

## Upcoming Events

**January 12 – Ortamond Clinic**

Main Arena/10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**January 15 – Board Meeting**

Clubhouse/6:30 pm

**January 27 – Winter Hunter Schooling Show**

All arenas/All day

**February 4 – Clicker Training Clinic**

Main Arena/All day

**February 9 – Annual Membership Breakfast (tent. date)**



### RBR to Recycle Manure

RBR, with direction from the City of Pasadena, is moving forward with a plan to start recycling our manure. Together with TSC and MACH 1 we will have one disposal site for manure. The bin that TSC is currently using will be moved to the base of the slope by the trainer's Tuff Shed tack room. A temporary retaining wall with a ramp to dump carts from will be constructed after some regrading takes place. This has many benefits for RBR. Our disposal costs will be greatly reduced; we will be helping the environment by recycling the manure to a composting facility; and we will be meeting one of the major requirements for utilizing BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs), which will be required by the City. – Susie Brown

### Winter Hunter Schooling Show

January 27<sup>th</sup> will be RBR's first show of 2008! Volunteers are needed to help with set-up the day before the show and for a myriad of things on the day of the show. Please let Sue or Ariel know if you are able to help out or if you would like to sponsor a class or two. Thanks in advance for your help getting 2008's shows off to a good start!

### IEL Shows

Congratulations to Tamara Thomas and Kelsey Toms

(and Riley and Flip too of course) for successfully completing their first Interscholastic Equestrian League horse show on December 2<sup>nd</sup>! Competing in the Freshman division the girls came away with excellent ribbons in very, very large classes.

o Current Freshman point standings:

Out of 56 people Kelsey is 13<sup>th</sup> with 22 points and Tamara is 42<sup>nd</sup> with 7 points.

Next show is January 12, 2008 at Hansen Dam Equestrian Center



### Where are they now?

- o **Meagan O'Merrie** – Meagan has moved to the Beach Lake Stables in Sacramento to be with her mom Darcy. Darcy moved to be closer to her children and soon to be born grandchild!
- o **Sam** – Sam has relocated to Santa Barbara to be closer to his mom Jennie. Sam has a nice in and out stall and a new girlfriend named Claire who looks a bit like Pumpkin. He also has a nice grassy pasture to graze in.
- o **Pumpkin and Butter** – Are happy together in the big mares pasture at Rancho Oso in Santa Barbara. They have befriended a gray mare and the three are hard so separate. Pumpkin is so happy she cannot be caught!
- o **Shaliko** – Shaliko has retired to the Cache Valley in Idaho and lives in a brand new heated breezeway barn and has access to 140 acres of pasture.

### Thank You's and Chore List

Thank you to Betsy Bour for cleaning off the clubhouse roof before the rain storm. Thank you also to Jeff Powell who cleaned all the light bulbs in the barns. Boarders, please sign up for a weekly chore on the list in the mare motel. The old list somehow got taken down so we need to start from scratch. Thank you!

### Arenas

We've been fortunate enough to receive several rain storms this month! Thank you for your (and your horse's) patience while the arenas dry out, are dragged and re-opened. If you would like to learn how to use the tractor and help drag the arenas, please contact John Hedrick at (626) 398-3367.

### New Boarders

Please welcome Susanah Romney's new horse Spencer to RBR! Spencer is a 3 year old chestnut thoroughbred gelding who is well on his way to becoming a trail horse.

### www.thehorse.com survey:

#### "What are you getting your horse this holiday season?"

- o Horse treats: 72.70% (751)
- o A new blanket: 22.75% (235)
- o New tack or training devices: 20.52% (212)
- o New grooming supplies: 18.30% (189)
- o Other: 16.94% (175)
- o New stall toys: 14.81% (153)
- o A new friend (another horse): 8.23% (85)
- o A new trailer: 3.58% (37)

