

ABBE RANCH USEA RIDING CLINIC  
May 5-8, 2011

Susan Farmer's 2011 Abbe Ranch riding clinic drew 114 horses and a small wait list which acted to keep the clinic absolutely full right past the start of every class. **"Lots of room, lots of riding, lots of arenas and obstacles, six lectures and even a night out dining"** still is a good way to describe it. Each horse worked for at least 3 hours a day for 2 or 4 days. Footing was great. Weather was the best possible.

Seven of the best instructors available in the area were on duty. All were regulars: Laura Backus of Larkspur, CO, Rochelle Costanza of Franktown, CO, Tom Ordway of Princeton, ID, Frances O'Reilly of Vashon, WA, Karen Paul of Sedalia, CO, Deeda Randle of Cheyenne, WY, and Lindy Weatherford of Fort Collins, CO. Each taught 4 classes of about 6 riders for 1-1/2-hour sessions each day. Additionally, each instructor gave a noon or evening lecture to all riders who were able to come.

Awards were given to these performers for most improvement under instruction. The riders got trail mix or M&Ms, and the horses got carrots.

**Thu-Fri Rider**

James Bantis  
Mary Jane Hosch  
Courtney McCrea  
Sarah Reidy  
Hannah Slade

**Sat-Sun Rider**

Sara Brady  
Maria Gonzales  
Janet Gordon  
Mikayla Schroeder  
Lynne Krnacik  
Polly Leach-Lychee  
Katie Moulton  
Teresa Schmid  
Margaret Weber

**Four-Day Rider**

Laura Baxter  
Sue Eckberg  
Mykel Lanteri  
Erika Montgomery  
Jane Worrall

**Thu-Fri Horse**

BELLE GAMBE  
Linda Quist  
GYPSY  
Ashley Seabrook  
IZZY  
Julia Skains  
PEAK-A-BOO  
Keiley Smith  
SCHUYLER  
Kitren Nickerson

**Sat-Sun Horse**

CIRRUS  
Elizabeth Gillmor  
ELEANOR  
Anna Logan  
GLORY  
Anna Weatherford  
MARLEY  
Lauren Kolker  
MAYBELLE  
Becca Bosworth  
PAWNEE  
Sue Gaskill  
ROXANNE  
Wendie Wilhide  
ROYAL  
Emily Olivier  
WINSTON  
Eric Golting

**Four-Day Horse**

COOL CUTIE  
Kimberly Kasprzycki  
FINAL FANTASY  
Caitlin McMillon  
FIRST STORM  
Marion Mallard  
MAVERICK  
Mary Ellen Zager  
STEEL DUST  
Jan D'Alessandro

Sixteen teams stayed for their 3/4-mile-long Special Pair Pace Events on Friday and Sunday. There were 15 obstacles on each of 5 courses, laid out especially for the clinic. Taking each jump was under the honor system, but times were taken. These were the best paced performances on 3 of the courses:

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3'3", 450 mpm none	2'11", 400 mpm single, 40 sec slow	2'7", 350 mpm single, 5 sec slow	2'3", 300 mpm single, 2 sec slow	1'6", 250 mpm none
	DIESEL DARBY Sara Brady	HIGH CIRRIUS Erica Montgomery	JONAS Greg Smith	

Next up at Abbe Ranch - Susan Farmer's 36th consecutive annual presentation of the Abbe Ranch Horse Trials, over the last weekend in June.