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CURRENT EVENTS



Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale

Quick Facts:

Pictured to the left is Kortney Bahem and Wagonhound's two-year old, Sparkling Rendition, who sold for \$18,500.

High Seller: \$18,500

Low Seller: \$1,400

Average: \$5,578

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE CLUB

By Lizzie Kanetsky

CSU Equine Connection writer

In the fall of 2007, the Colorado State University Versatility Ranch Horse Club was founded with the goal of educating and exposing CSU students to the ever popular Versatility Ranch Horse discipline. The Versatility Ranch Horse Club strives to bring together students with an interest in the Ranch Horse industry as well as Ranch Horse competition. This club is active through both the fall and spring semesters, with the fall semester focusing on the basic skills needed to compete in a Versatility Ranch Horse competition. Then leads into the spring semester where riding members have the opportunity to compete at three local shows, and at the National Collegiate Competition.

Members have the chance to compete in four different classes at each show including: trail, ranch riding and reining, with the final class being the chance to work a cow. The trail class requires riders to maneuver their horses through obstacles found on the ranch including: opening and closing a gate, loping over logs, walking over a bridge, ground tying and in the advanced divisions, riders are required to drag a log.

Ranch Riding is a class designed to demonstrate how quiet your horse is, where riders move their horse along the rail through all three gaits, stop, turn on the hindquarters

and back up. The reining pattern is designed to have the rider show the horses ability to be directed at higher speeds and is judged on the accuracy of the pattern, and how the rider is able to 'rein' the horse through the pattern. The reining pattern includes large fast circles, small slow circles in both directions, sliding stops, rollbacks, and lead changes. The fourth event, and usually the favorite among members is the cow work. Depending on the division of the rider, the cow work involves demonstrating control of the cow in various settings. Novice riders are required to only 'box' the cow, while the higher more advanced divisions require the horses to move the cow down the fence, and 'box' it again, as in the Limited Non-Pro. The Non-Pro riders are required to 'box' the cow, take it down the fence, stop and turn the cow both directions, and either circle the cow or rope and stop the cow.

At the collegiate competition level there are three different divisions each student is able to enter, including Novice, for those just beginning or green horses, Limited Non-Pro, and Non-Pro, which is the highest level of competition a collegiate rider can compete in. Currently, the CSU Versatility Ranch Horse Club shows through the American Stock Horse Association and has the opportunity to travel to Larimer County Community College,



Haydn Christensen riding a trail pattern

Northeastern Junior College, and the Annual National Show, which the past three years has been in Texas.

In addition to traveling to these shows, the VRH club gets the practical experience of learning to host their own show in both the fall and spring. The Silver Jubilee is the clubs fall show, and is a registered AQHA show as well as an ASHA approved show. Every spring the CSU Versatility Ranch Horse club hosts their own collegiate ASHA show and has other schools as far away as New Mexico State University travel to compete here in Fort Collins. Members are allowed to attend the weekly practice on Tuesdays at 6pm, with a biweekly meeting. CSU Equine Sciences teacher, Bobbie Walton is the clubs advisor and assists in coaching and instructing each member in order to prepare them for competition with the ultimate goal of making riders better overall horsemen. In addition to Bobbie Walton, the club is assisted by Kelly Hall,

who generously spends her time assisting Bobbie in order to prepare each member. The CSU Versatility Ranch Horse Club gives members the chance to learn and become

more involved in the Ranch Horse industry and Ranch Horse competition.

For more information regarding the CSU Versatility Ranch Horse Club, please visit

www.csuequine.com or visit our Facebook page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Tidbit: "My advice to other students is to create your own internship. Don't wait for something to open up, find someone with a job you think you would like and offer your assistance as an intern." – Lindsey Owen, Equine Sciences Steward

EQUINE SCIENCES STEWARDS HOST BARBEQUE FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

By Tegan Biun
Equine Sciences Steward

Since their inception, the Equine Sciences Stewards have wanted to host a social gathering for Equine Sciences students and faculty. With May graduation quickly approaching, the Stewards took this as an opportunity to formally celebrate and congratulate the graduating seniors.

The Stewards formulated a guest list of seniors intending to graduate in Spring and Summer 2012 as well as the Equine Science faculty and staff and mailed out party invitations. There was an overwhelmingly positive response and the First Annual Equine Sciences Graduation Party is expected to be an exciting event.

The barbecue will be held Friday May 11, 2012 on the lawn in front of the Equine Center. Souza's Smokin' BBQ, a local

barbecue restaurant will cater the event. In addition to festive decorations there will be music and posed portraits for graduating seniors and their families. The Equine Sciences Stewards intend for this to become an annual event and hope to also host a smaller party each winter for those seniors graduating in the Fall semester. As you get closer to graduation, keep an eye out for your personal invitation.

By John Barker
Equine Sciences Steward

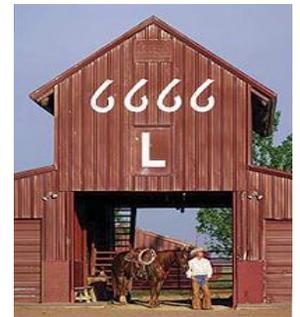
With summer break quickly approaching, a group of students will be embarking on the first ever Ranch Breeds Trip. This week long trip will leave Fort Collins on May 14th and return on the 20th. The 2012 Ranch Breeds trip is meant to immerse Equine and Animal Science students into the Equine and ranching industry. This will be a ground-covering trip as it will visit many of the legendary ranches of Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

2012 RANCH TRAVEL TRIP

Some of the ranches include the Burnett Ranches LLC (6666's) which has one of the earliest histories of ranching in the U.S. and is home to some of the most famous performance horse studs. The trip will also take students to the AQHA headquarters and world famous breeding farms. Also, the trip will visit well-known, cutting, reining, and reined cow horse trainers in the Weatherford Area.

This ground covering trip will be an excellent way to immerse yourself in the equine and ranching industry. The Ranch

Breeds Trip is an excellent chance to learn more about ranching and large horse operations. Although this is a school trip, it is meant to be a fun and relaxing way to learn more about the different ranching, training, and breeding operations in the equine industry and will provide focus to your studies. Registered students are extremely excited for this opportunity.



By Kate Auchmoody
CSU Equine Connection writer

Every summer, CSU hosts two Youth Horsemanship Camp sessions for children 10-15 years of age. Each session is overseen by Tiare Santistevan and Bobbie Walton, giving the camps a well-rounded program with experts in both English and Western disciplines. Though basic riding

skills are required, beginner and advanced riders are equally welcome. Campers are invited to bring their own horses or they can temporarily lease a mount from CSU for the camp session. Also, campers are invited to stay in the CSU dorms under the supervision

of camp counselors instead of being day campers, if they prefer.

The camp is structured to give the participants maximum riding, learning and relaxing time. Generally, the campers ride twice a day and also have several lectures and educational hands on activities

Murphy's Law: Hoof picks migrate COURTESY murphyslaws.net

CSU YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP CAMP

presented by the camp counselors. For each riding session, the campers are divided by skill level and have small group lessons overseen by Mrs. Santistevan and Mrs. Walton and the camp counselors. Each riding lesson is tailored to fit the campers experience level and encourages them to work towards improving their riding form, horsemanship skills and horse knowledge.

Past lecture topics have included barn and trailer safety, horse behavior, tack and

equipment types, horse breeds, bits and bridling and basic first aid. In the evenings, campers are usually given the opportunity to do crafts, like make rope halters, or go swimming at the CSU recreation center. At the conclusion of each session, campers have the opportunity to demonstrate their new skills to their family and friends before they return home.

This year's sessions are from June 11th through the 16th and June 17th through the

22nd. The camps are held at the B.W. Pickett Equine Center in Fort Collins, CO. Registration for the camps closes May 2nd. All further information can be found on the Colorado State University Equine Sciences Program website under Outreach/Extension-Youth Camps.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT

By Lizzie Kanetsky
CSU Equine Connection writer

The Bartlett Ranch, located in Alabama, Texas and Wyoming, began its fifty-year legacy in 1954, when Dr. H.B. "Woody" Bartlett DVM founded the ranch in Pike Road, Alabama. Upon establishing the Bartlett Ranches, Dr. Bartlett created the Flying "B" brand, which today represents the three Bartlett Ranches. While Alabama was the starting location of the Bartlett Ranch, in 1995 a 1,100-acre ranch in Parker County, Texas expanded this ranching operation to two states. Additionally, property in LaGrange, Wyoming was purchased in 1998, expanding the Bartlett Ranch by 80,000 acres. After the purchase of their Texas property, "Woody" Bartlett and his wife Kelley began acquiring American Quarter Horses with exceptional cutting lines. Bartlett's goal was to produce and provide quality cutting horses that could also function as useful ranch horses. In addition to a renowned breeding program, the Bartlett Ranches function as a cattle operation, producing cattle for both meat production and steers for roping.

The Bartlett Ranches strive to use their own horses for most everyday ranching operations. As Dr. Bartlett explains on their website, there is no better way "to

"FLYING B" - THE BARTLETT RANCH

demonstrate your horses are the kind of quality we tout than by using them for multiple tasks on the ranch every day." With three ranch locations, the Bartlett Ranch is able to breed and produce a multitude of young horses every year. Breeding bloodlines from some of the top ranch lines, the Bartlett Ranch today breeds such great stallions as Very Special Playgun, The Son of a Buck, Two Buck Leo, and Bee My Sierra. The Wyoming ranch serves a multitude of purposes, including cattle production, a full haying operation, providing all the hay needed for the livestock, and is the main location of the ranch horse training operations.

In 2000, Dr. Bartlett joined the WYO Quarter Horse Sales, which is organized by Bill and Carole Smith, owners of the WYO Quarter Horse Ranch. The twice-yearly WYO Quarter Horse Sale features the sale of two-year-old Bartlett and WYO Quarter Horse Ranch colts and fillies, as well as ranch and arena broke geldings. Since the Bartlett Ranch does not stand their stallions to the public this sale offers the public the chance to buy quality ranch horses at a reasonable price. In addition to the WYO Quarter Horse Sale, "Woody" and Bill Smith host a weeklong colt starting clinic at the Wyoming ranch. During this week, approximately 30 two-year-old geldings from both ranches are started under saddle and given a solid foundation. These colts then become available during the fall WYO sale.

In addition to ranching, breeding and showing, Dr. Bartlett plays a role in the

education of Colorado State University Equine Sciences students. Dr. Bartlett is a member of the Equine Sciences Advisory Committee and in honor of his late wife donated the funds and furniture to remodel the conference room in the main office of the Equine Center. The Wyoming ranch has hosted several CSU Equine Sciences interns, where these interns learn valuable ranch and horse management skills. These skills include foaling out mares, doctoring injured mares, foals and saddle horses, and sale fitting and preparation of weanlings, green broke colts and aged saddle horses. To further their involvement in the CSU Equine Program, every year the Bartlett Ranches consign several two-year old mares to the Horse Training Labs, and Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale. The Bartlett Ranches have been a part of the Legends of Ranching Sale since the very beginning.

Dr. Bartlett, as both a rancher and a veterinarian, combines his knowledge and produces eye catching, well-conformed and athletic horses. Woody uses this knowledge to breed "cowy horses with top bloodlines, substantial builds, inherent athleticism, sound minds and willing attitudes." All three Bartlett Ranches have a special history and have important contributions to breeding and showing high quality Quarter Horses.

For more information on both the Bartlett Ranch, and the WYO Quarter Horse Sale, please visit www.bartlettranch.com.



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

Q: Why are there no two-time winners of the Kentucky Derby?

A: Only three-year old horses are eligible to run in the Kentucky Derby; therefore no horses can enter this race more than once.

"Thoroughbreds are "aged" from January 1 and other horses from April 1. COURTESY equineews.com

EQUINE CAREERS

By Cailin Caldwell
CSU Equine Connection writer

Colorado State University's Equine Sciences program is home to the World Renowned Equine Reproduction Laboratory. Founded in 1967 by Dr. Pickett and Dr. Voss, the laboratory has worked closely with Equine Sciences Students to give them hands on experience, while conducting research and providing clinical services that have redefined the industry.

In addition to the foundation reproduction course, students interested in becoming active in reproduction have the ability to take the reproduction practicum and foaling management classes. These classes offer students a unique opportunity to obtain experience in a world class facility foaling out mares, collecting stallions, handling semen, and inseminating mares. Many students who take these courses find their passion lies within this section of the industry and derive great joy from taking the steps in helping to produce a foal.

EQUINE CLUBS

By Michele Kane
CSU Equine Connection writer

Are you interested in an equine-related club at CSU, but don't have your own horse? Does the equine industry interest you and you want to find out more about it? If the answer to these questions is 'yes', then the Collegiate Horsemen's Association (CHA) is for you.

This CSU club is for anyone interested in working with horses, around horses, or for horses. They are a branch of the American Collegiate Horsemen's Association, which has chapters at every school that has equine related majors. The CHA is a non-profit club at Colorado State University that provides opportunities for its members to explore and become involved in many aspects of the equine industry.

This club promotes the horse industry by providing educational opportunities for members and the community. Each year, the

BREEDING MANAGER

A high paced and fulfilling career, a breeding manager needs to be able to handle both mares and stallions and have a strong background in reproduction. A recent Colorado State University Graduate, Sarah Johnson, was scouted out for her abilities as an Assistant Breeding Manager at the world famous McQuay Stables.

Almost three million dollar reiner, Tim McQuay and his wife Colleen have made a large impact on both the reining and hunter/jumper industries and currently stand several outstanding stallions. Johnson's duties begin early in the morning with feeding and medicating the mares and preparing for palpations and collections.

During peak foaling season she is responsible for taking shifts to watch the mares. With the help of monitoring systems Johnson checks on the mares every hour. When a mare is ready to give birth, both the Manager and Assistant Manager are present

and available to help should any complications arise. The hours are long and the job is demanding but it is also a highly fulfilling career.

Johnson really enjoys her job, especially handling the young foals. She finds it to be extremely rewarding to see a healthy foal delivered into the world and enjoys watching them develop; however, she cautions that this career is all consuming. Consequently, for those that enjoy seeing the industry progress through breeding this can be a highly rewarding job. With the classes and programs offered at Colorado State University students have all the tools necessary to get started on a career in the reproduction industry.



COLLEGIATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION



American Collegiate Horsemen's Association (ACHA) holds a National Convention at which all schools affiliated with the organization are invited to come and experience different aspects of the horse industry. The National Convention is hosted by a different university each year and is a great way to meet with other CHA students from other colleges and universities and see what their equine programs have to offer. This year's convention was held in Ft Worth, TX. CSU members used the funds collected throughout the semester during fundraising events to send three club members. Next year's convention will be held in Gainesville, FL.

One of the biggest fund raisers CHA puts on at CSU is the annual Spring Fling Horse Show. This is a one-day show held at B.W. Pickett arena, and has become a tradition in

the area among local horsemen and women. This year's show was a first ever Hunter-Jumper show and was a great success. All members of the club participate in some aspect of the planning and execution of this annual event. Other events CHA participates in include sponsoring the Jousting competition during the Scottish Games in Estes Park during the early fall, AG Adventure in October, and an annual mountain trail ride to see the fall foliage change colors.

CHA provides so much more than meets the eye, so if you would like to get more detailed information, visit their website <http://lamar.colostate.edu/~cha/index.htm> or find them on Facebook. Members can join at any time according to Jessica Payne, CHA's Activities Director and AG Counsel Rep.

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ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

By Lindsey Owen
CSU Equine Connection writer

The Equine Sciences Program at Colorado State University is proud to graduate strong, ambitious, and hardworking individuals and Megan Grieve is certainly not an exception.

Initially, Grieve came to Colorado State University on the pre-vet track. Pre-Vet students are advised to take business courses in order to better understand how to manage a Veterinary practice. With these classes, she discovered a passion for business and joined the College of Business her sophomore year with a focus on management. Grieve took on two majors; Equine Sciences and Business with a degree certificate in supply chain management and entrepreneurship.

Beyond her studies, Grieve was involved within the community and a competitive

MEGAN GRIEVE



member of the horse judging team. She judged to be Reserve High Individual Overall on the Champion team at the AQHA World Show in 2006. In 2008 she held the title of Miss Rodeo Colorado and became extensively involved as a teacher's assistant for both the Sales Management Class and the Horse Judging Class. She was accepted into the Honor's Business Capstone, regardless of the fact that she was not an honors student.

Grieve had interned for both the Greeley Stampede and the National Western Stock Show during her time as an undergrad. She was a full-time working student in Spring 2009 at the National Western Stock Show in the Marketing department, and was then offered the Student Interim Coordinator position for the Equine Sciences Program at

Colorado State University in Fall 2010. She played a vital role in producing the 2011 Legends of Ranching Performance Horse Sale while tending to other responsibilities as Program Coordinator. She continued to pursue her passion in the marketing aspect of the industry and most recently has become the Marketing Coordinator at Heel-O-Matic.

"If you told me when I started in fall that I would have ended up marketing plastic cows I would have thought you were crazy," says Grieve, "you never know what is really out there that will fit with personal and professional goals until you experience it. That is why it is important that you don't constrain yourself to a certain path. It's really important that you go out and experience everything so you can find a satisfying career that balances both your work and the activities you love doing."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

By Cailin Caldwell
CSU Equine Connection writer

The two-time winner of the much coveted Outstanding Equine Sciences Student of the Year award, Simon Czamanski is an exemplary student who embodies all of the traits that the program tries to instill. Most recently, he was honored as the Outstanding Equine Sciences Senior. Regarding the award, the humble Czamanski says, "This is the most meaningful award I have ever had. It is so meaningful because the people that chose the winners are my peers and professors, who are all exceptional. Those are the people that keep me going and stimulate me to want to learn because they are so willing to help the students and are so passionate about the industry."

Born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela, Simon discovered his passion for animals while working for a local animal hospital after moving to Florida during his High School years. With the belief that ability comes from experience, he spent time working in a variety of different areas before isolating the fact that he loved working with people and their horses. This led him to pursue a pre-vet degree in Equine Sciences at Colorado State

SIMON CZAMANSKI

University, where he has been a present and contributing member of the program.

Within the University he has been involved in the Key Community, CSU Snowriders, the Pre-Vet Club, The National Society of Leadership and Success, and the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He interned at the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Lexington, KY and plans to return this upcoming May. One of his proudest accomplishments during his collegiate career is becoming involved with Relay for Life, helping to promote research and bringing people together to fight for the lives of those who are currently and those that will battle cancer. Passionate about the topic, Czamanski is hoping to be on the planning committee for next year's relay and is a frequent advocate for the event and cause. Most recently he has pursued an interest in horse judging, and traveled to Texas to successfully compete in the APHA Spring Sweepstakes contest on behalf of Colorado State University. Known for his work ethic and dedication, he was a valuable asset to the team.



However, what truly makes this outstanding young man an exemplary member of the program is his passion for the industry and dedication to learning. He is guided by passion and an unquenchable thirst to understand the industry as a whole, which as a result, has helped to shape him into the well-rounded horseman that he is today.

"You have to pop your comfort zone - you will not grow if you only do things that you know and are with people that are like you. You need to surround yourself with experiences and with people that have differences. That is what makes you strong and makes you who you are" says Czamanski.

With the goal of becoming a Veterinarian, Simon Czamanski tries to uphold his values of equality, accountability, loyalty, honesty, determination, and respect. He is an excellent representative of the program, and will no doubt be equally successful in the industry as a proud Equine Sciences Alumnus.

INTERNSHIPS

Working with Racehorses

Last summer I was an intern for the 2011 Breeders Cup Marathon winning trainer Robert (Butch) Reid at Parx Racing in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. I had never worked with racehorses prior, but Butch was an eager mentor.

If you are confident handling hot horses, willing to learn, and are ready to work hard and long hours this internship will give you the experience of a lifetime. From stable management and dealing with clients, to creating training regimens and going to the paddock on race day; working at the track is all hands on experience. If you are interested in this internship, please contact me via email at kparcse@gmail.com.

-Kelsey Parisi, ESS



"RICH MULLIGAN'S 54th BIRTHDAY CLASSIC"

Wrangler

Last summer I interned at Sweetwater Lake Resort in Gypsum, CO. I had an amazing experience working as a wrangler and waitress. I improved my riding skills and gained experience leading rides, doctoring horses, waitressing and assisting guests during their stay at the resort. If you are a hard worker, willing to work long hours, enjoy talking with people and love riding for hours into the mountains to explore caves, fish and sit next to a secluded canyon for lunch then this is the internship for you. If you are interested please email me at lindseyleatherman@yahoo.com and I can refer you to the owner/operators.

-Lindsey Leatherman, ESS



Camp Counselor

Working at an equine focused summer camp can be a fantastic way to channel your passion for the horse and share it with the next generation of horsemen. As a camp Gate Farm Day Camp, included working with arena, helping them handle the horses, craft activities, and volunteer counselor



counselor at Red daily duties the campers in the safely groom and leading cooking and directing the program.

Internships at day camps require patience, a sense of humor, and a love of the sport. Students who love working with kids and sharing their knowledge will find that nothing compares to the feeling of helping a horse crazy youth realize their dreams.

-Cailin Caldwell, ESS

Intercollegiate Judging Contest Coordinator Assistant

I had the opportunity to work as an assistant to the intercollegiate judging contest coordinator at the National Western Stock Show this year. We planned, coordinated, and managed three contests and reservations for nearly 700 people. In order to be successful in a position like this it takes someone who has a keen attention to detail, strong multi-tasking abilities, great people skills, and most importantly enjoys working in a fast paced environment. This opportunity came to me simply by talking to people, and asking if I could intern for them. My advice to other students is to create your own internship. Don't wait for something to open up, find someone with a job you think you would like and offer your assistance as an intern.

-Lindsey Owen, ESS



MEET YOUR TEACHER



Interviewed by Cailin Caldwell
CSU Equine Connection writer

Tiare Santistevan

What is your favorite class to teach? ANEQ442 Riding Instructor Training

What discipline/activity in the horse industry would you most like to try? Combined Driving. It looks challenging and fun and a bit crazy.

What item could you NOT live without? Ice cream

Quote to live by: Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them."

What advice would you offer Equine Sciences Students? Don't be afraid to try something new, work hard and put 110% into everything you do.

Why did you choose to get into the Equine Industry? I was born into it. My father played polo and my mom showed horses and so I followed suit. I am now fortunate enough to be able to work within the industry and enjoy teaching others.

Who is your role model and why? I would have to say that I have more than one role model. I admire the trainers in the industry who have started their businesses from square one and have turned it in to a successful training and lesson program. It takes someone who is not afraid to get their hands dirty, a lot of hard work, marketing skills, knowledge for the industry and a drive to make the industry better.

CALENDAR

MAY

2012 Ranch Travel Trip

May 14-20, 2012
Colorado, New Mexico, Texas

Buck Brannaman Clinic

May 19-21, 2012
BW Pickett Arena, Fort Collins, CO

JUNE

Mustang Makeover

June 7-10, 2012
BW Pickett Arena, Fort Collins, CO

The Equine Sciences Stewards wishes you a safe and fun summer!!!

