



Mother Lode Hoofbeats Young Rider News

Welcome!

You haven't heard from us for a while. We are the Mother Lode Young Riders Club. To reintroduce ourselves, here are a few Facts about Mother Lode Young Riders (MLYR):

- MLYR is the Youth Group for Mother Lode Arabian Horse Association (MLAHA).
- The club is for kids ages 8 – 18.
- You can join the Youth Group even if you don't have a horse.
- Membership is \$10 per year (or free as part of paid MLAHA membership).
- Our Youth Group leader is Mike Moore. (blackandgold46@yahoo.com)
- Participating in a variety of activities, volunteering and horse showing can earn you points towards a year end High Point award. See more details below.
- Activities, field trips, parties and much more.
- Meetings are planned every other month, so we won't have too many! (Boring!). More info to come.



Activities we are planning for this summer

- Helping with the Horse Painting activity at the Sacramento Horse Expo (June 12-14, 2009).
- Visit to multiple horse facilities in the area.
- Seminars on horse care, grooming and safety.
- Make your own Breyer Horse halters (Katrina Moss will teach you)
- We're also looking into having a sponsored trail ride or horse camp. If it works out, we'll have more info soon!

We need volunteers for the Horse Painting activity in June! Call Dorothee @ 916.412.0172



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Some of our Young Riders have been very active in volunteering and riding:

- Special Thanks and Kudos to Autumn and Desiree for all their help at the MLYR booth during the Fuzzy Wuzzy show. Thanks also to all the ribbon kids during the show.
- Congrats to Taylor, Sarah, Carson, Fiona, Rachael, Katie, Sophie and Katrina for their success at recent horse shows.



Mother Lode Young Rider Spotlight: Sarah "Allison" Newman

Interviewed by Sophie Moss

Name: Sarah Allison Newman

Age: 15 going on 16

Horse: Abbra Kadabbra

Favorite Breed: Half-Arabian

- 1) SM: Q. How long have you been showing?
SN: A. I've been riding since I was six. I started showing lead line at six, at least, and started showing alone at age seven.
- 2) SM: Q. what is your favorite part about the youth group?
SN: A. my favorite part about the youth group is the chance to experience new adventures and have fun.
- 3) SM: Q. how did you earn the name "Allison"?
SN: A. I earned the name "Allison" by helping out with a news reporter at our Club's 30th Fuzzy Wuzzy show. I have no idea how the reporter came up with the name. I just went along with it. But we thought it was funny because that is my real middle name.
- 4) SM: Q. what are you looking forward to most this summer?
SN: A. I look forward to sleeping in this summer.
- 5) SM: Q. what do you plan on doing this year, riding wise?
SN: A. Riding wise, I look forward to more trail riding and spending quality time with my horses.
- 6) SM: Q. if you could choose any horse to ride, who would it be?
SN: A. I would love to ride Lady D because she is so pretty.
- 7) SM: Q. what do you plan on doing in your life?
SN: A. I have no idea, for my plan for life. I like to live it as it comes.
- 8) SM: Q. do you plan on having horses in your life forever?
SN: A. I don't plan to be around horses for the rest of my life. I enjoy them and may visit every now and then but I don't see myself riding in the future but my mind may change through the years.
- 9) SM: Q. who would you like to meet?
SN: A. I think just regular people living their lives. Just like everyone else. Nothing special. Although, Will Ferrel sounds like he would be a funny person and I guess he would be cool to meet.

Thank you for your time.



High Point awards for MLYR (awarded at MLAHA Awards Dinner in December):

How to earn points:

5 POINT'S:

- a. Finishing 1st in any MLAHA recognized event. (It is your responsibility to Mike Moore)
- b. Participate in any MLAHA event. (Or Volunteer)
- c. Meetings. (If you are at a MLAHA event, it will count as a meeting)
- d. If you make all meetings (or events) extra 10 points.

3 POINTS

- a. Bring in a new member.
- b. Any placement in a recognized MLAHA event. (Excluding 1st)
- c. Team work and sportsmanship: Such as assisting or teaching members to learn. Remember, someone taught you!

The Awards:

A: HORSE AND NO HORSE YOUNG RIDER OF THE YEAR:

This is designed so every member will have a chance for an award at the end of the year based on total points. This is why it's very important to participate in MLAHA events and activities (again, this is for Horse and No Horse Rider of the Year – so you don't need to ride to earn one of these awards!)

B: SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEAMWORK:

Will be voted on by club members, based on assisting and demonstration of knowledge and helping other members to learn. Please do not vote for yourself, but think of a deserving member. The outcome will be kept secret until the MLAHA Christmas party. Also, Mike Moore, Kathy Newman and Dorothee Moss can vote.

Key points:

- a. Helping other members: Example. Showing how to braid a mane or tail, hoof cleaning or anything that could be a learning experience to other members.
- b. Helping in sponsorships and events. Remember, our club fund is only as good as we make it!

