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West Coast Riders Active Riders Organization Offers 2005 Meritorious Riders' Scholarship

San Diego, CA- November 18, 2004- The West Coast Active Riders organization (WCAR) is thrilled to announce the return of their WCAR Meritorious Riders' Scholarship. With the return of all the major sponsors in 2004, plus a new sponsor, riders can apply for the generous scholarship that will help them at shows on the west coast.

The WCAR Meritorious Riders' Scholarship is a showing stipend awarded to two WCAR members every year. The stipend is generously provided by California horse show managers, and grants \$1000.00 at each of the respective managers' shows during the competition year. Last year's sponsors included: Dale Harvey of West Palms Communications, Larry and Marnye Langer of Equestrian Sports Inc., and Robert Ridland and RJ Brandes of Oaks Blenheim. The \$1000.00 each sponsor donates can be applied towards showing and stabling fees.

A new sponsor was welcomed this year- Tom Struzzieri and his Horse-Shows-In-the-Sun series will also give a \$1000.00 donation. WCAR Executive Director Gabriella Salick replies, "We are so grateful to all of our wonderful California horse show managers for their kindness and support, and delighted to have Mr. Struzzieri on board for 2005!"

Last year's winners of the scholarship were Tiffany Hickey and Mimi Collins. Salick also compliments them, saying, "We are proud of their many accomplishments, and respect the tremendous effort required of young riders who are also top-notch students." Tiffany Hickey speaks highly of the program, and is grateful for the opportunities it has provided her. She tells WCAR and the sponsors, "You have enhanced my show experience this year. It was the best gift I could have ever received and I am forever grateful to all involved."

In 2005, through the generosity of wonderful sponsors, the WCAR will award a total of \$8000.00 to two deserving riders. They must fulfill certain criteria to qualify for the scholarship and fill out an application that must be received by January 10th, 2005. Winners will be announced on January 18th, chosen by three members of the WCAR Board of Directors.

In other WCAR news, congratulations go out to WCAR Board Member Joie Gatlin who won the \$25,000 Open Jumper Stake sponsored by Tavern on the Green at the Metropolitan National Horse Show with Suncal's King, owned by Canyon Capital Insurance. Gatlin also won the opening leg of the \$100,000 Tavern on the Green Metropolitan Cup on Plutus.com Delivers.

For further information about the 2005 WCAR Meritorious Riders' Scholarship, to receive an application, and/or receive WCAR membership application, please contact them at: West Coast Active Riders, 3830 Valley Center Drive, #705 PMB 805, San Diego, CA 92130. Fax: (805) 373-1092. E-mail: info@westcoastactiveriders.com.

For further information about West Coast Active Riders, visit their website at www.westcoastactiveriders.com.