
Bridges TRAINING STABLE

February 2020 News & Updates



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

- **January 27** - Hailey Burgett's Birthday
- **January 28** - Kate Parker's Birthday
- **February 10** - Entries due for Blenheim Surf & Turf Show
- **February 11** - BTS Open House from 4-6PM
- **February 13** - Kate Cohee's Birthday
- **February 15 - 16** Surf and Turf 1 County Show at Blenheim
- **February 18 - 23** - Desert International Series Week 5
- **February 23** - IEL Banquet at MVCC
- **February 24** - Entries due for Blenheim Spring Series
- **February 25 - March 1** - Desert International Series Week 6
- **March 1** - IEA Regional Finals at Elvenstar in Moorpark

- **March 13 - 15** - Surf and Turf 2 County Show at Blenheim
- **March 18 - 22** - Blenheim Spring Classic Week 1
- **March 21 - 22** - IEA Zone Finals in Rancho Murieta, CA
- **March 25 - 29** - Blenheim Spring Classic Week 2
- **April 1 - 5** - Blenheim Spring Classic Week 3
- **April 8 - 12** - Blenheim Spring Classic Week 4
- **April 15 - 19** - Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Final, Las Vegas, NV
- **April 17 - 19** - IEA Nationals, LA Equestrian Center

Barn Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Friday from 9am - 6pm

Saturday from 8am - 4pm

Sunday from 8am - 2pm

[CLICK HERE](#)
to check out the Bridges Training Stable Website



WELCOME TO THE BARN

We are pleased to welcome some new Bridges Training Stable team members and their families to the barn this month.

Welcome to **Macy McClellan** who joins her mom Kerri at BTS. Macy comes from a family of equestrians and she is a true animal lover. Macy currently rides at Bridges Equestrian and for our IEA Team. We look forward to watching the partnership between Macy and Wind in the Willows "**Willow**".

We also welcome **Carly Messer**, her pony Ella Enchanted "**Ella**", and her parents Rob and Kristy to the BTS family. Carly has been riding on our IEA team this year and she has been working in partnership with her pony Ella since she bought her from Brook Town Ponies in May 2019.



We also welcome **Tulip**, Ally Meister's newly leased horse to the barn. Can't wait to watch these two fly!

BARN OPEN HOUSE

Join us for our first annual Barn Open House. All riders and their families are welcome and please invite others to come and see the barn to learn about our program. RSVP by 2/10 below so we can prepare refreshments.

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**Bridges Training Stable
30753 La Pata Avenue
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675**



[CLICK HERE to RSVP
for our OPEN HOUSE](#)



[CLICK HERE FOR
FULL SHOW
PROGRAM](#)

BLENHEIM EQUISPORTS OFFERS A COUNTY SHOW SERIES THIS YEAR

Starting the weekend of February 15 - 16, 2020, Blenheim Equisports will be offering a county show series called "Surf and Turf". This OCHSA rated show features ticketed warm-ups on Friday and a wide-range of classes spanning three arenas on Saturday and Sunday. Entries for this show are due to Kendra and Devon by Monday, February

LETTER WITH USEF

Student riders may complete their requirements in two different ways based on either the number of hours of participation **or** the number of competitions he or she competes in during the year. The program year runs from June 1 - May 31 of the following year and honors those who document their involvement with a lettering patch and corresponding pins.

Students may apply retroactively for previous years if they are still in grades 5-12 and can provide verification for each year. Seniors must submit all documentation by **June 15** of their graduating year.



REQUIREMENTS

- A student wishing to log his or her time needs to record a minimum of **100 hours of riding/driving/training**.
- A student wishing to use his or her competition experience must participate in at least **three (3) competitions (both USEF licensed and/or non-USEF licensed)** of any level or type to complete the requirements for that year.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE USEF LETTERING PROGRAM SITE](#)



[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE OCIEL HOMEPAGE](#)

Save the date for the OCIEL Award Banquet - February 23rd at 12:00PM.

Reservations and payment are due to Alison Gerami by

OC-IEL SHOW UPDATE

Congratulations to the Bridges Training Stable team members who participated in the January IEL shows. In this program our team members compete for their schools. They rode well and earned many top honors. Peyton and Buzz crushed it in the Freshman Hunters earning Champion or Reserve in their division every show. Emma and Carusso earned second in the JV Jumpers Medal finals. Way to go Bridges!

February 14th.



INTERSCHOLASTIC EQUESTRIAN ASSOCIATION TEAM UPDATE

Our Bridges Equestrian "IEA" Team enjoyed a wonderful weekend of competition on January 4th and 5th at Elvenstar in Moorpark. The Middle School Team tied for Grand Champion on Saturday the 4th. Per the IEA rule book, the tie was broken by reviewing the team's total results including both point riders and non-point riders. Bridges earned Champion because of the total number of 1st place ribbons they had earned. Great team work ladies!



The team enjoyed another FABULOUS weekend of showing on January 25th and 26th. On both Saturday and Sunday the Middle School team again earned the title of

Champion with several more riders advancing to the regional show. In addition to the ribbons, these girls enjoy camaraderie, boot polishing, and team fellowship every time they come together! It's fun!



We are thrilled to share that 10 of our riders advanced to the regional show for their over-fences classes and 13 of our riders advanced in their flat classes. Riders advance individually to the regional show by earning over 15 individual points or more in their classes for five shows. Our MS Team advances to the regional show by earning over 20 points in regular season shows. Thank you to all the people who have made this amazing season possible!



This year the regional finals will be held on March 1, 2020 at Elvenstar in Moorpark. The Zone Finals are scheduled for March 21-21, 2020 in Rancho Murieta, California. This year the National Finals are scheduled to take place in Los Angeles on April 18-19, 2020. Go Team Bridges!



[CLICK HERE FOR THE IEA POINT SUMMARY](#)

RIDER SPOTLIGHT - MIA PARKER

It was all smiles after Mia's over fences round on Sunday, January



5th. Earning a 2nd place ribbon amid tough competition and in a judge granted re-ride round, Mia was determined. Mia's first round was an award winner until the horse made a dirty move at the last series of fences. The judge granted a re-ride on an alternate horse and Mia came back unshaken and focused. What a strong come-back! Way to go Mia!

USEF PONY FINALS JOIN THE FUN

Interested in joining the fun at Pony Finals 2020? This year the show takes place from **August 3 - 9, 2020**. Here is some helpful information that we have gathered from our friends at *The Plaid Horse*, *USEF*, and from the *2020 Pony Finals Connections Facebook* group.

Lexington, Kentucky and the surrounding areas play host to many interesting attractions and experiences. While the show days are long and include many onsite activities and options, there is more to see and do before and after the show(s).

This article from The Plaid Horse offers a top ten list of things to do before planning your trip to Pony Finals: [LINK to Article](#)



During Pony Finals, USEF offers many educational clinics for riders to learn and grow their skills. There are also exhibitor parties and events for parents, trainers, and riders. Be sure to check the schedule of clinics and events online [HERE](#)

The Kentucky Horse Park hosts both the Kentucky Summer Classic and USEF Pony Finals. There is a lot to see and do at the horse park including the Hall of Champions, Parade of Breeds Show, and a trail ride opportunity. You can access the attractions available [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) for a few more ideas of things to do in Lexington and the local area during Pony Finals.



MORE ARTICLES

[2020 USEF Pony Hunter National Championship Specifications](#)

[Pony Finals FAQ](#)

[LINK: Inside the Numbers, How Much Does Pony Finals Cost](#)

[LINK: More than Just a Top Ten: The Joys of Showing](#)

[LINK: Mistakes Happen, Even at Pony Finals](#)

[LINK: Splashes and Pops of Color at Pony Finals](#)

[LINK: Pony Finals Judges Offer Insight on How to Have a Competitive Edge](#)

NCAA vs. IHSA COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN TEAMS: WHAT'S THE BEST FIT FOR YOU?

Check out this article from The Plaid Horse magazine about collegiate equestrian options.



[LINK to IHSA COLLEGE TEAMS](#)

[LINK to ARTICLE](#)

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EQUESTRIAN TEAMS](#)



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SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN RESOURCES - FROM A COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

The following resources were provided as suggestions from a local college counselor who has helped some of the Santa Margarita Catholic High School Equestrian Team members find admissions support.

The College Preparatory Invitational (CPI) Horse Show offers young equestrians, in grades 8 – 12, the opportunity to explore the college equestrian experience through comprehensive education, competition, and scholarship/ community service program.

[CLICK HERE
for More Information About CPI](#)

Here are a few more articles about collegiate equestrian programs.

[LINK: Best Equestrian Colleges](#)

[LINK: Riding and College,
Tips for Perspective](#)

[LINK: 20 Amazing College
Equestrian Centers](#)

DESERT CIRCUIT UPDATE

Members of our team and our trainers will be heading out to the Desert Circuit (formerly Thermal)

for **Week V** from **February 18 - 23, 2020** and **Week VI** from **February 25 - March 1, 2020**. Follow the link below to learn more about the desert series.

[LINK TO THE DESERT HORSE PARK WEBSITE](#)



DESERT CIRCUIT 2020

DESERT CIRCUIT I January 14-19	DESERT CIRCUIT V February 18-23 FEI CS10*
DESERT CIRCUIT II January 21-26	DESERT CIRCUIT VI Feb 25 - Mar 1 FEI CS10*
DESERT CIRCUIT III Jan 28 - Feb 2	DESERT CIRCUIT VII March 3-8
DESERT CIRCUIT IV February 4-9	DESERT CIRCUIT VIII March 10-15 WCHR

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LEFT: PHOTOFEST PHOTOGRAPHY
RIGHT: QUANTER RATING BY THE U.S. EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION



[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE YOUR GOLF CART FOR THE DESERT SHOW TODAY](#)

RESERVE YOUR GOLF CART NOW WITH DEVER

Planning to rent a cart for the Desert International Series? Reserve your cart today to ensure that they have one waiting for you! This is a show where carts come in handy!

IEA HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM

The IEA Online Horsemanship Program is only \$15 for all IEA Riders and allows riders to use the regular season to prepare for the post-season Horsemanship Tests that are available at Regional Finals, Zone Finals, and Nationals. This is a great opportunity to put your horse knowledge to the test and win some prizes along the way!



AVAILABLE TO IEA RIDERS AND JUNIOR CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS IN GRADES 4-12

IEA HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM

Test your knowledge of horses outside the ring!



[Check out the IEA Website for More Information](#)

WHAT SEPARATES MENTALLY STRONG RIDERS FROM THE REST



OF THE PACK: TEN HABITS THAT YOU SHOULD ADOPT NOW

Ever wonder what mentally strong riders do to prepare?

[LINK TO BLOG ARTICLE](#)



LOVE AND HONOR: AVAILABLE FOR FULL LEASE

Honor's rider is moving on up at Bridges Training Stable so this handsome gentleman is available for a full lease, preferably in-barn. Honor is a sure thing in the Crossrails and 2' Hunters and Equitation divisions. He is fancy, a great mover and is very safe. Honor has excellent ground manners, flying lead changes and is just a wonderful horse all around.

Please contact Kendra or Devon at info@btstable.com to learn more about Honor!



IN-BARN HALF LEASE AVAILABLE

We currently have two amazing horses available for half lease at Bridges Training Stable:

- Infinity and Beyond "Buzz"



- Wind in the Willows "Willow"

See our new "Available for Lease" page on the Bridges Training Stable website by [CLICKING HERE](#)

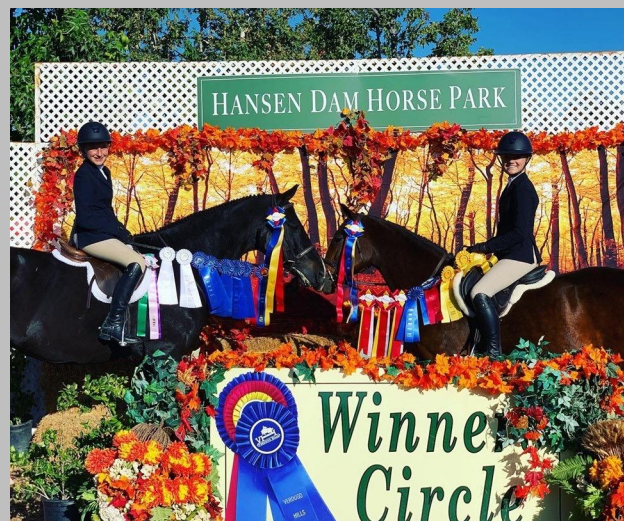
Contact Kendra or Devon for more information about these beautiful horses at info@btstable.com



LEGIS LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Join the LEGIS League now for the 2020 season. The LEGIS League is an awards program for junior and amateur riders. Earn points in your hunter, jumper, and equitation classes to qualify for the LEGIS Finals in the fall. Ride in the LEGIS League Medal Classes and compete in the LEGIS League Medal Finals.

The LEGIS League is about



having fun while showing your horse and winning fabulous awards!

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN LEGIS NOW for 2020](#)

Will you be a LEGIS League Champion this year?

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEGIS LEAGUE](#)



USEF MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you are planning to compete at a licensed competition (any A show), it is important to make sure you are an active competing member before the show begins.

[RENEW YOUR USEF MEMBERSHIP HERE](#)

2020 SHOW CALENDAR



We have prepared a google calendar that includes the dates of several local shows and team member birthdays. This calendar can be used for your planning purposes for the 2020 season!

[CALENDAR LINK](#)

TEAM FAN SWAG



BTS TEAM WEAR... SHOW YOUR TEAM SPIRIT

It's not too late to order BTS Team swag and fan wear. Follow this link to The Perfect Impression to order directly.

[LINK TO PERFECT IMPRESSION](#)

