

January 23, 2012

Hello Everyone!! We have a ton of stuff going on this next month and I'm excited to start telling you about some of it.

First, the Young Riders and Adult Riders will once again hold a Silent Auction at the Area VI Awards Dinner to be held Sat Feb 4th in Temecula.)You all should go to the awards if you can - the dinner is usually quite good, you get to see who won what and I believe our lovely Shannon Lilley will talk about Pan Am Games.) Last year over \$2500 was raised for YR's and that money was well used to underwrite camp, fund the team challenge and give us money to start this year's Low Score Program. We'd love to raise at least that much again this year. So, ***we are looking for donations.***

Barn baskets, wine packages, horse and/or rider gear, any other fun stuff small or large, we'd appreciate your contributions. A donation form (in both Word and as PDF) can be found in our forms section or contact either Susan Loria (Northern California) at JSLoria@comcast.net or Beth Cannon (Southern California) at Beth@envisionent.com to let us know what you are able to donate, if you have any questions, or if you need to arrange drop off prior to the auction.

Next, if possible, please come to the annual meeting which is at Galway Downs during the Horse Trials. "You should go to stuff" is a common theme in this email. But for real, go! This year the Young Riders are helping to underwrite the "baseline testing." Normally a \$25 charge, **current young riders will pay just \$5 for their baseline!** (Area VI covers \$10 and Young Riders another \$10.) If you want to get a quick overview as to why baseline testing matters in our sport, please take a look at www.stopconcussions.com/impact-test/. I'm for sure gonna get mine done.

We also plan to have a **Young Rider meeting at 5pm on Friday**, as we launch a few programs - The Year of Eventing Raffle, The Team Challenge plan for 2012 & distribute the new Letter of Intent for NAJYRC candidates. We'll get you more details on these as it gets closer.

It's safe to say that Young Riders is ready to start the new show season with a bang!

Counting down to days until Galway.
Your YR Rep,

Madi Reeb