

BOOTS AND SADDLES



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR



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It has been awhile since the last Boots and Saddles. Too much has been happening around the Fort for your Director to get to a message to you all.

We had several complaints recently about the conduct of Westernaires who were using the County's Silver Spur Arena. We had several meetings to discuss our department and the expectations for all Westernaires when in public. First, let me say to all of you that any complaints can be brought on by just a few of our number. Sometimes, we get careless in how we act and cause others to view our actions as typical of the group. We must always be on our toes to be courteous and exhibit good horse etiquette. This means that you and I cannot be guilty of the things we see others do all the time. We should not hog the arenas, ride fast when others, particularly young riders, are present and on and on the list goes. Remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Riding with Pride means we must always be something special.

The summer show season is underway. The Precisionettes went to Granby over Memorial Day for the second year, and then we had Interclub on June 1. Congratulations to the winners of the classes and a special congratulations to the winners of the Championship Class, listed elsewhere in these pages. The judges said that it was really tough picking winners this year because the quality of riding was really improved over recent years.

Summer is a very important time to all Westernaires. This is the time when we polish our skills. We will see the White Division at the show on June 21 and 22, and see the great improvement they will make by the White Olympics in August. Red Division has many opportunities to display their skills during the many shows this summer as well. Red Team will be traveling a great deal the rest of the summer and will try to fly the Westernaire flag with pride everywhere. Precisionettes will participate in many shows in the metro area throughout the summer months and will aid many people in the process, since they will perform at the Easter Seal Camp for handicapped kids and will also perform at the Polo for the Cure fund raising event. The Crimson Rangers, Royal Rangers and Nighthorse Rangers will present the 2nd annual Western

Heritage Show in July, for as many as 2000 day camp participants, many of whom may be future Westernaires.

My point in telling you all of these things is to emphasize the importance of hard work these summer months to prepare for promotions in the fall. This is when each rider has a chance to really excel.

Let me spend a few lines discussing an item of significant importance to us all as horsemen and women: the health and care of our horses. We are seeing a significant increase in colic in our horses. We have had two of our string (Pancho and Digger) die of colic in the past couple of months. In addition, we have had several other horses in the hospital with colic and Thor, at this writing, is in for the second time in as many months. I worry that we will have trouble keeping him going. We must each be attentive to signs that the horse to which we are assigned is beginning to show signs. If the horse is biting at his side or kicking at his stomach, please call it to the attention of one of the responsible adults, instructor or wrangler. Trying to lie down and roll is a really bad sign sometimes, so that is another sign. The rider is often the first to be in a position to notice those signs.

The instructors recently had a very informative lecture with a power point film on leads and lead changes. Presenting the film was Dr. Gary Pallaoro of Golden Animal Hospital assisted by Dr. Donna Johnson. It is my hope that all instructors will be concentrating on leads with the riders. We learned a great deal about the dangers of failure to be in the correct lead. The potential for injury to horse and rider from wrong leads is very important to us all. We all owe our mounts the greatest care and attention as riders. We cannot just be passengers on the horse. We have an obligation to the horse to assist him in our drill riding to avoid injury.

One last random thought as we enter Summer Schedule. Parents should not expect their young riders to sit on the hill side or elsewhere at the Fort while waiting for a ride home. The class schedule is fairly stable and riders who are renters finish by 9:00 p.m. While Monitors and Instructors should wait with their riders until all are picked up, it is a real burden on them to be your involuntary babysitters. Don't do all the volunteers a disservice by expecting them to wait until 9:30 or 10:00 to protect your rider from too much danger. Thanks.

Glen E. Keller, Jr., Director

CONGRATULATIONS!

Interclub Championship:

1. Cunningham, Jessica
2. Papst, Colton
3. Losasso, Kelsey
4. Polemi, Katielyn
5. Beach, Tiawna



The Arvada Cadet Squad of the Civil Air Patrol color guard won the state competition in March. This is the first time in 50 years this unit has won this honor. The weekend of April 12th the unit participated in the regional competition in Salt Lake City. Kate Cummings, of Nighthorse Rangers, is the Commander of this celebrated unit.

2008 Graduates:

Red Team:

Alyssa Ball
 Kaitlyn Chiarelli
 Caryn Feil
 Carlie Ford
 Maddie Green
 Anna Hissem
 Jessica Hissem
 Katie Mackey
 Kryssi Miller
 KD Misgen
 Barbara Nolan
 Annie Ulshoffer
 Joy Ulshoffer
 Lisa Wormley
 Kelsey Yoder

Congratulations to KD Misgen, who graduated as Valedictorian of her class from Regis Jesuit High School.

Cavalry:

Casey Fisk
 Samuel Mayer
 Haldan Pranger
 Justin Walton
 Ben Williams

Precisionettes:

Chelsea Brown
 Sarah Butler
 Ali Cristello
 Robin Czapla
 Kema Licholat
 Hannah Lorentz
 Megan Marks
 Madison McIntosh
 Cassie McGillicuddy
 Taisha Newlon
 Heather Nielson
 Amanda Sadler
 Kayla Schultz
 Kelsey Shaw
 Kaylee Simmons

Kasey Smith
 Jessica Surface
 Crissy Surina
 Rhianna Russell
 Hannah Yates

Crimson Rangers:

Emily Bowers
 Kayla Eaton
 Michelle Fleishman
 Ashley Hallinan
 Brandi Jarrett-Wood
 Katie O'Rourke
 Lindsey Owen
 Karisah Shannon

Royal Rangers:

Kaela Fischer
 Kayla Lindholm
 Aimee Newman
 Alyssa Patterson
 Shelly Ray
 Tashina Ricketts

Stock Show 2008



Wild West Show



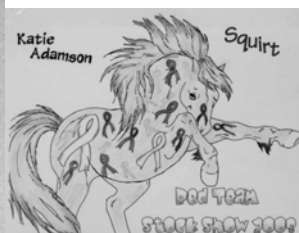
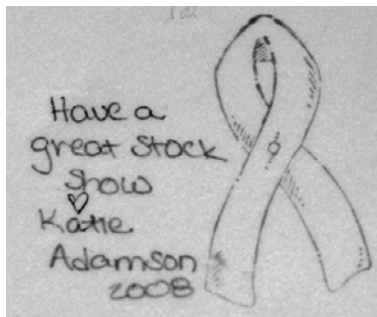
Brrrrr...!!



Picking out a favorite picture from stock show was impossible so instead it turned out to be a group of pictures.

Imagine taking on a very ambitious project for all of your friends and teammates. Imagine at the same time you are facing surgery and suffering from the effects of Chemotherapy. A very special someone did just that. Katie Adamson did the most beautiful thing I saw during the entire stock show by making all the stall cards for Red Team. The time, creativity, and love that went into these cannot be measured. They are my favorite pictures from stock show.

God bless,
Mike Green



Thank You

Dear Mr. Keller,

Recently, there has been some negative talk about Westernaires being rude and very unprofessional. We would like to share an incident that we experienced at Westernaires, Saturday, April 19 that was handled with the utmost caring and professionalism from our adult volunteers.

Our younger daughter was riding with her White Horse Roman team when she lost her balance and had a bad fall. Our first aid volunteers were in the arena immediately. As parents, the hardest thing to do was to watch our child not get up and not be there at her side. But, we had total confidence that our daughter was in very capable hands. After a few minutes, the first aid called my wife into the arena. I was in the next arena when I was also called over. They had assessed our daughter's injuries in a very professional manner and a decision was made to call 911. We both agreed with their decision and the call was made. The first aid volunteers had stabilized her on the back board and she was ready to be transported to the hospital when the ambulance arrived.

We can't thank the volunteers enough as to how professional they were to us and our daughter. Her safety and well being was their number one priority. Thankfully, there were no internal injuries found, but her pelvis was badly bruised. She can't wait to get back to riding. It just shows all of us that accidents can happen, but we have excellent care if it is ever needed.

We would like to thank the following volunteers that were with us that day:

Kirk McIntosh, Denise Mackey, Kevin Mackey, Jim Fisher, John Beach, Don Crook, and Alan Shipley. Please forgive us if we have forgotten someone that was also there.

Again, thank you so much,

The Simmons
Sam, Renee, Kaylee, and Jenna



YOU KNOW YOU'RE A TRUE WESTERNAIRE IF . . .

1. You get up earlier on Saturday morning than any other day of the week
2. You spend more time on your diagramming than you do on your homework
3. You buy something new for your horse before you buy something new for yourself
4. Your friends think the weather is too bad to go skiing, but you think nothing of hitching up your trailer and hauling your horse to Westernaires to ride all day in the cold
5. You go everywhere in white pants with a brown butt from riding bareback
6. The color of a bandana is suddenly very important to you
7. You muck your stall and keep your trailer clean, but your bedroom is a disaster
8. You save part of every apple you eat so you can give it to your horse later
9. The phrases "3 of 2" or "4 of 6" make sense to you
10. You don't even notice when you step in manure
11. Hay in your hair and down your shirt is an everyday thing
12. Those white clothes you have never really come clean
13. The vet's number is on speed dial in your cell phone
14. Your *Facebook* page has more pictures of your horses than it does of you
15. Your arms are tan, your face is tan, but your legs never get any sun
16. Your idea of the perfect boyfriend – besides being sweet, smart and cute and all that – is one who can fix stalls, muck barns, and keep up with you when you ride
17. Of course, you don't have time for a boyfriend / girlfriend because you spend all your free time with your horse
18. Dirt in your teeth means you were smiling and having fun the whole time you were riding
19. Its no big deal to spend 18 hours doing three shows on the Saturday of Annual Show and then get up early on Sunday morning and do it all over again
20. Every time you get on your horse . . . you *RIDE WITH PRIDE*

Send us your ideas for what it means to be a true Westernaire!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

June 2	Summer Schedule begins	Aug 9	Jefferson County Fair – Prec, Hoedowners
June 14	Tenderfoot take home tests returned	Aug 16	Littleton Western Welcome Parade Wheat Ridge Parade – White Div White Olympics
June 21,22	White Division Show Polo for the Cure Show - Prec 1 st Junior Lecture	Aug 18	Summer schedule ends
June 24	Easter Seals - Prec	Aug 22	Tenderfoot Induction
June 26-29	Sheridan – RT, CAV, WAR & specialties	Aug 25	Convention Show - Afternoon
July 4	Byers	Aug 28	New Monitor Training
July 5	Granby - RT 2 nd Junior Lecture	Aug 30	Last Junior Ride
July 11,12	Queen City Horseshow – RT, Red Trick Highlands Ranch Show - Prec	Aug 30-Sept 1	Trinidad – RT
July 12	White Division Standard Drill Show	Sept 5	Tenderfoot Graduation
July 16	Western Heritage Show & Museum Tour	Sept 6	Tenderfoot Safety Lecture
July 19	3 rd Junior Lecture	Sept 7	White Division Gymkhana
July 26	Tenderfoot Testing Golden Buffalo Bill Parade	Sept 12	Junior Graduation
Aug 2	Junior Testing	Sept 13	Convention Show – Evening 1 st Sophomore Ride
Aug 7-11	Marcus, Iowa – RT & selected specialties	Sept 20	Honor Parade - Prec
		Sept 24	Ticket Rally
		Oct 30	Ticket Turn-in
		Nov 1,2	Annual Show

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