

Meet the trainers

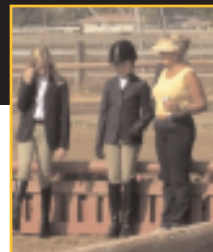
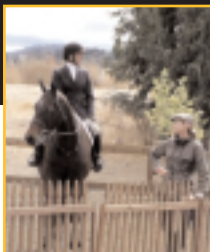
Head trainer **Marian Nelson** has been training and coaching children, juniors, and adults in California for over 35 years. She takes great pride in stressing safety as well as horsemanship skills. Marian's teaching philosophy includes developing a solid equitation background to give riders the fundamental skills that form the foundation for success in all riding disciplines. Her students have earned championships at top shows on the West Coast, from Thermal to Pebble Beach.

Mika Gretton had a successful amateur career before turning professional and as a junior competed across the country in hunters, jumpers and equitation. Mika has been riding since the age of five and trained as a working student on the East Coast with Cynthia Hankins, judge and course designer for the Hunter Seat National Medal Finals.

Ann Ruffner brings over 35 years experience as both a professional rider and a trainer of hunter, jumper and equitation horses and riders. Ann has been judging non-rated hunter, jumper and equitation shows in California for 20 years. She is now a recorded "r" judge with the USEF and is also on the SAHJA judge's list.



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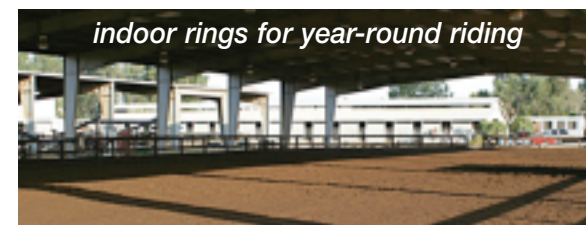


Exceptional JUNIOR PROGRAM

Children receive lessons on safe, reliable ponies and horses. Private lessons on a lead line with the instructor walking next to the horse help each child develop confidence and trust. Children progress into lessons with others of similar age and ability. Private lessons are always available when needed. Marian has taken countless children from lead line lessons to winning championships, medal finals and high point awards. Lessons are year round, Tuesday through Sunday. Lesson times are flexible to accommodate school schedules.

Competitions & HORSE SHOWS

Sonoma Horse Park hosts many horse shows each year. They offer events for all experience levels, from novice to grand prix, plus circuit championships and awards. These shows provide a friendly, encouraging atmosphere to introduce new riders to the world of horse shows and offer more experienced riders the challenge of upper-level competition. Marian's advanced riders also show extensively throughout the state. With such a great variety of shows to choose from, your competitive spirit will never go unsatisfied!



indoor rings for year-round riding

On-Site CLINICS

Clinics present an opportunity to improve your riding skills while learning from the best professionals in the business. Our world-renowned clinicians have included Richard Keller, Nick Karazissis, Judy Martin, Beth Neilson, Dick Widger, Richard Spooner and Bernie Traurig.

Marian Nelson

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focuses on creating personalized training programs to enable each rider to achieve their specific equestrian goals, from gaining confidence in a first lesson to preparing for a Medal Final or Grand Prix.

- Lesson Programs for all Ability Levels
- Children and Adults
- Full Training
- Junior Program
- Competitions & Horse Shows
- On-Site Shows & Clinics
- Lesson Horses and Ponies Available



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