

Stoner Ridge Farm News

October 1, 2023

As summer begins to slowly wind its way toward fall, we have found ourselves at the Rocky Mountain International Grand Championships for the last 30 years. While many things have changed, there are many things that are exactly the same. We are always excited to see how training and preparation have helped horses and people live up to their full potential. We always hope that goals are accomplished and that horses and riders will shine. We look forward to the good times we will have with friends and family. The work is hard but the reward is great.

We feel that rush of excitement on move-in day when horses are getting transported, stalls bedded and water buckets filled. We grab a bite to eat and finally horses are ready to go work in the ring and then get bathed in order to look their best on Day One. Of course, there is the cleaning, or-

ganizing, decorating and the trip to the show office to pick up the packets to confirm our entries. Maybe, just maybe, there is a



little anxiety on my part. Charlie, like Bob did before him, takes it all in stride. I can't say enough good about the group of people Charlie has had helping this summer. Everyone has worked and learned so much! Mary Kelley works her day job but makes time

to come most evenings to help ride. Olivia and Ruby have worked horses tirelessly and did an outstanding job with them. Bryan and Carter hold down the fort at home, cleaning stalls and feeding. Cole is with us at shows. McKayla and Page come to help during the busiest times. Bob and I help a little behind the scenes. Bob with mowing and me with the paperwork allowing Charlie more time to manage his people and ride. He is always working to help his horses be the best.

I'm thankful for the past, but I'm also thankful for what is happening now. Along with friends we've known for years, there are more friends and more horses to enjoy. The kids are growing and learning. Riders are awesome! There are new ideas and improvements. I'm thankful our horsey life and feel so blessed to just be able to live it!

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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

Yep, as the theme for this year's RMHA International implies, it WAS the greatest! There is so much good to be said about the show, it is hard to know where to begin. Preparation, of course, is where it starts for both horses and riders. From the time horses are started under saddle, they show us their talents. Charlie works with each one to help develop them mentally and physically. He also works with the kids and the amateur riders. It has been a blast watching animals and humans grow this year.

It was a whirl-wind kind of week that brought good times and great results!

On **Tuesday**, Sept. 5th, we loaded horses and headed to the Kentucky Horse Park. Gloria Mendoza had shipped her sweet mare, Summer, from FL in order to get her to the International for her to be able to show. Altogether there were 15 horses. Charlie had the nine-horse, Cole pulled the four horse, Julie Tucker brought her two horse, and Julie Brown hauled Ally. Since Bob's shoulder would not allow him to drive, Donnie and Mary K. hauled the side by side. It was quite a procession. Bob had a doctor's appointment so we didn't arrive at the show grounds until a little later. Charlie's crew: Mary Kelley, Olivia, Ruby and McKayla were there as was

Leah. Later in the week they were joined by Page McCarty. When the horses were settled, everybody had a bite to eat before going to work horses. Since I was going to be late, Mary K. set everything out for the crew. Julie T. and Mary K. created this cute chalkboard to keep us straight on meal prep for the week. Great idea! Thanks



ed decorating. Julie B. helped get the stall fronts and signs done. Steve Heuslein arrived. Unfortunately, Susan wasn't able to join him this year. There was a drought at home and she was afraid to leave the horses. Ann and Melissa made it with their U-Haul in tow. Ann had just closed on their Indiana home and had the last load of belongings that needed to go to FL along with costumes. Melissa was going from the International with Ann to spend a couple of weeks to help her get settled. Ron and Elsie Hatcher came by to see "Ghost". James Sharkey, Nancy Copland, and Barbara joined us a little later in the week.

The horses all worked well in the ring. We cleared out about dark - leaving with high hopes for Day One of the International.

WHO'S FEEDING THE STONER RIDGE TEAM??	
TUESDAY	Lynda - Sandwiches
WEDNESDAY	Melissa - Crack Chicken
THURSDAY	Leah - OBA/Pasta Salad
FRIDAY	Julie T. - Hamburger Casserole
SATURDAY	Ann - Chick-Fil-A

to all who jumped in to bring food and help! I made it to the KHP about 3:00 and start-

Early **Wednesday** morning, Charlie's crew started getting conformation horses ready. Rebel Ridge Mosby (by Black Market Diamond) was in class two. He sure looked handsome! It was a tough class but Mosby was well behaved and his conformation was awesome. When it



came time to announce the winner, Mike Estep called, "154, Rebel Ridge Mosby and Charlie DeAtley" for the win! Next was Mary Kelley with Dolly's Spanish Lace that she was showing for Cynthia Shimfessel. She and Jeff were there to cheer her on. "Lacy" did a great job. She has really good conformation. The announcer called back number 340 to forth place. There were several horses in conformation classes. Black Market Diamond placed 2nd 5-9 YO Stallions, Blue Mountain Girl 3rd in 3-4 YO M/G, Chicago Blues 4th in 3-4 YO M/G,

Sierra Sundown 5th in 5-9 YO M/G, and WOF's Wind Commander placed 4th in 10+ YO M/G. He was quite excited for his class. He finally settled down but it was



after the judges made their inspection. Mary Kelley showed Red River Diamond in his 5-9 YO Stallions Conformation class. He was a little too "up" to settle quickly but he is sure a beautiful animal. He didn't place this time but there is no mistaking his great over all conformation. Mosby showed back in the championship and placed reserve behind a two year old colt. Black Market Diamond

placed 5th in his championship which qualified him for the Open Conformation Grand Championship. Blue Mountain Girl placed reserve in her championship. Hats off to all the winners. It is an honor to place at this level of competition. Then it was on to the under saddle classes.

In Wednesday afternoon's under saddle classes, the horses all did well. The big winner of the afternoon was DMH's Bella Angel with Charlie in the irons. WOF's Glamour and Style placed 4th with Mary Kelley in the 6-9 YO M/G, Chicago placed 3rd in 4-5 YO M/G Trail, DHS's Diamond Broker placed 5th with Charlie, Sierra got a 2nd in 4-5 YO M/G CTP with Charlie, and Black Market Diamond placed 3rd in the 6-9YO CTP Stallions.



Thursday was a super busy day full of classes for





everyone. Just a few high-lights - Red River Diamond won his 4-5 YO Stallions Trail Pleasure class. This young fella has really come



along this year. WOF's Wind Commander got reserve in the Men's CTP Class. Sydney's Little Honey won her class. Ann had some excitement in her class with WOF in her 10+ Amateur CTP class - there was a



work-out! It was nerve-wracking to be sure. They got reserve. Ann did a great job. In the very next class, Ladies Show Pleasure, Diamond Broker and Melisse were competing as were HCR's After Midnight. They sure had it going on. What an exciting class! Melisse and Broker got 2nd and Mary Kelley and Axel got 4th. These ladies were awesome. Julie Brown rode



Axel a few classes later in the 10+ Amateur Class



placing 2nd! WOW!!! Then it was time for the costume class. There were many great entries. It was really impressive. I can't tell you how hard Melisse works at getting the girls' costumes together. This year their theme was "Nature, the Greatest Show on Earth". Ruby was winter, Leah was spring, Ann was fall, and Melisse was summer. They won first place (3rd year in a row)!!! The horses were unbelievably well behaved. Broker, WOF, Sierra, and Ally were all great. There was one more exciting class Thursday evening



- The Groom's Class. Even though Cole had never ridden Marietta, he got some instruction and headed into the ring. It was so fun!

Friday brought a surprise. Julie Brown's daugh-



ter was in labor so she headed out to OK in the wee hours of the morning! We missed Julie but we were excited for her too. Sundown Sierra won both the Adult and Youth Trail Obstacle classes! Woo Hoo. WOF and Jim also placed. While Angel did not care for a couple of the obstacles with Charlie, Olivia was able to move her along and they placed 3rd. It was on this day that our girls, Ruby and Olivia, got to show. They have worked hard with their horses this summer and they really shined in the show ring at this year's International! It was time for Western. Our girls showed so well. Olivia on Angel got a unanimous 1st place and Ruby got 2nd with Sierra. That's the way we like to see it. SRF 1 and 2! Way to go Ruby and Olivia. Sierra also won the 3-5 YO Western class and Jim won the 6+ Western Class.



We were all excited to see Ruby and Broker in the 12-17 Youth Show Pleasure class. This team has come such a long way this year. Ruby had never shown anything but Country Trail. The growth was just amazing. She had an awesome ride in a large class and placed 2nd. Olivia and Ruby gave it the old one-two punch again when it came to the Youth 12-17 CTP class. Olivia won with



Angel again and Ruby got 2nd! So proud of these girls.

The last class before the break was the Open Western Grand Championship. WOF's Wind Commander and Black Market Diamond were entered. The class was larger than it has been for several years. The attire was sparkling and the excitement was high. The horses completed their rail work and came to the line-up. WOF and Jim both had really nice 360 degree turns on the haunches (It is still amazing to me how many folks continue to turn on the forehand!). The winner - number 151 WOF's Wind Commander and Black Market Diamond was reserve!

The championship classes were held Friday evening.



They are especially important. Adult riders in open classes must place in the top five in order to show back in the Grand Championship.

We were excited to hear Ruby's name announced as the Female Youth Best Dressed of the show. She did look lovely. She and Olivia had their nails done to match their western outfits. How cool is that? We thank Melisse to allowing Ruby to use her daughter's grey suit. It fit Ruby perfectly. Ruby also had her hunter green western outfit that we got from Mary K.'s friend in Lexington and her purple sparkley day coat. Then it was time to begin to show.

Charlie showed the young horses in their championships even though 3 year old classes don't qualify for the grand championships. Blue Mountain Girl placed 4th in 3 YO CTP and Sydney's Little Honey placed 3rd in the Trail Pleasure Championship. The stakes are always high in the championships because the horses are just so good and the classes are big. Several of our horses qualified: Red River Diamond, WOF, Axel, Ember, and Jim. Broker qualified in a big way by winning his Show Pleasure

Championship!



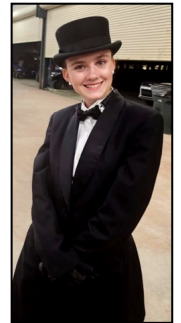
Toward the end of the evening, the girls donned their formal attire and got ready for Equitation. That class is all about the art of riding and horsemanship.

More specifically, equitation refers to a rider's position when mounted, and encompasses a rider's ability to ride correctly and with effective aids. In horse show competition, the rider, rather than the horse is evaluated. Riders work on the rail and then are given a pattern to execute. Judging criteria covers the rider's performance and control of the horse, use of riding aids, proper attire, correct form. They usually factor in rider poise and cleanliness (or polish) of the horse/rider, and equipment. Our girls did a fantastic job! They looked awesome and their horses did too. Congratulations to Ruby who placed 1st with Sierra and Olivia who placed 2nd with Angel -



another one-two punch for the dynamic duo.

Saturday morning was comprised of showmanship and "fun classes" that are important if someone is working toward any of the RMHA Special Awards. The girls began with showmanship. They did a great job with their patterns. Olivia and Angel placed 1st with Ruby coming in 3rd with Sierra. They were in competition for the Sara Gwisdalla Versatility Award. Ruby would be ahead and then Olivia - back and forth they went having a great time. It wasn't only the girls vying for awards. WOF, Sierra, and Jim were all competing for the Rea Swan. Charlie and Melisse on Sierra and Jim respectively did Adult Water Glass with WOF second and Sierra 3rd. We just



had to laugh when the girls were competing in the Youth Water Glass Class. It was the final class that counted for the Sara Gwisdalla . . . Ruby was doing ok but the water level in her cup was getting low. about that time, Angel decided to turn in a circle on the rail causing her rein to slip from



Olivia's hand. Olivia grabbed her reins with her teeth and readjusted. When the placings were announced, Angel's name was called for the win!

It was **Grand Championship Saturday** so at 2:00 we all gathered for the final flag ceremony of the show. There was a great lead line class of 15 kids. It was great to see. President Janet Peters gave a short address and presented committee awards. The Publications Committee (of which I am a member) was awarded the Committee of the Year!



The first grand championship of the afternoon was the Youth 17 and

Under Western Grand Championship. Congratulations to Olivia and Angel for their first place tie. Ruby and Sierra placed 3rd. Jim followed in the 3+ YO Con-



formation Grand Championship placing reserve. He was so beautiful, and he just worked the best. The girls were up again in the 17 and Under Country Trail Pleasure Class. Olivia and Angel #201 were called for the win again. Woo Hoo! Angel wins her second Grand Championship for Julie and



Bobby Tucker with Olivia in the irons! The very next class brought more excitement with Melisse and Brocker as well as Leah and Ax-



el. It was a huge class! Melisse kept her horse open and he rose above the competition to place reserve! Very proud of this wonderful team and their growth!



In addition to all the great Special Awards, a new award began last year. The Saddle Guy donated a beautiful saddle to the High Money Horse. This year's award went to Sundown Sierra owned by Steve and Susan Heuslein. Sierra had several riders through out the show: Steve, Charlie, Ruby, and Marry Kelley. Congratulations and hats off to you all!!!

Interspersed between the classes was the presentation of awards. We congratulate Sundown Sierra once again. She won the Rea Swan Versatility Award. I would love to know how many times Rea has presented this award to SRF . . . In addition, Sierra

received the Black Hawk Rio Memorial Award from Stephanie Sens. Rio was a two-time winner of the Rea Swan as well as many other awards. Stephanie lost her sweet boy this past year.

Next up was Leah and Angel then Ann and WOF for the CTP Amateur Grand Championship. They were really consistent and Ann placed 4th.

The next award went to Olivia and DMH's Bella Angel. They competed strong and acquired the highest number of points to win the Sara Gwisdalla Versatility Award. This was Olivia's first year to ride and compete with Rockies. We are so proud of her accomplishment!

Mary Kelley did an awesome job getting Axel and Ember qualified for their Grand Championships. It is a thrill to "just be there" with the qualification and the great horses that are competing. She



placed 6th in both classes. She did a great job on the rail and made great rides with both.

Another accolade for Angel and Olivia was the Eddie Moreno Perpetual Trophy. It is an honor to receive this award. Eddie was such a great sport and such a fierce competitor. He is missed by all who knew him. Here is the RMHA announcement:

In loving memory of Eddie Moreno, a perpetual trophy was installed at the 2022 International for the winning rider in the Youth Country Trail Pleasure Grand Championship. This year's winner of the **Eddie Moreno Memorial and the Sara Gwisdalla Youth Versatility Award 12-17** was DMH's Bella Angel, ridden by Olivia Warner, trained by Charlie DeAtley and owned by Julie & Bobby Tucker.



Finally class 113 the 12-17 Youth Show Pleasure Class of ten was called to the ring. Back number 158, DHS's Diamond Broker, with Ruby DeAtley in the irons entered the ring with a take charge attitude. They were consistent. They stayed open. They showed with brilliance. When the class was tied it was Ruby and Broker for the Show Pleasure Grand Championship win!!! So happy for this amazing team. They have worked many hours together and made



a brilliant performance at the 35th annual RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show. It was a great show with family and friends! We are so blessed.

When we're in the throes of show season, we forget the fun times that are coming with the fall. September 22 & 23rd Charlie and Erin went to Shelby, NC to the Suncrest Event Center where they worked with participants on achieving and maintaining gait. A good time was had by all. They have had great reviews on the clinic. That same weekend Mary Kelley, Leah, McKayla, Olivia, and Julie Brown went trail riding at Cave Run. They plan to go a few more times while we still have good



weather. Good news! Mary



Kelley has received a promotion at Claiborne. She will now hold a vet-tech position. Woo-Hoo! We have begun some repair on the farm. The barn skylights have been repaired and the roof power washed. It looks great. We have some fencing to do too. We hope to have a gathering around the Fire Pit soon. Thanks to all. You're the best!

Prayers Please



Even though we are a blessed people with so many reasons to be thankful, there are many needs today. Please be in prayer for both Julie Brown's mom, Jean Zimmerman, who has recently been placed on Hospice. Likewise, Gary's mom, Jean Mathews, is on Hospice but she also has covid and isn't doing well. Julie and Gary will be going out to Arizona this weekend. Gary's children are also coming from CT.

Julie Tucker is scheduled for surgery for a torn rotator cuff on Nov. 2nd. Bob's reverse shoulder replacement is now scheduled for Nov. 27th. We hope these two will be as good as new soon. Donnie Eades had an infection in his leg which required hospitalization. He is doing well now, thankfully. I had an acute case of diverticulitis after the show but am doing well now. Praying that doesn't return! Charlie also had a sinus infection but he's OK.

Celebrate, Celebrate, Celebrate

Julie and Gary's new grandbaby came during the International and just a day before my birthday! Julie got the call that her daughter was in labor and hopped a plane. We all had our fingers crossed that she would arrive before the baby did. She made it!

Ava René Hernandez, born 9/7/23 at 2:20 p.m., 7lbs 11oz, 20"! Julie says, "We are so in love!" How cool is that!





2023 RMHA International Results (108 Entries)



Black Market Diamond

RMHA 5-9 YO Stallions Conf. - 2nd - Charlie
 RMHA 5+ Open Conf Champ. - 5th - Charlie
 RMHA 6-9 YO Stallions Trail - 5th - Charlie
 RMHA 6-9 YO Stallions CTP - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA Adult Trail Obstacle - 4th - Charlie
 RMHA 6+ Open Western - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA Open Western Gr. Ch. - 2nd - Charlie
 RMHA Stallions CTP Champ. - 5th - Charlie
 RMHA Adult Pole Bending - 5th - Charlie
 RMHA 3+ Open Conf. Gr. Ch. - 2nd - Charlie
 RMHA CTP Open Gr. Ch - 0 - Charlie

Blue Mountain Girl

RMHA 3-4 YO M/G Conf. - 3rd - MK
 RMHA 3-4 YO Open Conf Champ. - 2nd - MK
 RMHA 3 YO Fillies/Geld. CTP - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA 3 YO CTP Champ. - 4th - Charlie

Chicago Blues

RMHA 3-4 YO M/G Conf. - 4th - Charlie
 RMHA 4-5 M/G Trail - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA Ladies Trail - 4th - MK

DHS's Diamond Broker

RMHA 6-9 YO M/G Show Pl. 4th - Charlie
 RMHA Ladies Show Pl. - 2nd - Melisse
 RMHA Costume Class - 1st
 RMHA Gelding Show Pl. Champ. - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA Youth 12 - 17 Show Pl. - 2nd - Ruby
 RMHA Amateur Show Pl. Gr. Ch. - 2nd - Melisse
 RMHA Youth Show Pl. Gr. Ch. - 1st - Ruby

DMH's Bella Angel

RMHA 6-9 YO M/G CTP - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA Ladies CTP - 2nd - MK
 RMHA Youth Trail Obstacle - 3rd - Olivia
 RMHA 12 - 17 Youth Western Pl - 1st - Olivia
 RMHA 12-17 Youth CTP Trail Pl. - 1st - Olivia
 RMHA 17 & Under Equitation - 2nd - Olivia
 RMHA 17 & Under Showmanship - 1st - Olivia
 RMHA Youth Water Glass Class - 1st - Olivia
 RMHA 17 & Under Western Pl. Gr. Ch. - 1st - Olivia
 RMHA 12-17 Youth CTP Gr. Ch. - 1st - Olivia
 Sara Gwisdalla Youth Versatility Award - Olivia
 Eddie Moreno Memorial Award - Olivia

HCR's After Midnight

RMHA Ladies Show Pl. - 4th - MK
 RMHA 10+ YO Amateur Show Pl. - 2nd - Julie B.
 RMHA 10+ M/G/S Show Pl. - 5th - Mary Kelley
 RMHA Geldings Show Pl. Champ. - 3rd - Mary Kelley
 RMHA Trail Pl. Gr. Ch. - 6th - MK

Rebel Ridge Mosby

RMHA Open Yearling Conformation - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA 2 YO and Under Open Conf. - 2nd - Charlie

Red River Diamond

RMHA 4-5 YO Stallions Trail - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA Ladies Trail Pl. - 6th - MK
 Stallions Trail Pl. Champ. - 4th - Charlie

RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta

RMHA Men's Trail Pl. - 5th - Charlie

Sundown Sierra

RMHA 5-9 YO M/G Conf. - 5th - MK
 RMHA 3-5 YO Amateur CTP - 6 - Steve
 RMHA 4-5 YO M/G CTP - 2nd - Charlie
 RMHA Costume Cass - 1st - Ruby
 RMHA Adult Trail Obstacle - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA Youth Trail Obstacle - 1st - Ruby
 RMHA Youth Western Pl. - 2nd - Ruby
 RMHA 3-5 YO Open Western - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA 12 - 17 Youth CTP - 2nd - Ruby
 RMHA Mares CTP Champ. 6th - MK
 RMHA 17 & Under Equitation - 1st - Ruby
 RMHA 17 & Under Showmanship - 3rd - Ruby
 RMHA Adult Water - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA Youth Water Glass - 4th - Ruby
 RMHA 17 & Under Western Gr. Ch. - 3rd - Ruby
 RMHA 12 - 17 Youth CTP Gr. Ch. - 6th - Ruby
 High Money Horse

Rea Swan Versatility Award

Black Hawk Rio Memorial Award

Sydney's Little Honey

RMHA 3 YO Fillies/Geldings Trail - 1st - Charlie
 RMHA 3 YO Trail Championship - 3rd - Charlie

WOF's Wind Commander

RMHA 10+ YO M/G Conformation - 4th - Charlie
 RMHA Senior Rider (60+) CTP, Trail Show - 4th - Ann
 RMHA Men's Country Trail - 2nd - Charlie
 RMHA 10+ M/G/S - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA 10+ YO Amateur CTP - 2nd - Ann
 RMHA Ladies CTP - 0 - Melisse
 RMHA Costume Class - Ann - 1st
 RMHA Adult Trail Obstacle - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA 6+ Open Western - 3rd - MK
 RMHA Open Western Pl Gr. Ch. - 1st - Mary Kelley
 RMHA Geldings CTP Champ. - 2nd - Charlie
 RMHA Adult Water Glass - 2nd - Melisse
 RMHA Adult Pole Bending - 3rd - Charlie
 RMHA Amateur CTP Gr. Ch. - 4th - Ann

Elite's Hallelujah - Julie Brown Amateur Trainer

RMHA 6-9 YO M/G CTP - 6th - Julie B.
 RMHA Costume Class - 1st - Leah

Mary Kelley Tucker, Trainer

Dolly's Spanish Lace

RMHA Open Yearling - 4th - MK

WOF's Glamour & Style

RMHA 6-9YO M/G Trail - 4th - MK
 RMHA Senior Rider CTP, Trail, Show - 4th - Julie T.
 RMHA 6-9 Amateur Trail Pl. - 5th - Leah Palmquist
 RMHA Mares Trail Pl. Champ. - 3rd - MK
 RMHA Trail Pl. Grand Champ. - 6th - MK

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