

## LAHJA September 2010 E-News

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Sep 22-26: LA International [http://www.langershows.com/laec/show\\_details.php?show\\_id=155](http://www.langershows.com/laec/show_details.php?show_id=155)  
Sep 26: Foxfield <http://www.foxfield.com/events/events/rated-events.html>  
Oct 1-3: Flintridge Autumn Classic <http://flintridgeridingclub.org/id2.html>  
Oct 3: Camelot Fall <http://www.camelotevents.com/horseshows.html>  
Oct 10: Elvenstar October <http://www.elvenstar.com/>  
Oct 16: Fab Fall <http://www.camelotevents.com/horseshows.html>  
Oct 21-24: Gold Coast 7 [http://www.langershows.com/laec/show\\_details.php?show\\_id=156](http://www.langershows.com/laec/show_details.php?show_id=156)  
Oct 29-30: Hansen Dam League Preview  
[http://www.langershows.com/verdugo/show\\_details.php?show\\_id=171](http://www.langershows.com/verdugo/show_details.php?show_id=171)  
Oct 31: Elvenstar Fall <http://www.elvenstar.com/>

Horse Truth:

People who think they have nothing more to learn about riding hit the ground the hardest.

### **President's Message**

Medal final season is upon us, and LAHJA hosted the first two of its five medal finals of the 2010 season at the recent Gold Coast 6 horse show. Both classes had a strong turn out of riders, and the competition was solid. For some riders, this is the first experience in a medal final, and both the LAHJA Horsemanship and the LAHJA Rosewood finals are great place to get a start. Thanks to DaMoor's for their ongoing sponsorship of the LAHJA Rosewood Finals!

For some riders, especially those in the LAHJA Rosewood, they are seeking to develop their skills as they prepare for other medal finals including the LAHJA Junior Finals later this year. Congratulations to our two champions, Nina Vogel, winner of the LAHJA Horsemanship, and to Molly Peddicord, winner of the LAHJA Rosewood. You can read more about these two girls in a [story](#) featuring their performances.

And speaking of finals and the approaching end of the year, be sure to check your points. You will see that we made another enhancement to the [LAHJA website](#) and you can easily see how many points you have accrued in a given category.

Remember that this year you must earn a minimum number of points and attend a minimum number of shows in order to be eligible for a year end award. Don't miss out on a year-end award because you were one point or one show shy of a championship. Rarely does a year end winner have to go to ten shows. In fact, in most of the categories, consistent performances at five shows may find you taking home a championship.

A quick thank you to those of you who have sponsored perpetual trophies to go with our year-end awards. These lovely trophies will chronicle the winners and provide great keepsakes to pass from one winner to the next. LAHJA perpetual trophy sponsors are listed in each month's e-news.

Coming up is our annual LAHJA Horsemastership Scholarship competition, and finally, in closing, thank you to everyone who donated to and supported our annual silent auction. Money from this activity helps fund LAHJA educational activities.

See you at the shows!

Marnye Langer

### **Board Nominations Deadline**

Nominations for the Board of Directors must be made by October first.

### **LAHJA Silent Auction**

LAHJA held a silent auction during the Gold Coast 6 show September 2-5. We received some great items for the auction to help raise funds for our educational programs, such as the \$5,000 in scholarships awarded to the Horsemastership winners.

Thanks to the support of those who donated items or placed bids, we raised \$3,840 through the auction. With Langer Equestrian Group's generous matching donation, the total came to \$7,180.

A big thank you to Taylor Winn for all of his help with this event, as well to everyone who made donations: Westlake Karate Studios, Studio Cle Wellness Spa, Carolyn Biava, Linda Gatt Sears, Mary and Chuck Gatti, DaMoor's Feed and Tack, EquestrianCoach.com, Sena Zimmer Photography, El Campeon Farms, CPHA, Pepper Tree Inn, Betsy Woods, Raedeen Stone, Mark Winn, TVHSA, Camelot Events, LEG Up News, LEG, Verdugo Hills Series, Gold Coast Series, LAHJA, Charlotte Skinner, SFVHJA (Lisa Winn), Karen Lucian, Chris Archer, Jim Hagman, Ken Belsey, Ceasar Robledo, David Ohringer, and Zephyr's Garden.

### **Banquet Date Reminder**

Mark your calendars! This year's year-end banquet will be held December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:00pm at LAEC. This is an event not to miss.

### **Year-end Perpetual Trophy sponsors:**

Large Pony Hunter  
Everwood & Ginny Planke  
[everwoodstable@yahoo.com](mailto:everwoodstable@yahoo.com)

A Equitation 14 & Under  
Shadowbrook & Jeni Brown  
[www.shadowbrookstable.com](http://www.shadowbrookstable.com)

A Equitation 15-17  
Shining Star Trophy

B Equitation 15-17  
Jigsaw Farms

Children's & Adult Amateur Jumpers  
Langer Equestrian Group/ Larry & Marnye Langer  
[www.langershows.com](http://www.langershows.com)

Junior & Amateur/Owner Jumpers  
Martin McAllister Training/ Jenni & Steve McAllister  
[www.martinmcallistertraining.com](http://www.martinmcallistertraining.com)

### **Horsemastership Update and Upcoming Dates**

The summer workshop was a success! Seventeen students attended, plus two returning students, Rachel Sears and Ali Ohringer, came to help. It was a great turnout, and a fabulous group of girls.

The hands-on and written phases of the test will be held during Gold Coast 7, on Saturday, October, 23rd 2010.

The test review/clinic will be held during the Hansen Dam Fall Preview Horse Show on Saturday, October 30th at 3:00 P.M.

Awards for the Horsemastership Program will be presented at the LAHJA End of the Year Awards Banquet in December.

### **Important Reminder about LAHJA Points**

In 2010, there has been a major overhaul of the LAHJA point system for year-end awards. While you will earn points from the very first show where you place in a class, you will not be eligible for year-end awards until you earn points at five shows in *each* section (i.e., A Equitation 14 and Under, A Pre-Green Hunters, etc.). In addition, the points will be dependent on the number of riders in each class.

When you check your points on the website, you will not see any point totals until you have earned points in the five required shows for that section. However, please note that your points are still being tabulated and are accumulating. They will all appear after you have met the five-show requirement. Until then, you will be able to confirm your placings and calculate your points by looking under "Members" or "Horses" at the top of the page. To see your current standings, go to <http://www.lahja.org/points.php>.

### **EquestrianCoach.com Member Discount and Affiliate Program**

Welcome to EquestrianCoach.com, Bernie Traurig's affordable online training videos with incredible guest instructors. "This site was born out of my desire to bring the very best education to every person in the sport, right to you - in your home," explains Bernie. "So if you are a novice rider, a pony club member, all the way up to the most advanced rider, you'll benefit. I

also wanted the quality of our videos to be the very best out there, so that you can get the most out of your visual learning experience. Best of all, I wanted it to be affordable for every rider as well."

Although the site is relatively new, a lot of people have already signed up to take advantage of the helpful videos. Bernie's wife Cait says, "So far, we are getting wonderful feedback & testimonials from equestrians hungry for knowledge."

As a special benefit to LAHJA members, EquestrianCoach.com is offering a special discount on subscriptions to the site. To sign up, simply go to [www.EquestrianCoach.com](http://www.EquestrianCoach.com) and click on "JOIN". Be sure to put "LAHJA" in the coupon code box to get your 10% discount.

Many of you have already taken advantage of the excellent information on this site, but now there is more to look forward to. EquestrianCoach.com offers an affiliate program, giving participants a chance to earn commissions on monthly and annual sales. There will also be very nice prizes awarded to the top earners for the year.

### **The Equestrian Minute**

#### **Written by: Sandrine Seifert and the LAHJA Education Committee**

Welcome to the The Equestrian Minute! The LAHJA Association strongly believes in educating members with horsemanship, horse care, knowledge of association and show rules, feed, and more. If you have any ideas or suggestions for a topic of the month for The Equestrian Minute, email Sandrine Seifert at [ddstables@gmail.com](mailto:ddstables@gmail.com). Your topic may be chosen next!

Last month, we discussed hoof abscesses, so let's continue with some other hoof issues. This month's topic is about thrush and white line disease. What is the difference between thrush and white line disease, how can you tell if your horse has it, and what are some easy remedies?

Signs of thrush:

- Thrush is a bacterial infection of the frog, which is the spongy, triangular shaped part of a horse's hoof.
- If not treated, the infection can travel into the laminae (layers of sensitive tissue just inside the hard exterior of the hoof) and cause lameness.
- Thrush is a pernicious bacterium that survives without the presence of oxygen, thrives in moisture, and if left untreated can eat away at your horse's frog.
- You can tell if your horse has thrush when you pick your horse's feet and smell an unpleasant odor or see soft black tissue that, when picked, turns white.

What to do your horse has thrush:

Keeping your horse's feet picked and clean, as well as keeping your horse's stall clean and dry, will help prevent thrush.

Certain remedies for thrush are some commercial products such as Thrushbuster and Kopertox, while some people choose to treat thrush with betadine, iodine, bleach, hydrogen peroxide, vinegar, or alcohol. Ask your farrier or trainer what they recommend for thrush treatment.

White Line Disease also known as "seedy toe", "stall rot", or "hollow foot". It is caused by one or more fungi acting alone or in combination with bacteria that affect the hoof wall. Consult your vet on the best way to treat this condition. Symptoms of white line disease include:

- Soft chalky, crumbly tissue in the middle hoof wall (stratum medium)
- A hollow-sounding hoof wall when tapped with a hammer
- An irregular, thickened white line structure more than 1/8th of an inch in diameter
- Weak, chipped, shelly walls that cannot hold a shoe
- Wall separation between the hoof wall and sole at the white line
- Dish formation along one side of the hoof with a bulge on the opposite side above the infected area
- Symptoms of laminitis with coffin bone rotation in advanced stages

### **A Reminder about Medal Finals**

Medal Finals are well under way. Do you have all your qualifications in line? The LA Saddlery Junior and Senior Medal Finals and the LAHJA Pony Medal Finals will run during the National Preview November 10-14.

Qualified riders will receive letters. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or qualification, please contact the LAHJA office at [info@lahja.org](mailto:info@lahja.org).

For prize lists, please contact Brenda Outwater at [brenout@aol.com](mailto:brenout@aol.com).

### **Anne Kursinski clinic**

A limited number of spaces are available for the Anne Kursinski clinic, which will take place December 14 - 16, 2010. Three sections of just six to eight riders each will allow participants to receive intensive instruction from Anne in jumpers and equitation. Each two hour session will focus on the essential elements of flatwork, gymnastics and jumping in the technique of the American System of Forward Riding.

For more information, contact Mark Farndale at 323-216-0769 or  
<http://www.markfarndalestable.com>



### **From the Judge's Box**

**If a hunter has a mediocre tail do you expect a fake tail? How much does a fake tail figure into the hunter equation? Equitation?**

“A fake tail can make a horse look more attractive, which is a good feature in hunters and equitation. But like a nice riding coat, they should ‘fit’: i.e., not a huge hairpiece on a small pony.” --Fran Dotoli

“In my way of thinking, which is very old fashioned, I would expect judges to watch either the horse in hunter classes, or the rider in equitation classes. I can think of many, many things that should be ahead of the size of the tail in determining the winner. In fact, I think everything should be considered in either a hunter or equitation class ahead of the size of the tail. This is a pet peeve of mine, and it is completely out of control in my opinion. Shame on all of us.” --Geoff Teall

“Typically, a horse with a poor or mediocre tail does look better with a fake tail. As a hunter, this improvement is a bit more valuable than on an equitation horse, but both hunters and equitation riders are being judged on the whole picture. The improvement in appearance is not equal from one horse to another, and some fake tails are unappealing and distracting. The tail, fake or not, mediocre or full shouldn’t be more than a tie breaker in a performance class.” --Katie Young

“That is a question of esthetics; a hunter may look more ‘balanced’ with a better tail as may an equitation horse. However, it is not required anywhere. How do you feel about your appearance? Would you like to make a great impression or is it OK to sort of just show? If you are really good, you can learn to tie in a tail extension on your own without the braider or with the braider’s instruction, and then perhaps have the tail braided for your most important classes. Of course, that being said, nothing is worse than having the tail fall out.” --Betty Beran

“I think a fake tail finishes the picture of a well turned-out horse. A ratty tail does nothing to decorate the horse or add to my overall impression. It in fact distracts. That goes for hunters and equitation in my book.” --Beverly Jovais

“Being from the ‘old school’, I *never* expect to see a fake tail and don’t really take it into account either in the Hunter Division or the Equitation Division. My thought is that if used, it should look natural.” --Penny Carpenter

“I do not expect a fake tail, and it does not figure in equitation at all.” --Debbie Sands

### **Member Profile: Nina Vogel**

Let's get to know Nina Vogel, who won the LAHJA Horsemanship Medal at Gold Coast 6. This was the first medal final ever for this seventh grader at Marlborough School for Girls.

#### **LAHJA E-news: How did you get your start in riding, and what made you want to take up the sport?**

**Nina Vogel:** For a while, I begged my parents for riding lessons. Finally, when I started third grade, they agreed to let me try one. I had some friends who rode, but I can't really explain why I was so drawn to it. Once I was on, there was no turning back. I was hooked.

#### **LAHJA E-news: What do you like about medal classes? Do you know which ones you will go for next year?**

**Nina Vogel:** Medal classes are very exciting, somewhat intimidating, but thrilling, all at the same time. My adrenaline is rushing, and I'm ready to try my best and get as focused as I can. The focus and intensity make me ride better. I like working toward the goal of getting to compete in the finals against so many great riders. Next year, I want to move up slightly. The plan is to do some 3' medals, like the Onondarka, and 3'3" medals, like the LAHJA Rosewood.

#### **LAHJA E-news: Tell us about your new horse, Dutch Star. What is he like to ride and show?**

**Nina Vogel:** Having gotten him not too long ago, Star and I are still figuring each other out. He knows his job and executes what I ask him to do very well, which allows me to focus on myself more—my position and plan for the course. At shows, he is super cooperative and helps me as much as he can, so we make a great team!

#### **LAHJA E-news: What do you like to do when you're not at the barn? Do you participate in any school activities or sports?**

**Nina Vogel:** This fall I have started a new school. In addition to riding, I plan to join a choral group and do debate.