

The Blackstone Farm Report - September



Who are we?

I wanted to start this report by saying that we have some fun new horse and rider combinations. Peri and Cool Boy are a great new team as are Comena and Lindsay, Junior and Vanessa and Nick and Shaq. It is great fun when we get new horses and get to watch new teams. Congratulations to Lindsay on leasing Comena!

In addition, I have to comment on how fun Menlo was this year. We had a great new stabling spot and were 3rd in the Tack Room judging. The Grand Prix was awesome with local riders Peter Breakwell, Rachel Yorke and Rene Rios on top. That was super fun to watch. Sammy did a couple of the night 1.30m classes which was really fun but crazy, making up your own course, watching Will Simpson tear around like a wild man to win (My advice "Don't go that fast Sammy"). All in all a really fun time. Okay, so check it out:

Menlo Charity Horse Show - August 4-9

Heartbreaker and John French - Reserve Champion Green Conf. Romeo won the model and 2nd in the hack with both John and Avery.
Cool Boy and Sammy Steiny - 3rd \$10,000 Rhys Vineyards Mod Jr/Am Jmpr Classic, 9th \$2000 Larry Mayfield Gambler's Choice, 1.30m
Kodachrome and Sammy Steiny - 2nd CPHA Medal, 6th Washington Medal.
A La Carte and Lori Corley - 2nd A/A Hunters and really good prizes in the equitation over fences and Adult Medals.
Toulouse and Abby McCall - Really good prizes in the Children's Hunters. Toulouse and Abby looked better than ever at this show.
La Dolce Vita and Sammy Steiny - 12th \$10,000 Rhys Vineyards Mod Jr/Am Jmpr Classic. Jumped clean in the 1.30m Gambler's choice!

PCHA Jr Medal Finals - September 4-6

Kodachrome and Nick Wells - 10th first round. These finals were a really great experience for Nick. It was held at the Portugese Bend National Horse Show, a kind of SoCal Menlo. We stabled with the NoCal crew which was fun especially since our "teammate" Haley Webster won the finals with some super slick and consistent riding. The courses were fun (I think) and not overly demanding.

Nick showed "Howie" for this first time here which was a big task to take on at the most difficult medal finals for kids this age. Some bugs had to be worked out but by round one of the finals Nick was able to put together a super solid round to earn a 10th place finish.

The 2nd round didn't go quite as well with a tough bending 5 (did 4) out of a tight turn to a one stride, left bend to a 7 (did 6). Too bad, but "Howie" and Nick showed themselves to be the great sports that they are and took the good with the bad. All in all a great experience.

Woodside Fall Finale - September 24 - 27

Cool Boy and Peri Steiny - Champion .95m Child/Adult Jumpers. Great to see Peri back in the show ring again!
Heartbreaker and Avery Corley - Champion Modified Junior Hunters. Avery and Romeo are back in action.
Simon Says and Matt Sereni - Res/Champion Green Conf. Hunters. Go Simon! It was fun having Matt Sereni show some horses.
Simon Says and Nick Wells - 3rd Place Woodside Jr Equitation Championship. Really great job Nick, you guys were great!
1st CPHA Child/Adult Medal (too bad you didn't get to do the finals due to some funky regulations).
1st Modified Junior Hunters. Simon finally getting some love in the hunters!
Comena and Lindsay Corley - 1st .95m Child/Adult Jumpers. Lindsay only did one class on Comena to try her out, guess it went ok.
A La Carte and Corley's - 2nd Junior Modified Hunters Lindsay. Nice A/A hunter prizes Lori. Go Syd!
La Dolce Vita and Lisa Steiny - Great prizes in the .95 Child/Adult Jumpers. Lisa is working her way on up to the 1.10m's!
Paint Misbehavin and V. Wells - Jr and Vanessa are looking really solid in their division. Jr. seems to be outgrowing his outgate drama.
Shaquille and Nicholas Wells - This was Shaq and Nick's first show together and it went really well with several clean round blues.
Amulet and Nikki Falkenberg - Amy and Nikki were really cute as usual with lots of clean round blues. Good job Nikki!
Windy Canyon and Caroline D-CD - Thanks to Lisa McClusky, Caroline got to show a fun pony in the jumpers ring. CD did a great job and I think this was her first time in the jumper ring.