



Adrienne Hillas rides Turbonium in the Cross Country phase of an Eventing competition. Photo by Ed Lawrence, ©2003

Mill Creek Eventers Earn Top USEA Awards

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Mill Creek Equestrian Center in Topanga is once again home to some of the top three-day Eventing riders in California and in the nation. Area VI (California and Hawaii) of the United States Eventing Association held its annual awards ceremony in Fresno on January 24. Adrienne Hillas, age 16, from Bell Canyon and her horse Turbonium were presented with the Reserve Champion horse and rider awards for the Preliminary division. Adrienne was also the National Reserve Champion Junior Rider at the Preliminary level. Her horse, Turbonium, was the number five Preliminary horse in the country across all divisions (senior, amateur adult, etc.). Adrienne and Turbonium had placed second in the CCI "One Star" Event (an internationally recognized competition) at Galway Downs in Temecula last November out of a field of nearly 60. She received a cash award from the Area VI Young Riders group for being the highest placing junior rider in that division. Adrienne expects to move up to the Intermediate division for 2004, which is the second highest level of eventing competition.

Fifteen year old Loreen Kay of Hidden Hills and her horse Fifth Quarter were the third place horse and rider for Area VI at the Preliminary level. Loreen was also the seventh place preliminary rider in the country for 2003. She plans to ride her new horse, Russian, during the 2004 show season.

Alison Pavlis of Bel Air won the 2003 Junior Training Level Championship for Area VI and her horse Noelle was the Champion Training level horse. Alison ended up sixth in the national standings at the Training Level for 2003. Alison will be showing her new gelding, Panther, in the 2004 season.

Marisa Metzger and her horse Jakob were the champion junior rider and horse at the Novice Level for Area VI. Marisa, a Pacific Palisades

resident, is 12 and attends Crossroads School in Santa Monica. Another Palisadian, Elizabeth Cannon and her horse, Take Two, were the Reserve Champion Senior Novice rider and Novice horse for Area VI. Beth was also the number six Master Novice rider in the nation and her horse was the fifth place Novice horse in the country across all novice divisions.

At the Awards ceremony, Danielle Delin of Pacific Palisades was surprised and pleased to learn that she helped Mill Creek's own school horse Bows earn the Beginning Novice Pony championship for Area VI. This was Danielle's and Bows' first year of competition.

Congratulations Mill Creek Riders on a successful 2003 show season!

