

## Newsletter: Winter 2010-2011

**As 2010 ends and 2011 begins we can be found working in the Ja-Anna indoor arena. This is the time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the upcoming year. What a successful year 2010 was thanks to everyone of you (my students, clients and friends). You have all done so well and you all make me proud, that goes for those competing through to the newbie beginners.**

Congratulations to the students who spent the summer competing in various events around the province and in Montana. Special congrats to Zoe Spring and Ringo for winning the BC Championships at Preliminary level (jumps to 3'9"); Madison Creaser and Hour Shadow for finishing third in the Pre-Training division and Nina Sheldon and Reuben on their 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Entry Division. In Montana, Nina Sylvester and Dominique finished second in their division. All those competing moved up a level during the season and some even bought new horses, well done everyone.

Thanks and apologies to all my other clients for putting up with the constantly changing schedule as I traveled with and coached those competing.

Congratulations to Nina Sheldon on obtaining her Equine Canada Instructor's certification in June. Nina helped me with the Beginner camps which were held at Crescent Valley Stables in Krestova and were designed to meet the needs of groups of participants. Some were absolute beginners aged between 5 - 7, while others were older and had some riding experience. All the groups had a great time (check out the Kids Camp photo folder) and several participants are continuing with regular lessons.

Congratulations and thanks to the Adults who insist on attending Winstar Adult Camps. These camps continue to be a huge hit. The challenge is to keep developing new and sometimes bizarre activities. At the September camp Jocelyn and Cathy guided the gang through the 3 phases of TREC and while most participants did well in the pace and obstacle phases, some did not fair so well at map reading. Luckily Winstar is bound by the Slocan River on 3 sides and a mountain on the remaining side. Mike Juniper and Sage won the challenge, some of the ladies are still choked over that one. Ha Ha!

We welcomed several new faces as well as regulars to the Annual Winstar Horse Trials Camp held in August. New faces were introduced to the workings and requirements of a real horse trials event in a supportive, learning environment and Tracy and Bob continue to develop new X Country jumps. The thrills and excitement of eventing still work their magic whether you're new to the sport or a regular competitor.

We have been encouraging high school aged students to participate in the on line "Horses in High School" program which gains them credits towards graduation.

Credits can also be obtained via the Equine Canada "Learn to Ride" program. We now offer both instruction and testing for this program, which consists of a progression of levels of competency and knowledge. Completion of this program is required for anyone wishing to become an instructor or coach.

**Plans for 2011** are now underway, check out our calendar of events and Liz always sends out a list of *all* the horse related events for the Kootenay and Boundary area. If you are interested in Kids Camps, please phone or e-mail as we keep a list of those interested and set up camps as required.

Lessons and training are always ongoing and new clients are always welcome, although there is often a waiting list, so please be patient.

Activity planning for the May Adult Getaway camp/clinic is under way, we have a couple of new ideas in the works.

We are looking forward to seeing and serving you in 2011. If you have any questions please call or e-mail for information.

#### **Horse Trials BC Year End 2010**

Preliminary Junior Division

2<sup>nd</sup> Zoe Spring riding Ringo Star

Pre-Training Junior Division

2<sup>nd</sup> Madison Creaser riding Hour Shadow

#### **Horse Trials BC Championship 2010**

Preliminary Open Division

Champion - Zoe Spring riding Ringo Star

Pre-Training Junior Division

3<sup>rd</sup> - Madison Creaser riding Hour Shadow

Entry Senior Division

5<sup>th</sup> - Nina Sheldon riding Reuben

#### **Island 22 Horse Trials Sept 2010**

Zoe Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Preliminary Division on Ringo Star

Nina Sylvester 7<sup>th</sup> Open Training Division on Dominique

Madison Creaser 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Pre-Training Division on Hour Shadow

Annika McGivern 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Entry Division on Gitanna

Nina Sheldon 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Entry Division on Reuben

Deb Creaser, Mikayla VanAsperen & Cassandra VanAsperen also competed in the event.

#### **Campbell Valley Horse Trials Aug 2010**

Zoe Spring 4<sup>th</sup> Open Preliminary Division on Ringo Star

Madison Creaser 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Pre-Training Division on Hour Shadow  
Nina Sheldon 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Entry Division on Reuben

**Rebecca Farms, Montana July 2010**

Zoe Spring 14<sup>th</sup> Junior Training A Division on Ringo Star  
Nina Sylvester 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Novice A Division on Dominique  
Madison Creaser 8<sup>th</sup> Junior Novice C Division on Hour Shadow  
Annika McGivern 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Novice D Division on Fredrick of Hollywood  
Deb Creaser 18<sup>th</sup> Senior Novice C Division on Thunder's Echo

**Topline Spring Horse Trials June 2010**

Madison Creaser 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Pre-Training Division on Hour Shadow  
Mikayla VanAsperen 7<sup>th</sup> Open Pre-Entry Division on Daisy  
Cassandra VanAsperen, Deb Creaser and Nina Sheldon also competed.

**Johvale's High Country Horse Trials May 2010**

Zoe Spring 5<sup>th</sup> Training Division on Ringo Star  
Annika McGivern 7<sup>th</sup> Entry Division on Fredrick of Hollywood  
Nina Sylvester 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Entry Division on Mindy  
Marie Racine 6<sup>th</sup> Pre-Entry Division on Kolya  
Mikayla VanAsperen 7<sup>th</sup> Pre-Entry on Daisy  
Deb Creaser Madison Creaser, Aspen Jefferson also competed.

Congratulations to you all.  
Brandy

At the Winstar camps in 2010 we played an oddball version of Mantracker. Their final task was to create a poem or similar item, these are the winners.

**MANTRACKER WINSTAR STYLE**

**WANTED**

We saw the wanted poster  
upon the courthouse door  
it said "Reward \$1,000,000  
but if she's dead you'll get some more.  
She never left survivors  
when she did her ugly biz  
that's why the folks all called her  
by the name of "Ruthless Liz".

So we saddled up our best  
both black and full of fire,  
then we rode into the mountains  
till we could go no higher.  
Then to the left we saw  
almost out of view  
a rock which shape and colour  
we knew must be a due.

We rode the peaks and valleys  
of this great big land  
we found broken sticks in the forest  
and footprints in the sand.  
And when we finally tracked her  
our clothes were ripped and damp  
and the place that we found her  
was Winstar E-vent camp.

So we both pulled out our pistols  
but when she turned she stood and smiled  
so we chose then not to kill her  
but take lessons with her child.

Well Liz is still quite ruthless  
but you'll agree it's not a sin  
cause when she goes about her business  
she always wears a grin.

### **GHOST RIDER**

He rides in the mist  
He rides at night  
He's a mysterious man  
He stays out of sight.  
We are the Man Trackers  
We know our job, we do it better than most  
But this man, this mystery man  
He alludes us, he is quite like a "ghost"  
He takes us over hills and through the trees  
He takes us to the river but leaves nothing in the leaves,  
Who is this man, that no one can track  
All through the forest he looks this way and that  
He makes us look up, he makes us look down  
When we think we have found him  
He is gone without sound  
There may come a day, when he has had too much cider  
Maybe then we will catch him the lone Ghost Rider.