

Look what just a few
MJ Rising H Ranch horses and
students accomplished in 2006!!
Way to go ladies and gentlemen!!

**Many thanks to all of our clinic participants, clinic hosts,
owners of horses in training with us, lesson students and
those of you who purchased horses trained here at the ranch.**

Without all of you, our world would be a dimmer place!!

(You are too numerous to name you all but you are all appreciated just the same!)

RANCH SUCCESS STORY OF THE YEAR 2006



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Donna Cox-Seama, Weiser, ID

Donna Cox-Seaman, after being retired from the show ring for many years, and being diagnosed with MS, took her young Quarter Horse, TJ Fox, to the exciting Northwest Mountain Trail Championships in Eugene, Oregon (see related story on page 30) last November, and earned eight top 10s and two first places in the Amateur/Novice divisions. TJ Fox's trainer, JoLinn Hoover, also rode "TJ" to Reserve Championship in the Novice Horse Division, against 38 competitors in the Open Classes. TJ Fox is the last son of AQHA Champion Freeway Foxy, (grandson of Quincy Dan). He is trained by JoLinn and Mitch Hoover, Richland, Oregon. Cox-Seaman was very impressed with the event, and that all levels of trail riders could find a way to compete. "I saw an amazing array of horse breeds, and yes, the mules were also very well represented. There were even in-hand classes for miniature horses and donkeys." Donna lives with her husband, Roy Seaman, in Weiser, Idaho.



Dee Myers

Halfway, OR - Student & Training Client

Dee's development and understanding of the mechanics of fine horsemanship have accelerated this year and she's off and running. Dee's dedication to learning is an inspiration to us! She placed often in the Top 10 at 2006 Mt. Trail.

YOU GO GIRL!!

Marilyn Bunnell

Corvallis, OR - Student & Training Client

A real standout at Mt. Trail, Marilyn continues to improve by leaps and bounds! Logging countless hours trail riding she works on all the "little" things that will keep her consistently in the show placings and safe on the trail.

Marilyn has developed an elegant show ring appearance and placed in the Top 10 at 2006 Mt. Trail **YOU GO**

GIRL!!



Gibson Essex

Gazelle, CA - Student

A participant in our 2006 Trail clinic at Yreka, CA, Gibson was lacking nothing but a little "fine tuning". She let us know that at the next shows she attended she placed 2nd at the Siskiyou Golden Fair

and 2nd at the Shasta County Fair and credits her success to the tools she learned at our clinic. **YOU GO GIRL!!**

Pam Bodie

Bend, OR - Student

Making a challenging change from riding cutting horses to the world of Versatility Ranch Horse and Trail competitions, Pam's year has been one of up and down transitions. Pam's resiliency and inner strength have been a source of much joy to us. **YOU GO GIRL!!**



Tammy Harty

Bend, OR - Student, Training Client & "Super" Clinic Host

What an awesome, versatile team these two are!! From Natural Horsemanship to the world of Bridle-horse, Versatility Ranch Horse, rugged mountain riding and trail competitions, they do it all. The goal of our program is to teach our subject matter well enough that our students start beating us at the competitions. Congratulations are out to this team, the first of our students to accomplish this feat...Mitch is still "whining" about it weeks later! **YOU**

GO GIRL!!

Donna Cox-Seamon

Weiser, ID - Student & Training Client

Never one to do anything "half cocked", after years of showing World Champion Halter and Pleasure horses, followed by years of not riding at all, this "flat land arena riding only" girl jumped back into the show pen at her first Mt. Trail show and darned if she didn't show she's still got that "winning way" when she won or placed in the Top 5 in all her classes. Her grey gelding, TJ Fox is the one mentioned on pg. 2. We're looking forward to keeping TJ in training and starting him on roping, cow working, and progressing up through our Bridle Horse program. Look out Donna, next you'll have a rope in your hand! **YOU GO GIRL!!**





Kate Grace

Halfway, OR—Student & Training Client With a signed contract with Mitch as leverage (motivation comes in various forms), Kate attended her first Mt. Trail show. Having not ridden much for over 15yrs. her words upon her first look at the courses were “what the *#*#* have I gotten myself into”?! After which she proceeded to rake in enough ribbons to make her own Ribbon Quilt!! She also entered her first Team Sorting competition this summer

and ended up 3rd. Mitch’s words of advice to Kate are “Just Shut Up & Do It!” **YOU GO GIRL!!**

Nancy Cox

Powell Butte, OR - Student, Training Client & Clinic Host “in the making”

Like a sponge, Nancy absorbs new horsemanship and applies it quickly. Taking her Champion Endurance horse, one she’s described as “somewhat out of control”, she turned him into a soft, responsive, willing Champion Trail Horse in a matter of months using the skills gleaned on her visits here to the ranch. She’s a true example of how consistency and dedication pay off. **YOU GO GIRL!!**



Becky Stratton

Emmett, ID - Student & Training Client

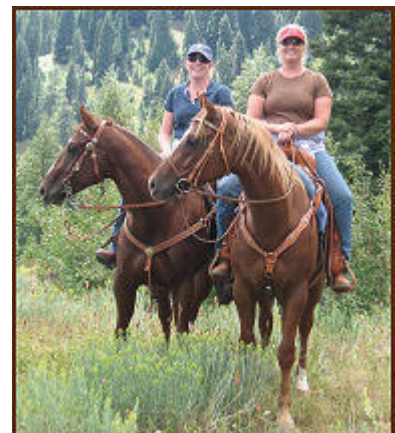
“I caught it, I caught it” echoed throughout Cowgirl Up! when Becky learned to swing her rope and caught her first calf from her horse. Becky is an inspiration in the example she sets in her quest for more and more knowledge of proper horsemanship. Watching her learn and grow has been a great journey! Next stop, Mountain Trail!

YOU GO GIRL!!

Jill Turner & Casey Hendrickson

Dixon, CA - Students & Training Clients

Hard working and FUN loving, there’s never a dull moment when the “California Girls” are around! As much as they love



having fun though, these girls are serious about their horsemanship and have excelled in and out of the show ring. **YOU GO GIRLS!!**



Lori Ludden

Yreka, CA— Student & Clinic Host “Supreme”

Lori’s steady, calm, confident demeanor has been a breath of fresh air for us all summer. We look forward to continuing to help this talented horsewoman pursue her thirst for making a Versatility Ranch & Bridle Horse in the true sense of the word. Congrats on your scores at Mt. Trail. **YOU GO GIRL!!**

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK EVERYONE!