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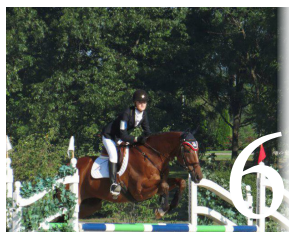
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University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs Newsletter



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Clubs and teams updates

The UK Saddle Seat Team competed in the ISSRA Championship horse show on April 11 at the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. The team was named Reserve High Point Team for the Championship Show as well as being named Reserve High Point Team of the Year.

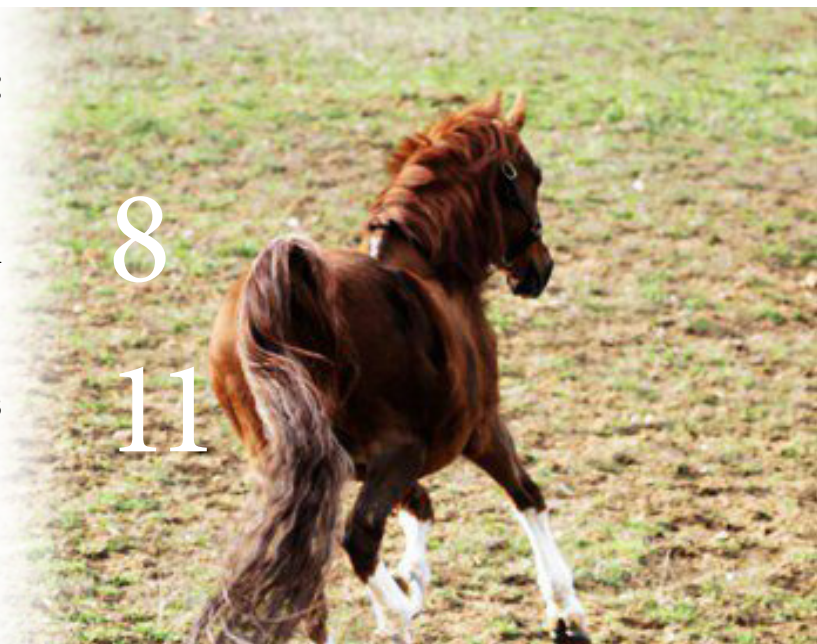
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Taking the next step

Spring in the horse industry is a time when activity is at its peak. For many, it also means taking a new or next step. On breeding farms, there are all the new foals who are taking those first steps. For more mature horses, it may be moving from a performance career into a next step in the breeding herd. For performance horses, that next step could be the start of a new career or moving into the next level within their activity.

Regardless of the next step, much preparation will have been undertaken before that step is made. For students in Equine Science and Management who are finishing their program of study and getting ready to graduate this spring, what does your next step look like? It is a challenge to take that step. I have had many students comment on being concerned about leaving the life of a student and becoming a working adult. “What am I going to do?” is a frequent plea. As a word of consolation, you are not the first to enter into the working world after college and you won’t be the last. Having some degree of uncertainty is not new and certainly the challenge is large. Look at the challenge as just that. You have been preparing for this these past four years (or so) and now it is time to take that next step.

Some of our 20 plus graduates have positions lined up and some are still on the hunt. Whether you are going into the industry or heading to graduate or professional school, those in the UK Equine Science and Management program wish you well.

It is time to take that next step; you can do it – have a little faith in yourself and be excited to join the growing group of ESMA graduates who are part of the horse industry.

Enjoy the ride on whatever horse you choose.

Bob Coleman

PhD, PAS, UK Ag Equine Programs associate director, director of undergraduate studies for equine science and management and extension horse specialist



Upcoming Events:

May 2

Last day of classes

May 5-9

Finals week

May 8

Hagyard Challenge Series, Kentucky Horse Park

May 10

Graduation

May 15

Hagyard Challenge Series, Kentucky Horse Park

May 18

High Hope Steeplechase, Kentucky Horse Park

May 23-25

Kentucky Invitational High School Rodeo



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Congratulations to the 61 Equine Science and Management students who made the Dean's List Fall 2013 semester!

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I hail from all over the United States, including Tennessee, Colorado, and most recently, New York. I chose to start my latest adventure in Kentucky because of the incomparable horse industry. I was lucky enough to bring my OTTB, Brisco, to school with me. I board him at Carriage Station Farm off of Old Frankfort Pike where several members of UKDET keep their horses as well. I began a free lease on Brisco the summer of 2011, which eventually transferred to ownership. In my time with Brisco I was able to campaign at the CCI* level in eventing, and concluded our time competing together with a successful run at NAJYRC's right here in Kentucky. Now Brisco is living out his years as a college horse; he is mostly retired from competition but still teaching and playing with me in the schooling arena.



Hannah and Brisco

Growing up, I absolutely loved to read which eventually transferred to a propensity for writing. Throughout high school I excelled in English classes, and I knew that I wanted to combine my interest in agriculture with a degree in writing and communication. Therefore this internship is a fantastic opportunity and I cannot wait to see where my new and exciting position in the Equine Program takes me!

April's Bluegrass Equine Digest

Check out the April issue of the Bluegrass Equine Digest, a free, monthly electronic newsletter dedicated to providing up-to-date information on equine research from the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in collaboration with TheHorse.com and sponsored by Zoetis.

This month's stories, which can be found at http://www.thehorse.com/enews/bluegrass-equine-digest/PDF/BED-Apr2014.pdf?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=bluegrass-equine-digest&utm_campaign=04-27-2014, include:

- Testing available for specific dwarfism gene in miniature horses
- Health problems in newborn foals
- Deworming: less is more
- Tall fescue testing: understanding the numbers
- Social media and equine crisis response



Motion and Davidson Speak at Distinguished Lecture Series

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Buck Davidson, Graham Motion and Dan Liebman

Brown's late wife, Christine Comella Brown, discovered that both Motion and Davidson held the same values and theories on horsemanship as she did. These guests came in celebration of Christine's life.

Motion is a native of Cambridge, England, but came to the U.S. to train with Jonathan Sheppard and Bernard (Bernie) P. Bond. Since obtaining his own trainer's license he has saddled more than 1,000 winners, including Team Valor's Animal Kingdom. With Animal Kingdom, Motion captured the 137th Kentucky Derby in 2011 as well as the 2013 Dubai World Cup.

Buck Davidson is the son of eventing legend Bruce Davidson, Sr., but is an accomplished rider in his own right. Davidson is an athlete, competitor, trainer, coach and clinician of Three Day Eventing. His most notable accomplishments include the 2013 Pinnacle Trophy for highest placed U.S. rider at Rolex KY CCI, 2011 Pan American Team member and U.S. top ranked rider in 2011.

Thank you to Hagyard Equine Medical Institute for sponsoring the event and Dan Liebman, former editor of *The Blood-Horse*, for moderating the interview. Also, a special thank you to Brown for inviting the speakers to the event.



Attendees gathering before the event



Stuart Brown, Buck Davidson, Jill Stowe, Graham Motion and Nancy Cox

For more information about this event, please visit <http://www.ca.uky.edu/equine>. A video from the evening can be found on the College's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLbd943hJlo>.

Hagyard's Challenge Series

You are invited to the 2014 Hagyard Challenge Series. World class riders and horses will compete in a series of seven Grand-Prix's leading up to the presentation of the 2014 Leading Rider Bonus Award, which is sponsored by local Lexington businesses. Each grand prix is free to attend and open to the public. Find out more at <http://hagyard.com/Hagyard-Challenge-Series.html>

Personal growth and foal growth

Hannah Forte



Ann-McCullough Wilkins is a junior at the University of Kentucky studying Equine Science and Management. Her route to UK was rather unconventional.

“I honestly didn’t plan on attending UK at all until halfway through my senior year,” Wilkins said. “I went to a SeeBlue night where I discovered that I could go to school for horses. I have such a passion for horses so why would I turn down this great opportunity?”

Originally from Bowling Green, Ky., Wilkins grew up in the city showing Tennessee Walking Horses for a stable in Alvaton since she could not have horses of her own.

Her first involvement in the Kentucky horse industry was through an internship with Taylor Made in August 2012. That opportunity allowed her to work the September yearling sales at Keeneland, and Wilkins said she considered this her “first big girl job in the industry.”

Wilkins knew that nutrition was the area of equine studies that interested her most but did not know how to pursue the idea until speaking with Elizabeth LaBonty, lecturer and internship coordinator. LaBonty suggested she intern for Hallway Feeds, and Ann knew that was the experience she needed.

“Ann has a natural personality fit for sales but she is also science minded, so interning for Hallway Feeds was a perfect fit,” LaBonty said. “Hallway is very educational and professional. Their interns get to travel to farms and interact with numerous people in the industry.”

At first, the internship schedule at Hallways was an adjustment for Wilkins.

“I work with Hallway Feeds in the morning hours and I usually try to take early classes to get them over with for the day. It was a little different for me having to adjust to work in the morning and class in the afternoon,” she said, adding that she enjoyed the work.

“I went out a few mornings a week and evaluated horses’ growth rates. I use a tablet to record height, weight and body condition score for yearlings and new babies to basically keep track of their growth,” she said. “We weigh each farm every 30 days. When we get done at the farm early, I go back to the feed mill and do some office work – taking orders on the phone, billing clients, doing paperwork and general chores.”

Wilkins said her favorite part of the internship at Hallway Feeds was learning from other employees. Specifically, she highlighted learning about equine nutrition, digestive systems and patience – in working with trouble horses, newborn foals and even some people.

Anthony Koch, from the sales and technical support area of Hallway, said, “Ann’s intellect, work ethic and outgoing personality make her a positive addition to our team and she will be missed upon completion of her internship.”

Wilkins is still exploring her options after graduation, but said interning in a feed mill helped her gain perspective on the business side of the industry.

“I would love to do something on the business aspect of the equine industry. Maybe working the sales side of a feeds company or pharmaceutical sales, something around those ideas,” she said.

Faculty Spotlight: Larry Grabau

Alexandra Harper



Larry Grabau, Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, was born in southeastern Minnesota on a mixed grain and livestock farm.

During his childhood, Grabau's family had several horses on the farm, but they weren't ridden very often. When Grabau saddled one of them, that horse was usually more than willing to take him wherever he wanted to go.

"But once I decided to head home, he decided to gallop and all I could do was hold on -- it was an exhilarating ride," Grabau said. "We both survived and I didn't bother to tell Dad about my ride."

Since then Grabau has gone on dozens of trail rides with family or with groups of students or relatives.

Grabau obtained his master's and doctorate degrees in crop science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Six months before Grabau finished his PhD, he came to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment for a "practice interview" as he calls it.

"It went well, I enjoyed the interactions I had with the faculty and my wife liked the community and the schools," Grabau said. "But I was especially pleased that I would be granted a chance to be involved in undergraduate instruction."

As Associate Dean, Grabau serves both students and faculty in the teaching and learning enterprise. With so many career options for students, the college has put in place a robust system with Academic Coordinators in most of the majors. Grabau was part of the creation of that system and helps with the interviews of each new academic coordinator candidate. The Office of Academic Programs, which Grabau oversees, works with student recruitment, student scholarships, transfer advising, room scheduling, the Agriculture Residential College, Career Development, Education Abroad and internship opportunities and much more.

When asked what some of his favorite hobbies are, Grabau answered that teaching is his primary hobby, along with biking and traveling. This May he is taking a group of UK students to Ecuador and earlier this spring Grabau traveled to Honduras for a medical mission with his wife, Mary Jo.

Little Cowboy's Courage Inspired Rodeo to Raise Funds for UK Clinic

Source: UK Now

Inspired by the resilience of her son Drew during his cancer treatment, Rebecca Shyrock founded Cowboy Up for a Cure, which hosted a rodeo on April 17-18 to raise funds for the DanceBlue Kentucky Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic. Read more at <http://uknow.uky.edu/content/little-cowboys-courage-inspires-rodeo-raise-funds-uk-clinic>

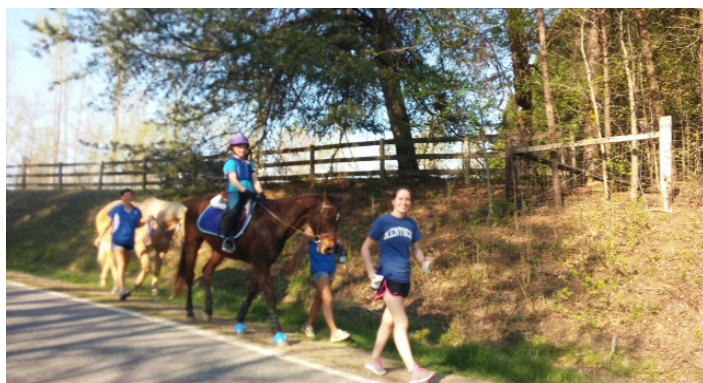
A shout out to the UK Dressage and Eventing Team!

The following email was received April 15 from a grandfather who was touched by members of the UK Dressage and Eventing Team. The letter was used with his permission, and photos submitted by him.

Kudos! You are great ambassadors for our university!

I would like to let you know the outstanding team spirit shown by the [University of Kentucky Dressage and Eventing Team] last weekend at the FENCE Horse Trials. Wherever there was a team member competing, the rest of the team could be seen and heard supporting their team member. This spirit went on to include my 10-year-old granddaughter. My granddaughter, Haley, has only been training for eventing since September and this is her second eventing competition. Because of her age and skill level, she was the last rider to do the cross country course. Your [team] cheered her on and stayed to the finish and even walked with her to the stable. No other university team made such a positive impression on her (and us) that we wondered if the university has [UK Dressage and Eventing Team] items for sale at the university? I would like to give her something to remind her of her new friends.

Gene Merklein
Charlotte, NC



Haley and UKDET member Hannah Kembel



Haley and UKDET member Alexa Ehlers

Student Professionalism Series

Elizabeth LaBonty, Lecturer and Internship Coordinator

The University of Kentucky Equine Science and Management Undergraduate Degree Program strives to not only educate you about equine science, but also to prepare you for your future career. Part of this preparation includes classroom guest lectures, hands on labs, requiring an internship before you graduate, exposing you to numerous industry related careers, and most recently, we have added a series called the Student Professionalism Series to the Wildcat Canter. The Student Professionalism Series will offer insights and tips to help you effectively prepare for, find, apply to and obtain the career of your choice. This month we will be exploring what it means to take risks.

“And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.”

-Anais Nin

As I sit here getting ready to leave for Danita's Orphanage in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, I can't help but reflect on what it means to take risks. Going to college is a risk. Meeting new people, learning your way around campus, taking classes, joining clubs and teams, really everything about college is new and different. Many of you traveled from other states, some even from other countries, and all of you have taken some risk to come earn your Equine Science and Management Degree in hopes of obtaining a career you love. So what does it mean to take risks?

For Freshman: You have already overcome your first risk...coming to college. Now, as you are scheduling classes and thinking about your sophomore year, I would challenge you to step out and get more involved. If you are not already a part of a club or team, join one. If you are already a member, consider taking on a leadership role. Perhaps you could serve as an officer, chair an event or volunteer to help above and beyond the minimum requirements. The greater the risk, the greater the reward, so spend the summer think how you can stretch yourself next year.

For Sophomores and Juniors: You have already succeeded in coming to college and have overcome the newness of your freshman year. You are in the best

position to take a risk because you are already comfortable in college and you don't have the pressure of trying to start your career, yet. I would challenge you to take a risk with your internship requirement and/or summer job this year. Instead of just fulfilling the requirement, take the risk of working for someone, somewhere or with a breed you do not have previous experience. Check out the more than 470 internships available to you on our UK ESMA Internship Database, travel to another state and stretch yourself to learn something new. The more you can experience, the more diversity you encounter, the better for you.

For Seniors: The time has come. You have succeeded in jumping through hoops, passing exams and navigating this great institution called UK. Now, as you embark on your careers, I encourage you to take risks. Travel abroad, work abroad and take jobs in places where you know no one. Meet new people, make new friends, put yourself out there and you will be surprised at what doors will open up for you. The first few years after college, everything I owned fit in the back of my Dodge Neon and there was great freedom in that. I could load up my car and take jobs that would build my career in places I had never been before. Remember, your first few jobs are not your 'forever' jobs. They are resume builders, place setters, stepping stones. The more risk you take the greater your reward later on, and you will always have your professors, administrators, staff, friends and alumni from UK rooting you on, celebrating your successes and taking great pride in watching you succeed.



UK alum Audrey Jarrett was recently promoted to the role of Director of Sales at Denali Stud. She was formally the Assistant Director of Sales at Denali, and has been with the team since January 2013. Read the entire story at <http://www.paulickreport.com/news/bloodstock/denali-stud-announces-new-additions-to-sales-team/>.

Have a news tip about an alum? Email equine@uky.edu to have it included in the next issue of the Wildcat Canter.



By an alum, about an alum

Alum Natalie Voss wrote the following story about Anne Pennington-Frederic, who is the registrar, head of social media and web administrator at the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. Frederick graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture's equine science and management program in 2010, and has worked for the lesson program at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, as a pasture evaluator at the University of Kentucky and as a quality control coordinator for Equibase.

See the whole story here: <http://www.paulickreport.com/features/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces/breeders-cup-presents-fresh-faces-once-you-get-us-started-well-be-just-fine/>



Wildcat Canter receives local PR award

The Wildcat Canter was recently awarded second place in the Lexington-based Public Relations Society of America Thoroughbred Chapter e-newsletter awards.

UK Ag Equine Programs is now on Twitter!

Follow @UKAgEquine to keep up on the latest happenings in equine at UK!

Mary Rossano recipient of Teacher Who Made a Difference Award

On April 26 at the UK Student Center, Mary Rossano, associate professor within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Department of Animal and Food Sciences joined other educators from campus to receive the 16th Annual Teacher Who Made a Difference Award from the College of Education. Rossano was nominated by Kate Buciarelli and Michelle Wynn.

Casiguapo in the news

UK-bred Casiguapo was in the news in April, including the Keeneland Barn Notes and a New York Times feature. Check the stories out here:

Big Blue Nation Rooting for Casiguapo in Toyota Bluegrass Stakes

Source: Keeneland Barn Notes, April 7

About 12 hours before the University of Kentucky plays for the NCAA championship in men's basketball, a Thoroughbred at Keeneland with UK connections turned in his final work for Saturday's \$750,000 Toyota Blue Grass (G1). All American Horses' Casiguapo, a Sightseeing colt who was bred by UK, worked three furlongs in a bullet :34.80 with Hector Salazar up for Calder-based trainer Mario Morales.

Watching the move were four representatives from UK's Equine Research Unit, which is based at Maine Chance Farm on Newtown Pike: Dr. Laurie Lawrence, a professor of equine nutrition; Bryan Cassill, the animal resource manager; and students Jamie Riordan and Courtney Schneider.

Read the entire story here: <http://www.keeneland.com/racing/barn-notes-monday-april-7>

Kentucky Students Catch Breath to Cheer a Derby Hopeful

Source: Tom Pedulla, New York Times

The University of Kentucky is renowned for its eight men's basketball national championships and its three Final Four appearances in the last four years. But the university now finds itself in the unfamiliar, and unlikely, position of having fostered a Kentucky Derby prospect.

Casiguapo, bred by the university to help students in its equine science and management program, is showing that anything is possible in the unpredictable world of thoroughbred racing. A onetime research subject, Casiguapo has far surpassed expectations by earning \$287,665 since being sold to Jorge Wagner for \$4,700 as a yearling in 2012.

To read the entire story, visit: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/12/sports/big-blue-nation-still-can-cheer-for-its-derby-hopeful.html?hpw&rref=education&_r=0.



The Class of 2014

Equine Science and Management



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*"The future
belongs to
those who
believe in
the beauty
of their
dreams."*

*Eleanor
Roosevelt*



On Internship? Firmly against selfies?

*Enter the Ag Equine Program's
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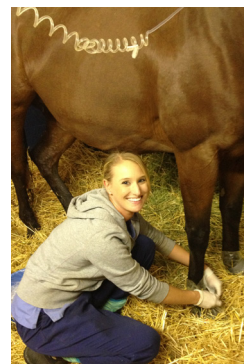
**We are looking for clean,
non-barn mucked interns who
know how to take a
decent photo!**

**Throw on your UK gear, get
someone to hold that
camera, and take a
non-selfie photo of
yourself at your internship!**

**You could be one of our
monthly winners!**

**Email your photos to:
equine@uky.edu**

**Cameras can be checked out of the
Ag Equine Program Office**



Clubs and teams updates

Equestrian Team

Hunt Seat Team

The Equestrian Team has three riders going to nationals in Harrisburg, Pa. on May 1-4. Autumn Allaire qualified for Individual Novice Flat; Lucy Hart qualified for the Cacchione cup and Individual Open Fences; and Alexa Prettyman qualified for Individual Intermediate Fences.

Western Team

The University of Kentucky's Western Equestrian Team has had a fantastic year and recently qualified a few riders for the IHSA National Horse Show. At the beginning of April, the team recently competed at an Invitational at the University of Findlay, where the UK riders took fourth overall. Allie Board also came home as champion in the individual open horsemanship after competing at Semi Finals hosted at the University of Findlay. The team was at Rolex for the Reining Cup and sold chocolate bars.



Western team member, Allie Board

If you're interested in becoming a member and riding with the team during the next show season, be sure to follow the team on Facebook at The University of Kentucky Western IHSA team page for news and updates.

Dressage and Eventing Team

The UK Dressage and Eventing Team members had a busy start to the spring season. The team has been busy gathering prizes, setting the course, designing event t-shirts and working on the menu for its Hunter Pace on May 3. On April 24-27, it had several team members volunteer at Rolex for Dressage and Stadium Jumping. In addition, the team had a booth set up in the vendor area.

The Intercollegiate Dressage Association riders received several year-end awards. Amalie Hordum placed 6th at First Level, Aileen O'Brien placed 4th in Lower Training, Taylor Pence placed 6th in Upper Training and Sophie Ward placed 6th in Intro Rider.

Several team members also competed at Paul Frazer, Poplar Place and Spring Bay. Those included Liz Wise and MacGyver, Elizabeth Lampert on Attractive Nuisance, Connor Giesselman on Bolytair B, Maura Goldner on Starstruck and Taylor Pence on Lakota.

April 12-13, UKDET sent two teams to compete at FENCE Horse Trials in North Carolina. This was an Intercollegiate Eventing League sanctioned event. The team competed against several other colleges, including Clemson, USC Aiken, University of Virginia, Transylvania and University of Georgia. The seven riders sent included:

Alexa Ehlers, Starter (highest placed rider from UK- 2nd), Erika Bernsten, Beginner Novice, Kimmy Cecere, Beginner Novice, Erin Johnson, Novice, Ashley Jones, Beginner Novice, Elizabeth Lampert, Novice, Aileen O'Brien, Beginner Novice

Congratulations to everyone!



UKET members, Alexa and Autumn



UKDET members, Erin Johnson, Jessica Rosenfeld, Erika Bernsten, Ashley Jones and Aileen O'Brien

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Clubs and teams updates

Horse Racing Club

The University of Kentucky Horse Racing Club had an excellent past couple months. It started off with a trip to Taylor Made Farm where the club was treated to a stallion show, including 2013 Preakness winner, Oxbow, and Grade 1 winner Graydar. Members were also shown many mares and foals, which is sure to include future champions and sale toppers. The club then had a tour at Darley where members saw top sire Bernardini, and 2011 Kentucky Derby winner, Animal Kingdom.

Its March meeting had the club hosting Hall of Fame Jockey Chris McCarron. He spoke to the group about his great riding career as well as the school he founded, the North American Racing Academy. The meeting had an excellent turnout, and having Chris come speak to the club was an honor and a privilege. Elections were held during the April meeting. If you have not done this already, please follow the club on twitter @ukhrc and like us on Facebook at University of Kentucky Horse Racing Club.

Polo Team

The UK Polo season has come to a close after regionals ended. The USPA intercollegiate nationals are currently taking place in Texas and the team is closely following and rooting on the teams it has met across the country. Now that games are over, the team's hard working ponies are being turned out to take a well-deserved break and relax before they are leased out for the summer season to raise money for the team. As always, the team welcomes anybody who is interested to check out the team next fall.

Rodeo Team

The Rodeo Team worked hard in assisting with the Cowboy Up for a Cure Rodeo held April 17-18. Members recently also welcomed a new head coach/manager, Michael Dick, who will be in charge of the roping and rough stock practices. To learn more about the Rodeo Team, please visit its Facebook page – University of Kentucky Rodeo Team.

Saddle Seat Team

The UK Saddle Seat Team competed in the ISSRA Championship horse show on April 11 at the Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. The team was named Reserve High Point Team for the Championship Show as well as being named Reserve High Point Team of the Year. The UK team also had several individuals who earned top honors: Senior Mary Ruth Callaway won both the Open Limit Rail and Open Limit Pattern Classes, which earned her the Senior High Point award for the Championship Show. Freshman Alyssa Schuster earned top ribbons in the Beginner Walk Trot Rail class and the Walk Trot Pattern class, as well as taking home the Reserve Junior High Point award for the Championship Show. The ISSRA also took the time to recognize the graduating seniors of all the teams, which included UK team seniors: Mary Ruth Callaway, Nicole Laroussa and Kristen Shaver. The championship show was a great last show for the 2013-2014 UK Saddle Seat Team.

The UK Saddle Seat Team would also like to announce the new officers for the 2014-2015 team.

Andrew Slater – President

Ashley Baird – Vice President

Christina Collis – Secretary

The UK Saddle Seat Team is coached by Stephanie Sedlacko of Wingswept Farm in Nicholasville, Ky. and Stephanie is the reason the team and UK riders continue to have great success and earn top ribbons. Thank You to Stephanie for all her hard work and dedication to coaching this year's team again.



Ashley Baird and UK Team horse Briarhill's Easter Lilly



UK Saddle Seat Team



SPRING HUNTER PACE

Saturday, May 3, 2014

9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Masterson Station Park

3051 Leestown Rd, Lexington Ky.

Come join the UK Dressage & Eventing Team for a day of beautiful riding, fun and food.

Concession will be available.

HUNT*PLEASURE*JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Awards for top finishers in all divisions, and a prize will be given to the team with the best turnout or costume (*Derby theme*)

ASTM/FEI helmets mandatory-Coggins required-All fences optional

Pre-registration appreciated, but not required.

Teams of 3-4 riders please.

Contact: [Hannah Forte](#) [615-440-3388](tel:615-440-3388)

hannah.forte@uky.edu



Registration Form

Pre-registration appreciated, but not required

Teams of 3-4 please

Checks Payable To: Dressage Team

Mail To: Hannah Forte, 350B Aylesford Place, Lexington KY 40508

- 1) Name: _____ Full Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
- 2) Name: _____ Full Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
- 3) Name: _____ Full Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
- 4) Name: _____ Full Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Indicate: Hunter Division Pleasure Division Junior Division

Start Time Request: _____ (All teams MUST BE STARTED BY 3PM)

We will start sending out riders at 9AM.

Pricing: Pre-Registered Riders \$35 p/person # _____
 Riders Registered Day-of \$40 p/person # _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Please enclose a current copy of coggins for all horses.

Food will be for sale at the event.

Contact: Hannah Forte 615-440-3388

hannah.forte@uky.edu

Attention Equine Students! Need a Break from Studying? Want Free Food? Visit UK Ag Equine Programs Office!

When:

**Monday, April 28 - Thursday, May 1
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Where:

**Ag Science North Building, Room 212
UK Ag Equine Programs Office**



Why:

We know how hectic and sometimes stressful the week before final exams can be and sometimes you need to just take a break. We will have refreshments/treats to share each day.



UK Ag Equine Programs Presents: The 6th Annual Equine Farm & Facilities Expo

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Field Demos 6-8 p.m.

- Sampling techniques for soil fertility & hay quality
- Practical parasite control
- Fencing possibilities: temporary or permanent
- The where and when of equine digestion

Other Highlights 4-6 p.m.

- Weed identification and control
- Vaccination protocol
- Nutrition
- Pasture management
- Farm safety
- Other exhibits

Tuesday, June 3, 2014
1713 Catnip Hill,
Nicholasville, KY 40356
4-8 p.m.
meal provided

More Information: www2.ca.uky.edu/equine

Please RSVP to the
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