

STABLE & HORSE NEWS

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To all Willowbrook Trainers and Boarders: This inaugural newsletter is intended to keep the users of Willowbrook Stables abreast of what is happening at WBS and of future plans at WBS, as well as presenting current events and activities of the various trainers, including results of horse show events and horse activities of the boarders. Hopefully this newsletter is informative, and if well received we will continue to publish additional newsletters as appropriate. As you probably have realized by now, we have a new training operation at Willowbrook, Puterbaugh Dressage. We welcome both Douglas Puterbaugh and Tamara Horak to our stables. They are filling

up the empty stalls and office due to the loss of Van Sweden Equestrian and Training, even though we still will be fortunate to have the talents of Ruth Van Sweden at Willowbrook with Ruth still training my horse, Miwok and others that may still use Ruth at WBS.

We have recently held a trainers/owners meeting with the larger training operations at WBS (Sonoma Valley Stables, Davenport Enterprises and Puterbaugh Dressage) to coordinate the use of the Indoor Arena during rainy periods when the Outdoor Arena is closed to insure that we have safe operations during periods of lessons with WBS boarders. A "Lesson Schedule" and "Arena Use Rules" have been

posted in both barns that dictates the use of the Indoor Arena during periods that the Outdoor Arena is closed.

We hope that you find this newsletter helpful, and look forward to a wonderful year of riding at WBS and your horse show events.


INDIO HORSE SHOW CLASSIC & 2005 AT WBS

On January 22, 2005 Richard Keller, along with Alison, Annie and their six horses (now minus one) leave for seven weeks in Indio. Richard will be marketing four horses during the show (one just sold before leaving). Also, on January 23rd Mary Manfredi will leave for Indio with the Coulter's 10 horses

and Mary's horse, Barcelona. In addition, SVS will be taking many of their horses to Indio for the last two weeks of the show. Hope will stay in Petaluma with her baby daughter, due any day now. We wish them all the best in their events and in having a good time.

We are presently making plans for what we will tackle to both improve and add at WBS during 2005, and will inform you of these plans as they are finalized. Presently we are in the process of completing the new Gazebo walkway and lights, as well as lighting for the barbecue and pasture/turnout areas.

RICKY CASTILLO

For this initial WBS newsletter I would like to review a few do's and don'ts to help improve conditions for all those that use WBS. They include the following: 1) Close tack room doors when leaving, 2) Turn off all lights when leaving, 3) Put all trash in trash cans, 4) If you placed jump poles on the ground to

use them as trot poles, roll them back to the jumps when you are finished, 5) If you bring a water bottle, soda can, coffee cups, etc. to the arena, don't leave them; either take them with you or put them in the trash cans when done with them, 6) Close the front inside doors of the stalls when leaving at

night, 7) If you bring a horse into WBS in a trailer and you want to clean up your trailer, make sure you put the manure in the manure bucket or in the manure pile, 8) Don't take any hay from the hay barn, and 9) **Do not drive faster than 5 mph within WBS.**



SONOMA VALLEY STABLES/DAVENPORT ENTERPRIZES

News from Sonoma Valley Stables at WBS: The WBS riders from SVS finished with an impressive collection of year end awards from both the PCHA and Norcal Horse Show Association. The Griffith family led honors with Joani Griffith and Carnaby Street as **champion** in the 2nd year green hunter division for Norcal & **reserve champion** in the A division for PCHA. Katelyn Griffith was **champion** in the equitation division for Norcal and **reserve champion** in the PCHA. Susan Lea

picked up **reserve championship** honors in the A/A hunters for the Norcal year end awards. The Hellman family also are excited to welcome three new horses to their family. **Annie** is a large pony for Avery to ride this year in the large ponies & equitation. **Bon Bon** is a first year green hunter & children's hunter for Avery, and Eleanor welcomes **Figg** a new childrens hunter &

equitation horse on its way from Canada. We wish Susan Lea's horse Pooh and the Hellman's pony Tyler best of luck with their new riders. SVS riders will be heading to the last two weeks of Indio as a warm up for the show season. Best of Luck to everyone and congratulations on a very successful 2004.

Next edition look for news from Davenport Enterprises and their performance at the Indio Show.



PUTERBAUGH DRESSAGE

We are really happy to start our new year here at Willowbrook Stables. Our goals for 2005 are to show three F.E.I. horses, as well as qualifying them for the **"Horse of the Year"** and the California **Dressage Championships**. We

hope that Patrice, Carol, Austen, and the rest of the hard working students will be prepared for the show season by April as well. Congratulations to Emily on the purchase of **"Charlie"**, a wonderful 4 year old Dutch WB Gelding. We

hope to see them in the show ring this upcoming season. We would also like to welcome Pippa and her horse **"Tar"**, and hope they will accomplish their goal of showing preliminary this year.



Tamara & Douglas