

Hello, West Coast Active Riders!

Another great week of showing underway at the Los Angeles International...following a terrific week at the Oaks Blenheim Fall Tournament. Big congratulations to Hap Hansen and His Horse, who won the \$40,000 OBE Grand Prix with the only clean round of the evening. Our second World Cup Qualifier in the West Coast League, designed by Guilherme Jorge, proved to be a challenging test: big jumps and a tight time allowed made for exciting sport! Congrats as well to Joie Gatlin and Liz Denny, tied for second place with a time fault each- a great score and, of course, super World Cup points.

+++++

Thanks are in order to all our WCQ riders who have been filling out the questionnaire after every class. This is incredibly helpful, and we want to keep up the good work! These forms allow us to assign an objective rating to every show that hosts a World Cup Qualifying Grand Prix, and will help us tremendously when we discuss the 2005-2006 World Cup season at the USEF's annual meeting in Indio next year. So please pretty please keep filling out our forms and just in case...I'm attaching a WCQ Evaluation to this e-mail. Go ahead and download it and send it on to me if you want to weigh in on a previous show. Your World Cup Committee (Molly Talla, Will Simpson, and Gaby Salick) is ready for all your comments, suggestions and ideas, so bring it on!

+++++

As we get closer to Del Mar, we're starting to put the finishing touches on our 2004 WCAR Prix de Nations. This is a \$10,000 class run under Nations Cup format- it should be lots of fun, and great practice for anyone hoping to do the Spruce Meadows Prix de Nations class next year. If you have a team together already, drop me an e-mail if you get a chance so that we know to expect you. And please do let me know if you are a rider without a team, but hoping to participate! For example, I know that Zazou Hoffman (winterh@adelphia.net) is still looking for a team- any of you out there need a great 1.10 meter rider? Send me an e-mail and I'll post it this week.

+++++

Hey- I know it's getting to the end of the year, and the time when most of us start to do all our end of the year stuff....For those of you who put your horses' teeth on this list, you're going to love this: WCAR is proud to announce that Dr. Alex Zingher, one of only a handful of Equine Dentists (Veterinarians who specialize in Equine Dentistry) in the world, has very generously offered to donate a portion of his proceeds to West Coast Active Riders for the next six weeks. All you have to do is tell him that you are a WCAR member! Not only is this just great for us, and much appreciated support, Dr. Zinger happens to be, quite frankly, an awesome dentist. I can personally vouch for the beautiful work he does on Sandstone's horses, and rumor has it that our own WCAR President, Will Simpson, is also a client! For more information, please visit Dr. Zingher's website at www.tridentequine.com, or call him on his toll-free number 1-888-727-5884. You will be blown away by the results- this is not your run-of-the-mill teeth floating! And thank you, Dr. Zingher.

+++++

Great luck to all our competitors this week!

Yours,
Gaby Salick