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Celebrating a Rocky Mountain Legacy

On Wednesday, September 4th, Stoner Ridge Farm and crew moved horses to the Kentucky Horse Park for the 31st annual International Show. Celebrating the Legacy was such an appropriate theme. I believe the first year that Bob and I attended the International was 1995! That is 24 years straight. We were just starting out. So many fun times... Many things have changed over the years. When we began there was a Futurity held on Tuesday and then we showed horses four more days. There were many more horses and exhibitors then. There were times we had the membership meeting on the concourse and the stands were pretty full on championship night. Now, we are in a re-

building phase with more horses and more exhibitors than there have been in ten years!

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Charlie has continued the SRF tradition in his own style. He started many horses for many venues, and he's worked with the horses that show to get them ready for the highlight — the RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show! Charlie, Mary Kelley, McKayla and Cole have made a great team.

Wednesday evening has become the traditional time provided for everyone to ride their horses in the ring at the KHP in preparation for their classes. Live music played on the concourse. The membership meeting was held in the "Sky-Box" and pizza was served. There, the RMHA President, Judy Brummer, updated everyone on the state of the association and introduced new Board members. The RMHA Strategic Plan was

reviewed for the membership. Members also had the opportunity to voice ideas and make suggestions. We adjourned and finished the evening making sure we were ready for Thursday and the beginning of the 2019 International.

We began the first day of the show with the conformation classes. While there were some awesome horses on display, we were excited to win the 5-9 yo Mares/Geldings Conformation class with Marietta, the 10+ Conformation class with Duncan, the Weanling class with Chicago Blues, and reserve with Whole Lot of Blue. Mary Kelley took 2nd with Friskie. They looked great! Congratulations to Steve and Susan and to Charlie who was their handler and to Robert for Duncan's win.



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The under saddle classes began Thursday afternoon. Biz was reserve in the 5-9 yo CTP stallions, Stella (HCR's Rising Star), and Blue were reserve in their classes. Marietta won the 4



-5 yo Mares/Geldings Show Pleasure! Ruby was in the Pink Class and got 2nd. When the total's were counted for contributions, she was the winner for collecting the most \$ for the Breast Cancer Foundation! The classes were huge—16 in the Amateur Show Pleasure Class alone! While the show flowed smoothly, it was still a late night. We left the KHP about midnight.

Friday brought Trail Obstacle. Charlie, as usual, had several horses to go. Bob had Stormy and Duncan. When the ribbons were announced, Barb's Stormy Knight with Bob was declared the winner! Silver was 3rd and Marietta was 4th. We were thrilled for Ann Day when WOF's Wind Commander got 1st in Men's Trail. He looked awesome! Youth day was Friday. Ruby won her western class as well as the 11 and Under Equitation. She also did the Canter Demonstration again this year. There was a little glitch with the music but Shannon Perkins did a great job filling in for the technical difficulty. This year, Ruby was able to add lead changes to her demo. It was pretty cool!

Silver had a great day on Friday winning 6+ yo Western, and the Western Grand Championship! He is really hard to beat. Blue won his age division



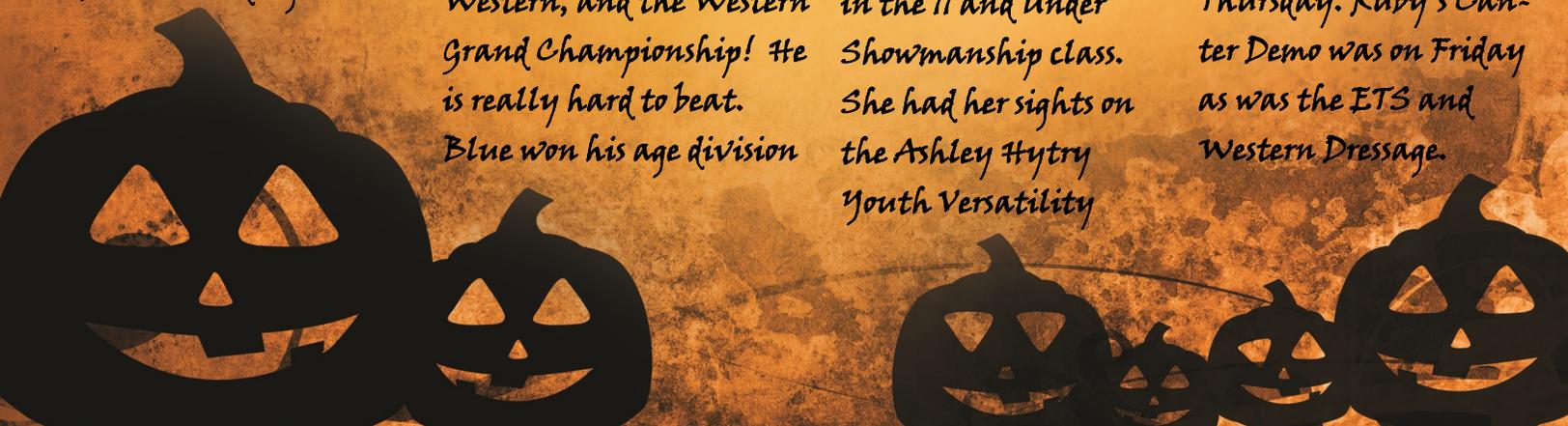
western class as well—SRF placed first in all Western classes and won the Grand Championship! On Friday evening the championship took place. Hats off to Marietta placing 4th, Friskie 4th, Silver 3rd, and WOF 3rd.

It was another late night but we all took a little time out to join Tipton Mountain Horse Stables at their barn party. It was well attended and the BBQ was very tasty!

Saturday began with a win for Ruby in the 11 and Under Showmanship class. She had her sights on the Ashley Hytry Youth Versatility

Award and was getting pretty excited. She had a blast in the water glass class but ended up with zero water in her cup for all her effort. Silver was coming on strong for the Rea Swan Versatility Award. He competed in Water Glass, Bareback and Pole Bending. Nancy also competed Stormy in Pole Bending and got 4th. It looked like she had a great time. It was wonderful that Don was there to watch as well as Brenden and Laura and the grand kids all cheering Nana on.

There were many demos throughout the show. We had Driving on Thursday. Ruby's Canter Demo was on Friday as was the ETS and Western Dressage.



Celebrating the Rocky Mountain Horse Legacy (Continued)

Then on Saturday we had the Sidesaddle and Cowboy Mounted Shooting demos. We sure appreciate these folks for putting in so much effort to share their skill.

In the afternoon, there were three parades. Stormy and Silver par-



ticipated in the Parade of Past Champions. We also had a Stallion Parade and a Parade of Rocky

Mountain Horse Colors. Everyone looked great and spectators really enjoyed it.

We loved seeing the 4 # Wranglers Drill Team. They were in their gypsy costumes and moving out fast. That brought us to time for the flag ceremony. The youth were in their show clothes presenting the flag and saying the blessing for us. It is always touching to see the kids in formation together. We moved on to the Grand Championships and Special Award presentations. Congratulations to all. It is a challenge to qualify - horses must be placed in the top 5 from the Championships (including Ladies or Men's if you're an amateur).

Bobby and Eyvonne came from Hardinsburg with Abby, John, and Rachel to join us for the Grand Championships. It was great to have them with us.

We were all excited for



Ruby. She had practiced all summer with Pepper. Most of the work, she did herself. She'd go and catch her mare and decide what she needed to work on. Mary Kelley helped her with Showmanship and Equitation but most of the gait work she did. We were so happy for Ruby and Pepper when they placed first in the 11 & Under Grand Championship! Even more exciting was the presentation of the Ashley Hytry Award. She had a perfect score in all 4 of her classes! Way to go Ruby!

While we were showing, Ride-A-Rocky was going outside



in the warm-up arena. It was awesome as usual. We had been hopeful that Silver would, once again, be able to capture the Rea Swan Award and he did! We all went out for a picture and accolades for this fine stallion. Silver also placed 3rd in the



CTP Grand Championship. Congratulations to all the Grand Championship winners. It was an awesome show! We have had a very blessed year. Thanks to all who helped work to make it happen.



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We really have to hand it to McKayla, Mary Kelley, and Cole for keeping the horses looking great, well watered, and fed. They make a great pit crew for Charlie. We also have to thank our clients for their generosity in the sponsorship of the show as well as the support they give. What a fellowship we have. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all you do!

RMHA International Results

Barb's Stormy Knight
Adult Trail Obstacle - 1st
Pole Bending - Nancy - 4th

HBF Furious Revenge
10+ Mares/Geldings Conf. - 1st
5+ Mares/Geldings Conf. Champ - 4th

GHS's How Bizarre
4-9 Stallions CTP - 2nd

SRF's Silver Sundown
10+ Am. CTP - 5th - Susan
Men's CTP - 3rd - Steve
Adult Trail Obstacle - 3rd - Charlie
10+ Mares/Geldings/Stallions - 1st
6+ Open Western - 1st
Western Grand Championship - 1st
Stallions CTP Championships - 3rd
Adult Water Glass - 2nd

Adult Bareback - 1st
Pole Bending - 3rd
CTP Grand Championship - 3rd
Rea Swan Versatility Award

HCR's Shooting Star
3 yo Show Pleasure - 2nd

Whole Lot of Blue
3-4 Stallions Conformation - 2nd
3-4 Open Conformation Champ. - 3rd
3 yo Open Trail Pleasure - 4th
3 yo Open CTP Trail Pleasure - 2nd
3-5 yo Open Western Pleasure - 1st

Chicago Blues
Open Weanlings - 1st

RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta
5-9 Mares/Geldings Conformation - 1st
3-5 Amateur Show Pleasure - 5th - Steve
4-5 Mares/Geldings Show Pleasure - 1st
Adult Trail Obstacle - 4th
Mares Show Pleasure Champ. - 4th

Simon Barjonah
6-9 Stallions Show Pleasure - 4th

Pepper's Just Plain Pretty
Youth Trail Obstacle - 2nd
11 & Under Western - 1st
11 & Under CTP - 1st
11 & Under Equitation - 1st
11 & Under Showmanship - 1st
Youth Water Glass - 4th
11 & Under CTP Grand Champ. - 1st
Pink Class - 2nd
Pink Class most \$ Collected - 1st
Ashley Hytry Award
(with a perfect score of 40)

WOF's Wind Commander
5-9 M/G Conf. - 4th - Mary Kelley
6-9 Mares/Geldings Trail - 5th
Men's Trail Pleasure - 1st
6+ Open Western - 5th
Geldings Trail Pleasure Champ. - 3rd



National Mountain Horse Association Show

The NMHA Show was held in Shelbyville Sept. 19-21. It is a beautiful facility! The three day



show was only a couple of weeks after the RMHA International. While the show was small and in its first year, it gave our horses an opportunity to shine once again. Since the show didn't start until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, we didn't go until that day. We were excited for Stella who won the Mares/Gelding Classic Pleasure Class right off the bat. Duncan also won the Mares/Geldings Park class. Friday began with



National Mountain Horse Association Show continued

Conformation. Both Blue and Marietta won their classes. Blue was reserve in both the Western and Western Grand Championship. Marietta also placed reserve in the Men's Classic Pleasure Class. Charlie rode Pepper in the Open Four Gait winning with her. She does have a lovely canter. In the championships Friday evening Blue and Marietta both placed reserve. Ann Day was able to join us for the NMHA show along with her friend, Melissa. Melissa made a great show on WOF placing 1st in the Jack Benny class.

Saturday brought Trail Obstacle. Stormy placed 1st, WOF, 2nd, Duncan, 3rd, and Blue 4th! Woo Hoo! Ruby made it to the show on Saturday and she placed 1st in her trail obsta-

cle class as well. Ruby had another great show placing first in 11 & under Western, 2nd in 11 & under CTP, 2nd in Juvenile Western, and 3rd in the Juvenile CTP. Duncan was reserve in the Open Park Championship. It was a good show for us. Congratulations to all the winners. It was great to celebrate with everyone.

Bob and I were not able to be at the show early Saturday but we did make it in time for the Championships Saturday night. We went to celebrate Bob's Aunt Pauline's 100th birthday. What a feat—to make it to 100!

I get up before the sun
Finish my day with the moon.
I paint my nails to hide the dirt.
My land is my gym.
My body is always tired and
bruised.
And I still don't sleep well,
Worried if there is fresh water,
Did I shut the gate?
Is my Charlie happy?
Sleepless nights, sunburns,
cereal for dinner.
And at the end of the day,
I wouldn't trade this life for
anything.

~ Sarah Claprod

NMHA Results

HCR's Shooting Star
3 yo Fillies/Geldings Classic - 1st
3 yo Classic Championship - 2nd

Whole Lot of Blue
2 & 3 yo Stallions Trail - 1st
2 & 3 yo Stallions Conformation - 1st
2 & Older Conformation WGC - 3rd
Adult Western Pleasure - 2nd
2 & 3 yo Trail Championship - 2nd
Adult Trail Obstacle - 4th
Adult Western Pleasure WGC - 2nd

HBF Furious Revenge
5 & Older Mares/Geldings Park - 1st
Open Park WGC - 2nd

WOF Wind Commander
5 & Older Mares/Geldings Trail - 4th
Adult Western Pleasure - 5th - McKayla
Jack Benny - 1st - Melissa
Adult Trail Obstacle - 2nd

RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta
5 & Older Mares/Geldings Classic - 4th
Men's Classic - 2nd
4 and Older Mares/Geldings Conf. - 1st

PBF Simon Barjonah
Ladies Classic - 2nd - McKayla

Pepper's Just Plain Pretty
Open 4 Gait (Canter required) - 1st
11 & Under Trail Obstacle - 1st
11 & Under Western - 1st
11 & Under CTP - 2nd
Juvenile Western WGC - 2nd
Juvenile CTP WGC - 3rd

Barb's Stormy Knight
Adult Trail Obstacle - 1st - Charlie



Changing/Re-Arranging

Once show season is over, it is time to refocus and rearrange the way we function here at the farm. First, it is always time for a little repair. Plank fences are beautiful but they require a lot of maintenance. Horses like to push and scratch and every once in awhile, a board will snap. Last week, Charlie took a day or two to go around the fences and get them mended. They will look better once we get the new boards painted but all the horses will be safe and secure for the winter.

After show season, it is time to turn out many of the show horses so they can just be horses for awhile. Phil was here on Monday and pulled shoes off the ones that were ready. Charlie is also working to get Kemo Sabe, Steve and Susan's weanling, ready to leave his momma. He will spend a few minutes away from her in a stall so he can learn it will be ok. Each day, the minutes increase so the trauma of separation is not so great. Kemo Sabe and Chicago Blues will spend some time this

fall and winter out with the pony as they turn into yearlings.

It is also a changing time because new horses are brought in to be started. Charlie started Steve and Susan's Jazz Master this week. He is so cute! He's out of Jazzy by Silver and we can see the best traits of both parents in him. Can't wait to see what he



will be when he grows up. Charlie also started a new gray colt that looks like he is going to be awesome. He appears to be a roan but his dam is gray so he will be turning gray as he ages. He has a great mind and is going to be wonderful. We also welcomed several new horses. Katherine Wikoff sent Charlie her mare, All Jacked up to be boarded for the winter. Her barn name is "Grace" and she's a beauty. Jerame and Amy Kite brought Ace and Zella Jo to be started. Charlie also received

three horses from Mike Hartong in VT. One, Charlie will be purchasing and two will be started soon.

Eva has mustangs here again. It is always a fun process to watch these horses develop. Eva will be competing in TX again this January. We're thankful for all these horses in our lives! It is exciting to see how quickly the progress.

Prayers Please

We are truly a needy people. While most of the time we awake refreshed and energized but there are times, too, we need some help. Please remember Donnie Eades. He was in the hospital a few weeks ago. He is recovering but isn't yet 100%. Also, Dee Moody and Richard Riddle have had hip replacements. Please remember Mike Hartong who is facing surgery. Also, remember those who have lost loved ones. Last week, Orville Whalen passed away. He was well known for his work with conformation horses.

