



# FOUR STAR FARM

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Photo of the Month

Please submit your favorite photo of your equine friend to be featured in our newsletter.

- Welcome Meghan Britton

Natalie's new assistant will be working to create a pleasant and efficient environment for both the horses and their riders.

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## Huge Success at Ram Tap Natalie Rooney Pitts

Congratulations to each and every person who attended! I am so proud of this fabulous Four Star Team! It is great to see everyone striving to reach their full potential.

**Camille Forstadt** and Quinn competed in their first Training Level and finished third! Congratulations Camille! One step closer to the Half Star three-day...maybe at Inavale... or Galway in the fall?

**Linda Betts** finished fifth with Tim on her Dressage score! This was most definitely one of her goals. Training Level looms in the not-so-distant future!

**Sharon IX** and Hadahunch finished third and were even awarded PRIZE MONEY! She will have to put the year end area championship on her schedule!

**Lisa Loeb** and Eskimo were finally back on the scene and had a flawless weekend... except maybe for Mo's distate for Dressage in the pouring rain! Preliminary is right around the corner!

**Jedi** and I also had a great weekend despite his perfect Trigger imitations! I'm confident that dancing on his hind legs before showing of his athletic prowess will eventually be tamed and replaced by the gracious acceptance of blue ribbons!

**Danielle Herman** made the trek to Ram Tap for a little show experience with Olive without the pressure of being entered... and they looked great!

**Leah** and Aidyn beebopped effortlessly around the BN course on Sunday to prove to all how ready and delighted Aidyn is to be entered at the next show. The three coming four beauty was also the perfect for Tico!

**Tico** again went to Ram Tap for some necessary schooling, but this time thankfully there were NO broken bones involved!

There is some great video footage of Aidyn, Eskimo, Jedi and Tico on Youtube... contact Leah for the link.



**Danielle Herman Schooling on Olive**



## Pony Party... Happy Birthday Tyler!

On February 20th Natalie took cupcakes to her son Tyler's pre-school classroom in celebration of his birthday. She didn't stop there... she also trailered in Twinkle so his classmates could enjoy a pony ride! Twinkle was amazing at handling the children and all of their excitement. The best part was watching as so many little ones got to ride a horse for the first time. Many of the kids were so excited and happy that they literally shrieked, laughed, and giggled for their whole ride. There were even a few tears when it was time to say goodbye.

*“There is something about jumping a horse over a fence, something that makes you feel good. Perhaps it’s the risk, the gamble. In any event it’s a thing I need.”*

*-William Faulkner*

## “Ride to Ride Great” Rock Solid Great Riding Volume 5 Issue 1

Ride to ride great- not to avoid making mistakes. Far too many riders spend their energy dutifully trying not to make a mistake while seasoned professionals are focused on success. Why does it matter? The mindset of trying to avoid mistakes is transferred into every aspect of riding. The “mistake focused” mindset creates physical tension, indecisiveness, an inability to focus, and the feeling of being disconnected from the horse. The physical manifestations alone are enough to make engaging a rider’s true skills and abilities difficult at best.

However...

The mindset of riding to ride great immediately focuses the mind and body on the goal of riding well. Riders who “ride to ride great” are in tune with their horse, focused on the present, and set up to access all of their talent and ability. They feel confident, mentally focused, and are physically primed to ride automatically and instinctively well!

## Classifieds

### HORSES

- Tico

This little horse is big on performing! He is on his way to being discovered. I keep telling him “soon, it is only a matter of time!”

- Amber

Our resident long legged jumping queen is available for Lease or sale. She is fantastic to jump and has requested a partner with gentle hands.

- Honolulu aka “Lulu”

Certainly the cleanest horse in the barn! She is also looking for an amateur to do low level Dressage with. Watch out though She has an incredible trot...It will blow you away.

- O'tares

Is there anyone out there looking to get a lifetime USDF Bronze medal? She would like to apply for that position.

- Taz

Mr. Personality Plus would like to teach another kid the ropes. He is willing to be leased for this opportunity or he might be persuaded to be sold if he could help the right person.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- Nicole's Grand Gilbert Passier 17.5"/Extra Deep Seat Medium Tree

19" Saddle Flaps Gusseted Panels/Wool Flocked

- email Kelsey at: [k.beall@hotmail.com](mailto:k.beall@hotmail.com)



# Pony Club

Pony Club is one of the leading junior equestrian organizations in the world, represented throughout 30 countries! The United States has over 600 individual Clubs spread throughout 48 states and the Virgin Islands, with more than 12,000 members.

It is not necessary for a child to own a horse or pony, because we are a recognized Pony Club riding Center we will provide one!. Programs are offered in dressage, eventing, show jumping, mounted games, tetrathlon, quiz, vaulting, foxhunting, and polocrosse.

During "unmounted" meetings members learn about feeding, shoeing, veterinary care, and other areas of horse management. Under adult supervision, the more experienced Pony Club members instruct and assist younger members.

Contact us for membership information!



**January 21st Quiz Rally**  
 Congratulations to Destiny Times for winning the team 1st and overall 3rd for all the D's!  
 Congratulations to Kishorie for her team winning 4th!  
 Next year we will send our own team and they will be a force to be reckoned with!



## Upcoming Rating

*We will be announcing a date to get all of our pony club members rated soon. We are currently trying to schedule an examiner.*

## Horse Management Day Lisa Loeb

Saturday, February 21st was Horse Management Day for the whole Sierra Pacific Pony Club Region. Most of our members were in attendance and everyone learned a lot while having a great time! Much of the day was spent learning the rules and format of a Pony Club Rally, including how to properly set up a tack room. This is convenient because we happen to have our first Rally coming up on Saturday, March 21st. Liberty Oaks Pony Club joyously presents the 2009 Everything But The Horse Rally. The EBTH Rally includes everything that a normal Rally has, just without the horse. We will be sending a team, which consists of four "riders" and one stable manager. The team will have to set up their own tack room, have formal inspections, and even ride their own dressage and stadium tests. This will be a great way for us to experience how a rally works. Without the pressure of having to take care of our equine friends we will be able to simply have fun and learn!



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## Upcoming Events... Mark your calendars!

**Mar. 8 Schooling Dressage Show at Valley Dressage**

**Mar. 11-15 Pickwick Jumper Show, Rancho Murrieta CA (B)**

**Mar. 21 Everything But The Horse Rally, Liberty Oaks Pony Club**

**Mar. 26-29 Galway Downs H.T. & World Cup, Temecula CA**

**April 4-5 Fundraiser clinic at Twin Rivers benefiting their courses**

**April 17-19 Twin Rivers International Three Day, Paso Robles CA**

**April 26 Dressage and Jumping Derby at UCD**

**May 1-3 Greg Best Show Jumping Clinic**