



# The Blackstone Farm Report - August 2009

Wow, we have a lot to cover in the "report" this time. So long it has been since the last. It will be a little bit of a tribute to Sammy Steiny, however I think she deserves it and since she's off to college you won't be hearing about her all that much for awhile.



Sammy and Cool Boy



Sammy and Dolce



Sammy and Howie



Lori and Sydney

## **Spruce Meadows Skyliner Tournament -**

### **La Dolce Vita and Sammy Steiny - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$5000 Paramount**

**Resources Prix de Nations class.** Sammy and Dolce were members of the NorCal 1.20 team and had a great time competing in this unique and fun format. Spruce Meadows was a blast and Sammy and her teammates were able to hold their own against what is a very fast international crowd. Mexico and Canada(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>) know how to show jump!

**Cool Boy and Sammy Steiny - Winner \$5000 ATCO JR/AM Grand Prix.** Sammy and Cool Boy were one of only 2 clean in the jump off(class of 36) and they were **4 seconds** faster than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher. That is very fast. Four seconds in the jump off world is forever. So even in the world of fast, Sammy was faster by far!

So, we are hoping to go back to Spruce Meadows next year. It is a really fun place to compete and watch really great competition. Big classes to watch with Big international names jumping Big fences. The venue itself is very cool, kind of the Disneyland of Show Jumping.

## **Pebble Beach Classic II -**

**La Dolce Vita and Sammy Steiny - Winner \$10,000 Pebble Beach Jumping Derby.** This of course was very exciting, you should have been there. Dolce jumped a **27** jump course against **40** other horses to come out on top. John French was leading until Sammy rode and after taking the lead with a clean power phase and super efficient speed phase held the lead to the end(12 to follow). The most exiting class in the history of Blackstone Farm folks!

**A La Carte and Lori Corley - Reserve Champion A/A Hunters -** Lori and Syd had a great show and in it's own way very exciting. Lori had to ride the pants off Sydney to hold her own against a competitor who is very slick and had many good horses to go in and try on. Lori had great rounds, and did a great job of putting down 3 flawless and 1 almost flawless round(s). Lori was super consistent and it's lovely to watch Sydney when he is at his best.

**Heartbreaker and John French - Reserve Champion Green Conformation Hunters.** Romeo was quite cute and very well behaved for John(Whew!). He jumped great, modeled great and was wonderful until Avery got on where he decided to have a pre-green moment(oh dear). A very adorable team though as we all know.

Well, I ran out of time and room here. Of course I know that we just finished Menlo. Menlo is always so much fun and a shame when it's over. That show deserves a full page in the "report" and it will get it. There was of course just so much going on there and in a couple of days you will get to relive the action and drama as it unfolded to us the week of August 3 through 9!