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White tents atop the berms at TRHP signal special festivities and celebrations with fine food, Grand Prix jumping, musical freestyles in dressage, (often accompanied by charity fund raising), and always good time for all.

September Events, Closing Notes

September has been an action packed month at Texas Rose Horse Park. The pace was set at the beginning of the month with the **Texas Sport Horse Cup** with its benefit fund raiser for Rotary International, **Clear Rounds for Clean Water**. All three outdoor arenas and all warm-up arenas were put to good use as exhibitors prepared for the \$25,000 Grand Prix & \$15,000 Hunter Derby. These events did indeed attract top professional and amateur riders from across the U.S. This event was far more than just a horse show with all of the other associated events of the week: wine tasting at a local winery, gourmet ringside dinner at the Grand Prix, the traditional Hunt Breakfast at the Hunter Derby and a Silent Auction with some great items at bargain prices.

On Saturday the indoor arena was also bustling with the riders and auditors taking advantage of the **George Morris Jumping Clinic**.

The second week of September saw the start of the **Texas Rose Classic** with another \$25,000 Grand Prix plus a \$5,000 Jumper Classic benefitting Tyler's Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The festivities continued with the gaily decorated tables at the Mexican Buffet ringside at the Jumper Classic and Grand Prix.



The **Tyler Breed Show** was next up with the Welsh ponies and Morgans dominating the classes. Every color, size and

riding discipline was well represented at the show. Despite the wet weather of the preceding week, the special all-weather footing in the outdoor arenas performed beautifully ensuring exhibitors safe and successful rides.

Rounding out September will be the **Texas Dressage Fall Classic I&II**. Look for details in next month's newsletter. If you missed out on the beginning of the month, hope you made it to the **Dressage Classic** as this will be another one of those horse shows with lots of "extras", like the \$10,00 Musical Freestyle, Live & Silent Auctions benefiting Azelway Children's Services and Saturday evening ringside dining. The live auction will even include a miniature horse!



October Packed with Barrels, Trails, Fall Fun to Dallas Harvest

The **Fall Fun Hunter/Jumper show Oct 7-11** opens the month of October. Featuring \$10,000 & \$5,000 Jumper Classics along with a \$2,500 NAL/WIHS High Child/Adult Jumper, this is a great show to warm up for the even bigger purses to come in the **Dallas Harvest show Oct. 28 - Nov. 1st**. This is the 3rd. Annual fundraising event for **Habitat for Horses**, the largest equine protection agency in the U.S. This show with its \$25,000 Grand Prix, \$10,000 Chronicle of the Horse/USHJA International Hunter Derby, with its Benefit Hunter Derby

Reception, Grand Prix Brunch, daily breakfast, Saturday Exhibitor Dinner, Silent Auction, Calcutta, Fishing "Tournament", and more, makes it one of the "Must Go Shows" of the fall.

Switching gears, (or saddles), **Oct 17 sees American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA)** returning for their third event at TRHP. Lots of fun and a great group of riders that welcomes all riding disciplines to join in for a winning combination of recreation and friendly competition and great prizes.

Barrel Racing cuts loose on **Oct. 13** and again on **Oct. 23-25** with the **Texas Rose Burn & Turn Barrel Race**. This 5D event has up to \$3,500 added money with a 77% entry fee payback.

October 25-27 will feature the **USHJA Trainers Symposium**. Trainer Symposiums give members the opportunity to participate in practical training sessions and round table discussions with top professionals in the industry. The schedule offers three days of instruction from top clinicians in the country, specializing in hunters, equitation and jumpers,



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with topics ranging from training exercises to business practices. Those who are applying for certification when the new Trainer Certification Program (TCP) unveils in June 2009 will be able to count the SCAD symposium to their credit. *The TCP requires candidates to attend a Trainer Symposium in order to be certified.* For details go to www.ushja.org

A welcome addition to TRHP is the new on-site tack store **It's All About the Horse**. Owners Tom & Cindy Murray have located the new store just north of the indoor arena. You'll be surprised at what a great selection they are offering in clothing, tack and all the horse necessities. They will be open for business at all the shows and during the week by appointment. This satellite store will also be offering the same useful services like blanket cleaning, tack repair and saddle fitting that their store in Plano does. For updates and specials go to www.itsallaboutthehorse.com

Nov. 20 -22 It's All About the Horse will be sponsoring a clinic with **Will Coleman** . At the age of twenty five he has trained with Karen and David O'Connor, Betsy Steiner, Anne Kursinski, Aaron Vale and the legendary George Morris. To learn more about Will Coleman go to his website, (it is very good), or to sign up, go to TRHP's event page on the website. Do the clinic and then practice your skills at TRHP's second **Schooling Combined Test Nov. 21, 2009.**



Excerpt from Will Coleman website:

"Will did his first Clinic with Karen and David O'Connor at the age of 12, and has continued to train within their system ever since. David now says that "We are riding with Will now as much as anything".

George Morris commented in his regular column in The Chronicle of the Horse: "For an example of

a balanced and secure jumping seat look to Will Coleman on board Kiki du Manoir at Radnor CCI**" The inimitable George Morris is the most demanding, respected critic and traditional horseman, and has shaped Equestrianism in the USA.

Texas Rose Horse Park and It's All About the Horse are pleased to be able to offer local equestrians the opportunity to work and learn from young world class talent like Will Coleman and legends of our sport like George Morris. Don't miss out. Check the TRHP website events schedule for weekly updates and new additions throughout the month.



George Morris & Kathy Brunson after the George Morris Clinic at Texas Rose Horse Park 9/5/2009

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A few of the canine crowd enjoying the Texas Sport Horse Cup

Sponsor Spotlight - Valley View Stables

As you may know by now, trainers **Dorothy Cox and Sandy Strack** have teamed up to form **Valley View Stables**. Each brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the ins & outs, (no pun intended), of the Hunter/Jumper world. They know, from experience, what it takes to create a winning team of horse and rider.

Dorothy Cox can draw from 9 years of showing and training in Virginia and New Jersey, up and down the eastern horse corridor, with the likes of Mark

Leone and Katie Prudent . Winters have often been spent showing and training in New Mexico. Time spent in north Texas as barn manager, trainer, instructor and successful competitor have also made her a well known face on the Texas show circuit.

Dorothy and Sandy are working with several young prospects out of her great Belgian Warmblood stallion, Chantilly. Retired at 18 yrs., Dorothy was fortunate to get several of his offspring into her program. One of

the 5 yr. olds, Cowboy, is currently at TRHP with Dorothy. Two are full brothers; Picot 6 yrs. old, and Richelieu 5 yrs. old. Richelieu is presently in training with Mike McCormick. If you are in the market for well bred and well raised jumping prospects you might want to speak with Dot. She can be reached at 917-783-8670 and Sandy Strack at 713-503-6892



Trainer Dorothy Cox and her Belgian Warmblood stallion Chantilly.

Sponsor News & Specials just for TRHP

American National Insurance is the newest addition to our gallery of great sponsors. Randy Hitt and his agents will be at many of the upcoming shows to answer your questions and show you their programs for farm and ranch operations. **American National** is a very large and reputable national insurance concern that has insurance plans tailored specifically to the needs of the horse industry.

TRHP sponsor **Cavender's** is truly a family operation with all involved in the day-to-day operations. The family lives a western lifestyle, so they are in tune with the merchandise that offers the best value, style and durability. They have boots, jeans, shirts, skirts, dresses, vests, jackets, belts, buckles, jewelry and gifts. They can outfit the ranch hand as well as provide that hard to find, gorgeous head-to-toe outfit, for special occasions. With their large selection of boots and volume purchasing, they are able to offer the best selection and prices.

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Look for **Guardian Horse Bedding** representative Lonzo Johnson walking the barn aisles at upcoming shows. He'll be asking for your feedback on the **Guardian Premium Flake** and **Swift Pick** bedding products. He'll also be handing out cards for prize drawings at the shows. This high quality stable bedding is made to exacting specifications by horse people for picky horse people. Preview the product at: www.guardianhorsebedding.com

At the shows, stop by **It's All About the Horse** to check out the prizes on display and deposit your card to win!

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Breaking News! Just In

Rumor has it that **Cutting Horse Competitions** may soon be on the agenda for TRHP. Keep an eye on the event schedule for new events: www.texasrosehorsepark.com/event

CForce Media is another newcomer at Texas Rose Horse Park. Look for their mobile media unit at upcoming shows and check out their website, www.cforcemedia.com for daily photo and video show highlights during the shows. CForce Media offers top of the line photo & video production services. Of special interest for all CT enthusiasts is the announcement that **Stuart Black** has been contracted to design the **Cross Country Course at Texas Rose Horse Park!** More about this as design and

Construction goes forward, but estimated completion is no later than summer of 2010.

Mary Lauren Shelton, a 14-year-old freshman at All Saints Episcopal School, won the 2009 Arabian Sport Horse National Championship last week in Lexington, Ky. Shelton qualified and competed in jumper, dressage and hunt seat equitation. In the purebred Arabian jumper division, Shelton competed in two classes: ATR (only for amateur riders) and Open (for both professional and amateur riders). She won the ATR class and placed second in the Open class, earning the titles **National Champion Arabian Jumper ATR and National Reserve Champion Arabian Jumper Open.**

Shelton was the only junior rider competing against a field of adult professionals and amateurs. She rode a pony while the others competed on horses. Approximately 650 horses competed at this prestigious event, which named the nation's top horses. Shelton, who is an honor roll student, rides and trains several hours every afternoon at Texas Rose Horse Park and competes primarily in hunter jumper, Arabian and dressage shows.
(Tyler Morning Telegraph 9/2009)

This is just one of many honors Mary Lauren has garnered in her young equestrian career. She works with trainer Amanda Harp at Brunson Equestrian Center which is located at Texas Rose Horse Park.



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Mary Lauren Shelton, winning the 2009 Arabian Sport Horse Int.. Championship.