

CSU Equine Connection

Equine Science Students Connecting with Equine Enthusiasts

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Goal: To strengthen relationships between faculty, staff, and industry professionals by providing CSU Equine Science students with a collection of information pertaining to the industry and undergraduate program.

Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale

By Erin Pettigrew

The 9th Annual Legends of Land & Livestock, Haythorne Ranching Performance Horse Sale Ranches, Bartlett Ranches, and Silver Spur Ranches to name a few. All of these yearlings have great bloodlines and athletic potential. Furthermore, students have maximized on opportunities to work directly with professional trainers Kevin Meyer of Mantz Creek Horses and Terry Crofoot of Crofoot Ranches, who both spent several days teaching students their training techniques and assisting them with their yearling's particular needs. It is bound to be another exciting year at the sale and a fantastic way to conclude the semester. If you are new to the Equine Science program or simply have not had the opportunity to come to the Legends of Ranching Sale be sure to come join us and enjoy the experience!

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Aliboo Farm, Inc.

By Taylor Randall



AliBoo Farm, Inc. is a family owned and operated warm blood breeding and training facility in Minooka, Illinois. The summer after my freshman year at CSU I completed an internship at AliBoo. This experience was invaluable to me, as I had the opportunity to get involved in many aspects of the business. A typical day started with feeding all of the horses and cleaning the barn. We then started turnout and getting all

of the horses ridden. AliBoo has several young stallions and mares, and some aged show horses as well, so I was able to practice handling all types of horses. Afternoons included riding, grooming, or other projects around the barn before feeding again. Throughout the summer, I learned about breeding and helped the veterinarians with procedures such as flushing mares, inseminating mares, and ultrasound exams. I

also gained valuable experience working with the veterinarians on regular calls for check-ups, routine x-rays for breed associations, and caring for any injuries that occurred while I was there. I traveled to many horse shows, too, grooming, tacking, and warming up the horses. One of my favorite parts of the summer was helping out with the BWP Keuring held at the farm. I got to present one of the young mares to the judges and helped with all of the free-jumping as well. In addition, I was able to ride some of the young horses and took lessons with Taylor Flury, the rider and trainer for AliBoo. She is a great teacher, and my horse handling and riding skills really improved after that summer. The horses at AliBoo are top notch, and the Flury family are wonderful to work with. I would recommend this internship to anyone looking to build connections in the industry and gain a lot of hands on experience with young warm bloods. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity, as I feel it truly prepared me for a future career in the equine industry.

Save the Date!

Spring Branding Banquet 2014

By Emily Wolf

This year the annual Spring Branding Banquet will be held on April 12th at the Hilton Fort Collins on Prospect and Center. This will be the ninth year that the Animal and Equine Science departments have sponsored this recognition of students and staff. Hosted by the Stewards of Animal Science and the Equine Science Stewards, this banquet is meant to honor the achievements of

outstanding students, alumni, faculty, and industry partners. This year is bringing new things to the banquet, starting at 4:30 pm, there will be a networking hour, where students may mingle with industry partners and staff. There will also be a photo booth to take pictures at. The official event starts at 6 pm with dinner provided by the Hilton. The banquet will then honor clubs and

teams, represented by a member of their respective group; the emcees will also be presenting awards to those students, staff and partners who have earned them. Even if you have not RSVP'd please consider coming and buying a ticket at the door. It'll be a night to remember!

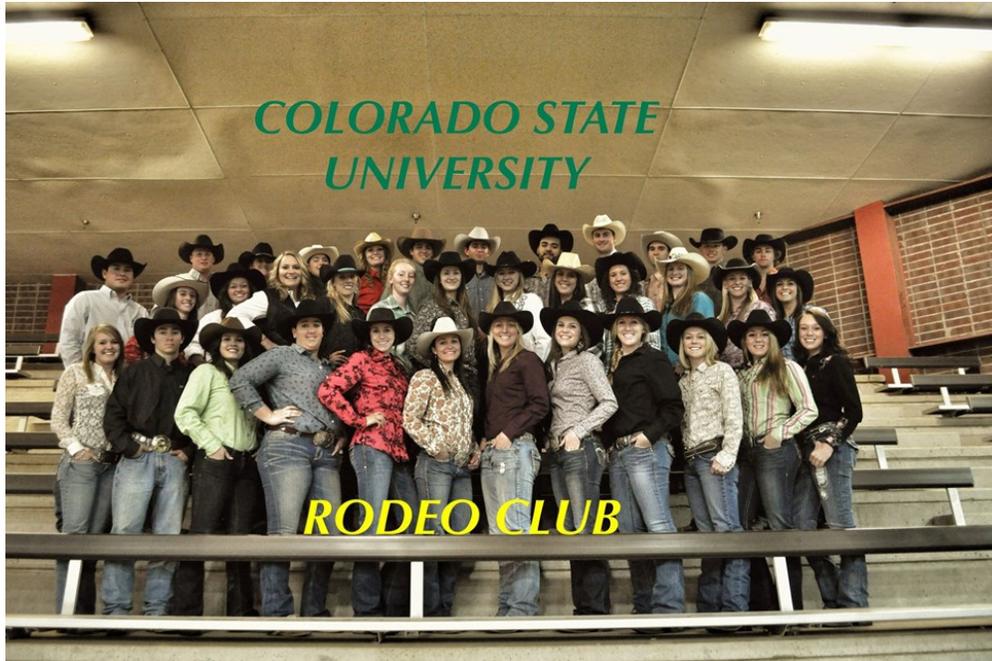
Rodeo Excitement Fills the Air: Skyline Stampede Rodeo

By Chanel Schvaneveldt

It's that time of year again... Time to kick off the 64th annual Skyline Stampede College Rodeo with a bang! All year long the CSU Rodeo club has been hard at work planning this huge event we look forward to every year. Not only does the Skyline Stampede impact the community with fun and excitement for the weekend,

it also plays a huge role for financially supporting the CSU Rodeo club as it usually serves as one of our biggest fundraising events. Our goal is to put on a thrilling, fun and smoothly run rodeo for the collegiate rodeo contestants and the audience.

In order to make this rodeo happen, there is a lot of planning ahead, work and persistency from the club members throughout the year. Throughout the school year the CSU Rodeo club puts on as many fundraisers as possible to



raise money for our rodeo. We also rely heavily on sponsorships from local businesses who use the Skyline Stampede as an opportunity to advertise their company and support the CSU Rodeo club as well. As the rodeo is just about to come to town, the club members can see light at the end of the tunnel and know all their hard work will soon pay off.

The CSU Rodeo club knows The Skyline Stampede Rodeo is the oldest collegiate rodeo in the country so we also

have the goal of keeping the sport of rodeo and tradition alive. We could not do it without the help and support from our sponsors, generous donors and all those who attend our fundraising events throughout the year.

On April 11th-13th, Fort Collins will be taken over by more

college kids in trucks and trailers traveling from colleges throughout the Rocky Mountain Region. It brings excitement and passion for the sport of rodeo to life! Come join then fun at the B.W. Pickett Arena Friday and Saturday night at 7pm and Sunday Short-go at 11am. Hope to see you all there! For more info please go 'Like' our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CSU:SkylineStampedeRodeo.

A Note from the Editor

Greetings fellow equine students! The Equine Connection newsletter is brought to you by Equine Science students and we want to make sure everyone is included because this newsletter is for you! We learn a great deal from each other and want to hear about how you have participated in this incredible program. If you have an equine-related experience, story, etc. which you would like to share, please contact me (ejpetti@rams.colostate.edu) and I would be happy to consider your article for the upcoming publications. Best of luck at the close of the semester and have a wonderful summer.

Until next time,

Erin Pettigrew

CSU Alumni—Gary Carpenter

By Dana Ratcliffe

Mr. Gary Carpenter is a valued alumnus of the CSU Equine Sciences Program. He is originally from San Angelo, Texas. When I asked him about his horse background, he said, "Horse craziness was a prenatal condition. I never dreamed I could get an actual job in the industry; I just wanted to learn all that I could." Gary became interested in CSU when he was in high school because his veterinarian, Dr. Ed Murray, was a CSU DVM. Gary says that "Dr. Murray was and is such a great person that I became interested in CSU." Along with growing up in a horse crazed family, Gary competed in 4-H and American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) youth competitions in-between visits with Dr. Murray. Also, during college he worked as a wrangler, led pack trips, and was a groom at the racetrack.

In between his different jobs in college, he was involved in the Collegiate Horseman's Association. When asked about his favorite classes, Gary replied, "I was all-in for horse judging." He also mentioned that when he took "Equine Reproduction at CSU it was taught by Drs. B.W. Pickett, Ed Squires, Jim Voss and R.K. Shideler. All of them became friends and all of them achieved legendary or near-legendary status at CSU." After he graduated from CSU Gary decided to get a master's degree; however, his lack of concern about his grades as an undergrad almost cost him that goal. From that experience, he

now cautions students to pay close attention to their grades.

Gary was also lucky enough to become the Industry Events Coordinator and an advisor for the Equine Sciences students at CSU. He said that his favorite part of his job was the actual advising. He said, "I love marrying students with career interests, especially if it is something new for them." Today he works as the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) commissioner and he commented, "I enjoy innovating to solve problems and bringing a fresh perspective to old issues." However, Gary has not left CSU completely because he is a co-chair of the Equine Sciences Advisory Committee. When

asked what advice he would give to current Equine Science Students, Gary replied, "Learn all you can, keep an open mind and cultivate diverse interests. CSU is a great launching pad. Don't forget where you came from." Gary's goal for the next 5 years is to have NRHA running like a well-oiled machine.

Finally, some cool facts about Gary include: he was invited to join the Roundup Riders of the Rockies last year. He has many friends and mentors who have or do ride with Roundup Riders of the Rockies. He loves to ride and has fabulous kids - thanks to their mother.



Gary Carpenter and Dana Ratcliffe at the Jockey Club during the 2013 Breeds Trip

Club Corner

Collegiate Horsemen's Association:

Just a few weekends ago, CHA held the annual Spring Fling Hunter Jumper Schooling show, and it was a success! We had a great turnout, and members got the opportunity to see what it is like behind the scenes running a horse show. We are wrapping up this semester with a trip to the Denver Mounted Police to tour their facilities and learn about training and managing police horses. If you are interested in this event or in joining CHA, feel free to email colostateCHA@gmail.com. CHA meets every other Monday at 6:30pm in Shepardson 102, and everyone is welcome. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/csucollegiatehorsemen. (By Taylor Randall)

Breeding Season at the ERL

By Mary Misgen



It's that time of year again when babies are all around. The Equine Reproduction Center is in full swing as the spring months pass and both mares, stallions and foals pass through the gates to receive care and services provided by CSU. With a world renowned program right at our fingertips let's take a moment to get to know what actually goes on out at the ERL for those of who you have not been able to spend time there. To find some answers we contacted Lindsay Bass who is the client coordinator for the program.

How many mares come to the ERL for breeding purposes in a years time?

Lindsay: The ERL on average will see 200 + mares and stallions in our various programs.

Where in the U.S. do mares travel from to have services completed at CSU?

Lindsay: Over the years, the ERL has seen mares from all across the U.S. We have mares travel from Florida, the Carolinas, the Mid West, Texas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Montana, and almost every state on the western side of Colorado.

How many mares, on average, does the ERL foal out?

Lindsay: On average, the ERL will foal out between 20-30 mares each year.

What opportunities are there for students to be involved at the ERL?

Lindsay: Several opportunities are in place for students to be involved at the ERL. Equine Science students have several

classes that offer learning opportunities at the ERL - Foaling Management, Equine Reproductive Management Practicum, and Principles of Equine Reproduction. Additionally, in the spring Equine Science students are given the opportunity to follow client mares through a reproductive cycle. We also offer student hourly positions on our feeding crew, enhanced mare care crew and the front office. If students are interested in a more research based learning experience, several of our faculty can advise and possibly have a project for the student to work on. Students are also encouraged to apply for our breeding farm internship. We accept students who have graduated with a B.S. in Equine Science or a related field for a 1 year on-farm internship. Internships begin in January and July each year.

As stated above the equine program currently offers three specific courses focusing on reproduction and foaling management. Principles of Equine Reproduction (ANEQ 344) is one of four required foundation courses to graduate with in an Equine Science degree. The class teaches the principles of reproduction and reproductive management of the mare and stallion. The course includes both a lecture and la-

boratory and is only offered in the fall. Foaling Management (ANEQ 445) is an applied course, requiring prerequisite ANEQ344, that teaches management of the foaling mare and newborn foal; monitoring techniques, preventative and emergency care procedures. The course includes both a lecture and laboratory and is only offered in the spring. Equine Reproductive Management (ANEQ 386B) is also an applied course, requiring prerequisite ANEQ344, that allows students to become proficient in record keeping, semen collection, semen evaluation, semen processing for transport and cryopreservation, speculum exams, artificial insemination, medication administration and hormone therapy. If you are interested in becoming a breeding farm manager this is the perfect course to become well rounded in what is required. The course includes both a lecture and laboratory and is only offered in the spring. If you haven't had time to swing by the Equine Reproduction Center yet to see the rows of foals or pastures full of mares take a moment to enjoy the beautiful Colorado weather and get to know the equine program even better!

Photos courtesy of Victoria (Dixie) Crowe



Wagonhound Student Competition

By Chelsea Boggs



as scholarships provided by the competition sponsor, Wagonhound Land and Livestock Co.

The day starts at 9:00 am in the Pickett arena, where students start by presenting their sale prospect in hand in a showmanship pattern and proceed with a speech about their consignor's ranch and information on the sale prospect's pedigree and disposition. After, they go on to the riding portion of the competition where they must put them through a trail pattern consisting of, but not limited to opening a gate, riding over a bridge and poles, and showing them in all three gaits both directions. Not only is this a great way to show the tremendous progress

that the students and horses have achieved, but it is also a great way to preview the horses for the public and potential buyers. The event has been organized and will be put on by the ANEQ 359- Equine Sales Management class who has been working for months learning about all the components of putting on a competition and sale. This is a great opportunity for current students to watch and to learn from if they are interested in the performance and ranch horse industry. If you have any questions about the student competition or sale, please feel free to contact Chelsea Boggs via email at cboggs@rams.colostate.edu.

Photos courtesy of Ryan Brooks

The day for all of the students and their young horses to test and show off how far they have come is just around the corner. The ANEQ 341- Horse Training and Sales Preparation class have been working for over a semester and a half with amazing young horses provided by eighteen consignor ranches to prepare them for the Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale Held on April 26, 2014. These young horses and trainers will be competing for prizes, such as a handmade saddle donated by Iddings Makers and Cowan Select Horses, LLC as well



“As a rider, you must slowly and methodically show your horse what is appropriate. You also have to discourage what's inappropriate, not by making the inappropriate impossible, but by making it difficult so that the horse himself chooses appropriate behavior. You can't choose it for him; you can only make it difficult for him to make the wrong choices. If, however, you make it impossible for him to make the wrong choices, you're making war.”

— Buck Brannaman, *The Faraway Horses: The Adventures and Wisdom of One of America's Most Renowned Horsemen*