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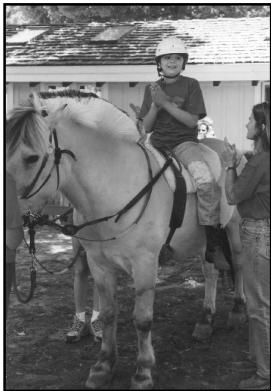
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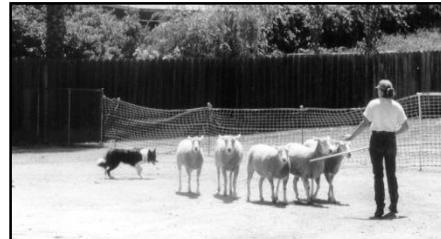
Western Day: June 9, 2002

Celebrating BOK's 17th Year

On June 9th from 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM the Kulchin's home will once again be transformed for Western Day, filled with all the wonderful people who support the BOK Ranch.



is our largest fundraiser, hopefully bringing in enough money to cover one third of our budget. Tickets are \$35.00; children 12 and under, with supervision, are free. Please call the office at **(650) 366-2265** for more information.



Planned for this year is music by Sagebrush Swing, a children's carnival, Petunia the Clown, a silent auction, sheep herding by Andy Anderson, a student riding demo, an agility demo by Bay Team and Dog Agility For Fun, a Redwood City Fire Department fire truck, and a delicious barbecue by Canyon Inn. Also, the internationally known artist and designer Laurel Burch will be attending!

While Western Day is always a fun event, it also serves a very important function. It



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Volunteer Appreciation Week **May 28th through June 1**

We will take a special moment each lesson day that week to recognize the volunteers who have so generously dedicated their time. Western Day is also volunteer award day. We would like to show appreciation to all our volunteers. Volunteers, please be sure to write down your t-shirt size on the sign-up sheet in the tack-room.

Introducing Jerry

By Carol Studer

B.O.K. Ranch has a new horse! Jerry is an American Cream Draft Horse gelding who is around 19 years old. He used to belong to the Woodside Vaulting program who acquired him at an auction with his friend Ben.

Ben and Jerry came from a farm in Missouri and were driven as a team.

Jerry has settled in with the rest of the B.O.K. Ranch herd, and is starting to have students riding him. He is our largest horse now; He is 15.2 hands high, (one inch taller than Shale), and pretty broad because he is a draft horse. He has a friendly, kind personality and seems happy being a therapy horse.

B.O.K. Ranch would like to thank Francine Benora for her generosity in sponsoring Jerry during his trial period and allowing B.O.K. Ranch to work with Jerry from November through March.

A big thank-you goes out to the Woodside Vaulters for donating this very sweet and wonderful horse. Welcome Jerry!



Jerry (front) napping with PJ and Zeke.

The Midpeninsula Special Riders Horse Show

Thanks to the great collaboration of BOK Ranch, NCEFT and Westwind Riding Institute this year's show was great! Sarah Fisher organized the show, and Jenny W. our judge.



B.O.K. Ranch had 22 participants who all rode very well! Our riders were Alex W., Rebecca K., Ezra J., Cheng-Hua H., Max B., Ben H., Kyle B., Ian O., Lindsey S., Matt M., Naoya O., Mike M., George H., Krysten B., Jessie A., Sarah S., David L., Debra E., Jason G., Emily D., Betsy F., and Elizabeth M.

Thank-you to the all volunteers who helped at the horseshow, you were a great help: Melissa Lau, Megan Barnett, Michelle Farrell, Brooke Schauder, Michelle Geer, Candace Gambill, Geronimo Desumala, Ali Compot, Susan Lam, Angie Moore, Rachel Pitzen, Amanda Poulsen, Sara Levey, and Danielle O'Neil.

Thank-you also to everyone who donated drinks and raffle items. Special Thanks to the O'Sullivan and Supan families who helped by sponsoring classes and the lunch. Also special thanks to Beata and all the Circle K members who organized and served the lunch. Petra handled the lunch rush very well! Thanks to the Circle K club from Foothill College we made a profit of \$195!!



It was a great show and we'll see you all next year!

Thank You, Donors

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Jacobson • Mr. & Mrs. Steve Ondry • Betty Chadik
M.L. Beumer • Kathleen Kalab • Grace Kallis • David Hall
Michael and Valerie Peskin • Arch Street Medical Association
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Special Thanks to the Wittman Family

A Letter Nominating Shale for “Horse of the Month”

By Allison Lau

Hi, my name is Allison Lau. I am 15 years old. I would like to nominate Shale, a B.O.K. Ranch horse, for “Therapy Horse of the Month.” I am currently a teenage volunteer at B.O.K. Ranch and was once a student of the therapeutic riding program.

The first time I met Shale was 11 years ago. I was only 4 years old. I remember my first impression of Shale was that she was a tall, white, pretty horse. Even though she was a giant in front of me, I wasn’t

afraid of her because there was this gentle look in her eyes. I have a weak right hand, so sometimes I had a hard time gripping on to the reins. When this happened, Shale just patiently waited until I was ready and then we would walk on. Together with Shale, I improved as a rider and built up a lot of confidence.

Yes! Confidence enough for a 5-year-old girl to go to her first horse show with Shale in Sunol. Shale was tacked up nicely that day, with blue wraps and a braided tail. I was fairly nervous, but Shale behaved so well that it calmed me down. I got over it because Shale had confidence in me. We trotted over poles and did all sorts of routines in the horse show. We didn’t win first place, but we both tried our best.

3 years ago, I graduated to a traditional riding program in Webb Ranch. I returned to B.O.K. Ranch as a volunteer. Shale has not changed at all! She still patient and friendly. She still works so well with kids; following whatever commands (verbal and nonverbal) the kids give her. Shale is an excellent therapy horse because she is gentle, patient, friendly, and understand kids like me.

Sincerely,

Allison Lau

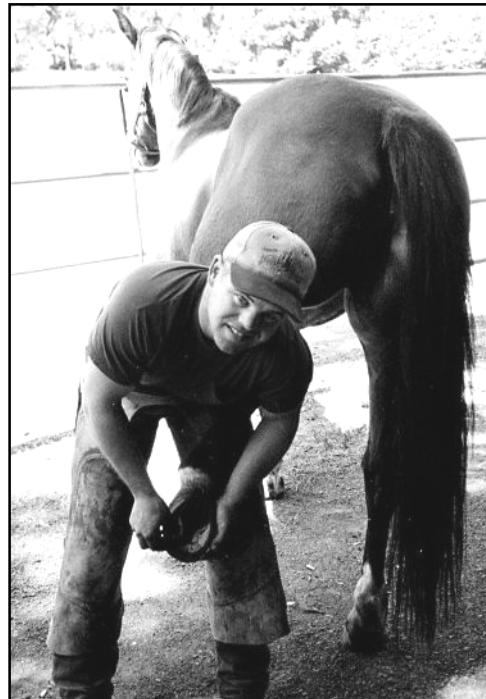
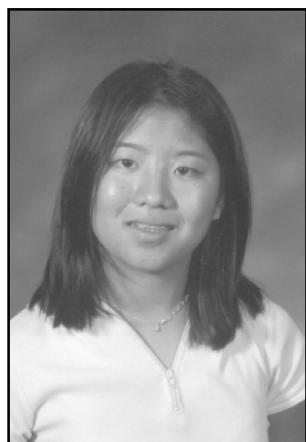
Introducing Lawrence Arata, One of B.O.K. Ranch's Generous Farriers

By Carol Studer

As you may know we are lucky to have Michaelle Ferro as our farrier. Since 1995 she has graciously donated her services to B.O.K. Ranch. Now we also have Lawrence Arata as a farrier.

Michaelle started working with Lawrence about 2 years ago and he came on board to help B.O.K. Ranch in 2000. The work that Michaelle and Lawrence do is invaluable. We are able to meet our expenses because of their donation. The horses need to get shod and trimmed every 8 weeks. Normally this expense would be about \$100 per horse each visit, depending on the shoeing needs of the individual animal. So, we are very grateful to have Lawrence and Michaelle help us. I recently talked to Lawrence on the phone and thanked him for coming out to the barn to shoe the horses. He replied, "I'm glad to help, I wouldn't have the patience to work with the children as you do, so this is how I can contribute and help the kids and the program."

Thank-you Lawrence! If you are interested in hiring Lawrence and/or Michaelle they can be reached at (650) 712-0807 or (650) 740-2396.



Yes! I am interested in the B.O.K. Ranch!

Please contact me regarding:

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Program Participation
- Contributions

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(Please make checks payable to B.O.K. Ranch, Inc.)
Contributions are tax deductible for federal tax purposes.

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