

NEWSLETTER & UPCOMING EVENTS

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Does your horse have too much “Go”?

I start Colts and work “Problem” horses – some “problems” or issues such as speed control, comes up quite often. The horse that goes too fast – again – speed control is the symptom – the cause can be a couple of things, Fear or lack of effective exercise that works their mind – uses their wonderful energy and gets something with it – their Attention. You can’t make a horse want to stand still – you can’t hang on the reins and beg them to stand or go slower – you have to take that energy and guide it – use it, change directions, work on one rein stops, get serpentine – give them some place to go with their feet so that you change their mind about wanting to slow down, wanting to stand still. This may take a bit – but if you put in the effort – it will work. If I ask them to stand and they still want to go – alrighty then – off we go again – loping circles, counter cantering, counter bending – you name it we will work on it. Then I offer them a chance to stand still again on a loose rein. I’ll keep repeating the work out until I feel them wanting to stop– it seems like a pretty good idea to them because the go go go is just too much work.



Working the horse with too much go, working them until they want to stand on a loose rein.

Does your horse lack “Go”?



Horse that lacks “Go”

Does your horse drag their feet at the walk, barely get into a trot and when asked to canter – they take a lot of coaxing and fall out soon after you finally get them into it. Are you left exhausted, out of breath as if you have run a marathon and your horse just looks perfectly content.

Again – this is a symptom – the cause of this is usually a lack of respect – The horse doesn’t have a leader. The rider has not been

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NEWS

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consistent in the escalation of cue to get the speed he wants and mostly just nags which the horse ignores.

Escalation of cue is really important. You may say "but I kick" – I say – "not hard enough if the horse has not responded". I'll see the rider kick a bit, then that doesn't produce results so they spank a bit with the reins and that doesn't produce results so they yell a bit and the horse just grins and keeps on walking.

I have a sequence – if I want the horse to trot I will cluck – if there isn't a response I will press my calf, if still no response I will roll my spur and if still no response I will kick harder and harder and harder until I get a trot. If the horse falls out in 2 steps – that's ok – I will start the sequence over again in the same order with escalation UNTIL I get the horse to trot at a cluck. He has to know there is an escalation coming and it will be at a level that he cannot ignore – so his choice will be to go with a lighter cue. The only difference between me and most of the riders is that I do it until it works – and I know it works. Consistency is key to good training. Horses need boundaries and a good leader to provide them.



FOR SALE

Skips Thunder Jack

Jack is a 9 year old Buckskin gelding that is double registered – Foundation and AQHA. He is 16.3 hands and stout. Very kind temperament – very trusting. I have ridden him out on trail by himself and with about 7 other riders where we all lope off in different directions and he has been a gentleman. He is good going out and coming home. We have him in a pasture with our other geldings including a couple of yearlings and there has never been a problem. I have ridden him in one of our clinics – and he did great. I've exposed him to cows and again – he was a good boy. His talent is trail riding – just a good ole trail riding horse.

We are asking \$3,500 to the right home – the best rider would be at an intermediate level.

Lessons & Clinics

Lessons:

1 hour - \$50.00

1/2 day lesson - including cow work - \$125.00

We are available for full day private lesson - your date and time - call for additional information.



Ultimate Camp Clinic

Limited to 4 riders - The Ultimate in strengthening your horsemanship skills and problem solving abilities.

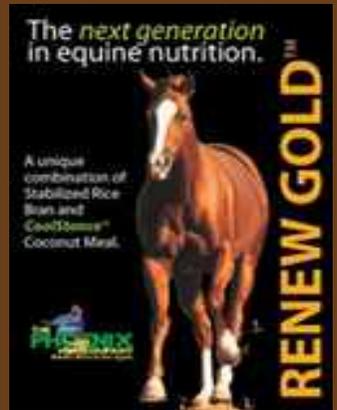
The change in riders and their horses from day one to day 5 is incredible!

Got Cows? We do...



Rick on Mach's Peppy Lena

Working your horse on cows is an excellent training tool and gives your horse a reason for the training- the turning on the hindquarters, stopping off your seat, etc. In addition to taking the horses out on trail and getting them used to different terrain, hills, ravines, etc., working in the round pen, teaching them to drag, jump barrels, and emotionally handle tarps, and then to the arena to work on speed control, loping, lead departures, etc., cattle is another wonderful tool to add to your training program.



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Rick and I showed at Casners Event Center in Temecula at the Sherri Gilkerson Memorial Reined Cow Horse Show in May –I got a first Place win and a 2nd place on Machs Peppy Lena and Rick got a first and 3rd place on a 3 year old that we started and trained – Nu Ring of Cash - owned by Troy and Kari Smith. We had a great time, very proud of our horses and we looking forward to our next show in July.



Clients showed this weekend at Kelly Bakers Cowboy Up Events in Chino Hills which included a AHCA Cowboy Race, Western Dressage and a ranch Cutting. Michelle Mason has been working incredibly hard this past year with us to improve on her horsemanship skills – she entered the Novice Cowboy Race and finished in the top 10 and also entered level 1 Western Dressage and finished Reserve Champion. This was her first time competing.

UPCOMING EVENTS



OPEN TRAINING DAY

Open Training Day every Saturday – come ride with us as we train at our facility in Temecula's wine country. Bring up to 2 horses and work on whatever issue you may have – anytime between the hours of 9-4

When: Every Saturday

Time: 9 am—4 pm

Cost: \$100.00

Call for reservations
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