



CONTENTS

KeSa Quarter Horses	1-2
Save the Date - KeSa Sale	2
From the Arena - MRHC	3
Club Corner - RHV / Polo	5
Club Corner - ERC / CHA	5
Hoof Beats - Cavalia in Denver	6

Newsletter Committee Editorial Staff

Erin Pettigrew

Dixie Crowe

Rachel Grasso

Do you have an article, story idea or photo from a horse event you'd like to submit? Please email it to vcrowe@rams.colostate.edu

Our goal is to strengthen relationships between faculty, staff, and industry professionals by providing CSU Equine Sciences students a collection of information pertaining to the industry and undergraduate

Disclaimer: Under Colorado law, no expression made by students in the exercise of free speech or freedom of the press shall be deemed to be an expression of school policy. No student, employee, or officer of CSU shall be held liable in any civil or criminal action for expression made or published by a student.

KeSa Quarter Horse Internship

By Dana Ratcliffe

This summer I had the opportunity to work at KeSa Quarter Horse LCC.

The quarter horse farm, located in Ault, Colorado is about 7 miles east of Fort Collins.

As a girl from the suburbs of Florida, where horses are not prevalent, this was a dream come true. I was extremely thankful that the owners Sam Shoultz, and Ken Matzner gave me the chance to gain some hands on experience and apply the knowledge I had learned in my classes.

During my internship, I was literally helping with every aspect of KeSa; I would feed and water the horses every morning and night, heck pastures, help train riding colts, mend and build fences, and I would catch broodmares to take them in for veterinary exams. I even helped stack hay, doctor horses, and complete our sale catalog for the sale in October; and these are just some of the jobs I helped out with at KeSa.

Along the way I picked up a few handy skills such as learning how to drive a standard transmission truck, a Bobcat, and a tractor.

In addition, I learned how to properly trailer horses, how to

halter break foals, and how to handle and train young colts. I even gained experience handling studs.

I have to admit some days were a lot harder to handle than others. Some days the horses would not work with me, I would get bucked off the colts, or something would break.

(story continued on page 2...)



Photo by Dixie Crowe

INTERNSHIP

(Kesa Quarter Horse continued from page 1)

In the end, enduring these difficulties was worth it because it made me a better horsewoman. I learned how to get past having a bad day and the value of persistence. In addition, completing this internship allowed me to learn more about handling horses, running a horse farm, and working farm equipment than I ever thought I would; thus giving me new, useful skillset which I can use in my future career.

Even though my summer internship is over, I plan on helping KeSa with their 2nd annual sale to be held at Colorado State Equine Center on October 18th, 2014. KeSa will be looking for some extra hands to help out with the sale, so I would recommend that any interested students keep on the lookout for more information about volunteering at the sale.

Photo by Dixie Crowe



SAVE THE DATE

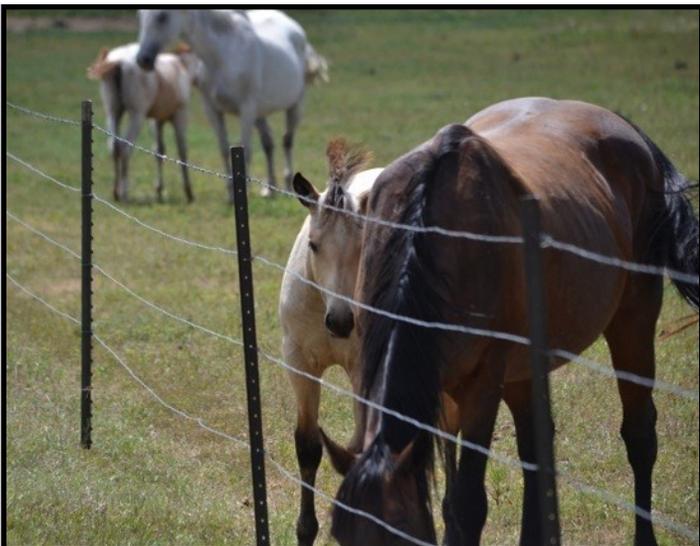


Photo by Dixie Crowe

KeSa
Quarter Horses

2014 Production Sale

Saturday October 18th

Preview 8:30-10:30a m ★ Sale starts at 1:00 pm

at the CSU Equine Center

Adams-Atkinson Arena

Mountain Riders Horse Club

By Dixie Crowe

Mountain Riders Horse Club kicked off the fall term with a trail ride for eight students with outfitter Jim Brink ahead of his busy hunting season schedule.

Many of the students in the club are alumni of Chuck Peterson's packing and outfitting classes, current and former-teaching assistants for his classes, enrolled students, or students who just want to learn about the art of packing horses and mules into the back-country. The club was started in 2002 by former students of the packing class to continue to practice the skills they had learned.

Today's club members include a diverse range of students and the club is open to anyone with an interest in packing and outfitting.

A few highlights from last year's events include a winter camping trip and learning how to tie rope halters from scratch. Members also had a packing demonstration hosted by then vice president MaKenzie Keefer and club advisor, Chuck Peterson, at the Legends of Ranching Barn. Club members put packsaddles on horses while some of the new members watched how tarps called mantys covered the loads and were lashed on with double diamond knots or bosco hitches.

This year as club president, one of Keefer's goals is to increase the club's involvement in the CSU and Fort Collins communities since last year's annual trick-or-treating for cans around the oval in the La Porte neighborhood with the horses in costume was cancelled due to the fall floods. Keefer also plans to offer more social and riding events for the club overall. She has moved the meetings

from campus to the Legends of Ranching Barn so that she, Kristopher Stamps, club treasurer, and other club members can bring their horses to be part of club activities.



Students get a mountain riders club t-shirt with their dues payment of \$25 for the year. They're perfect to wear to all CSU sporting events especially during orange-outs. Green hoodies with the club logo are available to purchase for \$25.

The club meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Legends of Ranching Barn.

Join the Facebook page for the latest meeting updates, event plans and photos of past events.

Photo by Dixie Crowe

Ranch Horse Versatility

By Meagan Young

We are a student organization with two advisors, four coaches, and five officers who are CSU students. This year we have about 40 people that compete at shows and represent our club!

The club will be hosting an open and collegiate Versatility Ranch Horse show this October 10-12, 2014 at the Equine Center.

This show generally draws in large numbers and colleges from Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Colorado. It is open to the public and we encourage people to come watch! There will be food there during lunch time as well.

For more information check out our webpage on the Equine Science site and our Facebook page under CSU Versatility Ranch Horse Team.



Photo by Brittany Phelan

Polo Club

By Janalee Thompson



The Colorado State University Polo Club is well underway preparing for the upcoming 2014-2015 season.

We have just accepted 24 new members who will be learning the exciting sport of polo in our beginner program throughout the next year.

In addition to a beginner program, the club has junior varsity and varsity teams that play competitively throughout the school year. The club owns 28 horses that are used specifically for the program, and returning members have been exercising them every day in preparation of the first match.

The first game of the season will be an all-star CSU polo alumni team vs the current CSU men's polo team October 3rd at the CSU Equine Center B.W. Pickett Arena at 7pm. **Admission to the season opener is free!**

English Riding Club

By Kristin Fortunski



English Riding Club is off to a great start. Some upcoming events to look forward to are our annual Yankee candle fundraiser which starts in October, as well as clinics and the Halloween parties.

More information on the club can be found on our Facebook page at English Riding Club at Colorado State University.

Collegiate Horsemen's Assoc.

By Taylor Randall

Another school year has begun, and CHA is packing the schedule already with some great events! A few weekends ago, members went up to Estes Park for the annual International Jousting Competition held as part of the Longs Peak Highland Festival. Every year we work as grounds crew for the event, setting up the games course and the jousting lists, handing up lances to the knights, collecting broken pieces of lances, and tallying up all of the scores of the weekend. This is legitimate, un-staged jousting – quite a sight to see!

On September 19-21, CHA members traveled to New Mexico to watch the Holsteiner Breed Approvals at Rancho Corazon, www.ranchocorazon.us. At the approvals, warm-blood horses were shown before judges and scored on their conformation, type, and movement in order to be approved to enter the official Holsteiner registry. This was a great networking opportunity and always a fun road trip for our members.

Other events we have planned include creating a float for the Homecoming parade, attending a driving clinic, organizing a roping clinic, planning and managing a schooling show in spring, social events and more.

Members of CHA also have the opportunity every year to attend the ACHA National Convention, hosted by Texas A&M) this year, which brings together CHA members from colleges across the country to attend clinics and tour equine facilities around the host school.



Photo by Taylor Randall

Cavalía Show in Denver

By Taylor Randall

If you are looking for a way to fill an upcoming evening, consider making the trek down to Denver to see Cavalía: Odyseo, at the Pepsi Center through October 5.

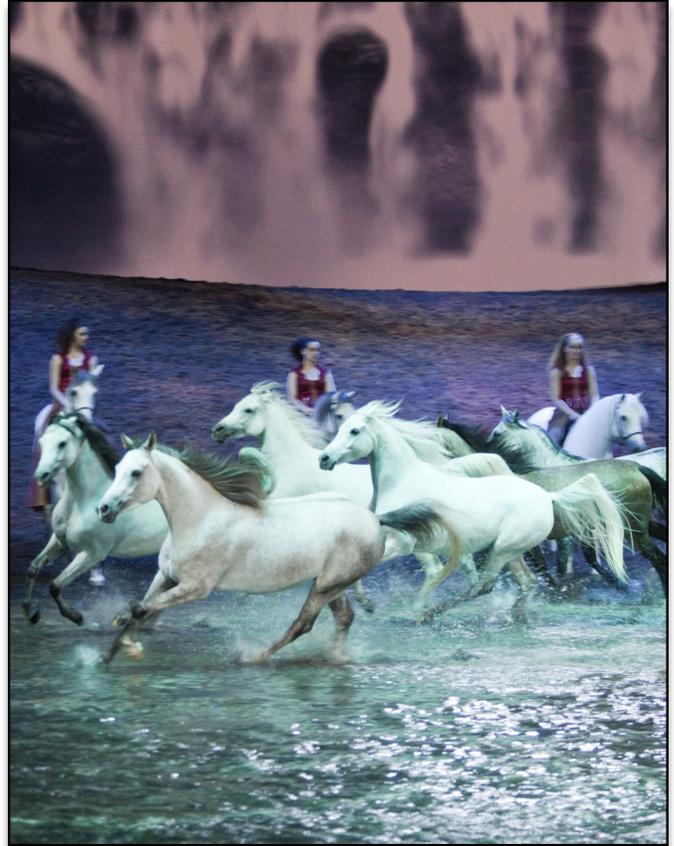
Cavalía is a show unlike any other, combining impressive horsemanship and breathtaking acrobatics in a Cirque de Soleil-like performance. The story behind the show is celebrating the bond between human and horse, and all that the horse symbolizes – beauty, freedom, and harmony.

As described by the Cavalía website, “Layers of mesmerizing decors combined with gravity-defying acrobatic and areal stunts and the staggering effects created by state-of-the-art scenery makes this humongous stage a real...feast for the eyes.” Beautiful horses and high-flying acrobats – what more could you want?

I have heard nothing but good things from people who have seen the show, so you should definitely take advantage of the opportunity while it is here in Denver.

Tickets range from \$40 to \$150, though there is also a discounted group rate. Get your tickets soon, as they sell out quickly!

The Travelers / Les voyageurs | Photo by François Bergeron



The horse knows.

He also knows if you know.

He also knows if you don't know.

~ Ray Hunt

A cowboy in the Wyoming Ranch Rodeo Finals not only rides to the 8 second bell, but has time to reassure his bronc.

Photo by Dixie Crowe