

The Blackstone Farm Report - September / October 2010



Team Blackstone victorious at Stanford Invitational while Abby McCall and Toulouse win 3 Hunter Classics in a row!!

Woodside Fall Finale - 9/30-10/3

- Abby McCall and Toulouse** - 1st - Children's Hunter Classic - An unprecedented accomplishment for a Blackstoner. Way to represent!
6th - \$2500 USHJA Open Hunter Classic. This was Abby's first derby and she did great.
- Avery Corley and Heartbreaker** - 1st - Junior Hunter Classic - Really exciting that Avery and Romeo had such a great show!
Reserve Champion Small Junior Hunters - Go get 'em Romeo!
- Caroline Delehanty and Lorando** - Champion Large Junior Hunters - Caroline and Lorando are getting so consistent. Great work CD!
2nd - Nor-Cal Jr/Sr Medal
- Peri Steiny and Cool Boy** - Champion Children's Jumpers - Nice work for this reputable combo. Wouldn't expect anything less.
- Nicholas Wells and Vivaldi** - 3rd - \$1000 1.25m Open Jumper Classic - A nice prize in a "manly" class, boys in the top 3 spots.
3rd - Low Jr Jumpers. Great riding in the 1.25m classes and Vivaldi looks like he is having a great time!
- Nicholas Wells and Simon Says** - 1st - Large Jr Hunters - Nick and Simon are really fun to watch in the hunters now. Nice job Nick.
1st - Modified Open Hunters(Andrea Correll) - Good boy Simon, you are the Best-est.
2nd - Adult Eq Over Fences(Laura Hartness) - Good boy Simon, Laura thinks you are the Best-est.
4th \$2500 USHJA Open Hunter Classic and Best Junior Rider award(yes, again).
- Lisa Steiny and La Dolce Vita** - 4th CPHA Child/Adult Medal Finals. Lisa and Dolce were great and scored a supercool sash with fringe.
- Lindsay Corley and Comena** - 2nd - Children's Jumpers - Nice way to wrap up the year with Comena.
3rd - Children's Jumper Classic. Speed demon bumped at the end, hate it when that happens.
- Vanessa Wells and Painty** - 2nd - CPHA Child/Adult Medal - This was a really nice prize enabling VW to participate in the finals.
2nd - A/A Hunters - Go painty hunter.
6th - CPHA Child/Adult Medal Finals. Great job for this pair's first medal finals.
- Taylor Magnusson & About To Be** - 2nd - Modified Children's Hunters. This was Taylor's first show with Nick and they looked great!

Stanford Invitational - Oct 10 This was a great event put on by the Stanford Equestrian team to raise money for their horses. It was also custom made for our team with a 5 Bar, Relay and 1.20m Speed. It is invitational but highly competitive with great local and not so local competitors involved. It was great fun and we really enjoyed it.

Team Blackstone - Victors Overall Competition. Each of 3 events were awarded points resulting in a team winner.

"Supersonic" Sammy Steiny and La Dolce Vita - 2nd 5 Bar. Ok, this one was a nail biter. Sammy and Nicoletta Heidegger(Bears v.s. Trees) made it to the 5'3" height and both were clear. Each had the rail at 5'6" and with some trepidation both girls agree to go one more time. Nicoletta's Cool Man Z went clean and Dolce had the rail. Too bad, but no worries. It was amazing to watch Dolce jump as he had his ears up the whole time and it seemed as though he was having a blast. Next up...

"Perilous" Peri Steiny and Cool Boy & "Lightening" Lindsay Corley and Comena - Victors, Relay. Jump a course, hand off to your teammate who then jumps the course(fastest time wins). There was general difficulty with many teams baton pass, but Lindsay and Peri made it look easy, like well oiled, winning machines. This was Lindsay's last event with Comena so we are really happy it was a win. Up next...

Nicholas "Knuckleball" Wells and Vivaldi - 3rd - 1.20m Speed. So, in order to win the competition, Blackstone's mathematician's(people paying attention who can add) calculate we needed to be 3rd in this event for an overall win. It is a speed event, right up "Knuckleball's" alley. Speed is often accompanied by falling timber and "Knuckleball" knows he needs fast and clean. In the end he produces. A clean round, fast as we need and Blackstoner's emerge victorious. What a great day! Thanks to all the friends and family there to cheer us on!