returned to the Marriott to visit the vendors and prepare for the Saddlebred Ball. The vendors had items for all different ages, and provided a great shopping trip to multiple youths who also want to promote the American Saddlebred.

The Saddlebred Ball and banquet provided an elegant dinner with awards and the Swingtime Big Band for dancing afterwards. Everyone was excited to see the winners accept their awards with such joy and appreciation. The speeches the award recipients gave were inspirational and enthusiastic. After all the awards and a great time, Sunday was the day to go home. Everyone had a blast over the weekend celebrating their love of the American Saddlebred and sure cannot wait until next year!

Meet Caroline Skinner: A Youth Sponsoring Youth

By Laura Waldock

For those who don't know Caroline Skinner, don't let her soft-spoken demeanor fool you. There's a story behind the generosity of this silent leader, and sponsor of the Youth Luncheon at the 2010 ASHA Annual Convention and Youth Conference. For someone who never aims to achieve recognition, she's perhaps the most deserving of it in quite some time. "My parents set a great example to give money to industries that you love. So, I thought I would give money to an industry that I love. It's part of my family," said Caroline.



The story behind her philanthropy is certainly worth noting. Caroline saved up all her winnings for the entire 2009 show season to donate to the ASHA Youth Luncheon. She donated an additional \$200 from her Christmas money to the UPHA Ribbons of Service.

That's not the end of it. Caroline's Mother, Judy Skinner, explained just how deep this astounding young woman's heart has gone to help others. "She knows from her father and myself, you don't give for the recognition. You do it because it comes from your heart. That is the way God wants you to give."

When Caroline had her 16th birthday party, over 120 friends and family gathered for a huge celebration. Many people would subconsciously think,

wow, that girl must have gotten the mother lode of presents! However, in place of gifts, Caroline asked that her guests donate money to her high school to be used for a scholarship. She raised over \$1,000 to create a scholarship, not in her name, but in the name of her graduating class. Judy continued, "Ever since she was a little girl she's had an annual birthday party, and in lieu of presents, people would bring food for St. Vincent de Paul or the food banks."

One can only imagine what the world would be like if there were more people like this young lady. Lucky for us, she's getting a chance to win hearts and influence the people of Washington, D.C. this summer. Caroline will be trading her riding suits for business suits to participate in the Congressional Leadership Summit.

When she's not out changing the world this season, you can find Caroline in the show ring with Royal Messenger in the Show Pleasure division, or with Callaway's Maverick in Country Pleasure.



Cydni Simmons and Promise Keeper during the visit to Martin Teater Stables.

Photo by Sara Pieper

ACADEMY AWARDS PROGRAM



ASHA is proud to offer this unique program. All instructors, advisors and horse show committees are encouraged to promote academy classes in their areas. The development and appreciation of horsemanship and sportsmanship in our beginning Saddle Seat riders will develop skill and appreciation for the American Saddlebred that will last a lifetime.

Academy Awards Program Enrollment

ASHA membership is REQUIRED for participation in the Academy Awards program. For information on becoming a member, please contact ASHA at (859) 259-2742.

Definition of Academy Class

An academy class is any class offered in a local tournament in which two or more stables are participating, or any class designated "academy" at an open show. To be eligible, participants in these classes must be riding a horse designated as a "school" horse, a horse used REGULARLY in lesson program instruction. Acceptable attire is jodhpurs or dark pants, boots, and dress shirt or sweatshirt bearing stable logo. Riding suits are unacceptable. Hard hats are optional.

How Points Are Earned

1 point: Participation in an academy riding or driving class.

1 point: Placing 2nd – 8th in an academy riding or driving class.

2 points: Placing 1st in an academy riding or driving class.

Points will be tabulated throughout the show year, beginning October 1 and ending September 30 of the following year. An official point sheet verifying an individual's participation and placement in academy classes must be signed by BOTH the rider and the instructor or Youth Club advisor, and submitted to ASHA by October 31 of the award year.

To qualify for an award, a total of 15 points must be accumulated during a single show year in either juvenile (17 and under) or adult (18 and over) divisions. Points earned in one year may NOT be carried forward into a subsequent show year.

Awards

A bronze medallion will be awarded for earning 15 points in the first year of competition, a silver medallion for 15 points in the second year, and a gold for 15 points in each additional year. Only one medallion per year may be earned by an individual competitor.

2009 ACADEMY AWARDS



AZ: Eliessa Eddie



Arizona: Ella Lentz



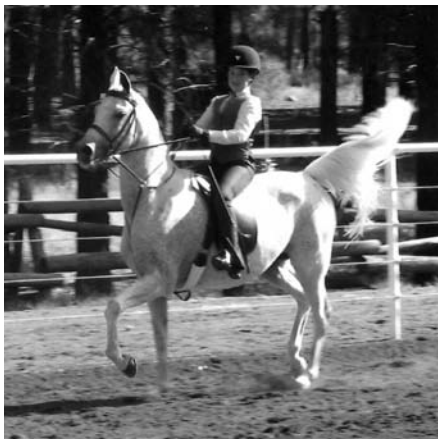
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Arizona: Halle Lentz



Arizona: Cassidy Ball



Arizona: Michelle Porter



Arizona: Hallie Ungerson



Arizona: Courtney Ball

ALABAMA HEATHERMOOR FARMS

Silver:

Lindsay Slemmons
Caroline Dutton
Lily Smith
Mattie Harden

Gold:

Emily Hillhouse
Jane Walsh
Katie Griffin
Susanne Hillhouse
Taylor Wood

ARIZONA WHITE STAR SHOWSTOPPERS

Bronze:

Maitlin Hunt
Skylar Stepien

Eliessa Eddie
Silver: Ella Lentz
Ryan Kelledy
Gold: Halle Lentz
Hallie Ungerson
Cassidy Ball
Michelle Porter
Master Bronze:
Courtney Ball

ILLINOIS HUNTOON STABLES

Bronze:

Amanda Isoda
Sue Jensky
Brooklyn Glavach
Silver:
Amanda Glavach

KRUSSELL STABLES

Bronze:

Sara Brent
Master Bronze:
Allie McMillin
Rachel Starke

LINDA WALLEN STABLES

Silver:

Melissa Sells

WOODWIND FARMS

Bronze:

Mikayla Hubley

CEDARWOOD FARM

Bronze:

Melissa Steinkamp
Molly Steinkamp

KENTUCKY BETSY WEBB STABLES

Bronze:

Madelyn Palazzo
Silver:
Macy Brangers
Gold:
Sydney Dunaway
Sarah Duncan
Gracie Sandlin
Mady Gill
Caroline Dolt
Makayla James
Aidan Greene

BIGGINS STABLES

Silver:

Annie Bennett
Kara Bekebrede
Allison Cloud

Gold:

Kaeli McCarty

BLUE WILLOW FARM

Bronze:

Alana Bloomfield
Sydney Craig
Kristen Griffin
Grace Kelly
Samantha Sheets
Laura Wood

Silver:

Cristina Prows-Lepera
Grace Shaftner

Gold:

Sydney Gardner
Olivia Ramsey

Master Bronze:

Sarah Cornett
Master Gold:
Hailley Stantz

BRANNON STABLES

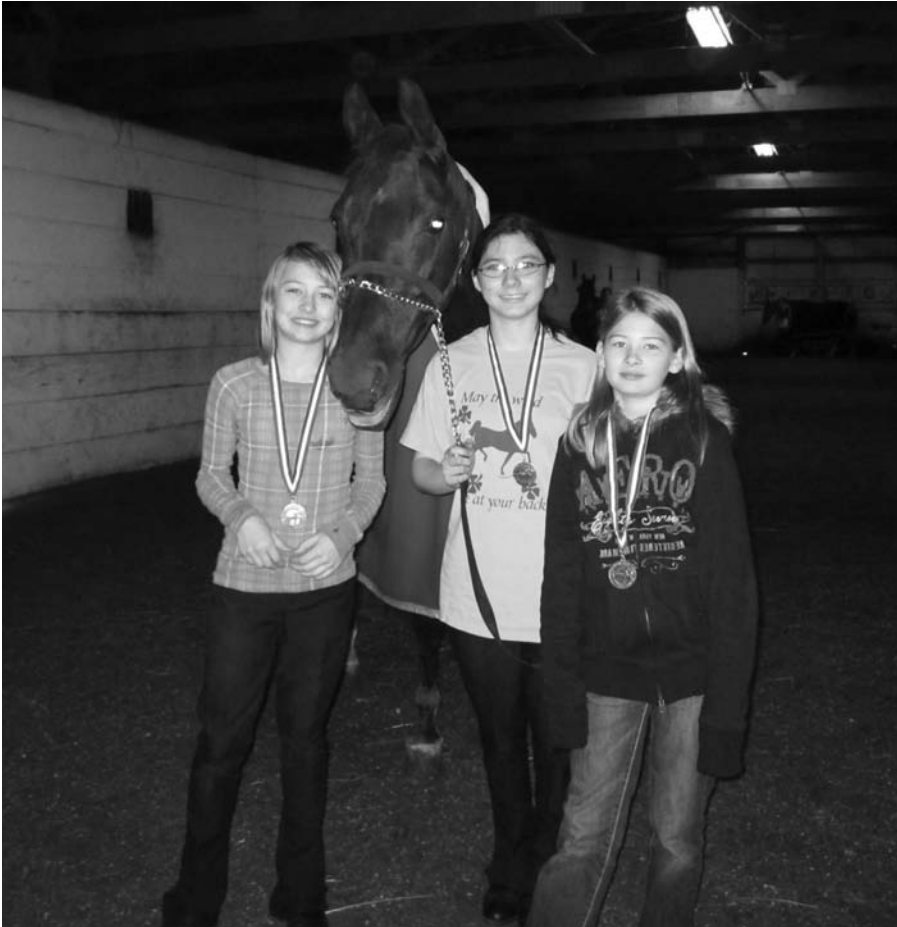
Bronze:

Elizabeth Anne VanArsdall
Ashley Johnson
Silver:
Meredith Murray
Jackie Post
Devin Sell
Mackenzie Rogers
Deb Rateri

MALLARD FARM

Bronze:

Hannah Herbst
Claire Hankins
Silver:
Ashlyn Warren
Gabielle Whitlock



Illinois: Amanda Glavach, Amanda Isoda and Brooklyn Glavach



KY: Academy Award winners from Brannon Stables: Meredith Murray, Devin Sell, Elizabeth Anne VanArsdall and Ashley Johnson



Kentucky: Kaeli McCarty and Annie Bennett



Illinois: Molly Steinkamp

Photo by Terry Young



Illinois: Melissa Steinkamp

Photo by Terry Young



Kentucky: Emma Davis

Photo by Rachel Kelley

Gold:
Kelsey Duncan
Emma Redmon

**PREMIER
STABLES**

Bronze:
Maggie Kaelin
Ellie Lyons
Ellie Cuthrell
Mary Cuthrell

Silver:
Isabel Mitchell

Gold: Emma Davis
Abby Jones

SHADOW RUN

Bronze:
Madelyn
Stephens

Gold:
Bethany Welch

**SIGNATURE
STABLES**

Silver:
Sophia Giuffre
Marek Poe
Gold:
Morgan
Rogers-Daub
Kate Melican
Addie Woodruff



Kentucky: Academy Award winners from Biggins Stables



Minnesota: Mya Lear-Tharaldson

Washburn photo



Minnesota: Katherine Prescott

Washburn photo



MI: Cody Dolby



MI: Libby Wicker



Michigan: Aimee Labrie

Frawgbyte photo



Michigan: Cassidy Dolby

Ashley photo



Michigan: Back: Alexis Fenger, Josie Neu, Karleigh Pluta and Cassie Neu. Front: Emmie Neu, Carmen Gonzalez and Gianna DeSimone.



Michigan: Michaela Kratofil

MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE FARMS

Bronze:

Camryn Silverton
Drew Mallery

Silver:

Karleigh Pluta
Cassie Neu
Josie Neu
Gianna

DeSimone
Emmie Neu

Gold:

Carmen
Gonzalez
Camryn Mallery

Master Silver:

Michaela Kratofil

Master Gold:

Alexis Fenger

HIGH TIME STABLES

Silver:

Brittany Wendt

TAYLOR CREEK STABLES

Bronze:

Cody Dolby
Cassidy Dolby

Silver:

Aimee Labrie
Libby Wicker

Gold:

Ashley Budrick
Laurel Budrick

MINNESOTA LEAR STABLES

Bronze:

Katherine
Prescott

Silver:

Mya
Lear-Tharaldson

VALIANT STABLES

Bronze:

Madison Och
Cecelia Ball

Silver:

Caitlyn Liljedahl

Gold:

Cheyenne Cairns
Olivia Rice

NEBRASKA CHERADON ACRES

Bronze:

Lauren Kirk
Jenna Hubbard
Halle Workman

Silver:

Stephanie Stoley
Samantha
Bannister
Emily Brogna

NEW JERSEY

KIERSON FARM

Bronze:

Camille Ricci
Hallie Ricci
Gillian Kramlick

Silver:

Jordan Vallorosi
Ally McHugh

NORTH CAROLINA

BOONE'S FARM

Bronze:

Parker Todd
Celeste Parrish
Laura Cedrone

Silver:

Harlie Lambert
Tiffany Knox
Olivia Knox

Gold:

Mackenzie Todd
Amy Cedrone
Summer
Blackwelder

CASH LOVELL STABLES

Bronze:

Hadley Bassett
Terra Johns
Mallory

Mansfield

Ainsley Marion
Sadie McAuley
Stella McAuley



MI: Carmen Gonzalez



North Carolina: Stella McAuley



North Carolina: Jozy Unal



Nebraska: Samantha Bannister



NC: Ainsley Marion and Sadie McAuley



North Carolina: Mallory Mansfield

Avery McCutcheon
 Sarah Beth Moore
 Adrianna Peacock
 Merrick Semans
 Chloe Marion
Silver:
 Macy Blake
 Margaret Bassett
 Cassidy Bennett
 Elaina Bullard
 Sydney Cearley
 Felicia Elliott
 Gracyn Mansfield
 Emily Stokes
 Tatum Tucker
 Jozy Unal
Gold: Ally Hibbitts

CROSS WINDS FARM
Silver:
 Jordan Peters
 Meredith Pittman

Destiny West
Master Bronze:
 Abby Traywick
 Jazmine Jones
 Jessica Jones
Master Gold:
 Areanna Torres

DEERFIELD STABLES
Bronze:
 Hannah Kannupp
Silver:
 Callie Bebbler
Gold:
 Kate Garwood

HERITAGE FARM
Gold:
 Savannah Cribbs
 Caitlyn Anderson

JANSAL SADDLEBREDS
Master Gold:
 Christy Stovall

HIGH CALIBER STABLES
Bronze:
 Heather Bowen
 Isabel Wood
 Ainsley Ruley
 Graham Troxell
 Lillian Boyd
Silver:
 Rachel Whitt
 Audrey Kim
Gold:
 Sydney Beasom
 Rachel Baker
 Melinda Tedder

LENUX STABLES
Bronze:
 Peyton Draheim
 Paige Mahoney
 Shannon McNamara
Silver:
 Alexandra Tucci
 Maelee Dudan
 Kiersten Lockman

Carley Packard
 Elyse Moore

JOHNNY LUCAS STABLES
Bronze:
 Paige Greeson
 Olivia Helvey
 Debbie Claire Rice
Silver:
 Shelley Bradley
 Sarah Adams
Gold:
 Elizabeth Harris
 Rachael Payne
 Jamie Bo Lucas

OHIO CAPE COD FARM
Bronze:
 Sofia Dueno



North Carolina: Ally Hibbitts



Virginia: Arielle Clauser



Wisconsin: Jocelyn Weyer



Wisconsin: Savannah Schill



VA: Morgan Rasnake



WI: Addisyn Gerber



Wisconsin: Monet Harrison



Wisconsin: Kaelynn Lesniak



Wisconsin: Ellie Metz

**PENN-
SYLVANIA**
FOX RIDGE
FARM

Bronze:
Devan Altman

TEXAS
MILLIGAN
STABLES

Bronze:
Miranda Olson
Zoe Richardson
Kristen Feedback
Silver:
Laura Currey
Gold:
Lauren Amos

SGF WINNING
WAYS FARM

Bronze:
Mallory Brown
Sydney Monroe
Shelby Monroe
Sydney Young
Paige DeHaven

VIRGINIA
MEADOW
WOOD
STABLES

Bronze:
Olivia Horan

STOCKWOOD
SADDLEBREDS

Bronze:
Arielle Clauser
Silver:
Gabrielle Clauser
Morgan Rasnake

WISCONSIN
DE EQUUS

Silver:
Addisyn Gerber
Jocelyn Weyer
Gold:
Emily Teehan

EQUITATE LLC

Bronze:
Ellie Grosspietsch
Elizabeth Metz

Kaelynn Lesniak
Meaghan Esser
Erin McNaughton
Monet Harrison

Silver:
Mekenzie
Stratman
Catt Bernthal
Gold: Emma Metz
Brittany Esser
Alyssa Repp
Master Bronze:
Savannah Schill
Master Silver:
Kara Sieth

KNOLLWOOD
FARM

Bronze:
Ainsley Budzinski
Heather
Campbell
Mackenzie
Douglas
Jessica
Kuzniewski
Kelly Manion
Ashley Nickey

Silver:
Savannah
Brummer
Katelyn Gazdecki
Elizabeth
Janikowski
Gold:
Rachel Ferrito
Emily
Gutenkunst
Hannah
Shepherd
Ramsey
Skrepenski
Master Bronze:
Sydney
Budzinski
Master Silver:
Rachel
McDowell
Savannah Nickey
Master Gold:
Taylor McDowell
Melissa Smith



Wisconsin: Savannah Nickey



Wisconsin: Lizzy and Christi Janikowski



Wisconsin: Ainsley Budzinski



Wisconsin: Rachel Ferrito



Wisconsin: Kara Sieth



Wisconsin: Mekenzie Stratman



Wisconsin: Emily Gutenkunst



Wisconsin: Monet Harrison, Erin McNaughton and Ellie Grosspietsch

ASHA ACADEMY AWARDS OFFICIAL POINT REPORT

— Please type or print clearly —

Name of rider: _____ ASHA membership # _____

Stable name/City/State: _____ Last medal received: _____

List classes/shows in which rider participated (refer to ASHA Academy Awards Rules and Point System):

Event	Location	Date	Description	Placing	Points Earned
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

All results must be submitted to ASHA by October 31, one month following the end of each complete award year. Please photocopy additional sheets or write ASHA for additional forms. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Riding Instructor/Youth Club Advisor _____ Date _____ Rider _____ Date _____

Return to: ASHA , 4083 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, Kentucky 40511 859/259-2742

Basket Bonanza Is Back!



2009's Highest Winning Bid

"Horse Show Mom"

Rancho Del Martians, Escondido, California



Photos by Kaelyn Donnelly



2009's Best Equine Theme

"Saddlebred Treats and Sweets"

5-Gaits to Heaven, Kankakee, Illinois

The ASHA Youth Committee is looking for Baskets from ASHA Youth Groups to auction during the ASHA Youth Auction at the World's Championship Horse Show.

The Youth Auction is the activity ASHA sponsors during the Kentucky State Fair to raise funds for all youth programs and Scholarships.

The Youth Club with the highest bid will receive their 2011 club renewal compliments of ASHA.

For further information, contact Brenda Newell at b.newell@asha.net or Germaine Johnson at auburntiger@insightbb.com

Scavenger Hunt Returns to Kentucky State Fair

Grab your camera and get ready for a fun look at the World's Championship Horse Show





SaddleTime

The ASHA Saddle Time Riding Program is an incentive-based program that rewards you with recognition and gifts for doing what you already love to do. It works like this: you keep a log of hours spent riding registered American Saddlebred* horses, and at the various hour levels, you receive special Saddle Time awards.

Requirements:

- ⇒ Current/active ASHA Membership
- ⇒ *Levels one through three do not have to be accumulated on Saddlebreds
- ⇒ Levels four through six must be earned on registered Saddlebreds
- ⇒ No time limit as long as membership stays active
- ⇒ Time recorded will begin upon receipt of enrollment fee and application
- ⇒ Hours will be recorded on an honor system
- ⇒ Hours required for each award are cumulative
- ⇒ Ownership of horse is not required

Hours required and awards offered:

- 20 Patch and certificate
- 50 Patch and lapel pin
- 100 Patch and cap
- 150 Patch and T-shirt
- 200 Patch and tote bag
- 250 Patch and award, with an acknowledgement and photo in Junior Junction, the ASHA Youth newsletter

Hours WILL count in the following activities:

- trail riding
- lessons
- parades
- drill teams
- non-recognized events/shows (only 15 minutes allowed per class)

Hours WILL NOT count in the following activities:

- recognized events/shows
- competitive trail rides
- endurance rides
- grooming
- driving
- hot walking

Saddle Time 2010

NEW

ENROLLMENTS

Elizabeth Affeld
 Devan Altman
 Morgan Balentine
 Alexa Berres
 Alyssa Berres
 Macy Blake
 Nicole Bigelow
 Emily Brogna
 Karissa Clark
 Emma Cook
 Irelynn Coy
 Anthony Dawson
 Samantha Dunn
 Elise Dygert
 Lauren Fitzpatrick
 Isabelle Fuchs
 Emma Gearon
 Ashlynn Glancy
 Caroline Gommel
 Claire Hankins
 Shelby Hobbs
 Grace Kehoe
 Lauren Kirk
 Jessica Kuzniewski
 Katie LeClaire
 Caroline Lowe
 Chelsea Lowry
 Josephine Manville
 Samantha McCutchan
 Remington Mealey
 Grant Middleton
 Kara Mohar
 Laurel Partyka
 Bailee Patton
 Anabelle Peltó
 Katie Prows-Lepera
 Kendall Rezek
 Betsi Riddle
 Nicole Rodriguez

Ashlynn Seagle
 Mercedes Shannon
 Camryn Silverton
 Amanda Smith
 Hanna Speese
 Reilly Voit
 Halle Workman
 Taylor Young

LEVEL ONE

Sydney Beason
 Alana Bloomfield
 Lilly Boyd
 Jenny Case
 Lauren Comer
 Sydney Craig
 Victoria Dawson
 Erinn DeMarco
 Lauren Ehrlicher
 Kathryn Evans
 Hannah Fowler
 Sydney Gardner
 Ellie Kangur
 Grace Kelly
 Megan Klostermeyer

Erin McNaughton
 Mallory Osborne
 Alexa Pletcher
 Nicole Price
 Delaney Raker
 Ashley Roe
 Jared Rowe
 Ainsley Ruley
 Samantha Sheets
 Hailley Stantz
 Rachel Starke
 Kyra Terenzio
 Caley Trujillo

LEVEL TWO

Cassidy Ball

Samantha Bannister
 Nika Lynn Cornell
 Carmen Gonzalez
 Ellie Grosspietch
 Erin Kennedy
 Lily McNair
 Maria Rodgers
 Ramsey Skrepenski
 Alyssa Weddell
 Brittany Wendt
 Destiny West
 Brandon Wingett
 Kelsie Zuercher

LEVEL THREE

Corie Allen
 Gentry Beauclair
 Jennifer Connelly
 Victoria Daniel
 Alexandra Fischer
 Christine Fitzgibbon
 Maria Gudger
 Amanda Isoda
 Kirwan Kennedy
 Natalie Penegar
 Alexis Rasmussen
 Elizabeth Reimer
 Johonna Sheldon

LEVEL FOUR

Courtney Ball
 Alexis Fenger
 Lindsey Beckett
 Michaela Kratofil

LEVEL FIVE

Jackie Taylor

LEVEL SIX

Christy Stovall
 Delynn Uttecht



SaddleTime

RIDING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Rider Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

ASHA Number (must be current member): _____

Enrollment Fees

	Fees	Amount Paid
Levels One through Three	\$20.00	\$ _____
Levels Four through Six	\$20.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Method of Payment

Check Payable to ASHA, MasterCard or Visa.

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Delynn Uttecht



Delynn Uttecht and Tank

Delynn Uttecht, 16, of Omaha, Nebraska, has earned the high accomplishment of reaching Saddle Time Level 6. Delynn, daughter of Debbie and Darrell Uttecht, took a few moments recently to discuss her experience with Saddlebreds.

What grade are you in, and what is the name of your school?: I am a sophomore at Platteview High School.

How long have you been riding?: I have been riding for about 6 years.

Who is your instructor, and where is he/she located?: My instructor is Carey Dughman in Omaha, Nebraska.

How long did it take to earn your hours?: It has taken almost two years to earn my hours.

What types of activities were completed in order to earn your hours (lessons, trail riding, etc.): I earned my hours mainly by lessons, practice rides and

shows. I also did a couple of trail rides.

What did you like about participating in the Saddle Time program?: I liked how you were rewarded for your time in the saddle.

What do you like most about the American Saddlebred horse?: I like their personalities, action, and headset. They are also versatile and can do just about everything.

Who is your favorite horse and why?: My favorite horse is Taking A Chance a.k.a. Tank because he is mine! He is also big, hence the name "Tank." I like how every day with him is a challenge and different.

Do you participate in other horse programs (example: 4-H, ASIYP, etc.): Yes, I also participate in ASIYP and 4-H. I am also a member of the Cheradon Cheval's Youth Club, ASHA, Nebraska American Saddlebred Association, UPHA and USEF.



The 2009 winner of four scholarships totaling \$12,000 that were offered through the UPHA Ribbons of Service program was Rachel Machamer of Acworth, Georgia.

She was awarded \$5,000 for being the overall winner and \$2,500 for being the Saddlebred breed winner. Both were donated by the USA Equestrian Trust. She was also awarded \$1,500 for the most service hours donated by Kenny and Ceil Wheeler, and \$3,000 donated by Stephens College.

In addition to the scholarships, she also received a Ribbons of Service backpack donated by Freeman's Harness, as well as a gold charm donated by the Gorgeous Horse and a letterman's jacket donated by Corcel. Rachel raised \$8,000 and completed 99 hours of community service. Her charity was St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Aleia Brown, 12, of Dayton, Ohio, was the other Saddlebred participant to win a scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for the youngest rider with the most funds raised. The scholarship was donated by The Becker Brothers. Aleia raised \$4,200 for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.



Rachel Machamer

Ribbons of Service

By Jordyn Isgrigg

Riding Saddlebreds has always been a passion of mine, but I have come to realize that not every child is as fortunate as I am. That is why this year I have decided to make my riding more about helping others. I am participating in a program that is open to all riders called UPHA Ribbons of Service.

Through this program, I try to get donations from businesses, family and friends to raise money for the charity of my choice. This year I have chosen to ride for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I knew this charity helped kids and was a good cause, but when I had the chance to visit a few weeks ago, I realized what a special place this hospital is.

My trainer, Helen Robertson, set up the tours so I could understand what I was raising money for. Because I am only 10, I was not allowed to go into the actual hospital because they were afraid I could bring in germs to the ill kids. However, I was allowed to tour the grounds and learned all about St. Jude from Lindsey Cook. Lindsey is now an adult and pregnant with her second child, but when she was 10, she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Anemia, which she said was a type of Leukemia. When she was diagnosed, the survival rate for her disease was 4 percent. She spent three years as a patient at St. Jude and is now

leading a normal life.

Due to the research at St. Jude, her type of leukemia now has a survival rate of 94 percent. As I toured with Lindsey, she also gave me much more information about this important hospital. It was first founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas, an actor from Hollywood that starred in many shows, including *Make Room for Daddy*. Mr. Thomas wanted a place where children that couldn't afford care could receive good medical care. As he talked to people, he realized if he founded a research hospital that he would not only help the less fortunate, but the hospital could also lead to great medical breakthroughs. Mr. Thomas decided to name the hospital St. Jude after the "apostle of hopeless causes."

Through the years St. Jude is now the leading research hospital for children in the country. Patients just need to get a referral from their doctor and once they are accepted as patients at St. Jude then all their expenses, including family travel expenses,

food, housing, etc., are paid for. Once you are a patient at St. Jude, you are checked yearly and even if your cancer reoccurs as an adult, you are still treated there.

Kids here get the treatment they need whether or not their insurance companies pay for it. That is why donations to St. Jude are so important. This hospital costs \$1.5 million dollars per day to operate and the average donation is \$30 per person.

Now I realize the importance of raising money for such a special place. Every time I show my horse, I wear a pin with the word "hope" on it. This reminds me that each ride is not just about getting a ribbon, but it is truly about helping to save a kid's life.

If you would like to make your riding more about helping others, please contact the UPHA office to learn how to participate in the Ribbons of

Service program. I guarantee that you will feel better about yourself and your riding if you are helping others!



Jordyn Isgrigg outside St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A Note from Rachel Machamer about Ribbons of Service

I started volunteering the summer of my sophomore year. It was a great way to meet new friends and experience something outside of my regular activities. I was unaware of how much I would enjoy helping others.

I began working at a therapeutic riding program at McKenna Farms, about 10 minutes from my house. I helped with working their horses and aiding their riders, as well as feeding, watering and stall duties. It was wonderful to watch the progression that



the children in the program made with their social skills, language and physical activities.

It also was great to work with the horses, who are such wonderful animals and so well behaved. I also volunteered at an elementary school, tutoring kids in the after-school program. Again, I got so much joy out of helping the children learn to read and do arithmetic.

I also like to help plant trees around Atlanta and Kennesaw. Our city is known for its trees and with all the de-

velopment going on, it is nice to help out by planting trees to replace the ones that are being removed.

I have always enjoyed hiking, so my volunteering with the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Clean Up was just as much fun as hiking. The opportunities I have had to volunteer have taught me a lot about myself and how helping others is very rewarding. People always say that it is better to give than to receive, but I actually have learned this through my volunteer work. I genuinely love helping out people and the community.

What is UPHA Ribbons Of Service?

This UPHA program is designed to encourage, challenge, and reward equitation riders who ...



What if ...

every time you put your foot in the stirrup, you helped make someone's life easier?

- Participate in horse show competitions in order to raise funds for a charitable organization that helps those less fortunate;
- Commit to helping others through hours of hands-on community service;
- Educate themselves and others about the needs and important work of a charitable organization such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and
- Prepare themselves to discuss how participation with horses helps riders learn the value of hard work, sportsmanship, poise, and a rewarding relationship with an equine partner.

How does UPHA Ribbons Of Service work?

Saddleseat equitation riders compete with each other to raise funds for an approved charity. First, riders choose a beneficiary - either St. Jude Children's Research Hospital[®] in Memphis, Tenn., or another charity of the rider's choice

that is approved by the UPHA's Ribbons Of Service Committee. The rider learns about the charity so that he or she may solicit donations for the charity. On November 1, the fundraising begins; the



What if ...

every time someone congratulated you, you knew they were congratulating your compassion?

rider approaches persons, companies or organizations that may share an interest in the rider's commitment to service.

But, UPHA Ribbons Of Service is about more than riders pledging to ride in equitation classes if a donor pledges to contribute funds for a worthy charity; it's also about involving the equitation rider in hands-on service to persons or organizations that need assistance. The rider's community service hours must be tracked and verified, and the donations are submitted to UPHA according to the program deadlines. After the end of the program's season (all funds and forms must be submitted to UPHA Foundation, Inc., by October 31), UPHA will recognize the top fundraisers in a special awards ceremony at the UPHA Convention, held in January.

How you can participate

Saddleseat equitation riders may enroll in the program by submitting a UPHA Ribbons Of Service Application with a brief personal resume, setting a goal, and developing a plan for raising funds for an approved charitable organization. When UPHA receives your application, you'll be mailed an approval letter and a package of information.

The first 20 participants will receive a free St. Jude Hope lapel pin, suitable for show ring attire. Information on prizes will be available at UPHAonline.com and may change during the program year.



What if ...

every time you rode through the gate, you knew you were helping to save a life?



Application for UPHA Ribbons Of Service

I agree to abide by the UPHA Ribbons Of Service Rules. I understand I will receive a UPHA Ribbons Of Service packet with rules, forms and information, and that I must be approved to participate in this program.

Name

Date Of Birth

Address

City, State, ZIP

Equine Breed (choose one): ASB Arabian Morgan NSH

Trainer

About Your Charity:

Fundraising Goal \$

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Other:

(If "Other" box is selected, you must submit a short essay about the purpose of the charity and why you chose it, and provide the organization's contact information, by October 1. Your charity of choice must be approved by the UPHA Ribbons Of Service Committee before your fundraising begins.)

Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature (if rider is younger than 19)

Date

Mail this form to: UPHA Ribbons Of Service Committee, c/o UPHA, 4059 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 2, Lexington, KY 40511.



2009 ASHA/USPC Annual Awards Program



Katie Rudie, Trenton, Ohio, with Bold Az Brazz competing in Dressage. Rudie earned a National Rating of D-3.



Martha Desrosiers, Reston, Virginia, with Peavine's Flash of Genius, competed in Dressage.

Sign up now!

Areas in which participants can earn points include:

- Participating in Pony Club lessons/clinics
- Participating in a regional rally
- Participating in a national rally

Remind your Pony Club friends who ride American Saddlebred or Half-Saddlebred Horses to register for this exciting program.

All Pony Club activities throughout the current year will count toward points.

For more information about the *ASHA/USPC Awards Program* contact:
The USPC office at (859) 254-7669 or the ASHA office at (859) 259-2742, Ext. 343.

Club Happenings



Members of Club Landmark hosted a fundraiser to help residents of Haiti affected by the earthquake.

Compiled by Brenda Newell

Winning Ways Whinnies

The Winning Ways Whinnies have kicked off 2010 with a bang! Once again, the Whinnies took on the Pin Oak Pink Ribbon class as their spring community service project. This year, they raised \$1,133 in just five short weeks!

April 3rd found the Whinnies enjoying a Crawfish Boil/Pig Roast and Easter Egg Hunt as they celebrated the opening of Vantage Point Farm. Vantage Point Farm is located on the grounds of SGF Winning Ways, but trainers May and Steve Chadick have opened their own business.

The club is now busy planning their annual concession stand fundraiser for the fourth Annual Winning Ways Horse Show in May.

Rackin' Riders Youth Club

The Rackin' Riders Youth Group located at Taylor Creek Stables in Davison, Michigan, donated \$800 to the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Michigan (ASHAM) at the annual meeting and awards banquet held in November. This hard-working group of Saddlebred supporters raised this money throughout the winter of 2009 by selling raffle tickets, chuck-a-ducks, and more. The Rackin' Riders have been hard at work once again in 2010 to help support their local American Saddlebred Horse Association (ASHA) group. Congratulations to the Rackin' Riders on such a great accomplishment!

The Rackin' Riders are excited to have Aimee Labrie once again act as club President. Aimee has been an active member and president for the past three years and

looks forward to continuing to serve. Cassidy Dolby, longtime Rackin' Rider, will now serve as vice president with Libby Wicker acting as secretary. These hard-working ladies have many fun and educational activities planned for 2010!

Club Landmark

Outside of club meetings, Club Landmark of Landmark Farm, Inc., in Saint Charles, Illinois, has hosted two events. The first event was a fundraiser to help the Haitian people after the devastating earthquake in their country. On a cold Saturday in January, while lessons and training were going on at Landmark Farm, the youth group hosted a "Help Haiti" bake sale. The members of the barn enjoyed bagels, doughnuts, cakes and cookies along with hot chocolate and coffee, while making contributions



Club Landmark visits Medieval Times.



Honorees at the Paul Cates Stables banquet in February.

to this worthy cause. Club Landmark happily sent a check to the American Red Cross for over \$500!

In February, the youth decided to experience and learn about the horse in a different venue. Club Landmark, along with their parents and trainers, Jonelle and Robert Gardiner, attended a performance of Medieval Times. For one exciting evening, all relived the times of kings, knights, war horses, sorcery and damsels in distress. The horses were beautiful and very talented. Dining “medieval style” was a fun experience for all!

Cates Curbchain Gang

Paul Cates Stables in Round Rock, Texas took honors at State Champions in 2009. The State High Point Awards were recognized and honored at a banquet in Katy, Texas in February 2010. Bo Cates was recognized as State Champion Three-Gaited Open and High Point Three-Gaited Open Champion. Sofeea Tackett was honored as TASHA 2009 High Point Academy Equitation Maiden/Limit 17 & Under, and also as 2009 Texas State High Point Awards NTASHA and TASHA Academy Equitation Maiden/Limit 17 & Under Champion. Also honored was Kenna Korfanta, NTASHA Academy Equitation Walk Trot Champion.

These young ladies are all members of Cates Curbchain Gang of Paul Cates Stables, where they began their training and love of Saddlebreds.



The White Star ShowStoppers displaying a youth club award.

White Star ShowStoppers

The White Star ShowStoppers from Cave Creek, Arizona hosted a three-day clinic and horse show that culminated in the fourth Annual Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ. The club invited Dr. Morgan Wolin, noted sports psychiatrist from Chicago, and Lisa Salomon, a highly respected trainer and instructor from Cedarwood Farm in Indiana. The clinic was held on Friday and Saturday with classroom and riding instruction. On Sunday the riders practiced what they learned in a fun, yet competitive horse show. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ followed after the show. This annual fundraiser for Horses Help was another great success! Over \$800 was raised for the charity as the participants had fun hunting eggs, winning prizes and eating fabulous food!

In April, 15 White Star ShowStoppers took to the great outdoors for the second Annual Barn Sleepover. Fun was had by



The White Star ShowStoppers at the Saddlebred Ball.



The White Star ShowStoppers at their fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Above: The White Star ShowStoppers at the Cave Creek Fiesta Days Parade. **Below:** The White Star ShowStoppers enjoyed a sleepover.



all, from going on a scavenger hunt, competing in a grooming contest, painting model horses, making s'mores and the highlight was setting up the tents in the riding arena for the night! It was hard to tell who was louder during the night, the girls or the horses neighing their confusion over the girls sleeping in the arena! It was a very early wake-up call from the rooster that lives at the barn, which worked out just fine because it was time for the ShowStoppers to put on their Little Saddler Costumes and head out to the Cave Creek Fiesta Days Parade.

The White Star ShowStoppers had a great time in the Cave Creek Parade on April 10, 2010. The purpose of participating was to promote the American

Saddlebred as a beautiful and versatile horse. The route was almost three miles long through the towns of Carefree and Cave Creek. Skylar Stepien, Elissa Eddie and Giovanna Smith led the group, carrying the White Star banner. They were followed by the

Little Saddlers: Chloe Ball, Olivia Smith, Cassidy Ball, Courtney Ball, Halle Lentz, Michelle Porter and Ella Lentz. The parents followed behind handing out candy and over 100 vouchers for a free riding lesson at White Star Stables. They hope that everyone comes for lessons and can see for themselves what a truly great breed we ride and love!

And last, but in no way least; the White Star ShowStoppers swept the American Saddlebred Association of Arizona Awards! The club won in every category this year.

Desert Palms Diamondbacks

Desert Palms Diamondbacks have been busy this spring. In the month of February, Gayle Lampe came to do a

very special clinic for the Desert Palms riders. This was an amazing opportunity and a huge success. Everyone was all ears to hear what Gayle had to say and the youth had her sign books for them. Special shirts were made and Ms. Lampe received one as well.

Prior to the Carousel Horse Show, club members decorated handmade horse show bags. They sold the bags at the show between sessions. Also during the show, new members competed for the first time and did very well.

Two weeks after the show, the Diamondbacks geared up for their Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ. There were over 1,000 eggs hidden all over the property. It was open to the public and many new faces were seen! There were demos with American Saddlebreds and the history of the breed was explained. Still planned for this year is lots of volunteering and community service.

Brannon Barnsters

During Spring Break, the Brannon Barnsters participated in an equitation clinic hosted by Nancy Brannon, to sharpen riding skills for the upcoming show season.

Knollwood Knockouts

Knollwood academy riders kicked off their 2010 show season with a Spring barn academy show on March 13 and 14 hosted by the Knollwood Knockouts. The show featured the first qualifying classes for the inaugural Knollwood Equitation Challenge. Judge Kelsey Nicole Smith presided over the weekend show, which featured advanced and intermediate riders on Saturday, followed by the walk trot and lead line riders on Sunday.

Saturday's performance started with pleasure classes for all riders. Equitation took over the ring for the qualifying classes. After some deep classes, Kelsey had her lineups for the championships. Before those finals, riders returned to compete in bareback, pattern and pairs classes.

Just before the championship portion started, the show welcomed the first class of the Knollwood Equitation Challenge. Riders competed in rail work first, followed by all riders performing an inverted figure 8. The top two riders are eliminated from future qualifying classes

this season and earn the right to compete in the finals class, to be held at the Knollwood Fall Show in November. Riders were so enthusiastic about this event that a second split was added! Four riders, Hannah Shephard, Katelyn Gazdecki, Rachel Kreiter and Parker Burton, advanced to the finals round from this show. The qualifying class will be held again in June and November before the finals class at the Fall Show.

The Championship classes were large and deep. Kelsey watched riders perform workouts to finalize their placing. Coming out on top of the Adult Championship was Karla Getzel. Advance Champion was Mackenzie Christian with reserve going to Savannah Nickey. The Intermediate 17 and under champion was Hannah Shepherd while Rachel Ferrito took the reserve.

Walk Trot Sunday started at noon, with plenty of pleasure classes for Knollwood's future show ring stars. Equitation classes followed with hard fought classes for all ages. The walk trot version of the Knollwood Challenge was completed by Alex Albrecht and Jessica Kuzniewski advancing to the November final.

After pattern and lead line classes, it was time for the maiden riders to take the arena. These 16 riders competed for the first time at this show, and compete they did! Championships followed with Dawn Sherry named the adult champion and Abby Carriveau the reserve. Alex Albrecht won the 11-17 division, with Chantel Timmerman in the reserve. Ainsley Budzinski was the champion in the 8-10 division, Jessica Kuzniewski in the reserve. In the maiden championship, Kalina Kapetanovic was the winner and Emma Peterson was reserve.

In addition to the show classes, the crowd was treated to demonstrations of Saddlebred show horses including ^{CH}Lexmark, Mojito, and ^{CH}Freaky Links, all shown by Eric Griedl.

The Knollwood Knockouts provided great food at the concession stand as well as terrific and popular raffle baskets. All their hard work earned a record amount of more than \$2,000 to put toward their club's work.

It was a terrific weekend of horse showing, friendship, and camaraderie. The Knockouts are looking forward to the start of the show season and to their



Lovell's Little Bits team members at the World Cup Invitational held at Cash Lovell Stables in Winston Salem, N.C.

next in-barn show on June 26 and 27. Who else will advance to the finals of the Knollwood Equitation Challenge?

Lovell's Little Bits

The Lovell Little Bits Youth Club at Cash Lovell Stables in Winston Salem, North Carolina, started the year off by adopting a school in Afghanistan. They collected 110 book bags for young Afghan girls, filled them with school supplies and hand delivered them to the Afghan Embassy in Washington, D.C. After tea at the Embassy, North Carolina Congresswoman Virginia Foxx's staff graciously assisted the youth club by organizing a guided tour of the White House and U. S. Capitol, in addition to helping provide the youth riders with tickets to the Washington Monument.

The Little Bits also enjoyed a fun field trip to see the World Famous Lipizzaner Stallions. A private showing of the stallions before the event proved to be both educational and fascinating. The stallions' riders and trainers met with the Little Bits and discussed proper horse care and grooming, how the horses are trained and the techniques used to ride these magnificent animals.

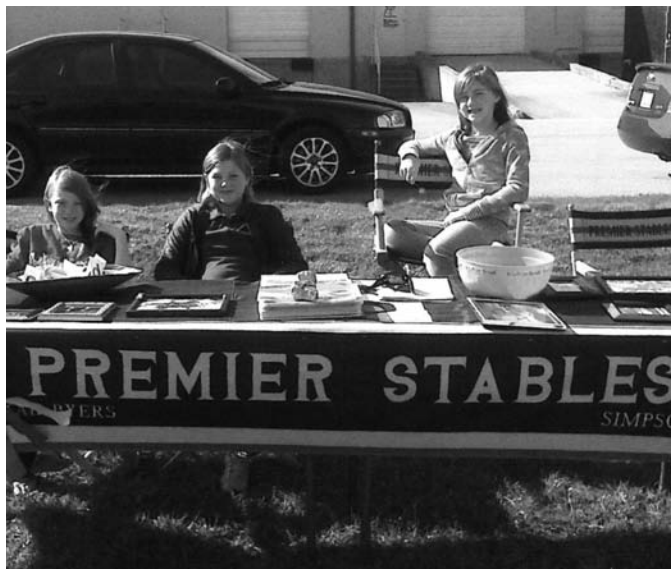
Partnering with local associations, Cash Lovell Stables hosted a food drive to help a local homeless shelter, collected toys to donate to needy families, hosted

Red Cross CPR and First Aid Certification classes and held a "horsey" creative writing contest where the winning entry by six-year-old Little Bit, Carolyn Rice, was published in a local magazine.

In January, snow and ice didn't stop the Little Bits from attending the American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas (ASAC) Annual Convention. Over the course of the weekend, 21 of the riders earned achievement medals, long time Little Bit, Lauren Riggins was elected ASAC Youth President and the following youth received 2009 High Point awards for their success in the show ring: Cashlynn Lovell, Caroline Anderson, Lindsay Jones, Ashley Stewart, Lauren Riggins, Sarah Martin, Jake Butts, Carver Semans, Mallory Mansfield, Jozy Unal, Terra Johns, Savannah Jones, Ally Hibbits and Sydney Cearley.

Cold weather also didn't stop the Little Bits from competing in two ASAC Winter Tournaments held outdoors at Latta Plantation in Charlotte, North Carolina. 38 riders participated in the January and February shows, many of whom were new to the show ring and experienced the excitement of a horse show for the first time! These young riders are now looking forward to participating in the Raleigh Spring Premier Horse Show at the end of March.

This spring the Little Bits are looking



Above left: The High Caliber Hot Shots volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House. **Above right:** Premier Stables American Saddlebred Promotion Kids Day at Kentucky Horse Supply. From left to right are Emma Davis, Ellie Lyons and Allyson Shown.

forward to the Cash Lovell Stables “Spring Fling” cookout, the annual Little Bits Spring Charity Fun Show, which will be held at Cash Lovell’s second riding facility in Oak Ridge, North Carolina, and teaming up with the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to raise funds for cancer research and education.

Tall Tails Youth Club

The Tall Tails Youth Club at Executive Farms in Grand Blanc, Michigan, had a party and Easter egg hunt the Sunday before Easter. The event was open to the public and included a silent auction, games and pony rides. Everyone had a great time! Tall Tails is also having a big raffle as a fundraiser. They are selling raffle tickets for a MMX saddle, brand new and your choice of size. The tickets are \$10 each, and the drawing will be at the ASHAM Fall Show in Lansing, Michigan.

High Caliber Hot Shots

The High Caliber Hot Shots have had a busy Spring! In March, they visited the Ronald McDonald House in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and learned what this wonderful place does to help so many families in need. Each of the members brought items from the house’s

wish list to donate.

The Hot Shots again helped the Ronald McDonald House in April by participating in the Sport a Shirt/Share a Night fundraiser. Members bought the shirts and wore them on the designated April 23 Ronald McDonald House Day in support of the Ronald McDonald House.



Members of Lovell’s Little Bits at the Raleigh Invitational.

The Hot Shots are also busy working on making bookmarks to sell at the upcoming Jenni’s Walk of Hope in May. The walk was created by the Hewitt family in memory of their

aunt/sister who died of melanoma. Members plan to participate in the walk and help with the event.

Blue Willow Brigade

The Blue Willow Brigade has been very busy thus far in 2010. They helped ASHA with the set up and manning of their booth at the Kentucky Equine Youth Festival in March at the Kentucky Horse Park. There were events held in the new arena as well as the warm-up arena. This event gave students

from all across Kentucky a preview of things they would see at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. The event was lots of fun, with more than 5,500 in attendance!

The Blue Willow Brigade has also been busy putting together round two of their Equine Artists fundraiser. If you have a horse that you would like to paint a picture for the fundraiser, please contact Andrea Steponaitis at amsdlbrd512@windstream.net. Other future activities planned by the Brigade include giving pony rides at the Lexington Junior League Horse Show on family night, and presenting the flag for the national anthem at the show during Breast Cancer Pink Ribbon Night.

Premier Stables Youth Club

The members of Premier Stables Youth Club have had a lot of fun learning and experiencing new techniques, such as how to drive a horse, long lining and patterns. Members have also been taught basic skills such as grooming and caring for horses. The club is available to all ages at Premier, and offers the opportunity to have a fantastic time and bond with other youth who have the same love of horses. The group tries to keep things new, fun



Elizabeth Stewart of Lovell’s Little Bits Youth Club.

and interesting, and its members enjoy the youth club very much. It is a great way to make new friends and learn about horses at the same time. According to member Mackenzie Durrett, "We are lucky to have so many great lesson horses to make learning so much fun. We always look forward to our next month's meeting."

DeEquus Stablemates

The American Saddlebred Association of Wisconsin (ASAW) and DeEquus Stablemates participated at Horse-A-Rama the weekend of April 10-11, 2010, at the Manitowoc County Expo Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The focus of the presentation was equitation. It was explained that equitation is the art of controlling the horse, while maintain the proper body position. Each equitation rider rode to wonderful music like Celebrate, Ride like the Wind and God Bless America.

First to perform was academy rider Jocelyn Weyer, who rode on Saturday, and Katie Teehan, on Sunday. Both rode Garth Brooks, a grand 26-year-old gelding that showed his love for his job and his love for children. It was emphasized that the academy division creates an opportunity for the beginner rider to develop and fine tune their horsemanship skills as well as their sportsmanship. Both girls rode walk/trot only. It was also explained that academy riders often do not own their horses, and typically compete on a school or lesson horse.

Next up, Pleasure Equitation. Emily Teehan showed Minnie Driver, a 10-year-old mare owned by DeEquus Stables. Here it was explained that the horse and rider combination is essential. An overall picture of elegance and excitement is the goal. The rider needs to get the most out of their horse while still being able to perform patterns and workouts. Emily performed a four loop serpentine, showing three changes in diagonals and returning down the rail at a show trot. Minnie Driver wore a double bridle in the demonstration, and a quick explanation of bits was given to the audience.

Excitement could be felt in the audience as the next rider, Liz Wildenberg, entered the ring on Oak Grove's M'Lady In Red, a five-year-old mare owned by Rick and Cindy Luft. This mare is pow-

USEF Youth Sportsman's Award

This award recognizes youth members of both the United States Equestrian Federation and the American Saddlebred Horse Association for their participation in the community and equine industry and is focused on developing leaders in the equine industry.

The ASHA will select one youth to represent ASHA as a finalist for this award. The ASHA National Winner will be invited to a career workshop (meals and accommodations provided) in Lexington, Kentucky. The workshop is an opportunity for the youth to learn about different career opportunities within the equine industry, visit area horse farms, tour equine businesses and meet industry professionals.



The overall winner of the USEF Youth Sportsman Award will receive a trophy, a \$1,000 scholarship and a USEF life membership valued at \$2,500. The overall winner will also be nominated for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year Award. Both awards will be recognized at the USEF Annual Meeting in January 2011.

Applications must be received in the ASHA office by October 1, 2010.

For more information regarding ASHA's nominee to the USEF Youth Sportsman Award, contact Brenda Newell, Sr. Program Administrator, at 859-259-2742 x343 or by email b.newell@asha.net. Applications are also available at www.usef.org.



Members of the Blue Willow Brigade at the Kentucky Equine Youth Festival.

erful, and this kind of horse and rider combination is not easy to find. During the demonstration, the equitation suit was explained. The suit should fit well, but not tight. The color should complement the horse and should not be distracting from the overall picture. A solid color is a requirement. Liz performed a sandwich figure 8 for the crowd. The audience learned that how a rider handles a mistake will also affect their placing in a class. In equitation, we not only look for perfection, but also at how the rider handled a situation that didn't go as well as expected.

And who brought the crowd to its feet after each performance? The grand old academy horse, Garth Brooks bowed at the end of each performance earning him and the rest of the equitation riders a standing ovation!

After the demonstration everyone was invited back to the barn to meet the riders and horses. ASAW also had their booth set up and manned throughout the weekend by the DeEquus Stablemates. They offered t-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets for sale. What a great weekend, demonstrating what a wonderful breed the American Saddlebred is.

Junior Judging

To hold a Junior Judging event, contact Brenda Newell at (859) 259-2742, Ext. 343 or e-mail b.newell@asha.net

MID-AMERICA SPRING HORSE SHOW, ROSCOE, IL

APRIL 2, 2010

Ages 13 & under:

1. Addisyn Gerber, Sheboygan, WI
2. Emily Teehan, Manitowoc, WI
3. Kennedy Biederman, Appleton, WI
4. Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL

Ages 14-20:

1. Liz Wildenberg, Whitelaw, WI
2. Jocelyn Weyer, Manitowoc, WI
3. Lindsey Jones, Milton, WI
4. Katie Fleming, Appleton, WI
5. Laura Tovar, Delafield, WI
6. Lisa Simonis, Whitelaw, WI and Claire Mogren, Sycamore, IL

IASHA SPRING WARM-UP, CLOVERDALE, IN

MARCH 19-21, 2010

Ages 13 & under:

1. Brooklyn Glavach, North Aurora, IL
2. Olivia Moline, Champaign, IL



Youth enjoyed a Junior Judging contest at the Raleigh Invitational.

3. Sydney Savage, Mahomet, IL
4. Amanda Glavach, North Aurora, IL
5. Amanda Isoda, Naperville, IL
6. Erin Beever, Mansfield, IL
7. Hadley Shepland, Champaign, IL

Ages 14 & under:

1. Lissy Weddell, Batavia, IL
2. Marissa Marrone, Urbana, IL
3. Brooke Huhn, Mahomet, IL
4. Kristin Rhodes, Batavia, IL

CAROUSEL CHARITY HORSE SHOW, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

MARCH 11-14, 2010

Ages 13 & under:

1. Courtney Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
2. Cassidy Ball, Scottsdale, AZ
3. Ella Lentz, Phoenix, AZ
4. Halle Lentz, Phoenix, AZ
5. Michelle Porter, Glendale, AZ
6. Hallie Ungerson, Phoenix, AZ

Ages 14-20: No entries

READER CONTRIBUTIONS



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Victoria Rookard
Nicholasville, KY

I Am

I am a girl and a child
I wonder why horses love
peppermint treats
I hear my dad's voice on
the rail saying, "You
can do it!"
I see a mare nuzzling her
newborn foal
I want all creatures to be
free and safe.

I am a girl and a child
I feel excited when I spend
the day at the barn
I imagine cantering bare-
back across a meadow
on my pony
I worry that some day
everything will become
extinct

I cry when an animal dies.

I am a girl and a child
I understand that
everything is beautiful
in its own special way
I believe that I do my best
to help others
I dream that one day there
will be peace
I try to give neglected
animals food and
shelter
I hope every living thing is
happy
I am a girl and a child.

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Ashley Stewart, 12
Pfafftown, NC

2010 ASHA Youth Driving Challenge

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March 17-21: Pin Oak Charity, Great Southwest Equestrian Center, 2501 South Mason Road, Katy, TX, 77450, www.pinoak.org, Lynn Walsh, 713.621.6290, roxannecook@pinoak.org

April 15-17: Missouri HSA Kick-Off, 2503 West 16th Street, Sedalia, MO 65802, Lenard Davenport, 417.864.5310, lendavenport@prodigy.net

April 21-24: River Ridge Charity, Ohio Expo Center, 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211, www.riverridgehs.com, Barbara Dunham, 740.352.8562, shosec1@aol.com

April 29 - May 2: Big D Charity, Las Colinas Equestrian Center, 600 East Royal Lane, Irving, TX 75039, www.texasaddlebreds.com, Nancy Lassiter, 972.596.5151, asb@aol.com

May 19-22: Asheville Lions Club Benefit Horse Show, WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Road, Fletcher, NC 28732, www.raycloninger.com, Ray Cloninger, 704.489.2000, kcloninger@aol.com

June 3-5: Nebraska Charity Horse Show, Lancaster Event Center, 4100 North 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68507, www.horseshowcalendar.com, Andrew Shupe, lashupe@comcast.net

June 15-18: Charity Fair, San Diego County Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar, CA 92014, www.charityfairhorseshow.com, Harriet Landrum, 805.687.8711, hipharriet@hotmail.com

June 15-19: Midwest Charity, Illinois State Fairgrounds Coliseum, 801 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, www.midwestcharity.com, Judy Kjellander, judybjk@aol.com

June 16-19: Syracuse International, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse, NY 13209, www.ashany.org, Julie Kritzler, 315.736.1928, wkritzler8779@mybluelight.com

July 27-31: Blue Ridge Classic, WNC Agricultural Center, 1301 Fanning Bridge Road, Fletcher, NC 28732, www.blueridgeclassic.com, Liz Holmes, 919.563.5992, lizholmes@mebtel.net

September 22-25: Saint Louis National Charity, The National Equestrian Center, 6880 Lake Saint Louis Boulevard, Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367, www.stlouishorseshow.com, Charles Byron, 256.773.4594, byronview2@aol.com

October 21-24: Mid-America Mane Event, Illinois State Fairgrounds Coliseum, 801 Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, www.midamericahorseshow.org, Joy Meierhans, 630.557.2575, jm@themeierhans.com

November 16-20*: UPHA/American Royal National Championship, Kansas City, MO, www.americanroyal.com, Beth Snider, 502.647.0076, bethandscott@kih.net

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Mark the day

See you at the ASHA Youth Auction on Thursday, August 26, at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville, Kentucky.

Proceeds benefit the ASHA Youth Scholarships and Youth programs.



What a Ride by Melissa Smith of West Allis, WI
Photo Contest winner, ages 14-20 division.