

### October Events, Closing Notes



Budweiser Clydesdales pop-in at TRHP for the Tyler Rose Festival and dry ground .



Kim Brunson & Genghis Khan , Mary Lauren Shelton & Teddy at the Fall Fun Show .

October has been a landmark month for much of Texas as well as for Texas Rose Horse Park as rainfall records were broken across the state - this month goes on record as the wettest in Tyler history. Thankfully, due to good engineering and drainage systems, we were able to go forward with the full show schedule for the month without a single cancellation.

The month started off BIG with some unexpected guests seeking some high and dry land for their big rigs and big occupants; the Budweiser Clydesdales in town for the annual Tyler Rose Festival and parade.

The **Fall Fun Hunter/Jumper Show** went on without a hitch in spite of the rainy conditions. Once again the all weather footing in the outdoor arenas

allowed exhibitors to ride with style and confidence.

Barrel Racing is a rapidly growing attraction at TRHP. In addition to the regular weekly events, **Oct. 23 - 25** saw competitors at **Texas Rose Burn & Turn Barrel Race** taking home generous added back cash awards and great prizes. The December schedule at TRHP offers riders the chance to keep their horses running and in good shape for the coming year, in spite of the winter weather to come.

The **American Competitive Trail Horse Association** returned for their third event at TRHP and a whole new set of obstacles deviously designed by Kim Brunson to give horses and riders a variety of trail related obstacles to challenge their skills. For upcoming rides,

all across Texas and beyond, go to [www.actha.org](http://www.actha.org) for more information.

TRHP was pleased to host the **USHJA Trainer's Symposium Oct. 25-27**. This unique program offers riders and trainers the opportunity to work with top professionals in the industry in practical training sessions and round table discussions on everything from training exercises to business practices. If you missed this session go to [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) for future symposium dates and locations.

Wrapping up the month was the **Dallas Harvest Hunter/Jumper Show**. The \$25,000 Harvest Grand Prix & \$10,000 Hunter Derby were just a few of the show highlights that drew the big rigs seen lining up to unload their prized athletes at TRHP.

### November - Over the River and through the Dale .....



As promised, Barrel Racers take note, **Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24** you can keep them running at TRHP!

**Nov. 6-7** you'll want to leave the horses at home and come out for some toe tapping good times with **The Ranch Bluegrass Festival**. This is definitely a family friendly event with horse shoe pitching, food/craft vendors, covered wagon rides, door prizes and lots more for all ages. On the musical side, look for bands like Monroe Crossing, Hickory Hill, Bowles Creek and Blue River, just to name a few. Bluegrass will be at the covered arena so don't let the weather slow you down from attending.



Back in July TRHP held it's first **Combined Training Schooling Show** under the guiding hand of Brunson Equestrian Center trainer Amanda Harp. Amanda's enthusiasm and background in the sport of Combined Training, matched with Kim Brunson's "get-it-done" attitude, naturally got the ball rolling for the construction of a permanent cross country course at TRHP.

In typical TRHP style, two-time Canadian Olympian Stuart Black was engaged to design and build the new course. Many of the obstacles are already in place with more under construction for scheduled completion in November.

The naturally rolling hills, creeks, streams and ponds, all make for limitless and exciting cross country possibilities and course options.

Consider **Nov. 21**, with the scheduled **Schooling Combined Test** and **Nov. 20-22**, with the **USEA Will Coleman Clinic**, (sponsored by It's All About the Horse), the opening salvos to welcome the sport of Eventing to TRHP.

As always, for exact times and up to date event information go to the Texas Rose Horse Park website, Event page.

To get up to speed on the sport of Eventing go to [www.usea.org](http://www.usea.org)

As the holidays approach don't forget to check in with **It's All About the Horse** at TRHP or the Plano store location. Both store locations will have a great selection of gift items guaranteed to please all horse lovers.

New horse owners, in any riding discipline, would do well to consult with owners Cindy and Tom Murray before purchasing their riding gear to make sure they are getting the best and most appropriate apparel and tack for their sport. As a rider herself, Cindy is always current on the latest in trends and traditions of equestrian sport.

**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. Go to the TRHP website or [www.itsallaboutthehorse.com](http://www.itsallaboutthehorse.com) for sign-up information.

In addition to Mary Lauren Shelton's big win at the **American Sport Horse Nationals** in Kentucky, a little closer to home **Brunson Equestrian Center** riders, under the tutelage of trainer Amanda Harp, did their part to enlarge the ribbon case returning from the **NTHJC Year End Show**: Lindsay Lucking, (first show), competing with Maggie, Walk Trot Div.; Abby Gilbert (first show), competing in Walk Trot Division with Cody Jacks Diamond; Rachel Spangler competing in 2' Jr./AM Equitation Division; Makayla Harp competing in Pony Hunter and Jr./Am Equitation on the Flat.

As the holidays approach, don't forget that you don't have to own a horse to provide any young aspiring riders in your home with the priceless gift and experience of learning how to ride. Brunson Equestrian Center has a "fleet" of well trained lesson horses, for all levels, that love their teaching jobs. Call trainer Amanda Harp at 903-882-8696 for scheduling and fees.



For the evening fun costume class Lyndsay Lucking, Abby Gilbert, Makayla Harp and Alexis Harp put their heads together to come up with their "High Maintenance Babes".

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Look for Shannon Galvin, American National Insurance, at upcoming shows and events at TRHP. Because of her background and knowledge of our industry Shannon will be a great resource for all of us.



Stuart Black, course designer, and Shannon Galvin, American National Insurance, checking out the TRHP Eventing obstacles under construction.



Sponsor News

Hi, my name is Shannon Galvin, I received my Bachelors in Animal Science and my Masters in Equine Reproduction from Texas A&M University. During my education I became very interested in Equine Medicine to include the Reproduction Process working for a few clinics in the area as well as Internationally for an Embryo Transfer Center in Holland.

I was born and raised in the Houston area where I became involved in Hunter/Jumpers at a young age and I have been riding ever since, competing mainly in the Southern U.S.

My background and experiences, combined with being a part of the Equine Communities, helped me determine my career path. I'm very proud to say that I chose the Insurance and Financial industry and the best company I could find, **American National Insurance**, so I could serve the Equine Communities with which I share a passion. I look forward to having the opportunity to start building a

working relationship with anyone that has a need for our products and services. I hope that you will stop by and visit with me at TRHP shows and events to allow me to introduce you to our company and to hear from you directly about your needs and concerns.

In 2010 we are planning to offer "no strings", on-site, insurance evaluations for TRHP patrons. We hope that this service will help you to better understand and define your own needs and financial planning goals. I am available anytime at 713-857-5554 or email me at sgalvin3@gmail.com.

See you at the show and in the barn!



TRHP Sponsor, Shannon Galvin, American National Insurance

Guardian Horse Bedding has just let us know that they are working on a pilot program with new recyclable bags for large volume users. **Texas Rose Horse Park** is being considered as one of the national test sites for the program. For more information on Guardian Horse Bedding and their Sustainable Forestry Initiative go to [www.guardianhorsebedding.com](http://www.guardianhorsebedding.com)



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Breaking News! Just In

From: L. Landkamer

October 16, 2009

As some of you may have heard, Lyndon Rife, one of our Region 9 Dressage Trainers, was involved in a very serious accident. October 15th. He was in critical condition and underwent emergency surgery for his injuries. As is the case with many of our equestrian professionals, they do not have coverage to pay for these medical bills. Many have already stepped in to help with lessons and horses in training and an account has been set up to help collect funds for Lyndon & Julie.

Funds can be contributed in the following ways:

1. At any Wells Fargo Bank - checks payable to **"Lyndon Rife Medical Fund"**, no account number is necessary.
2. **Mail checks** payable to "Lyndon Rife Medical Fund" and mail to **Sarah Hester 5811 N. Woodcreek Cr. McKinney, Tx. 75071**

A confirming response will be sent to verify the deposits.



Lyndon Rife, Texas Dressage Fall Classic September 2009, Musical Freestyle