

# CRK Training Times

Bits of News for Horse People

March 2007

## Show Season 2007 Begins

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The decisions have been made. The shows have been chosen. The tack is being cleaned, the horses and riders trained. It's time to show! Those riders who have expressed interest in showing this year are: Denise Casey & Maverick, Lindsey Downing & Trixie, Annie Flocken & Fanci, Meggie Wolfinger & Rusty, Cheryl & Rusty.

Annie Flocken & Fanci started the season off right with a Senior English Daily High Point win at the 4H Southern California Regional Championships. They also got their first taste of hunter classes. Congrats to both of them!

In addition to outside shows, CRK Training Stable will be hosting it's own (in house only) shows this year. Those shows will fall on Sundays during the late spring, summer and early fall. These shows will include different levels for all riders. Daily and year-end high point awards will be offered as well.

CRK Training Stable clients have yet to chose their shows for the 2007 season. If you want to be part of this decision, plan to attend the show meeting on 2/23 at 7:30 PM.

### Important March Dates~

- 3/11- OPA Show, Chino Show
- 3/11- Girl Scout Celebration

### Important April Dates~

- 4/1- SW Pinto Show
- 4/2-4/6- Spring Camp
- 4/9-4/13- Spring Camp
- 4/15- OPA W/T Show
- 4/15-4/23- Cheryl & Steve's Vacation

### Group Lesson Schedule~

The following new group lessons will be offered beginning March 3. Riders must receive

instructor permission to ride in a group. If Cheryl has informed you that you are ready to move into group lessons, now it the time to pick one!

New!- Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM

New!- Wednesdays 5:30-6:30

Previous groups still being offered-

Ground Pole (pre-jumping) Sat. 9:00 AM

\*Jumping group- fences 1'-2' Sat. 10:00 AM

\*Please note that, for our riders safety, as of March 2007 in order to participate in the jumping group you must either ride your own horse or ride at least one other time each week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ride may be either a practice ride or a lesson. If you miss your additional ride, you will not jump on Saturdays and will do flat work instead.

### Spring Break Camp~

Riding camp for all CRK students will be offered during the weeks of April 2-6 & April 9-13. This will be a half-day camp and will include riding, horse science, crafts, barn chores and lots of fun! Camp will run from 9:00 A.M. -1:00 PM Monday -Friday. Cost is \$280.00 per week or \$500.00 for both weeks. For more info or to sign up see the web site or ask Cheryl.

### Quotable Quotes~

Clear, consistent aids are the rider's responsibility. This is a long process. One must not try to substitute force. It is a matter of practicing day in and day out."--Klaus Balkenhol

### Girl Scout Celebration~

CRK Training Stable has been invited to participate in the Girl Scout & Pat Nixon Birthday Celebration. It is being held at the Richard Nixon Presidential Museum on Sunday March 11 from 11-3. This is a fun and educational event open to the public. Many organizations will present informational booths

with food, games, give-aways, educational activities and speakers.

Cheryl & Steve will be at the CRK Training Stable booth giving educational talks about our business and various other "horsey" topics. We will also have a free game with prizes including CRK gifts, candy, discount coupons & free lessons. The event is free. Plan to attend or if you would like to help out, volunteers are always welcome. Contact Cheryl for more info or to help out.

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### Web Site Photo Shoot~

Our new web site is up and running, but it is lacking the necessary pictures to show off our ranch, students and horses. If you would like to be included in our website photo shoot, plan to come to the ranch on Sunday 3/4/07 at 12 Noon. We will be riding, grooming, playing games and having fun with the horses, all for the camera! There is no charge for this event. Show up dressed to ride and work horses. Adults and kids welcome!

Also, if you want to check out the website go to [www.crktrainingstable.com](http://www.crktrainingstable.com). Most of it is still "under construction", but it's on it's way. With your help, we will have it looking great in no time!

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### Rider of the Month~

This new feature will spotlight one of the CRK riders every month. If you would like to be the rider of the month, please let us know! This month's rider is .....Meggie Wolfinger!

Meggie Wolfinger is CRK Training Stable assistant trainer and also a very successful student. Meggie is currently attending Cal Poly Pomona. Her current major is agriculture but she hopes to get a job in the medical field after graduation. Currently she works at CRK on her days off from school. Meggie is instrumental in the care of all the horses at the barn, but mostly works with the stable's own horses. Meg keeps all the horses happy, healthy, exercised, clipped and handles the day-to-day care they need. You can watch Meg ride Rusty in the Saturday Jumping group. It can be quite an interesting ride

at times as she is teaching Rusty how to jump. She is also looking forward to "breaking" K.T. when she comes of age later this spring. This will be Meg's first chance to start one from the beginning. No doubt it will go very well.

Meg's previous horses include: Packy, Jamie & Cherokee. Packy was her first horse and she is now retired and lives at Meg's house along with Cherokee. Jamie was leased from CRK. She had many very successful shows with Jamie before she bought Cherokee in 2005.

Cherokee is an APHA gelding who Meg purchased and re-trained for shows and trail riding. Meg & Cherokee hit the shows last year with a vengeance. They won both the English & Western High points at Yorba Linda and O.P.A. Currently Cherokee is being used by the Cal Poly Show team for their I.H.S.A shows. Each school must provide horses for all the competitors. Cal Poly needed another western horse, so Cherokee fills in with great style.

Be sure to look for Meg around the barn and say Hi! Meg will also be giving lessons soon plus helping with camp this summer.

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### Only horse people...

Believe in the 11thCommandment: Inside leg to outside rein.

Know that all topical medications come in either indelible blue or neon yellow.

Think nothing of eating a sandwich after mucking out stables.

Know why a thermometer has a yard of yarn attached to one end of it.

Are banned from Laundromats.

Fail to associate whips, chains and leather with deviancy.

Can magically lower their voices five octaves to bellow at a pawing horse.

Have a language all their own ("If he pops his shoulder, I have to close that hand and keep pushing with my seat in case he sucks back".)

Will end relationships over their hobby.

Cluck to their cars to help them up hills.

Insure their horses for more than their cars.

Will give you 20 names and reasons for that bump on your horse.

Know more about their horse's nutrition than their own.

Have neatsfoot oil stains on the carpet right next to the TV.

Have a vocabulary that can make a sailor blush.

Have less wardrobe than their horse.

Engage in a hobby that is more work than their day job.

Believe mucking stalls is better than Zoloft any day.

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### That's All For Now~

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list or have any questions, please contact Cheryl directly. She may be contacted by E-mail at:

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That's all folks!