

Junior Exhibitor **Jumble**

Kentucky

Hello Everyone! Show season is in full swing with the passing of Rock Creek and the Indianapolis Charity Horse Show. As Louisville approaches, each show gets more intense. As the show season continues I am looking forward to the Shelby County Fair and Lawrenceburg Horse Show. Have fun and I'll see all of you real soon!

This year Rock Creek and the Indianapolis Charity landed on the same week. First off I would like to congratulate all the exhibitors at the Indianapolis Charity Horse Show. I hope through all of the bad storms, everyone stayed calm and was safe. Congratulations to these Kentucky exhibitors Cory Vetter, Caroline Walker, Christina Collis, Tyler DeVore, Ben Ferreby, and Alle Hagan.

The Rock Creek Horse Show had, once again, a great turnout. There were lots of people and family members who came out to see all ages of riders compete. Congratulations to everyone who showed at Rock Creek. Congratulations to these Kentucky exhibitors Sarah Sessoms, Suzanna Crews, Kelly Hill, Ivy Johnson, Ellie Headlee, Lindsey Shields, Ashley Biggins, Mollie Kregor, Rose Marie Wheeler, Lexie Flint, Madison Hawes, Faith Brickzen, Hallie Tyler, Nathan Stein, Kelsey Olson, and Megan Todd.

As exciting as the Rock Creek Horse Show was, on Saturday just a little more excitement was added. Little Johanna Jackson bought her horse Sparkling Heiress 10 months ago. Saturday morning a little surprise was found in her stall. Saturday morning Heiress became a new mom. Congratulations to Johanna and the Jackson family on their new family member.

You know you show saddlebreds if...

1. you're constantly thinking: "that would be a great show name..."
2. someone thought you were a snob because you talked about how "Arabs" aren't as good.
3. you plan summer vacations around horse shows or horse shows are your vacation
4. you avoid getting your hair cut so you can still make a good bun!

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Midwest

Hi Everyone! I hope that you're having a great 2008 show season and that you are enjoying your summer vacation! As you all know, we are in the middle of a series called *What They're Really Like*. I hope that you are enjoying this series as much as I am and having fun learning about what famous horses are really like outside the show ring. Many of you know Supreme Sultan, one of the greatest stallions ever to be born. At 11 years old, Supreme Sultan was the youngest sire ever to be on the top of the sire rating. For six years, he led *Saddle & Bridle's* sire rating, and some years he had twice as many points as the second place sire, tying Wing Commander's record, and if he had lived longer, most likely would have beaten Kalarama Rex's record of eight years. He produced many legends, including Sultan's Starina, Sultan's Santana, and Imperator. Many other champions are related to Supreme Sultan, including Supreme Heir, An Heir About Her, Callaway's Copyright, Boucheron, Manilla Thrilla, Sultan's Royalty, and Five O'Clock. On December 6, 1983, Supreme Sultan died of colic at only 17 years old. He is now buried at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington with a beautiful life-sized statue of him, which many people love to visit each year. For this month, I had the privilege to interview Mr. Bob Ruxer, owner of Supreme Sultan: *Except for about five months after we sold him as a yearling, we owned him his entire life. Most just called him*

Sultan; a few called him Double or Nothing since we had to pay double to get him back! He liked to be scratched around his withers, and basically wanted to be treated with respect, just like all horses. If he was a person, he would undoubtedly have been a high achiever. My most memorable moment with him was at Louisville at the parade of stallions...everyone led their studs in, we put the fine harness on him and Bill Caldwell lined him. As they finished their trip around the ring the spotlight focused on him and he snorted so loud you could hear it throughout Freedom Hall. Did he know he was special?...let's just say we like to think he did! Will there ever be another stallion like him? For the sake of the breed...I hope so!

Thank you, Mr. Ruxer, for doing that interview with me! Supreme Sultan is truly a legend that no one could ever forget. For the full interview, you can go to my website (www.freewebs.com/juniorjumble) and click on Special Interviews.

At the Madison Classic in May, I had the chance to interview Maya Manilow! Maya Manilow shows her horses, CF First Light Of Dawn ("Danny"), The Majestic ("Lou"), Lady Cinnamon ("Cinnie"), and Callaway's Exception To The Rule ("Ruby") in Country Pleasure, Pleasure, Three- and Five-Gaited classes. She's been riding almost her whole life and showing for seven years. Her most memorable experience was winning at Louisville for the first time, and her hobbies outside of horses are playing soccer, basketball, and skiing. Thank you, Maya, for doing that interview with me and good luck with the rest of the 2008 show season! Sadly, I do not have anymore room to write for this month, so good luck everybody with the rest of the show season, and I'll see you next month!

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Missouri

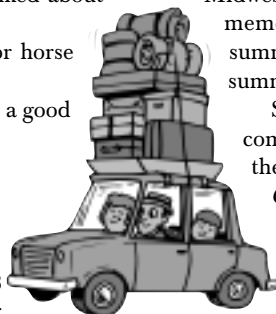
Hey Everyone! I hope you are having a fun, safe summer filled with lots of riding, horse shows, and memories. Indianapolis, Rock Creek, Midwest, Longview, Central States, and Boone County are but memories now, but ones that won't be forgotten. Though summer is already half over for most, make the best of these last summer days because soon we'll be back in school!

Since we still have a little more summer to enjoy, I have compiled a list of vacation hot-spots that would be of interest to the equestrian!

Chincoteague Island, Chincoteague, VA: Chincoteague is a quaint island off the Chesapeake Bay that is home to the famous wild ponies of Assateague, its neighboring island and wildlife refuge. Chincoteague is possibly the most relaxing place on the East Coast. The town has a relaxed, lazy mood floating about; there are lots of unique gift shops to bring something home for friends and family (or yourself), and Assateague Island houses an innumerable amount of fun activities. Rent bikes for the day and take advantage of the miles of bike trails, or just go for a ride into town. Take a kayak out into one of the many tributaries of the Atlantic that snake around the islands. Spend a day relaxing on the beach or hiking on trails, taking in all the wildlife (deer, ponies, birds, you name it!). For more information, you can visit www.chincoteague.com.

Lexington, Kentucky: There is an innumerable amount of fun and yes, educational (gasp!) equine related tourist spots in Lexington, Kentucky, the heart of horse country. You can spend an afternoon at the Kentucky Horse Park, touring the many different exhibits and watching equine demonstrations. Stop by the American Saddlebred Museum to see their new exhibit featuring children and Saddlebreds. Take a lesson at a world renowned Saddlebred barn in the area, or spend a day driving around the beautiful countryside. Tour the Red Mile and watch a horse race, or even take a tour of a Thoroughbred farm. For tourist information visit www.visitlex.com.

Amelia Island, FL: Located on Florida's northeastern shore,



Amelia Island is a little bit of Heaven. The island is full of history that you can experience by carriage, walking, or boat tours. Stay at a relaxed bed and breakfast, a high class resort, or rough it and pitch a tent at a nearby campsite. You'll have a wide variety of restaurants to choose from, including a Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar, quaint cafes, American dining, or Italian. The island houses a number of signature shops to spend an afternoon out on the town, selling antiques, books, Amelia Island souvenirs, and more. Amelia Island is a gorgeous town, so much so that you've got to see it to believe it. To do so, visit www.ameliainland.org.

Those are just three of the many places equestrian enthusiasts can visit over the summer. If you have visited any of these places before, send me an e-mail and tell me about it!

That is all for this month, stay safe, cool, and free from sunburn! Good luck at the upcoming shows; my next show will be the Illinois State Fair, a favorite of many. Remember to e-mail me any ideas, stories, or news for my column, or if you just want to talk horses. Have a great summer!

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Northeast

This month our featured Saddlebred Brick is in honor of Sunday Sultan, owned by Julia O'Reilly. Sunday Sultan, aka "Sunny", was by Quick Decision, a Supreme Sultan heir, and out of Whisperwind's Irish Rose (by Irish American and out of a Mr. Magic Man mare). Julia bought Sunny as a yearling from Clover Hill Farms in Kentucky and owned him until his unfortunate passing on July 2, 2006. Sunny, who was 17 years old, suffered a brain aneurism and was euthanized and buried on the farm. Friends of Julia purchased a brick for her in her stallion's honor as "he had a way of becoming a barn favorite." Julia hopes to go and see Sunny's brick when she is in Lexington for the Junior League.

Sunny was shown as a two-year-old in harness and then shown in mostly Park and Park Harness classes, "although he really wanted to be a gaited horse!" Sunny was a very kind horse with a wonderful personality, even in the breeding shed, and very easy to train, but make no mistake - he was all stallion. He turned at the poll well, a trait that he has passed on to his offspring. Sunny spent a short stint with a trainer, but for the most part he was happiest being trained and shown by his amateur owner at Fall River Farm in Delaware, Ohio.

Sunny, didn't stand still while being clipped. In fact Sunny loved trying to undress you while you were clipping his head.

"I always had to make sure that no one was around as my t-shirt was surely to be soaking wet and above my head before I was finished." Sunday Sultan loved retirement from the ring and the transition to being a full time breeding stallion.

"At home in HIS field - he was happy to oversee the mares and foals and was always excited when the first foal of the season was born. There won't be another one like him."

That's all for this month. I hope you're enjoying your summer days at the barn and freedom from school and homework - I know I am!

"It excites me that no matter how much machinery replaces the horse, the work it can do is still measured in horsepower...even in this space age. And although a riding horse often weighs half a ton, and a big drafter a full ton, either can be led about by a piece of string if he has been wisely trained. This to me is a constant source of wonder, and challenge."

- Marguerite Henry

Southeast

Well, judging by how hot it is outside, summer has definitely made her appearance! Now is the time for sweat, bad tan lines, and even more sweat. It's also the time for some of the biggest horse shows of the season. I know everyone is preparing for these shows and I wish everyone good luck!

Just a reminder, if any one has an exciting story to tell, whether it be from a show or home, don't hesitate to contact me at the addresses below.

For July, I decided to interview an amateur rider by the name of Brittany Fox, who campaigns under the Tim Henderson Stables banner.

Name: Brittany Amber Fox.

Age: I am 19 years old.

What barn do you ride at: I ride at Tim Henderson Stables under the direction of Tim and Carmen Henderson.

What are your horses' names: He's Come Undone (Phantom), and Just Stylish (Justin).

What division(s) do you show in: I show in Amateur Five-Gaited, but sometimes my trainer's daughter, Melissa, shows my horse in Juvenile Pleasure!

What is your favorite horse: I would have to say either Glenview's Excelalante! or Courageous Lord.

If you could pick any division other than your own, what would you show in: If I could pick any division, I would have to choose three-gaited because I love feeling the power of a three-gaited horse underneath me, and I love the "park trot".

Any memorable experiences: My most memorable riding experience was my first show with Justin after my parents bought him for my 12th birthday. He was so light and happy in the bridle, and it was the first time that I ever really "clicked" with a horse. Although I didn't understand it then, every time I showed Justin was a memorable experience.

What have horses and riding taught you: Horses and riding have taught me to be goal oriented, and to never give up until those goals have been achieved.

Speaking of goals, what are your goals: My goals are to graduate college, to always have a "clean" class whenever I show, no matter what horse I'm on, and to always have fun riding!

Thank you for the interview Brittany and good luck in college; and may you reach your goals every time you strive for them!

That's all we have time for this month. Till next time, may your days be filled with fantastic rides and memories!

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