

ROYAL SALUTE NEWS



November 2008

Owner/Trainer: Jackie Alkin

Sport Horse In Hand Practices

Saturday, November 22 @ 3pm

Saturday, November 29 @ 3pm

\$10 per horse

Please Note: If you are planning to enter your horse for in-hand classes at the Saguario Classic and you haven't attended any practices to date, you will need to attend BOTH of these scheduled practices.

Update on Spirit's Leg

10/31/08: For those of you who have been following the progress on Spirit's leg, it has been 16 weeks since her accident. We are glad to report that the leg has healed beautifully and there is only a small fingernail-sized scab left. Everything looks amazing!

Tending to the Vagabonds:

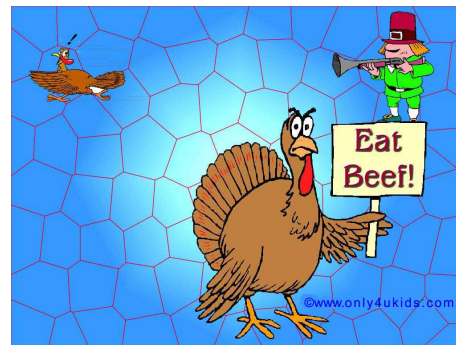
A special thank you to Becca, Kelley and Sara G. for painting the wood on the "Vagabond's Homeless Shelter."

Best of 2008 Coming Soon!

Royal Salute is putting together a "Best of 2008" list! Make up your own creative and funny categories and nominate fellow Royal Saluters!

Categories can be for horses or riders and be as diverse as "horse most likely to dump their rider" to "funkiest laugh!"

Email your categories and nominations to Jessica throughout November: nubba1az@yahoo.com



November Dates of Interest

- Nov. 5-9: AHA Fall Festival @ Westworld
- Nov. 7: Entries close for the ADA Schooling Show. Mail your own entries.
- Nov. 11: Saguario Classic entries due to Jackie
- Nov. 15: ADA Dressage Schooling Show @ Dale Creek
- Nov. 30: Goldstar Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show @ Reach 11 (includes used tack sale)



Good Luck to Fall Festival Competitors!

Cheryl & Ben, Rhiannon & Ace, Jackie & Angel, Katie & Feather, Billy & Prada and Rhiannon & Squirt.



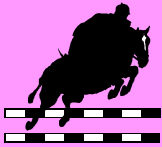
Big News!

Making their returns to the show ring, Michelle & Gin and Sandra & Blackie!

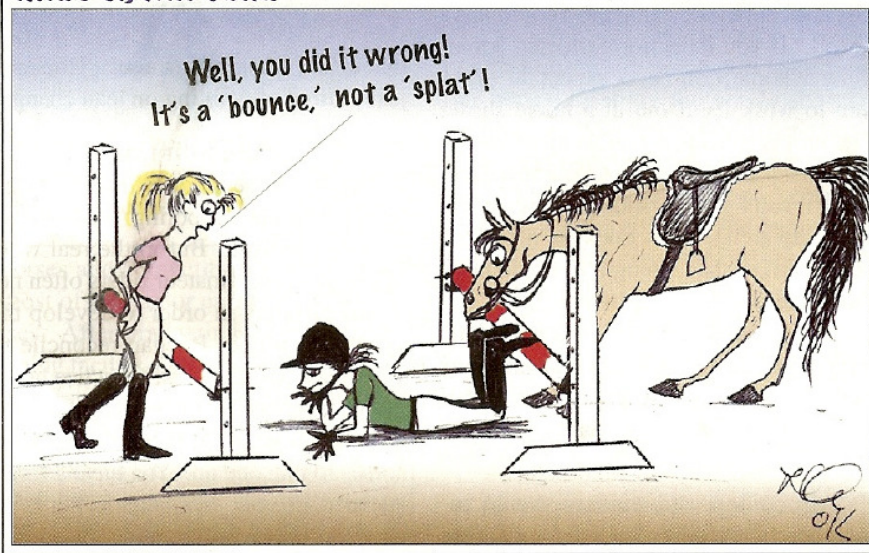
Bigger News!!

Making her show debut, Diann Wuttke & Enchantress in the Sport Horse In Hand arena!

Good Luck to All!



HEADS UP, FACE DOWN



Royal Salute

Welcomes Linda Goodwin
and her half-Arab mare,
Halle!

Interesting Fact...

The National Top Ten Freddie won at Sport Horse Nationals was the 25th Top Ten that Jackie has won with a Vagabond-related horse. Yes, that's right, all 25 are directly connected to Viggy!

And... this number does not even include all the Top Tens won by Vagabonds with other riders and handlers!



Got Puppies & Paper?



Recycle your newspapers! With two litters of adorable Jack Russell puppies, Jackie needs more newspaper for the play pen! Please contribute what you can!

Also, Jackie still has Jack Russell puppies available. They're now 16 weeks and have had their shots, including rabies. 2 Males and possibly 1 female are available.

Valley of the Sun 2008 Election Meeting:

Each year The Valley of the Sun Arabian Horse Association invites all of its club members to participate in their club's election process – both for the purpose of casting their vote as well as to offer themselves up as a candidate for service on the board. This year we once again extend a hearty welcome to our club members to join us on *Tuesday December 16, 2008 at 7 PM* at the Red Lobster restaurant located at 4802 E. Cactus Road in Scottsdale. The club will be hosting this event with a pre-fixed menu for our members who also are invited to bring along one guest if they so choose.

To reserve your place at this important election meeting you must RSVP no later than December 9, 2008 - either by email to Cheryl_in_the_Desert@msn.com or by phone to Cheryl Brock at 623-465-1056.

Past annual election meetings have been well attended and we anticipate the same for this year, so mark your calendar and make your RSVP early!

OCTOBER'S "WHO AM I" ANSWER:



Jessica Rafferty.

Jessica used to ride with Royal Salute and evented her bay mare, Chelsea, as well as showing her grey Arab gelding, Beau, before going off to college.

Jessica is now married and living in Texas.

NOVEMBER'S "WHO AM I?"

I like the breeches, but
I LOVE the dress
shoes even more!

Great combo, AKA
"What NOT to wear!"



Copper Gets a Kick in the Head!

Nov. 2: Thank you to Cathie Harmon and Ann Kerr for helping to patch Copper's eyebrow after he was kicked in the head by Kenny in the morning.



Some Things I Learned While Scribing at a Dressage show...

Submitted by: Lorre McGee

1. Prepare and balance your horse for movements
2. Geometry is your friend
3. Bend when you are supposed to and make it in the direction that it is supposed to be in
4. Go to X when the test calls for it
5. Tension, yours and your horse's, is bad
6. Straight entries and square halts will get you points
7. Stretching means down and OUT
8. Late transactions will lose you points
9. The last loop of a three loop serpentine is ridden like a circle, NOT into the corner
10. Impulsion, rhythm and energy are good
11. Your horse being behind the vertical or having a low poll will be penalized
12. Abruptness in transitions does not equal promptness or fluidity

"Tacky" Situations...

LOANER SADDLES:

The Arabian Saddle Company will be picking up ALL loaner saddles on Monday, Nov. 3. If you are using any of these saddles, do not be surprised if you are without one very soon!

TACK & EQUIPMENT "ROUND UP":

Ok boys and girls... any Royal Saluters who are currently using or "borrowing" any of Jackie's equipment, it's time to get your own! Please return bits, bridles, breastplates, martingales, spurs, saddles, etc. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak with Jackie.

SLOPPY SLOPPY!:

Some Royal Saluters have been getting sloppy! There have been a lot of "things" left out in the barn areas. Please make sure to clean up after your horse and yourself, and put away all equipment before you leave. Remember, items left out will be confiscated by Jackie!

You Might Be A Horse Lover...

- ... If you accessorize your hairstyle with a piece of hay
- ... If you cluck to your bike when you go uphill
- ... If, when trying to get around a slow walking person, instead of saying "excuse me," you cluck at them.
- ... If, at any time in your life, you set up jumps in the backyard and walked the course
- ... If your favorite outfit is made of leather and includes whips and spurs
- ... If you "canter" instead of skip
- ... If you cringe at paying \$5 for lunch, but don't blink at spending \$20 or \$30 on a riding lesson
- ... If you give up heat in your house to afford your horse's blanket and heated water
- ... If you find yourself drumming horse gaits with your fingers
- ... If your horse gets shoes more often than you do
- ... If you examine every piece of rope or twine for its halter potential
- ... If you take someone's temperature and think 102 degrees F is "normal"
- ... If you spend more money on horseshoes than your shoes
- ... If you talk to your horse more than your spouse
- ... If you spend more time at the feed store than the grocery store
- ... If every time you go to watch a movie you ask, "are there horses in it?"
- ... If you will memorize a complete dressage test, but can't remember three important names for your history test
- ... If you say "WHOA!" to the dog
- ... If you have a gun rack in your truck to carry whips and crops
- ... If your friend comes over to watch the Olympics and wants to watch swimming, and you say, "NO! David O'Conner just took the oser and is on his way to the triple!"
- ... If none of your friends bother to ask you to the mall on the weekends because they know you'll say, "I can't. I have to ride."
- ... If you have the vet's number on speed dial, but don't know where the phonebook is if you ever have to call your doctor
- ... If you pull change from your pocket and hay falls all over
- ... If books and movies are ruined for you if horsemanship references are incorrect
- ... If you actually get to a point where flies don't bother you so much
- ... If your sole purpose in buying 5 lbs of coffee is to use the can as a grain scoop
- ... If you stop channel surfing at Budweiser Clydesdale commercials
- ... If you have more pictures of your horses in your office than you have of your family
- ... If your horse seems the right choice when you need to talk something out with someone
- ... If you get a little whiff of the smell of leather and breathe deeper to get the full impact



Volunteers Needed for Saguaro Classic: December 4-7

Volunteers are needed for the Saguaro Classic! The Saguaro Classic Arabian Horse Show will be held December 4-7. Please look over the below volunteer lists and note if there is a space that you could fill. There are also places for volunteers in the Equidome, Working Western, & Patron's Lounge.

Please phone Diann Wuttke at 480-595-2201 or email at diannwuttke@cox.net to pick the time and area you would like. The below sign up sheets are also posted on the tack room door. We need a lot of help to run a show like this! I am proud to say that this is a favorite show for competitors because we are so organized and have so much help. If you have any questions or have a friend that would like to volunteer, please phone Diann. We are very happy for every helping hand that comes on board!

HUNTER/JUMPER	SPORT HORSE IN HAND
THURSDAY DEC 4	THURSDAY DEC 4
7:30 AM	AFTER THE H/J CLASSES
IN GATE	SCRIBE---Sara Ferguson
AWARDS PRESENTER	IN GATE
ANNOUNCER--Sue Alkin	RUNNER
RING MASTER--Bruce Johnson	SCORER--Lois Whittington; Les Hans
	ANNOUNCER --Bruce Johnson
SPORT HORSE UNDER SADDLE	SPORT HORSE IN HAND
FRIDAY DEC 5	FRIDAY DEC 5
8:00 AM	AFTER UNDER SADDLE CH.
IN GATE	SCRIBE---Sara Ferguson
AWARDS PRESENTER	IN GATE
RING MASTER--Bruce Johnson	RUNNER
ANNOUNCER--Sue Alkin	SCORER--Lois Whittington
	SCORER--Les Hans
	ANNOUNCER---Bruce Johnson

DRESSAGE	DRESSAGE
SATURDAY DEC 6TH	SATURDAY DEC 6TH
8:00 AM	AFTERNOON SESSION
RUNNER	RUNNER
SCORER--Les Hans	SCORER
SCORER	SCORER
PADDOCK MANAGER--Bruce Johnson	PADDOCK MANAGER--Bruce Johnson
DRESSAGE	DRESSAGE
SUNDAY DEC 7TH	SUNDAY DEC 7
8:00 AM	
RUNNER	RUNNER
SCORER--Les Hans	SCORER
SCORER	SCORER
PADDOCK MANAGER--Bruce Johnson	PADDOCK MANAGER--Bruce Johnson