

Hello, West Coast Active Riders!

Another great week of showing behind us- how about that LAEC Grand Prix? Richard Spooner and Hilton Flight put in a fantastic winning performance, with two beautiful clear rounds. Right behind them was our own Nicole Shahinian Simpson, with El Campeon's So Long, followed by Ali Nilforushan and Cellist. This was a challenging course and a tough test for horses and riders, designed (for the second week in a row) by Guilherme Jorge, course designer for the upcoming 2005 Show Jumping World Cup Finals. It seems, from everyone's WCQ surveys, that Guilherme is one of the more popular course designers this year, with a reputation as a great judge of a field, and the ability to design exciting, but fair, courses. Yay, Guilherme!

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The World Cup surveys are a big hit, and with everyone's terrific participation, we're getting closer to our goal of re-vamping our West Coast Circuit of World Cup Qualifiers. So keep up the good work, guys....and keep adding your helpful comments to the backs of the forms! If you are unable to fill out a form for a specific WCQ Grand Prix and want to do so (please, please!) send me an e-mail and I can send you the form. It doesn't matter when...just any time before Indio!

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Things are starting to heat up in Del Mar, as we start the fifth Del Mar International....Don't forget the 2004 WCAR Prix de Nations class on Friday evening- this is going to be just AWESOME: great prize money, super practice with the Nations Cup format, and top notch sport. Team sign up sheets are available in the Del Mar horse show office- just ask Amanda nicely and I'm sure she'll help you out. Remember- you must be a current member of WCAR for 2004! Membership forms are also available in the office. You'll also need a chef d'equipe and a cool team name....

Hey- do you need a 1.40 meter rider? Our own lovely Jenni Martin (jennijmartin@msn.com) has volunteered herself along with her most favoritist horse ever, "Ready or Not"- don't let this one get away of you're in need of a fourth member! Also, Jennifer Stillman (littlemagicpill@mac.com) is available to ride as a 1.20 meter rider....send either of these ladies an e-mail if you're in a panic! And greatest of luck to all our competitors!

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Several of you have asked me about the posting on last week's email about Dr. Zingher, wonder dentist! 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! You're going to love the results, so please visit Dr. Zingher's website at [www.tridentequine.com](http://www.tridentequine.com), or call his toll free number: 1-888-727-5884.

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Oh my gosh- we have great new WCAR hats! Ask me for one if you see me at the show- we'll give a few free ones away as a promotion. They are so cool. Coffee mugs and other merchandise soon to follow!

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We are putting the final touches on our WCAR website, and it is absolutely GORGEOUS! Thank you, Jackie Freundlich! You are going to love the new look, especially all you Spruce riders, whose photos we have shamelessly stolen! One of the new features on the website is a monthly profile of a WCAR member, either a rider, trainer, parent or horse-world professional. I would love to hear any input or suggestions as to whom you would like to read up on...Hint, students, this is a great time to say some nice things about your trainer and parents!!!! I would love to make this a really nice column every month, so if you have some advice, bring it on!

Great luck to all our riders this week, and all my best wishes,

Gaby Salick