

CRK Training Times

Bits of New for Horse People

October 2007

Fall at Last

Important October Dates~

- Oct. 1- Blanket Service Begins
- Oct. 7- Chino Show
- Oct. 14- OPA Walk/Trot Show
- Oct. 21- Written, Riding & Practical Tests
- Oct. 28- CRK Show/Playday
- Oct. 31- Halloween

Important November Dates~

- Nov. 6- Level 2 Classes start
- Nov. 22- Thanksgiving Holiday-
NO LESSONS

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

Fall Brings Changes~

Fall is here and with it we finally will have some cooler temperatures and a return to regular lesson schedules.

Vacations are a distant memory as we look to school, classes and the upcoming holidays. Soon our horses will be sporting their winter duds again, as will their riders. Show season ends and we take a breather before gearing up for next year. The rains (hopefully) come and everything slows down for awhile.

With the fall season we have new and returning events at CRK Stable as well. On the new front we have the beginnings of our new rider level program. Riders must pass tests, both riding, written and practical in order to move to the next level. Classes are being offered to help you pass the written tests, with the first level

starting 9/18/07. Tests will be given on the final day of class and/or on October 21.

Level 2 classes will begin November 6, 2007. Level 2 classes will run for 6 weeks and conclude with testing on the last day of class. You must pass the Level 1 tests before taking the level 2 class. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30. Cost for each class is \$25.00 per level. If you are unable to attend the classes, you may purchase a book for \$15.00 per level and study on your own. If you return the book in good condition, we will refund \$10.00 of your purchase price.

The first testing day for written, riding & practical will be held on October 21, 2007. Testing will begin at 11:00 AM. There is no charge for the testing, but you must sign up. Only level 1 tests will be offered at this time.

On the returning front, check out the CRK Practice Shows listed later in this newsletter. They are usually lots of fun and you can win some cool prizes. Also, make plans now to attend the CRK Stable year-end party and awards presentation. This is our way of saying Thank You to all our clients. The party includes, games, crafts, good food and drinks and we will also give out the horse show and Levels awards for the year.

CRK Training Stable Jackets~

CRK Stable's fancy green jackets are once again available to purchase. These jackets are the satin baseball type with a flannel lining. Included in the price is your students name on the front (if desired), the CRK logo on the left chest and the full CRK logo on the back. All logo's and names are applied in full color embroidery. Both youth and adult sizes are

available. These are excellent barn jackets as they wash well and are just the right weight for riding on cool days. As you pass through the levels and get your patches they can be sewn onto your jackets! Show everyone your riding ability by wearing your award patches on your CRK jacket.

Cost for your very own CRK jacket is only \$65.00. Please see Cheryl to place your order in time for Christmas gift giving.

Blanket Service Begins~

Blanket service will be available beginning October 1, 2007. If you sign up for blanket service, CRK staff will manage your horses blanketing needs. CRK Training Stable staff blankets according to the temperature, not according to the clock. Blankets are put on or taken off when the temperature is **approximately 60 degrees**. Blankets will be left on or off as weather conditions warrant.

Blanket service is billed on a monthly basis only. Partial months will be charged \$3.00 per day. To request blanket service for your horse(s), please fill out a blanket service request form and place it, with payment, in the payment mailbox. The appropriate charge will then be added to your subsequent statements.

Full service: \$60.00 mo. -Includes putting the horse's blanket on in the evening and removing it in the morning.(\$30.00 if the horse is in full training.)

Half service: \$40.00 mo. - Includes removing the blanket in the mornings OR putting it on at night.

Vacation blanketing: \$3.00 per day

Emergency blanketing or removal \$5.00 per incident. (You must call to request emergency blanket service.)

CRK Stable reserves the right to charge extra or deny blanketing service for difficult or uncooperative horses. An extra charge may also apply to train horses to stand to be blanketed.

CRK Practice Shows~

CRK Practice shows will begin for the 2007 season with our show on 9/23. This show is

the first of the year. We hope it will be well attended and know everyone will have a great time. The high-point winners will take home awards of brand- new grooming kits. The high point divisions are-Walk/Trot Division, Open Division, Walk/Trot Playday, and Open Playday. All riders will enjoy trophies for first place and ribbons through 5th place for there efforts. Year-end high point awards will be a \$50.00 gift certificates to Yorba Linda Feed Store.

If you miss out on the 9/23 show, there is still plenty more to come. The next show will be our annual Halloween Show & Playday held on October 28th. Be sure to get your costume together for the costume classes. CRK horses may not be dressed up in costume, but you can! Prizes for all competitors and the costume class has no entry fee! The first place prizes are a Halloween-theme surprise and the daily high-point awards are tote bags with a horse theme print.

The final show will be on December 2, 2007. Merely one week before the year-end party, this show will offer special holiday theme awards for first and horse-print fanny packs for the daily high-points.

Remember the object of the CRK Stable Practice Shows is to have fun and learn how a horse show works. Only our students may attend and no special show clothing is required. Be brave and try something new! Here is a description of the classes and what you will be expected to do in them. If you don't understand a particular class, ask to include it in your lesson!

Showmanship- Show your horse from the ground. Complete the pattern best to win. Can include walk, trot, turn, and stand for inspection.

Equitation Rail- Ride your horse around the arena on the rail. Judged on how well you ride. May also include back-up.

Equitation Pattern- Ride the pattern the best to win. May include all gaits, backing, circles and stopping.

Ground poles- Ride the course of 8 poles on the ground in the correct order. Judged on how well you ride the course.

Hunters(ENGLISH ONLY)- Ride the course of 8-1 ft. jumps in the correct order. Judged on how well you ride the course.

Trail- Ride your horse over and through the obstacles to get the highest score. May include weaving through cones, over poles and/or a bridge, tight turns, open/close a gate, and all gaits.

Playday Classes-

Ride-A-Buck- Ride bareback while sitting on a piece of paper. Last one to lose their paper wins.

Egg & Spoon- All riders carry a spoon with a raw egg on it. Don't drop the egg if you want to win.

Simon Says- Mounted game- listen carefully to what "Simon" ask for or you'll be out.

Cone Bending- Weave in and out of the row of 6 cones. Fastest time wins!

Obstacle Course- Take your horse over and through the obstacles. You might even have to get off or on! Fastest time wins.

If you need entry forms, see Cheryl.

Remember lesson horses are reserved on a first-paid, first- reserved basis.

Name the Groups Contest~

In the long-standing tradition of riding programs all over the country, CRK Stable has decided to put riders in different class levels according to their abilities. As of now, these classes have the very un-imaginative names of Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 & of course the ever popular Level 4. We would like you to help us come up with appropriate names that our riders will aspire to become.

As of now, all beginning riders will be considered "Ranch Hands". They will hold this classification until they pass the level 1 tests and move into the next division. Here is where we need your help. We need names for level 2, 3 & 4. Please put your name ideas on a piece of paper and place it in the mailbox. We will pick the best names and put them up for a vote. Some suggestions have been: Wranglers, Equestrians, Saddle Tramps, Trail Bosses, Hunters, Jumpers, Mustangs or Bronco's. You get the idea. Please

remember to keep the names "horsey" and something that you would want to be know as. Oh, and keep it clean, we are a family barn

Spiders~

At this time of year those who are at the barn in the early morning or late evening hours should be on the lookout for spiders. Black widows are plentiful at out barn and are easily recognized by their shiny black body with a red hourglass shape on the abdomen. Black widows are often seen hanging on their random shaped webs. A black widow bite can make you very sick, but us not usually fatal.

Other spiders seen around the barn are the ones I call the "Halloween Spiders", because they show up this time of year. These large, light colored spiders are most often seen at night and in the early mornings hanging on typical, circular-shaped webs. Most of these webs are built between trees, buildings, or vehicles. They must be anchored and are usually attached to the ground or by a hanging leaf. When you are walking around the ranch at night or early in the morning, look up and watch where you are walking. A flashlight shined on the webs will reflect quite well and make them easy to spot. I don't know if these spiders are dangerous to anything larger than a moth, but it sure is unpleasant to walk into the web.

So keep an eye out or you'll be doing the "spider web dance" I have seen so often. The spider web dance usually involves much failing of arms, stamping of feet while running around blindly in circles. You might even be inclined to run up to the nearest person and ask them, "Do I have a spider one me????"

Chickens~

The newest stable fly predators have now been released on the ranch...chickens! If you see them wandering around, please leave them alone. They are working at keeping the fly population down by scratching around in the stalls. Their scratching helps dry out the stalls and they eat the fly larva before they can hatch into flies.

If you keep your horse in the upper stalls, please check for chickens before putting your horses away. Once a hen is locked into one of those stalls, she can't get out again. Also, some horses will not take too kindly to someone moving in on their territory and do damage to the poor hen. (Jamie is especially well noted for this very behavior.)

Our hens are also just beginning to lay eggs. When they are laying well enough fresh eggs will be available to purchase. Cost \$3.50 per dozen or \$3.00 if you bring a replacement egg carton. Look for the signs on the bulletin board when eggs become available.

Riding Trivia~

Can you answer these questions correctly? Answers will appear in next month's newsletter.

1. Squeezing with your legs tells your horse to do what?
 2. What is a cue?
 3. What is a natural aid?
 4. What is the difference between a jog and a trot?
 5. Pulling on both reins at the same time tells your horse to do what?
 6. Before you mount, what should you do?
 7. True or False- All bridles include a bit.
 8. What do you put under a saddle?
 9. What is a Blevins Buckle?
 10. How should a bit be adjusted on a horse?
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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!