

Whitney Ridge Stables  
Home of Lagace Performance Horses

# The WRS Whinny

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## Spring Breakout: Results

Whitney Ridge Stables boasted eight horses in attendance at this year's Spring Breakout in Lexington, VA on March 15- 21. Clear blue skies and spring temperatures set the scene for the show, icing-on-the-cake to the picturesque Shenandoah Mountains in the backdrop. The Spring Breakout is held in at the Virginia Horse Center, a sprawling facility with airy stalls and multiple riding rings.



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Irene Bugliari and Unzip My Imagination ("Simon") earned Circuit Champion, garnishing their successful show with a win in the final Equitation 14-18 class. Irene and Simon only need 3 more points in order to qualify for the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show in August!

Beth Stanton and She Made It Happen ("Skyler") excelled in showmanship and Amateur Trail, earning a multitude of points.



Libby Rinder and Knot On Time ("Stroker") and Hot Rockin Potential

("Sonny") also showed at the Spring Breakout. Stoker and Sonny rocked their trail classes, each having a win.

Brooke Watson and Taylor Made By Blue ("Blue") placed in 14-18 Horsemanship, Equitation, and Showmanship.

Olivia Steneck and ("Scooter") not only debuted in Novice Trail, but placed 2nd in the class!

Amanda Steneck and Wee Bit Expensive ("Mac") made a beautiful team in the hunter under saddle and equitation classes.

Ashley Chello's young horse Art I Smilin ("Stretch") was also in attendance to gain experience and exposure.

Whitney won trail aboard both Sonny and Stroker along with two seconds on Skyler.

Congratulations everyone!



Photos provided by Brooke Watson & Irene Bugliari



### Birthdays and Congratulations

- Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Happy Spring!
- Happy Birthday Jen Krist (March 12), Michelle Salafia (March 23), Ashley J. (April 4), Ally Bugliari (April 8), & Christine Griffin (April 2)!
- Congratulations to Irene Bugliari for qualifying for the AQHYA World Show & for her circuit award at the Spring Breakout in VA!
- Congratulations to Libby Rinder for her circuit awards!

### Welcome

- The Steneck's family's horse Beamer!



## 2010 Virginia Classic Horse Show



The 2010 Virginia Classic Horse Show (formerly the East Coast Championship Show) took place April 5-11 in Lexington, VA. The show, which was almost canceled, is now under new management of Mark Harrell Horse Shows.

This large, competitive show is a great venue for WRS riders. Among the placings:

Beth Stanton and She Made It Happen ("Skyler") placed top ten in Amateur Trail, Horsemanship, and Showmanship.

Jen Krist and Protect My Chips ("Darrell") placed second in Novice Youth Horsemanship, foreshadowing a brilliant show career.

Irene Bugliari and Unzip My Imagination ("Simon") not only earned points towards their qualification for equitation at the Youth World Show, but also won Aged Geldings and Youth Geldings 3+.

Libby Rinder placed top ten in trail and horsemanship aboard Hot Rockin Potential ("Sonny"). Whitney Lagace won junior trail aboard Hot Rockin Potential ("Sonny"), placed top ten with him in the junior western riding, and placed top ten in green western riding with Protect My Chips ("Darrell").

Ashley Chello and Art I Smilin ("Stretch") and Brooke Steneck with "Beamer" also attended the show to help set their horses up for success by accustoming them to the world of showing.

Complete results of our riders and horses from the VA Classic can be found on the WRS website at [www.whitneyridge.com](http://www.whitneyridge.com).

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## Northampton Novice Show

Several WRS riders attended their first-ever AQHA approved show when they showed at the Annual Spring AQHA/ Open Novice show in Northampton, MA on April 17-18. Kristin Torre and Amy Delana showed Mr Taxin Time ("Tex"), Morgan Robb showed Zips Investor ("Max"), and Taylor Mangiafico and Shelby Corbin showed Lasting Imagery ("Willy"). All these horse and rider teams represented WRS well and we look forward to many more successful shows!

## Facebook: Become a WRS Fan!



WRS is now on Facebook! Visit Facebook and "Become a Fan"! It's yet another way to show your support for WRS and keep in touch with barn buddies. Facebook will provide updates from shows, photos, barn information, links to the website and newsletter, and much more.

Keep in mind that content contributions for Facebook, *The Whinny*, and the WRS website are welcomed and appreciated! WRS wants to continue to recognize the successes of all its members. If you have photos, news items, updates, congratulations/ birthday wishes, or any other submissions, please feel free to submit them to Roni at [vnh85@hotmail.com](mailto:vnh85@hotmail.com).



### WRS QH shows...

#### April 7-15

Virginia Classic,  
Lexington, VA

#### April 17-18

Novice/Open show  
Northampton, MA

#### April 23-25

CQHA in  
Oneco, CT

#### May 6-9

MassQHA in  
Northampton, MA

#### May 19-23

CQHA in  
Oneco, C

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# WRS Summer Riding Camp



With summer fast-approaching, many parents are seeking a safe, fun environment for their children to spend their time. WRS's Camp is offered each summer to allow kids ages 5 to 13 years-old of any riding experience level to spend their summer at the barn. A typical camp day includes plenty of time riding (with and without a saddle!), caring for horses, learning about horses, playing games, and making arts and crafts. The week culminates with a horse show held at WRS for riders to demonstrate their abilities. The summer camp makes for a memorable experience.

Session 1: July 12-16

Session 2: July 19-23

Session 3: July 26- 30

Session 4: August 2-6

Visit [www.WhitneyRidge.com](http://www.WhitneyRidge.com) for more detailed information and access the WRS Summer Camp Registration Form. Sign up today as spaces fill quickly!



## First CQHA of the Season

Another season of Connecticut Quarter Horse Association (CQHA) shows kicked-off on April 22-25 at Falls Creek Farm in Oneco, CT. The show had a large turn-out made even larger by the fourteen horses attending from WRS.

In an exciting update, Jayna Lagace showed Dude Do Me Right ("Dude") in the lead-line class. Jayna looked every inch the part of the experienced rider in her new helmet, jacket, breeches, and gloves. Another promising young rider, Ashley Grasso and her horse Zips Investor ("Max") also made a brilliant debut. Quickly conquering the lead-line division, Ashley and Jayna made seamless transitions into the walk-trot division. Each of these young riders earned a blue ribbon; Ashley placing first in her lead line class and Jayna winning her W-T trail class.

Other exciting developments: The debut appearance of Judy Bushka on Dream Principle ("Bailey"). Judy began fulfilling her dream by showing in the adult walk-trot division, winning her trail class. Margaret Bugliari showed in the Novice Amateur Trail aboard Unzip My Imagination ("Simon") and Ashley Chello's horse ("Polaris") showed for the first time in the fences class.

All the WRS horses and riders did an excellent job showing. Congratulations to Irene Bugliari and Unzip My Imagination ("Simon") for earning their last couple of points to qualify for the 2010 AQHYA World Show! Overall, it was an exciting show and everyone is looking forward to the next one!



*Ashley Grasso & Jayna Lagace*

*Photo courtesy of Irene Bugliari*

*"If your horse says, 'No' you either asked the wrong question or asked the question wrong."*

*- Unknown*

## CHRONICLED

Be on the lookout for ads in *The Equine Chronicle* for the following WRS teams under the guidance of

*Whitney Lagace*

Jennifer Krist  
*Protect My Chips*

Elizabeth Rinder  
*Knot On Time*

Elizabeth Rinder  
*Hot Rockin Potential*

Irene Bugliari  
*Unzip My Imagination*

## WRS Website

Visit [www.whitneyridge.com](http://www.whitneyridge.com) to follow the latest results from shows. Summer Camp Registration forms are also available. Photos are being added and the site is currently being updated so be sure visit it frequently!





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Whitney Ridge Stables was founded in 1999 by Whitney Lagace. The farm is operated by the head trainer Whitney, her husband Mike Lagace, and barn manager Diane Planken. Assistant trainer Veronica (Roni) Hay has worked for the business for nine years. The farm also employs trainer and instructor Derek Bonk. Riding instructors include Kim Antol and Lynn Ficara. Boarding, training, sales, and English and western riding lessons are all services available at WRS. The operation specializes in cultivating successful partnerships between horses and riders. The primary focus of WRS is the training and showing of American Quarter Horses at both a local and national level.

### ASK MERLIN



*It's finally here! Spring is terribly exciting because not only means I get to be outside even more than I*

*do in the winter, but I don't have to wear my blue blanket that my butt hangs out of either! This is not only allows much more freedom of movement, but my belly also has direct access to laying in the numerous mud puddles. After all, April showers...bring mud puddles! I love mud puddles. I love to lie in mud puddles, I love to frolic in mud puddles, I love to drink from mud puddles. On the down side, I do have to get bubble baths much more frequently, but spring is well worth every puddle I find. Remember, the success of the day can be measured by amount of mud on one's paws.*

~ Merlin, CBD

*PS I would like to send out a special thank you to the people who found my collar tags in the field! I don't know how you found them, but I'm sure glad to have them back!*

If you have a question for me about the barn, horses, or myself please contact my secretary, Roni at vnh85@hotmail.com.



## Just for Fun

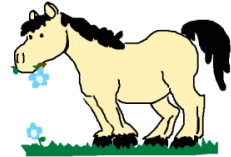
### Strange Horse Laws

In New York City, it is illegal to **open or close an umbrella** in the presence of a horse.

It is **illegal to fish from horseback** in Washington D.C, Colorado, and Utah.

Tennessee prohibits **riders from lassoing fish**.

Horses are required to wear hats in hot weather in Rasario, Argentina.



A British law states that an Englishman **must not sell a horse** to a Scotsman

In Guerne, Illinois, it is illegal for women weighing **more than 200 pounds to ride horses in shorts**.

In London, England, law required taxi drivers to **carry a bale of hay** on top of their caps to feed their horses. The law was in force until 1976.

In Arizona, it is illegal for cowboys to walk through a hotel lobby wearing their spurs.

In Raton, New Mexico, it is illegal for a woman to ride horseback down a public street **with a kimono on**.

A misworded ordinance in Wolf Point, Montana: "No horse shall be allowed in public without **its owner wearing a halter**."

In South Carolina, no horses are allowed into Fountain Inn unless they **are wearing pants**.

In the state of Queensland, Australia, it is still constitutional law that all pubs (hotel/bar) must have a railing outside for patrons to **tie up their horse**.

Marshalltown, Iowa, it is against the **law for a horse to eat a fire hydrant**.

(Obtained at [http://www.ultimatehorsesite.com/horsedraw\\_gallery/larry\\_index.html](http://www.ultimatehorsesite.com/horsedraw_gallery/larry_index.html))