

May 2014



# MM Good News

## *Meet the Members*

### *Rocke Ridge Marchadors*

#### **Marchador News**

“Horse Illustrated” May Issue - contact Rick Schatz at rick.schatz@yahoo.com to order a copy.

ABCCMM Inspection Visit - May

The Brasil National Expo dates have been changed to

July 23 - Aug. 2, 2014



Spring has sprung and the horsehair is flying! This spring we are pretty excited to be starting Flying Oaks Valentim Beijo who turned 3 on Valentines day. She is around 14.2 hands and very keen to go out for a walk or grooming. Folks comment on her interesting colour frequently (strawberry roan). She ponies nicely and seems to really enjoy her outings, no matter how challenging I make it for her.

Flying Oaks Shaman has adjusted to his Canadian home. He is starting to really enjoy heading out on the trails, powering up any hill, and always wants to lead the pack.. even if he is unsure about where he is going. He is an impressive mover, though not yet gaiting consistently, he shows that he will likely favour batida. Shaman is quite tall at 15.2 hands and sturdily built. One of his most notable traits is his sensitivity to the rider. He is really responsive and tries hard to

please. I am looking forward to doing some cow work with Shaman this spring, and perhaps even some team penning.

Flying Oaks Zeus, who was in Arizona for training last year for a few months, is still fairly young still to push too hard, but we are hoping he will slowly become accustomed to our steep and rocky terrain. He is currently 15.1hands. Zeus is leaning more toward the picada gait. Zeus is very sweet natured and steady for a youngster.

We are planning to go to at least 3 events this year to showcase the 2 boys.

The most interesting thing we found with bringing the horses from Oklahoma to British Columbia has been the digestive adjustment that the horses experience. The hay and grasses in the south tend to have only trace amounts, if any, of fructan, whereas Canadian grasses are much higher in fructans and starch.



*Caption describing picture or graphic.*

(comparing crackers to cookies for us) The horse's system does require time to adjust. Fortunately there are management techniques and transitional supplements that I have found to help the horses along the way. This is something I would encourage anyone who is moving any horse from a warm climate to a colder one to investigate to ease their horse's stress.

**Rocke Ridge Marchadors is owned by Dana Johnsen and is located in Penticton, BC. Check out her website [www.nickers saddlery.com](http://www.nickers saddlery.com)**

## About the editor

Greetings from the East Coast. My name is Jeff Bosley, I have been a Marchador owner for 7 years. I live in Lumber Bridge, NC. I will be sending information via the newsletter on a regular basis. Each issue will highlight one member. Please send interesting facts and information with pictures to [paboz@earthlink.net](mailto:paboz@earthlink.net).



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## *USMMA Sponsorships*

*The USMMA will provide 3 sponsorships in the amount of \$250.00 each for MM owners entering into a show or competition. The application form will be posted on website @ [namarchador.org](http://namarchador.org). Send application to Rox Rogers: [highcountrycomgirl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:highcountrycomgirl@sbcglobal.net)*

## President's Letter

*RE: 2014-2015 Membership*

Thank you for joining! You are a member of a small, elite, passionate group that own or just love Marchador horses. Our mission is to promote and protect the breed here in North America. The USMMA is the official organization recognized by the Brazilian Association, the ABCCMM. Please stay in touch with us via Facebook or our website for events and features that will connect you with other members or help promote our breed. This year, we have several new and exciting projects,

including:

- The Marchador breed featured in the May Horse Illustrated magazine
- May ABCCMM Inspection Visit
- July Brazil Trip to the Marchador National Show
- October Marchador Clinic and possibly, Marchadors at the PBR Finals!

I will be sending you periodic President's Letter with news about your Association and

we hope to revive our monthly newsletter again too.

Once again, on behalf of myself and the entire USMMA Board, welcome . If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at : [rick.schatz@yahoo.com](mailto:rick.schatz@yahoo.com).

Best regards,

Rick Schatz

USMMA President



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