

CRK Training Stable

Bits of News for Horse People

September 2007

CRK Horse Show Season Begins!

CRK Shows~

The time is here. With the "real" show season winding down, now is the time to practice for next year. Our first CRK show of the season will be held on Sept. 23. Classes are being offered for all levels of riders. Stable horses are reserved on a first paid-first served basis. Entry forms are included in this newsletter. Awards for daily and year-end high point in each of 4 divisions. See you all there!

Important September Dates~

Sept 8 & 9- Pinto Show Pomona
Sept. 9- OPA
Sept. 23- CRK Show
Sept. 30- ETI Show

Important October Dates~

Oct. 1- Blanket Service Begins
Oct. 7- Chino Show
Oct. 14- OPA Walk/Trot Show
Oct. 28- CRK Show/Playday
Oct. 31- Halloween

Save the Date! Dec. 9, 2007- CRK Year-End Party and Show Awards Presentation

Fall Schedules~

As fall approaches, summer camp ends and the kids go back to school. It is now that we can take a breath before we resume our fall lesson schedule. Some minor changes will take place this year and they are outlined below. Also, new group lessons are being offered, so be sure to sign up. Check the bulletin board for sign up sheets.

Mondays- For the first time, CRK stable will be offering lessons and/or training on

Mondays. If you would like to move your lesson day to Mondays, please contact Cheryl directly.

Fridays- To replace the Monday schedule, Cheryl will be taking Fridays off beginning Sept. 2007. If you currently have a lesson on Fridays, you will have to pick a new lesson day and time.

Fall Group lessons- The following group lessons will be available this fall and winter. More groups will be added as needed. If riding a CRK Stable horse, your tack-up time begins 20 minutes before the lesson starts. Cool down and put away after the lesson ends. You must have instructor permission to ride in a group lesson. All groups are \$170.00 per month.

Mondays5:30-6:30 PM - Rail work only. Open to all riders.

Thursdays- 3:30-4:30 PM- Rail work only. Open to all riders.

Saturdays- 9:00-10:00AM- Rail work & Ground poles (pre-jumping). Open to all riders, English preferred.

Saturdays- 10:00-11:00AM- Flat & low fences (up to 2'3") English riders only.

Saturdays- 2:00-3:00PM- Rail work & trail obstacles. Open to all riders.

Show Group?- All you show riders let me know when you would like to ride. Show groups are 90 minutes and include showmanship, rail work & patterns. \$225.00 mo.

Introduction To Horsemanship~

An introductory class for beginning riders including both Horsemanship & Horse Science. Ages 8 and up. Adults welcome! Parent & child O.K.! \$275.00 per person.

Horsemanship classes include:

- ✓ Catching, grooming, tying & leading
- ✓ Putting on saddle & bridle

- ✓ Mounting & dismounting
- ✓ Riding at walk & trot
- ✓ Controlling the horse while turning, stopping & backing up.
- ✓ All lessons taught in the Western style.

Horse Science classes include:

- ✓ Safety Rules
- ✓ Parts of the Horse
- ✓ The Nature of the Horse
- ✓ Saddles & bridles
- ✓ Equine terms & their meanings
- ✓ Colors & Markings
- ✓ Breeds

Riding Classes. Mondays 9/17- 10/22 5:30-6:30 P.M. OR Saturdays- 9/15-10/20 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Horse Science Classes: Tuesdays 9/18- 10/23, 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Call and sign up today!

Welcome New Horses and Their “Staff”~

CRK Stable would like to welcome the following new horses and owners to the barn. Be sure to take a moment to say hi! These horses have already moved in.

Picasso- Yearling APHA gelding. Loved by Lori Jones.

Lex- TB gelding. Loved by Donienne Deese.

Joining us during the month of Sept.

Sadie- APHA black/white (Yes, another one. Really, I don't plan it!) mare leased by CRK Stable for the lesson program.

3 horses (an Appy, QH & TB) loved by the Torrence family.

A Tennessee Walking horse loved by the DuCoing family.

CHA Classes & Testing~

CHA levels testing will begin this fall. If you would like to study for the written tests, classes will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning 9/18 from 6:30-8:00PM. There is a fee of \$25.00 per level for the classes. This includes use of a book during class or you may purchase a book for \$15.00 each. Level 1 class is 4 weeks. Level 2-4 classes are six weeks each. You must pass each level before you may test for the next level. A passing score is 70% or higher.

Riding tests may be taken during your private or semi-private lesson or at a pre-determined testing day. The first test day will be Sunday 10/21/07 beginning at 11:00 AM. There is no charge for testing, but you must sign up. Written tests will also be available. You must pass each level before moving on to the next level. A passing score is 70% or higher overall, but no individual score may be lower than a 5 out of 10. (That means if you score a 3 out of 10 on the trot circle, you would not pass the test even if you scored high on everything else.) Level 1 & 2 Requirements are listed below.

LEVEL 1-

General Requirements-Orally give 5 safety rules and a reason why each is important. Demonstrate at least 3 grooming steps. Show how to check your equipment before riding.

Written Test- Safety rules, riding questions regarding cues, aids and English vs. Western styles. Nature of the horse. Grooming. Parts of both English & Western bridle and saddle.

Riding Test- Lead safely. Check and adjust your tack as needed. Mount with control. Ride a walk & trot with good position and control at least once around the arena each way. Ride a posting trot. Halt from walk & trot. Circle and reverse at walk & trot. Dismount and prepare to lead your horse.

LEVEL 2-

General Requirements-Show how to cool out a hot horse. Demonstrate a quick release knot. Know how to clean a stall, stable area and do basic stable chores like cleaning a water bucket and feeding. .

Written Test-Terminology, markings, colors, breeds, nature of the horse, parts of the horse including the hoof.

Riding Test- Lead safely, tack check and mount. Ride a walk. Ride at least twice around the arena at sitting, posting & two-point (half-seat) trot with correct diagonals. Ride circles and reverses at the trot. Ride at least once around the ring at a canter/lope each direction without breaking. Stop

from canter/lope. Back up. Walk & trot over 4 poles.

As riders pass the first two levels we will hand out requirements for the next levels. They are too lengthy for this publication, so suffice it to say they will require some work.

Full Barn~

As of September 2007, CRK Stable will again be full for boarding. As a reminder to those of you not in a training or lesson program, if a stall is needed for a training horse or lesson student's horse you may be asked to move out. While we have never had to invoke this policy, I just wanted to be sure everyone was aware of it.

To be assured a continued place at CRK Stable join one of our many lesson programs today. You will save money on your board, meet new people, learn new skills, improve your horsemanship and have fun!

In Memorandum-

With great sadness we report the passing of "Phase One". He passed away due to complications of Cushings Disease. He will be greatly missed by everyone, especially his owner Brett. Gone from our sight, but not from our hearts.

Brett will continue to be a familiar figure at the barn as he begins working with his leased horse "D.C."

Quotable Quotes~

"You must motivate and develop a horse like you build a big mosaic. You add a little piece here and there. You build until the picture is done."

--Ernst Hoyos

"To be a happier competitor, see things in shades of gray (things are a little better) instead of black and white (you either own the class or blew it)."

--Jane Savoie

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: CRKStable@aol.com

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That's all folks!