

# SBCRC NEWSLETTER

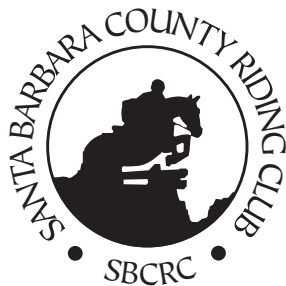
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY RIDING CLUB

## “Two”

A poem by: Betsy Woods  
SBCRC Vice President

“Sports do not build character. They reveal it.” - John Wooden

I love my horse  
He stretches he neck out  
to greet me  
discreetly,  
when I tiptoe up  
to surprise him  
on a whim  
will he know its me?  
Surely,  
because he loves me  
too.



Two sisters who share,  
not only the horse  
showing experience,  
but the horse as well!

Tiffany and Lexi  
Yabsley are a great  
example of  
sportsmanship and  
support.

This month's theme:

## Equestrian Families

SBCRC has many families that share in this great sport! There are lots of siblings, parents and children who all show on the circuit together!



Shirley Barrett on Fleur D' Li



Allison Barrett & Uluru

# Ridgewood Farm

by Tricia Bergakker

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Ridgewood had a fantastic turnout for the first SBCRC show of the season, and I'm not sure who enjoyed it more....the parents or the kids! The barn is booming with young talent, and it SHOWED!

Our newest little rookies, Jillian Guglielmo, Avery Rochlitzer, Ava Osborne, and Annelise Fuhrer, took the lead-line class by storm and were all awarded with blue ribbons! Next up was our stellar walk/trot team of Julia Guglielmo, Madison Oriskovich, Sierra Willard and Riley Peterson. Needless to say, these young ladies ROCKED the walk/trot! Julia G and her new pony Far Phenomenal (aka Ben-G) were far out, sweeping the division with four blue ribbons, two championships, and a great attitude to boot! Sierra Willard, who is now the proud owner of her new pony Romeo, piloted our school pony Jewel around the show ring with great determination picking up a few great ribbons in the process. Great job at your first show, Sierra, can't wait to see you out there on Romeo! Small but mighty, Riley Peterson and Count Your Blessings were cool and composed. The adorable pair trotted their way to a second and third place finish. Good job Rye! Madison Oriskovich was a super sport...at the last minute she had to switch horses and ride Alexis O'Leary's Stickwithit. Maddie did a great job of riding a new pony at her first show and earned herself some colorful ribbons in the process! Excellent job Madds, and a big thanks to Alex!

The Cross rail crew wouldn't be shown -up by the little gals, however. Tiffany Yabsley, Julia Stone, Anabelle Pelto and Crystal Stabile added to Ridgewood's collection of blues. Tiffany Yabsley and her pony Lady Baltimore rode away with two division championships. This was Tiff 's first show doing the Academy division. She shares LadyBug

with her sister Lexi and both girls have exemplary sportsmanship. Lexi rode the pony to double reserve championships in the Green Rider division. Look for Lexi aboard a new horse very soon! Miss Julia Stone is a dedicated and determined young lady. She and No Doubt aka Gwennie, debuted last season in the walk/trot division taking home more blue ribbons than she could carry. Julia upped the ante this year and walked away with reserve championships in both the hunter and equitation divisions. Awesome job Jewels!! Crystal Stabile also put forth her best effort. On Saturday, Frankie was a bit too excited about his field trip away from the barn and Crystal had to do her very best to keep him slow and steady. By Sunday, old Frank was back to himself and he and Crystal laid down 3 fantastic rounds landing her a blue ribbon and a reserve championship in the 11& over Eq. division. Anabelle Pelto also made her horse showing debut. She rides our school pony Jewel like a real champ. Anabelle cantered the courses complete with lead changes at her first show bringing home several 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons in a very competitive division.

Our anchors, Sarah Peterson and Alexis O'Leary came through again with armfuls of ribbons, great riding, and tip-top sportsmanship. Sarah is really learning how to ride good consistent trips on Clay. She was champion in the Short Stirrup Eq. division. Sarah was the recipient of the Academy Sportsmanship award at the 2011 banquet, and it is well deserved! Alex and her pony Stickwithit are winners. In less than a year's time, the pair has come from barely being able to canter half way around the ring to jumping courses at 2'6 with ease. Alex rode away with the Championship in the Short Stirrup Hunters and Pony Eq. division, and reserve in the Pony Hunter and Short

Stirrup Eq. We are so proud of you Alex!

And then there are our old standbys! Ridgewood's oldies but goodies. The ones who just keep on coming back for more.....Allegra Davis, Danielle Carter, and Dani Holzer...and this is only a few of them. They are everywhere and liable to pop up at anytime! Danielle Carter showed up for one day after not having ridden much less jumped a course for over 6 months and won every class she went in aboard Austin. Congratulations to Far West on their purchase of Austin. Dani Holzer has the horse bug, bad! She recently purchased Carrington from the Hawes Family and is leading the Restricted hunter division, and took home a few other blues as well. So fun to have you, Dani! Allegra Davis was back from school for two weeks on spring break. She leased Leone Equestrian's Nola and had a fantastic time jumping the top of the standards on the incredible mare. She took one lesson on Nola, and came to the horse show winning a class and some money! Can't wait for summer, Allegra! Our two junior girls are hanging in there before they are off to college this fall. Brennan Cusack has chosen Penn State and continues to be extremely busy with lots of extra curricular activities, including but not limited to: lacrosse, mock trial, soccer, traveling, writing camps, riding, pie baking, and of course being a teenager! We love you Bren! Come ride your awesome horse! Mariah attended both the LA Opener and winter shows. She was Eq. Champion aboard Andare and has qualified for the CPHA Medal. Mariah will be attending James Madison University in Virginia in the fall. Ridgewood is very proud of your academic achievements girls! Lots of congratulations to all of our students and families.

## San Marcos Training

by Corinne Bevis

Despite the wet start to 2011, SMT welcomed the New Year by heading down to Thermal for three weeks filled with riding, showing and having fun. We finished up the first half of the circuit with numerous championships, mid circuit awards, as well as stepping up for some of our riders into new divisions. Megan and Caddy as well as Annie and Ziggy moved up to the short stirrup division, Shirley and Ritz tackled the modified adults with much success, Eliza and Quincy stepped up to the medium ponies, Lexi had consistent rounds in the USET all three weeks on the big Grand Prix field, McCall and Westie competed at 3'3, and Elizabeth Gabler's Magic Hour made his way back into the show ring after a 5 year hiatus. The biggest news for SMT came during week 2 with the arrival of MAXWELL!! Esteban brought a 13oz puppy to the show and he quickly became a barn favorite!! A big congrats to all our riders and a special thanks to our barn-mates who traveled down to cheer us on!! We were thankful the weather held

## RIDING FAMILIES



*Jillian and Julia Guglielmo share their new pony Far Phenomenal in the show ring! Both started off their first horse show ever at the Spring Opener at SBCRC!*

✦ It is so great to see families cheering each other on at the SBCRC horse shows! There are many siblings that work together to share a super show experience!



for the SBCRC opener. Again SMT continued our winning ways with Richard and Fred, Eliza and Quincy, Allie and Ru, and Elizabeth and Marley. Next up we head to the Oaks for 2 weeks and then we will meet up with Natalie and HFF at the April SBCRC.



## LEADLINE: THE NEXT GENERATION OF RIDERS!



Ava Osborne entered the show ring for the first time at the SBCRC Spring Opener!



Avery Rocklitzer is the daughter of past SBCRC rider, Bess Rochlitzer. She loves riding - even at her young age of just 20 months!

# High Flying Farm News & Updates



enlarged area is done and being put to use! We are looking forward to seeing Nathalie Giller riding Paladin, Erin Gomez riding Jewel, Erin Linehan riding Caratino and Emi Thomas riding

Molly in the next shows. We have a great year planned with shows at The Oaks, riding club shows, some National Shows as well as some Lake trips!



By: Natalie Goodwin

We are well into the year of 2011. There has been lots of exciting changes happening around the barn: New horses, new members to the team and new construction. Congratulations to Brooke Gignac on the purchase of Joshua D'Anglin from Joie Gatlin. He has already proved to be a fabulous horse; Brooke showed him only 2 days after purchasing him and moved up divisions and put down some great rounds over fences! Congratulations Clara Johnson on the purchase of Sail Away - she is

such an amazing pony! Great job Sierra Eisler on your multiply wins at the SBCRC show, you and Oliver are such a perfect team.

Jenna Warner and Sara had some really beautiful rounds, winning a few classes in the Academy Division. A BIG welcome to Holli Heilman and Bruce for joining our team. Holli and Bruce will be competing at the next show. We would also like to welcome some more new members to our team: Izzy Kamin, Samantha Gain and Zola Hulbert - so excited to do some pony shopping for you! After some construction the new



## THE PETERSON FAMILY

This is one *whole* family who enjoys horse showing! The Petersons have four children, Sarah, Luke, Riley, and Noah. Luke tried out the walk/trot for first time last year, and Riley gave it a go this year! Noah hopes to join the next show in the leadline, and Sarah is now into her second show season with SBCRC! This is a fantastic bunch to have around!



# News from Santa Barbara Stables

by **Rebecca Atwater**

Happy 2011 everyone! Spring is here and the riders at Santa Barbara Stables have been enjoying our wonderful horses on our 125 acre ranch both in our 3 arenas and on the miles of beautiful trails, savoring the breathtaking views, wild flowers and wild life at our beloved ranch. We are feeling truly blessed.

Along with loving our horses and ranch, riders from SB Stables attended the March SBCRC horse shows with great success. I am so proud of all our riders for being such good sports and doing such a great job.

In March, despite the rainy weather, we had a small but mighty group of riders attend the first SBCRC Spring Opener Horse Show. **Leah Tiethof** (aka our super star this weekend) and **Mitigo** (owned by **Julia Rossow**) cleaned up in both divisions she rode in! Leah and Mimi were Champion in the Academy 10 and chose to move up to the Green Rider Division for the first time and ended up Champion in that division as well. Bravo Leah!

**Emilee Krablin and Mitigo** were Reserve Champion in the Walk/Trot Division on Sat and Sunday also riding very well on a borrowed mount. **Kim McKeown** and her wonderful palomino Quarter horse **Puttin' on the Ritz** were Champion again in the AA Jumpers with fast and clean rounds.

**Katie Shenkel** joined us on her young Irish Sport Horse **Oso Handsome** and had beautiful rounds in the pre-green hunter division and low jumper divisions. Oso, despite being only 4 years old, acted like a show veteran, coming out happy and calm each day. We were so proud of our handsome baby and we all really enjoyed the first show!

The Santa Barbara Stables Riders look forward to seeing all our horse enthusiast friends at the next SBCRC show in April. In the meantime we are planning a two day riding clinic with Rob Gage which should be challenging and lots of fun for both our horses and riders. If anyone is interested in attending the clinic please let us know. We would love for you to join us.

In April we also are celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Business Anniversary with a Barn BBQ party at Amapola Ranch on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2-6pm. Stop by and join us if you can! We would love to see you!

Bravo to all our riders for such a great start to 2011! Much Thanks to our wonderful team. We couldn't do it without you. First and foremost, a big thank you to **Faye and Merlin Rossow** for sharing their amazing **Amapola Ranch** with all of us for so many years. You and your amazing facility have touched so many people in more ways than you will ever know. And thank you to **Katie Shenkel** for all her enthusiasm and help at the horse shows and at the barn. Its been such a joy having you at the barn. Thanks to our wonderful new barn manager **Rowena** for all her hard work and dedication. And Thanks also to the Amapola staff; **Serafin, Carlos, & Fernando**. And last but not least, **Muchas Gracias** to my right hand man and beloved groom **Joaquin Montanez** for 10 years of support and care to our beloved horses.



The gang from Santa Barbara Stables!



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