



Our New Team!

I'm Tamra Smith and I am very excited about becoming the new Young Rider Coordinator for area VI. We will also team up with Shannon Lilley as our Chef D Quipe, Ellen Coudray as our Membership and Camp Coordinator, Dayna Lynd-Pugh as our Young Rider Advancement Coordinator, as well as Christie Kelly and Jennifer Polkabila as our Fundraising Specialists. We are all excited about making our 2008 a record-breaking season!!!!

First, I would like to say Thank you to Louise Hales for her past years of volunteering as our area VI Young Rider coordinator. Without people like Louise programs like these would not continue to succeed. Her past 5 years of support has enabled our program to be what it is today and every past Young Rider and I thank her for all of her hard work!

Team Challenges

If you are not aware, we are running a Young Rider Team Challenge at the following Horse Trials:

- 3-Day Ranch-March 14-16
- Galway Downs-March 28-30

Twin Rivers, April 17-20
Woodside, October 3-5
Ram Tap, October 17-19

The best part of our team challenges is that **ANTARES SADDLERY** is now our title sponsor for 2008. This means that if you are a Young Rider Member and participate in the Team Challenge and your team wins you will receive product of **Antares** as your 1st place prize! If any of you are not familiar with their fabulous equipment it will be starting at 3-Day Ranch March 14-16. 3-Day Ranch will also raffle off an Antares Saddle that same weekend. No matter what level you can participate in our Team Challenges!

For specific Information about "how to enter" refer to our Area Website at (www.areavi.org) under the Young Riders tab and then "Team Challenge"

Area VI Annual Meeting

We held a young rider meeting at the Area VI Annual Meeting at Ram Tap. It was very exciting to see the enthusiasm from all of our new and existing members! We announced Derek and Bea di Grazia as our Team Coaches for 2008. Derek and Bea have been instrumental in the world of eventing for years. Derek has won several three-day events in his competition days including the Rolex Kentucky three-day event. Bea was also a force to be reckoned with and now one of the selectors for the United States Equestrian Team. This is an amazing opportunity for our area young riders to have such

accomplished trainers at our disposal. In addition we had many of our young riders win several year-end awards. They are as follows:

Tiana Coudray -
High Score Pony Clubber
Preliminary Young Rider
Advanced Young Rider
High Score Irish Sport
Horse & Preliminary Horse-
(Ringwood Magister)

Tory Smith -
Horse/Rider of the Year
(Bantry bay)
Intermediate Young Rider
Intermediate horse (Bantry
Bay)

Rachel Dwyer -
2nd Intermediate Young Rider

Max McManamy -
2nd Preliminary Young Rider
3rd Preliminary Horse
(Beacon Hill)

Young Rider Clinics

We are going to be holding various clinics throughout the year for our young riders of ALL levels. Derek and Bea di Grazia will be giving a clinic in Northern California this May at Flying Tail Farms. They will also be giving a clinic in Southern California at Liberty Oaks Ranch. Details will follow as soon as we confirm the dates. In addition to those clinics we are having Buck Davidson give a clinic at Kingsway Farm March 22-23. He will also be at Flying Tail Farms on March 24-25

Loris Henry and Janis Linnan have offered to teach our young riders as well, dates will follow shortly. Suzie Hutchinson, Butch Thomas, and Mickey Haden California's Show Jumping Specialist have also offered to provide clinics for our young riders.

We will be opening clinics to adult riders if clinics do not fill. Please check www.areavi.org for details on upcoming clinics.

Young Rider Camp

Ellen Coudray will be organizing Young Rider camp once again. We do not have complete details, however we do know that camp will be heading to central California. We will post details of who, what, and when later this spring.

National American Young Rider Championships

If you are thinking that Championships is a goal for you there are a few things we need you to do. First, I need a letter of intent that you are planning on trying out for the team emailed or given to me ASAP, however there is a formal process of how to write this letter. As soon as I receive this format I will forward the information from USEF. Until then we would like a letter similar to what past young riders have submitted in the past, that is if you have ridden for the team before. IF you have not ridden for the team before a simple letter of what level you intend to ride, name of you and

your horse, past experience and that you would like to be selected for NAJYRC Area VI Team. Second, there will be four mandatory outings that you need to compete at, if there is a scheduling conflict I need to know so I can notify your Coaches Derek and Bea. The four mandatory outings will be as follows:

Twin Rivers H.T.-February
Galway Downs CIC-March
Twin Rivers CCI-April
Woodside-May

During the year we will be requiring you to ride with Derek and Bea a minimum of three times. There will be seven locations offered to you. They will be listed on our dates to remember. It is your responsibility to notify Tamie Smith or Shannon Lilley of what dates you are able to ride. In addition to the four mandatory outings we will offer two more clinics, one north and one south, a dressage show at Pebble Beach, and a training session at Derek and Bea di Grazia's farm. Please remember that the four mandatory outings will have very important Young Rider information. We will be looking at your horses for soundness, teaching horse management techniques on how to care for your horse if there are any soundness issues. Feeding programs will be discussed as well as fundraising for Championships.

YOUNG RIDER REPRESENTATIVE

Were looking for a new Young Rider representative. Becoming a representative for the Area VI young riders is a very important job in addition; the following Young Riders have been nominated to become our Area VI Young Rider Representative. They are as follows in alphabetical order:

Tiana Coudray

Rachel Dwyer

Trisha Jaracz

Scott Kuhlman

Kelly Pugh

Max McManamy

We need your vote! Who do you want to represent YOU! Please e-mail me at: tsmitheventing@aol.com with your vote. When sending your vote put YR Representative under subject.

FUNDRAISING

Pancake Breakfast

We need your participation! The Following events will be hosting our Pancake Breakfast! We need

your help to raise money for
varies Young Rider activities as
well as Championships. If you
can't help, bring a parent!
Contact Dawn Benson at
dawn.benson@comcast.net to sign
up at your next show.

Twin Rivers February 29-Mar 2

3-Day Ranch March 14-16

Galway Downs March 28-30

Twin Rivers April 18-20

Woodside May 23-25

Woodside August 8-10

Twin Rivers September 26-28

Galway Downs October 30 Nov 2

I look forward to seeing all of
you at Twin Rivers to kick off
the 2008 season!

Thanks, Tamra Smith