



# MIWOK LIVERY STABLES

NEWS AND SCHEDULE

WINTER

DECEMBER 1, 2011-FEBRUARY 29, 2012

## Letter From Linda

### WITH A BANG

The fall term began with a bang and ended with a sigh of relief. Jackhammers, dump trucks and cement mixers pounded on the concrete, and Chico State students hammered the Red Barn. Thank you all for gently helping the horses through the turmoil. The stables are once again quiet enough to hear quail calling “macgregor” from the mesquite and the cat purring in the sun.

### WINTER COMINGS AND GOINGS

Every winter we send some horses out to enjoy the freedom of pasture. Young ones, particularly, do better at liberty than confined to a small stall during the rainy season. So **Uno, Zara and Gus** have gone to Petaluma to winter out. Boarded horses, **Spy and Bennie**, have been retired to Petaluma – well earned after some thirty years of faithful service to their owners. And our beloved **Robin and Teddy** have gone out to a luxurious retirement with a family in Nicasio.



New at Miwok, a twelve-year-old appaloosa, aptly named **Freckles**, is already a favorite of the show team, with a sweet temperament, lots of jumping talent, and happy on the trail. Nobody can fill **Robin and Teddy's** shoes, but Freckles is a good start.

### LEAD-LINE IS BACK

We are again offering Lead-line lessons for the little ones, ages 6,7 & 8. These half-hour private lessons are currently given on Saturday mornings - a great way to introduce the young child to horses. If you are interested, give us a call.

### WINTER CLASSES AND HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendars for the first day of winter session, beginning November 1. We will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after, November 24-25, and closed Christmas Eve and Day, and we have no kid's Afterschool classes December 19-31.

Sign-ups now open for Winter; you can use the handy on-line form at [MiwokStables.com](http://MiwokStables.com), or see if you can catch us in the office. We might not be at the desk –after all, we'd rather be riding! Wouldn't you?

Happy Trails,

*Linda Rubio*



JESSICA THOMPSON

*Chris rides Molly with the help of Christine and Alice Steele in the MGH Cancer Unit Program.*

### OUTREACH

We get attached to our students. One of our favorite Outreach students from the Marin General Cancer Recovery Unit, Chris, embodied all the reasons we love to teach these brave ladies – she inspired us with her joyful attitude, humor, and courage.

Chris was in our 2010 MGH class, part of our ongoing Outreach Programs. She adored Molly with a passion, and Molly loved her, too. When she finished her course she hugged us all, kissed Molly on the nose, and we wished her well.

She came back few weeks ago, in a wheelchair, too frail to walk. She had her son and daughter bring her to Miwok for one more visit with Molly. She told me that her time here learning to ride was the best thing that happened to her in her whole life. Chris died a week later. We were privileged to know this great lady, and thankful that our Molly brought her joy.



# WINTER CLASSES

## MIWOK STABLES

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Advanced</b> 9:30-11:00 Bianca Stark Dec 5-Feb 27 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Advanced</b> 9:30-11:00 Amelia Mazer Dec 6-Feb 28 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Jump</b> Advanced 8:00-9:30 Bianca Stark Dec 7-Feb 29 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Interm. II</b> 9:30-11:00 Amelia Mazer Dec 1-Feb 23 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Intermediate</b> 9:30-11:00 Bianca Stark Dec 2-Feb 24 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Show Team</b> <i>Jr. Varsity II</i> 8:00-9:30 Linda & Amelia Dec 3-Feb 25 sold out	<b>Interm. II</b> 8:30-10:00 Christine Pearson Dec 4-Feb 26 10 Lessons \$675
<b>Intermediate I</b> 10:30-12:00 Amelia Mazer Dec 5-Feb 27 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Trail Class</b> Advanced 9:30-11:00 Linda Rubio Dec 6-Feb 28 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Intermediate II</b> 9:00-10:30 Bianca Stark Dec 7-Feb 29 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Trail Class</b> Advanced 9:30-11:00 Linda Rubio Dec 1-Feb 23 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Jump</b> 10:30-12:00 Bianca Stark Dec 2-Feb 24 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Adult Interm./Adv</b> 9:30-11:00 Amelia Mazer Dec 3-Feb 25 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Trail Class</b> <i>Novice &amp; Up</i> 8:30-10:00 John Gordon Dec 4-Feb 26 8 Lessons in 12 weeks, no makeups. \$540
<b>Introductory</b> 1:00-2:30 Linda & Christine January 2-Feb 27 7 Lessons \$475	<b>Continuing Intro</b> 10:30-12:00 Amelia Mazer Dec 6-Feb 28 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Intermediate I</b> 10:30-12:00 Linda Rubio Dec 7-Feb 29 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Novice II</b> 10:30-12:00 Amelia Mazer Dec 1-Feb 23 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Continuing Intro</b> 1:00-2:30 Christine Pearson Dec 2-Feb 24 10 Lessons \$675	<b>Show Team</b> <i>Jr. Varsity I</i> 10:30-12:00 Linda & Amelia Dec 3-Feb 25 sold out	<b>Advanced</b> 10:30-12:00 Christine Pearson Dec 4-Feb 26 10 Lessons \$675
<b>Kids 3:30-4:00</b> Caitlin Ahlberg Sept 12-May 27 Sold Out	<b>Kids 3:30-4:00</b> Christine Pearson Sept 13-May 28 Sold Out	<b>Kids 2:30-3:30</b> Christine Pearson Sept 14-May 29 Sold Out	<b>Kids.</b> 2:30-3:30 Sept 15-May 30 Sold Out	<b>Kids 3:00-3:30</b> Christine Pearson Sept 16-May 31 Sold Out	<b>Show Team</b> 12:00-5:00 p.m. Bianca Stark Dec 3-Feb 25 sold out	<b>Kids Class</b> 10:30-12:00 Caitlin Ahlberg Dec 4-Feb 26 Sold Out
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### Prices

Guided Trail Ride .....	\$75.
Non-refundable deposit required.	
1 Lesson Course 10 lessons in 12 weeks .....	\$675.
2 Courses., ride up to 20 times .....	\$1,100.
3 Courses.....	\$1,500.
Group Lesson Drop-in.....	\$75.
Evaluation Lesson (group).....	\$75.
Evaluation Lesson (private).....	\$100.
Late Cancellation Fee.....	\$25.
Deposits are non-refundable.	
Lesson packages paid in advance are	
Non-refundable once the class starts.	

### Glossary

**Introductory** - Orientation, safe horse handling, groom and tack. Learn the rudiments of the walk and proceed to learn balance position through walking and beginning trotting exercises.

**Rusty Rider** - some riding experience, a refresher. If you are too advanced, we will reassign you

**Novice I** - Continuing to work on balance, three seats; posting, sitting, two-point at walk and trot.

**Novice II** - Introduction of a group trot, diagonals at the trot, group work, learning to ride without stirrups for balance. When secure without their stirrups at trot riders are ready to begin the canter.

**Intermediate I** - Learning to canter, continue walk & trot in three seats, work over ground poles.

**Intermediate II** - Rider has good balance and position, can walk & trot in a group well, knows diagonals and is comfortable at the individual canter, leads and working on transitions from all gaits.

**Advanced** - Rider is comfortable at all gaits, controls all gaits in a group, is comfortable riding most horses in the school; can canter from a walk, comfortable in 2-point, controlled trot or canter.

**Combined Training** - Classical and Huntseat with some work over ground poles.

**Balance In Motion with Drills** - Centered Riding techniques with the motion, with drills.

**Jump I** - Advanced. Work over obstacles, beginning jump.

**Jump II** - Advanced. Jumping, forward seat over obstacles, balance and effective 2-point position.





*Teresa Colleton at Robin and Teddy's Farewell Party.*

### ROBIN AND TEDDY'S GOLDEN PARACHUTE

On October 15 under overcast skies, we bade farewell to our two favorite pets, Robin and Teddy. A good crowd came to see the boys off with cake, mug shots and kisses. They are now happily settled at the McArthur's ranch. Anybody who tried to drag Teddy past a growth of rich ripe grass or had the reins snapped out of their hands as Robin lunged for a bite beside the trail, will know how much these boys are loving the knee deep grass at their new home.

When we sent out invitations to riders who had loved them over the last twenty years, we got back some wonderful comments. Many told us Robin or Teddy was the first horse they ever rode, or the best horse they ever rode, and one Miwok alum said "Robin was the first horse I fell off of!" They taught generations of students, and we loved them for their boundless sweetness. May the brothers enjoy a long and happy retirement. They earned it.



*Robin and Teddy retired to a life of luxury.*

## SHOW TEAM

### Halloween Show

The Livery edge comes from learning on a slew of very different horses, mastering each horse's bag of tricks. Our riders can handle anything. The proof is in the number of First Places and Reserve Champion prizes our show team kids bring home from local competitions.

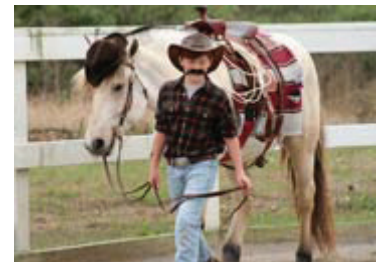
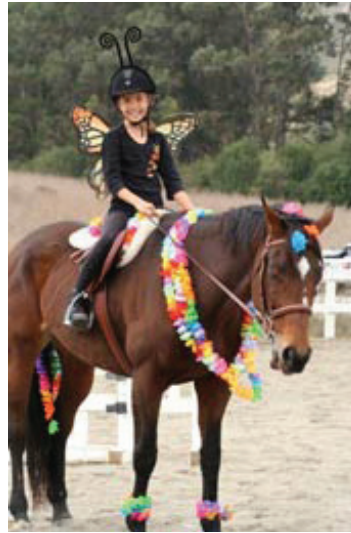
We got to see some of their prowess at our home show on October 15. The kids impressed judge Hilary Hayward with clean jumps, elegant equitation, smooth transitions, and good sportsmanship. Serious and focused as they are, they showed their silly side for the costume event at the end of the show with everything from devils to butterflies in full costume for the grande finale.

It is amazing to watch these kids work their way up in just a few years from little britches, barely able to carry a saddle, to stylish equestrians winning blue ribbons over fences. We are proud of you, Team - Go Miwok!



### Team 2011

- Claire Anderson
- Lea Anderson
- Caroline Biggs
- Katie Buchanan
- Isabel Fife
- Kendall Finnegan
- Tommy Finnegan
- Sara Rose Friedman
- Mattie Fritz
- Sophia Gambon
- Madeline Geller
- Anna Hall
- Kendall Harcourt
- Emily Hawkins
- Charlotte Jones
- Ariana Lissak
- Julia Mace
- Charlotte Miller
- Mei Lan Neece
- Gigi Pemberton
- Emma Preger
- Robby Revel
- Grace Towle
- Paige Vizza
- Stella Wong
- Sephanie Wong
- Carly Zech



*Just a few of the inspired costumes at the Miwok Show.*



## *Calendar* Winter Session

November 21-25	No Kids' Afterschool Classes
November 24, 25 Thu/Fri	Closed for Thanksgiving Day & day after
December 1, Thurs	First Day of Winter Session
December 19-31	No Kids' Afterschool Classes
December 24, 25	Closed for Christmas Eve & Day
January 1, Sunday	Open, New Years Day
January 2, Monday	Kids' Afterschool resumes
February 29, Wed	Last Day of Winter Session



**"The air of heaven is that which  
blows between a horse's ears."**

***Arabian Proverb***



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*Winter Class Schedule  
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