



MCTA *Maryland* Eventing Newsletter

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MCTA HT AT SHAWAN DOWNS MAY 2-4, 2008

Volunteers needed!!

Receive more than warm fuzzies. With 1/2 day of volunteering at an MCTA event, you may receive a free schooling over the Shawan Downs course; or with a full day of volunteering you may receive a free clinic with either **Stephen Bradley** over the Shawan Downs course or with **Sharon White** over the MCTA Starter HT course later in the season.

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MCTA NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Starting this March, MCTA is going monthly with the newsletter. We have a new editorial team working on the newsletter. Please feel free to contact us with news stories or any other interesting pieces of information you would like to share with MCTA members. We are always looking for good stories!

MTCA MEMBERS ORGANIZE DARREN CHIACCHIA FUNDRAISER

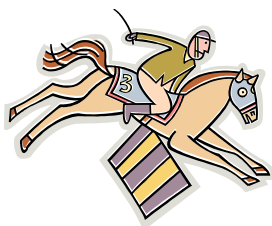
Everyone, riders and non-riders alike, were shocked and saddened to hear about Olympian **Darren Chiacchia's** life-threatening fall March 15 at the Red Hills Horse Trials in Tallahassee, Florida. Even though his prognosis improves daily, Darren is facing a long recovery, and one that will be astronomically expensive. As riders ourselves, we all relate to the fact that just one "misstep" by our horse could put us in the same disastrous situation – I'm sure, upon hearing of the accident, most of us thought "but for the grace of God go I..."

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AREA II EVENT STALLION SERVICE AUCTION

Hook up with a great stallion, such as Reputed Testimony, at a super price while helping Area II Young Riders. Several stallion owners throughout the area have donated services of selected stallions to benefit the Young Riders program. All the services start at HALF the advertised fee, so you could really get a great bargain. **Bidding is OPEN - Bidding ends April 15, 2008.** View bids and enter your own bid by visiting the Area II website **www.area2.net**.

JIMMY WOFFORD CLINIC



There are still a few spots open for the cross country clinic with **Jimmy Wofford** on Friday April 18th. The cost is \$150 for a two hour session. Novice is from 9:00-11:00, training from 11:30-1:30 and prelim is from 2-4. The clinic is being held At An Otherwise Perfect Farm in Upperco, Md.

If interested contact Brenda Herzog.

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Renew Today

Don't miss out on the sweet deals, be sure to RENEW your MCTA membership today! *Membership must be current to be eligible for special rates for clinics and club-specific trophies, awards, and grants.* Contact **Ami Howard** at **ahoward152@msn.com**

Right before the accident, two MCTA members, Angie Brennan and Nina Holm (of Glenwood Farm in Harwood MD), had just returned home from a three-week stint at Darren's Independence Farm in Ocala. Nina and Angie met Darren for the first time in 2006 when Nina was looking for an upper level event horse which she eventually bought from Darren. "I remember he couldn't have been nicer or better to deal with – I came away thinking I would recommend Darren to anyone looking for an upper level event horse" said Nina "and that's when I made plans with my Maryland trainer, Liza Horan, to meet her down at Darren's farm the following winter." Angie added "My horse and I were just along for the ride but I thought it was an incredible opportunity for me to be around the best of the best riders". After spending three weeks taking lessons and watching Darren give other students lessons, they both came away with a

renewed appreciation of Darren's enormous talent and all that he contributes to the sport of eventing. "He was so gracious with his time and we had complete use of his facility – everyone there was great" said Nina.

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So, upon hearing the news, they decided they had to do something to help Darren. Angie called Dover Saddlery in Crofton, MD asking for donations for a raffle and permission to set up a table to collect funds. Nina lined up several top trainers (Susan Graham White and Stuart Pittman were especially generous) to donate lessons to be sold at a discount, and she got a local equine massage therapist (Pam Link) to donate a free massage. They even got a couple of baskets full of Arbonne beauty products donated by a local dressage rider (Betsy Novotny) to sell at a discount!

On March 29-30, the girls sat at Dover Saddlery in Crofton and the response was incredible!! "We raised \$1,356.00! All of the items we had sold, and we had lots of people participate in the raffle"(1st prize was a \$75.00 gift certificate to Dover thanks to Katie Cahill, Manager of the Dover Crofton store). "Most people knew of Darren or knew him personally and had heard of the accident, so they were happy to help out" said Nina. The two plan to round off the amount to an even \$1,500.00 and send the money directly to Darren c/o his family. "We know this amount is nothing compared to the massive fund raisers other people have organized for Darren but after our great experience and getting to know him, we just wanted to do our part" said Angie.

Anyone wanting an update on Darren's condition or wishing to donate money for his medical expenses can go directly to Darren's website www.eventrider.com.

Amy Foster

BITS OF EXPERIENCE

It never seems to fail that someone will show up at an event and their horse's shoe either has a nail sticking out at a precarious place or they have a badly twisted shoe and it needs to be removed while at the event. If there is a farrier on the grounds, your problem should be solved, but if not, there are things you can do to help you still get through the event by keeping a few items in your trailer.

A few tools that are worthy of carrying in your trailer would be crease nail pullers and/or shoe pull offs and a rasp. The crease nail pullers will help with the nail that is sticking out that could injure

your horse. If you have a twisted shoe – use the nail pullers or you could also invest in shoe pull offs.

Davis boot, duck tape or vet wrap to wrap the foot for protection. This should enable the horse to

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The rasp would come in handy to clean up any rough edges that are sticking out due to a twisted shoe. Your farrier should be able to give you a quick lesson in how to use them. If the foot is not damaged and the horse can still be used but there is not a farrier on the grounds to stick the shoe back on, make sure you carry items such as a

make it thru the event without doing any damage to his foot and to keep him relatively comfortable. Make sure you consult your rule-books to see what is allowed also as far as "footwear" is concerned.

Maria Hillegas

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Did we miss you or an
event where you rode?
Please email me with all
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the year, and we will be
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RESULTS

The Ark HT 2008-03-01 - 2008-03-02

Training, OT (Starters: 17)

Horse/Rider	Dres	SJ-T	SJ-J	XC-T	XC-J	Score	Place
Findhorn / Julia Ennis	41.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	4

Southern Pines HT (NC) 2008-03-15-16

Beg Novice

Horse/Rider	Dres	SJ-T	SJ-J	XC-T	XC-J	Score	Place
Sunshine Stalker / Alex Curtiss	35.90	2.00	0.00	15.20	0.00	53.10	6

Prelim JYOP (Starters: 18)

Horse/Rider	Dres	SJ-T	SJ-J	XC-T	XC-J	Score	Place
Savannah IX / Molly Curtiss	35.90	2.00	0.00	15.20	0.00	53.10	6
Aztec Gold / Sarah Bratton	39.30	2.00	0.00	68.00	85.00	194.30	16

Southern Pines HT (NC) 2008-03-21-23

Int OIB (Starters: 18)

Horse/Rider	Dres	SJ-T	SJ-J	XC-T	XC-J	Score	Place
Redmond / Julia Wendell	40.30	0.00	4.00	28.40	0.00	72.70	9

Prelim JYOPA (Starters: 20)

Horse/Rider	Dres	SJ-T	SJ-J	XC-T	XC-J	Score	Place
Wil'ya Love Me / Courtney Sendak	42.90	0.00	0.00	8.40	0.00	51.30	5

Training JTRB (Starters: 17)

Horse/Rider	Dres	SJ-T	SJ-J	XC-T	XC-J	Score	Place
Findhorn / Julia Ennis	38.50	0.00	0.00	8.40	0.00	38.50	4

LOLcats at <http://icanhascheezburger.com/>



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