

LAHSA E-News - August/September 2006

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I don't know about the rest of you, but summer sure zipped by! By now kids are back in school and many parents are settling back into our routines. Summer seemed to fly by, and many people were off showing and having fun with their horses.

With the arrival of school comes medal finals, and LAHSA kicked off with the LAHSA Horsemanship Challenge and the Rosewood Finals. Both Finals are hosted by Gold Coast 6 and nicely presented.

LAHSA Horsemanship & Rosewood Finals

Congratulations go to Season Winqest, winner of the LAHSA Horsemanship Finals. These finals are open to both junior and amateur riders who compete primarily at 3'0". For a complete story about Season's win, go to: http://www.leghorseshows.com/press_HorsemanshipFinals.htm

Samantha Harrison won the Rosewood Finals for riders fourteen and under. The Rosewood Finals are held in the Equidome in the evening, and the riders get experience of riding in a higher pressure environment. A story about the Rosewood Finals and Samantha's win is at: http://www.leghorseshows.com/press_rosewood.htm

Riders work very hard to qualify for a medal finals and to prepare for the competition. I was impressed by the quality of riding in both Finals, and I enjoyed talking to a number of the riders, their parents, and various trainers.

World Equestrian Games

The final day of the Rosewood Finals coincided with the final day of show jumping at the World Equestrian Games. Early in the morning, a number of us followed the action in Aachen, Germany as Jos Lasink (Belgium), Beezie Madden (USA), Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (Germany), and Edwina Alexander (Australia) each rode one another's horses over a shortened course. In the first three rotations, all riders jumped clear rounds. It wasn't until the fourth round that a rail fell, and it was Edwina on Meredith's Shutterfly. In the end, Beezie, Jos and Meredith all jumped off on their own horses. Jos earned the gold, Beezie the silver, and Meredith the bronze. What was exciting to note was that Meredith won the Rosewood Finals in 1983.

LAHSA Horsemastership Competition

The forms have been mailed and all of the information is on the website!
(<http://www.lahsa.com/pdf/HorsemastershipInfo.pdf>)

While I was at Portuguese Bend last weekend serving as the Technical Delegate for the PCHA Horsemanship Finals (okay, so I showed in a couple of jumper classes also!), I walked into Archie Cox's tack room. I noticed a Breyer model horse with lots of little labels attached to it. I picked up the model and saw that the labels were the parts of the horse. Archie proudly told me that Lucy Davis had decided to do that. We then had a great time asking one another horsemanship related questions, and we each learned a thing or two.

Perhaps some of you can share some fun things you have done or are doing to better learn about your horse and horse related activities. E-mail me and let me know! (marnyelanger@aol.com)

P.S. Lucy Davis went on to win the PCHA Horsemanship Finals!

Up and Coming

Your LAHSA Board of Directors has been hard at work this year. Look for some new year-end award categories for 2007 and some changes to existing categories. We plan to split both "A" Adult Amateur and Children's Hunters by age. New for 2007 will be a special awards program for Walk/Trot riders. Stay tuned!

Silent Auction

During Gold Coast 6, LAHSA held its annual silent auction. Thank you to everyone who donated items and thank you to everyone who supported the auction. For the last 30 minutes you could barely wedge yourself in to check on your bids. I got a cool, new bicycle out of the deal that was donated by Shadowbrook Stables. Thanks!

Sportsmanship

Trainer Mark Purcell told me that he had a great sportsmanship moment at the recent Gold Coast 6. He needed some help riding and showing some of his hunters and Shauna Pennell stepped in and lent a hand. It is great seeing one professional help another.

I look forward to seeing members at the horse shows, and I welcome your e-mails.