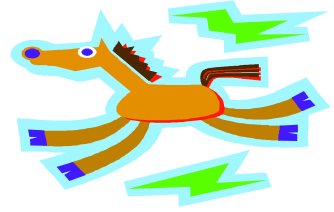




Bits and Brags



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Murphy's Horse Laws :

There is no such thing as a sterile barn cat.

No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off.

The least useful horse in you barn will eat the most, require shoes every four weeks and need the vet at least once a month. A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.

Your favorite tack always gets chewed on, and your new blanket gets torn.

Tack you hate will never wear out and blankets you hate cannot be destroyed.

Horses you hate cannot be sold and will out live you.

Clipper blades will become dull when your horse is half clipped. If you approach within fifty feet of your barn in clean clothes, you will get dirty.

The number of horses you own will increase to the number of stalls in your barn.

Your barn will fall down without baling twine.

Hoof picks always run a way from home.

If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.

If you are winning, then quit, because there is only one way to go. Down!

It's Time to PARTY!!!!

The 2007 Awards banquet will be held at the Sam Houston Race Park on Sunday, January 27th, 2008. As always, we are looking for division sponsors, and silent auction donations. If you are interested in either, please email Kristy Limon at kristym76@hotmail.com

Points Information

GHCTA will also be giving out division high point awards to members for EACH level at EACH show in the 2008 season! We will be awarding each level of horse trial offered. Intermediate-Green As Grass. For example, the GHCTA member with the lowest novice horse trial score will be getting a prize. There will also be a Volunteer prize given by the show management, so make sure you volunteer! The prizes for the 2008 shows are \$50 Gift Certificates to Legacy Tack!! Winners will be notified after the horse show, and we will be emailing the gift certificates.

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Featured Rider

Next issue we will be featuring a Rider please submit nominations to Terri Miller at 75.terri@gmail.com. All submission should be sent in by 02/15/2008. This is a great opportunity to highlight individuals active with GHCTA and their barn.

You know you are a horseperson when:

- You cluck to your car when you go up a hill.
- Your horse's hair is in better condition than your own.
- You refer to your car as "my portable tack room".
- You have the vet's number but not your kid's pediatrician on your speed dial.
- Your nice clothes are the ones without horse hair all over them.
- horse people would spend hundreds of dollars for a 95 cent ribbon

GHCTA RECOGNIZED SHOW HIGH POINT PRIZE AWARD!

THE GHCTA WINNERS AT THE DEC 2ND PINE HILL SHOW WERE:

INTERMEDIATE: NONE (NO MEMBERS COMPETED)

PRELIMINARY: CELISE EBERLE AND CLIFTON CHARISMA 33.7

TRAINING: ALEXIS MITCHELL AND HERO 32.00

NOVICE: MELISSA GRIFFITH AND BEAR'S SHADOW 27.00

BEGINNER NOVICE: AMELIA HADDAD AND MISS MAE BELLE 39.8

GREEN AS GRASS: BAILEY MORAN AND RAZZMATAZZ 35.9

VOLUNTEER: BETHEL AND EMILY HART

THIS IS A VERY HARD DECISION FOR ME BECAUSE I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO A LONG LIST OF PEOPLE. IN PARTICULAR KAY HICKS PROVIDED MANY OF HER GANG TO FILL IN THE BLANKS. AS ALWAYS—THEY WERE WONDERFUL—ESPECIALLY KENA STRINGER, JENNIFER DOUGLAS, ROBERTA KELLNER & KIRSTEN STRINGER! WITHOUT THEM SATURDAY DRESSAGE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE AND RUNNING & BIT CHECK ON SUNDAY WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED. TONI STEVENS AND SHANDA WALLIN HELPED GET THE START BOX FOR XC GOING WHEN TEAM SCHEIBE COULDN'T BE HERE AT THE LAST MINUTE. AND I GUESS IF I MUST SINGLE OUT ONE PERSON/FAMILY TO GIVE THE AWARD TO THIS TIME IT WOULD BE BETHEL AND EMILY HART. BETHEL & EMILY ALWAYS HELP OUT, BUT THIS TIME THEY WENT THE EXTRA MILE, TWICE. FIRST, ONE OF MY SCRIBES NEEDED TO LEAVE EARLY SO EMILY, WHO HAD NEVER SCRIBED BEFORE, SPENT SUNDAY MORNING GETTING A CRASH COURSE IN SCRIBING AND THEN WHEN JULIE HAD TO LEAVE SHE STEPPED IN AND FINISHED SCRIBING FOR THE MORNING DRESSAGE RIDES IN THE BELL ARENA. SECOND, WHEN I WENT INTO PANIC MODE OVER WHO WOULD RUN THE START BOX FOR XC—BETHEL AND EMILY AGAIN JUMPED IN WILLINGLY, LEARNED THE JOB AND KEPT THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY ALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THE FULL RESULTS ARE ON [HTTP://WWW.PINEHILLTEXAS.COM/LCT_RESULTS.HTM](http://www.pinehilltexas.com/lct_results.htm)



BARN NEWS!!!!



Excel Equestrian would like to congratulate our GHCTA High Point winners!

Kristy Limon and Excel - Intermediate Champion
Shella Szymanski and Noble Star - Novice Sr. 5th Place
Ashley Randermann and Cor de Carisma - Jr Novice Reserve Champion
Amanda Keir and Rock Star - Jr Novice 3rd Place
Cameron Jordan and Chocolate Mousse - Jr Novice 4th Place
Molly Rainer and Popeye the Sailor - Jr Beginner Novice 3rd Place
Amanda Keir and Rock Star - Jr Beginner Novice 5th Place
Carra Honderich and Flash - Jr Green As Grass 4th Place

Keep up the Hard Work in 2008!

Upcoming Show Schedule-GHCTA Recognized Shows 2008

- February 3-Pine Hill Horse Trials
- March 3 -Pine Hill Horse Trials
- May 18th W-S Horse Farm Combined Test
- June 13-14 Meadow Creek Park Horse Trials
- July 6 Pine Hill Horse Trials
- October 5 Pine Hill Horse Trials

**Please remember to send in your complete entry form in with payment on time.

**Proof of current negative coggins required for ALL shows.

"Unfettered by complicated verbal language, horses respond directly to energy. Attention is focused, channeled energy. When your attention wanders as you ride, your horse's experience is as empty as yours when you realize someone to whom you're talking to isn't listening."

-- [Susan Travis](#)

One of the first horses was called a Hyracotherium. It lived about 50 million years ago and was as tall as a fox. It had toes! This horse changed over millions of years to become a modern horse.

Horses can communicate how they are feeling by their facial expressions. They use their ears, nostrils, and eyes to show their moods. Beware of a horse that has flared nostrils and their ears back. That means it might attack!

A hoof is like a fingernail. It is always growing and needs to be clipped so that it won't be uncomfortable for the horse.

END OF YEAR GHCTA HIGH POINT WINNERS



RIDER/LEVEL	HORSE	TOTAL
INTERMEDIATE		
Kristy Limon	Excel	2.5
Kate Owens	Much Ado	2.5
W.J. Everett	Clover's Eclips	0
PRELIMINARY		
Liz Nugent	Blackjack	12.75
W.J. Everett	Clover's Eclips	4
Holly Flint	Habenero	3.25
Karen Shull	Just My Style	2
Kanako Hayashi	Dusty Marine	1.5
Kate Owens	Much Ado	1.25
Becky Brake	Jamaica Jamaica	1.25
TRAINING SENIOR		
Laura Mann	Hey Chispas	19.5
Lucy Chalcraft	Fullbrooks Silver Moon	8
Dana Bogatin	Midnight Carmel Run	7.5
Delphine Largeteau	Picante	5
Lucy Chalcraft	Premonition	4
Simon Todd	Frere Jacques	3
TRAINING JUNIOR		
Christine McCarter	Doin A Dash	8
Celise Eberle	Clifton Charisma	7
Sara Loupot	Lionheart	3.25
Lizzie Scheibe	Whitney	1
NOVICE SENIORS		
Holly Flint	IN Disquise	6
Kelly Kays-Everett	Allie's Precious Nina	5
Sarah Goodyear	Ronan	5
Courtney R. Jurica	C's Natural Perfection	4
Debbie Fullilove	Braveheart	3
Shella Szymanski	Noble Star	2.5
NOVICE JUNIORS		
Emily Hart	Surprisetexasgoldy	19
Ashley Randermann	Charisma	6
Sara Loupot	Lionheart	5
Amanda Keir	Rock Star	5
Cameron Jordan	Chocolate Mousse	4.25
Christine McCarter	Doin A Dash	4
Ashley Randermann	A Racin Star	4

BEGINNER NOVICE SR	HORSE	Total
Sarah Goodyear	Ronan	17.5
Kendall Bogese	Going Dutch	15
Sandy Venneman	Epochal	13
Brooke Dailey	Gus	10
Laura Murray	Simba	9
Emily Heather	Bella	6.5
Genna Huffman	Don't Fence Me In	6.5
RIDER/LEVEL		
BEGINNER NOVICE JR		
Kelsey Russek	Atlantis	22
Parham Wallin	Dorsola's Happy Liam	17.5
Darcy Loupot	Frequent Flyer	12
Molly Rainer	Popeye the Sailor	12
Rachel Sembera	Cruise Control	9
Karen Shull	Hershey's Kiss	9
GREEN AS GRASS SR		
Vicky Pendlum	Galan	6.5
Rhonda Russek	Jewel's Gentleman	6.5
Candy Brake	OO7	5
Catherine Naber	Penzance	4
Gail Hicks	Somerset	3.75
Rosie McCusker	Spiderman	2.5
GREEN AS GRASS JR		
Darcy Loupot	Frequent Flyer	8
Laura Thompson	Fine 'n' Dandy	7
Marissa Bjerke	Sparkle Dust	6
Carra Honderich	Flash	5
Kate Strickland	Smiling Man	4
Amelia Haddad	Miss Mae Belle	4
McKenna Powers	Blue Boy	4
Bryn Thompson	Laredo	4
G A G Horse		
Sharon Shull	Finale	5
Laura Martin	Mia	4
Betsy Hansberry	Shay Darra	4
Laura S. Mann	Smooth Performance	2.5

**Come One! Come All! You are invited to attend the
Area V Annual Meeting and 2007 Awards Banquet!**

Who: Area V Membership, Friends and Family

What: Area V 2007 High Point Awards, Banquet, Educational Meetings, and Fund Raiser Auctions Live and Silent!

Why: To celebrate those hard working, dedicated riders, horses, etc. and to share fellowship and education for improving our sport!

When: **Friday, January 18th, 2008**

- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm ICP (USEA Instructors Certification Program)

Open to all Instructors, Coaches and Interested Parties. Come and learn what the program is all about. Yes, that is PM and not AM

Saturday, January 19th, 2008

- 8:30 am to 11:00 am Council Meeting (Open Meeting) Jo Bailey
- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Organizers Meeting Marvin Savage
- 11:30 am to 12:30 pm ICP and Safety Meeting Jennifer Bodtmann
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Young Riders/Jr. Young Riders Piper Hunn, Debbie Daniels, Alyce Hinkle
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Education Seminar

- Charles Owen Helmet Presentation (Correct Fitting, physics and what's coming in the future to helmets)

- Event horses at all levels

- Training Solutions for your horse

- Preventative Stress on your horse's joints by use of drug therapy

Education Seminar Speakers: Roy Burek (President of Charles Owens), Gina Miles, Mary D'Arcy, Dr. Bobby Hewlett

- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Area V General Annual Meeting
 - State of the Area Address - Jo Bailey
 - Treasurer's Report - Sharon Pye
 - Adult Rider - Sharon Shull
 - Young Rider - Alyce Hinkle
 - ICP/Safety - Jennifer Bodtmann
 - Texas Horse Park - Siobhan O'Brien
- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Reception w/hors d'oeuvres
 - Cash bar and Silent Auction
- 6:30 pm Dinner/Awards - Guest Speaker Gina Miles (2007 Pan Am Team Gold and Individual Bronze)

Where: Houston Airport Marriott Hotel at George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

18700 John F. Kennedy Blvd

Houston TX 77032

Hotel Directions: Take the signs to "hotel" (towards terminal "B"). Park in "Self Park" garage (Parking stickers given when you check in) or valet park at an extra cost.

Banquet

Cash bar

Children's Dinner \$11

Adult Dinner \$50

Banquet/Dinner Reservations (Please use attached form and return to Alyce Hinkle before January 12th, 2008)

Alyce Hinkle
12016 Bert Brown Road
Conroe, TX 77302
Home (936) 446-1099
Cell (281) 772-9350
Fax (281) 592-1245

Thanks everyone, Alyce

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Detach here or Print this page and return
(Dinner Reservation Form)

JANUARY 18 – 19, 2007

Area V Annual Meeting and 2007 Awards Banquet!

Return with Check made out to "AREA V"
To : Alyce Hinkle
12016 Bert Brown Road
Conroe, TX 77302

Adult Dinners _____ @ \$50 each = _____

Children Dinners _____ @ \$11 each = _____

Total _____

Name of each attending Address Phone

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Fees: Individual Membership \$35.00

Individual Membership (current USEA member) \$30.00

Lifetime Membership \$300.00

Horse Annual Registration \$5.00

Lifetime Horse Registration \$20.00

Note: Horses must now be registered to obtain points

Family Membership \$45.00

Family Membership (current USEA members) \$40.00

For Family Membership, please indicate all competitors' names. Please list the name(s) of ALL horse/rider combination(s) and competitors Junior or Senior status. A Junior is under 18 years old. The rider's age as of 12/01/06 will be maintained throughout the membership year. Circle J or S below, and for Juniors, put date of birth in the blank. Please specify if horse is "Life" registered or "Annual"

Rider: _____ Horse _____ j/s _____

Rider: _____ Horse _____ j/s _____

Rider: _____ Horse _____ j/s _____

I am enclosing my check for \$ _____ for a(n) _____ membership.

Signature/Date

USEA # if applicable

Referred by: _____ Barn/Trainer: _____

Make checks payable to GHCTA

Mail to: Ruth Sawin, 1720 HWY 159 E, Bellville, TX, 77418

