

February 11, 2005

Hello, West Coast Active Riders!

Greetings from Indio, where we're enjoying some decidedly Un-Californian weather...Goodness- for a minute today, I thought I was at **Ox Ridge!** Cheers to all our riders and trainers for staying positive about something we just can't control. And while we're at it, at *least* three cheers to **Richard Spooner, winner of the last THREE Grand Prixs here in Indio.** That's right- he won BOTH Friday \$30,000 Ariat Grand Prixs, and last Sunday's World Cup Qualifier as well. Well done, Richard!

Stay tuned for more **West Coast World Cup action** as our Selection process continues this Sunday. Only three left!

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Have you seen our **Ariat team** out in full force this week? If you see Marie Patea or Holly Andrews (big smiles, lots of Ariat clothing!), tell them what you think of their product and take a few minutes to **fill out their survey!** Ariat is one of the most successful equine apparel companies in our sport, and they're constantly striving for the cutting edge. Plus, they're **great supporters of WCAR**, and they generously supplied our Spruce riders last year with gorgeous team hunt coats. We LOVE their new line of show clothes!

And what's this the little birdie whispered....Did I hear that there's a **Ariat fashion show** in the making? Seems that some of our favorite GP riders' **passion for fancy dress** might take wing at our 6th week **Calcutta party**...Keep your ear to the ground for more information about our upcoming Ariat trunk show and fashion extravaganza!

In the meantime, fawn over fawn- and then **order a pair of fawn breeches at www.ariat.com!**

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Wow- what a response with our World Cup Ticket orders!!! You ARE planning on attending the **World Cup Finals** in Las Vegas, **April 20-24, 2005**, right? This is going to be an unbelievable event! For the first time ever, Las Vegas Events is going to be hosting the Show Jumping and the Dressage finals *at the same time*- now that's sport!

Rumor has it that we're going to see a terrific **Hunter Championship class**, in which four European riders will face off against four American riders to see who CAN ride a winning hunter round better. With names like John French and Marcus Ehning, you can't miss it!

Thanks to the courtesy of **Tim Keener**, WCAR members get a **special ten percent discount on tickets**, a discount which will be continued for *just a little while longer*. Plaza tickets, (those are the good ones right behind the VIP section!) normally sell for \$300 per ticket for the whole week of Show Jumping, but for a limited time, **WCAR members can purchase them for \$270.**

If you want to purchase tickets, please send me an e-mail, or come find me at Indio- **all checks get made out to Las Vegas events and WCAR will distribute the tickets next month.** Want to find out more about this fabulous competition? Visit Las Vegas Events' super website at <http://www.lasvegasevents.com/>.

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Not like you NEED another reason, but here's a **great new addition to the VIP tent** by the Grand Prix ring that makes owning a table almost irresistible: **wireless, high-speed internet**

connection! Now riders and trainers (and parents!) can check their e-mail and surf the web from the comfort of **Garreth's kingdom!** Come in on Sunday and enjoy a lovely lunch while you watch the Grand Prix. If you ask nicely, Garreth just might regale you with a few tales from Big Banana Sailing!

Yes, they're true...No, you can't see the pictures.

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Have you stopped in to see our friends Bertram and Kenneth at CWD yet? CWD Sellier, another terrific supporter of WCAR, is debuting their **latest line of saddles and riding equipment**, and they are *hot!* **CWD saddles are designed to create the perfect combination between horse and rider: comfort for the horse with respect to its conformation, close contact, and perfect balance while in motion.** The technical characteristics and components of the CWD saddles have been developed along with some of the best riders and veterinarians in the world. Plus, catch Kenneth at the right time and you might enjoy some true European hospitality with **CWD's impromptu wine and cheese tastings!**

For more information, please visit CWD's website at www.cwdsellier.com, or call Kenneth Vinther at (949) 500-3419.

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Don't forget- entries close March 11 for our first **WCAR Spruce Meadows trials** at the **Palms Classic in Del Mar**. For more information, or to download prizelists, please visit www.jumpdelmar.com.

2005 WCAR Spruce Meadows Team Qualifying Events

- * Palm Classic Horse Show (March 23-March 27)
- * Oaks Blenheim Spring Classic I (March 30-April 3)
- * Del Mar National Horse Show (May 3- May 8)
- * Showpark Ranch and Coast Tournament (May 10-May 15)

For WCAR Spruce Meadows Prix de Nations team applications and WCAR membership forms, please visit our new and beautifully improved WCAR website: www.westcoastactiveriders.com. And stay a while!

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Last, but surely not least, we are SO excited to announce the birth of **Leah, daughter of Ilan and Sagit Ferder!** Leah was born three days ago, and she is big and healthy and beautiful- congratulations to her proud family.

And **Happy Birthday to Kallie King, Kyle and Bradley's daughter**, who turned 1 today...

Y'all better start looking for some ponies!

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Great luck to all our members in the weeks to come!

Yours,

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