



Association supports new memorial trophy honoring a special horse & partnership.

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The “Something So Right” Memorial Trophy is being offered as part of the Showcase Show Series held at Showcase Training Stables in Redlands CA. This was the home barn of Simon, shown under the name of Something So Right and his adult amateur owner Lauren Mauldin.

Lauren is a well-known blogger who writes eloquently about the equestrian world. Many of her blogs focused on the struggles faced by amateur riders, Off The Track Thoroughbreds versus Warmbloods and the ups and downs of the hunter/jumper ring. Simon featured prominently in her writings; readers knew their story. It was a true partnership, a relationship based on love, respect, good days and bad. Tragically, Simon passed away in December and this memorial trophy was created by Lauren’s colleagues to honor Simon’s memory.

Lauren describes the 2006 gelding as “wonderfully sweet and quirky” and he flourished under

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her love and devotion. Together, Simon and Lauren inspired confidence in each other, persevered through difficult times and grew not only in knowledge and skill, but also in life. Many of us have had a horse like Simon, the one that taught us the most about riding, how progress comes in small increments, how to deal with success and setbacks and many more of life's lessons. Simon and horses like him teach us character.

The Something So Right trophy will be awarded based on character, not points. Horsemanship, sportsmanship and the overcoming of obstacles and personal growth are the criteria that each nominee will be judged. To be eligible, riders must show and own their horse, be signed up for the Showcase Series year-end points and be nominated by August 1 of this year.

Submit nominations to Gretchen Clark, 28311 Live Oak Canyon Rd., Redlands, CA 92373.

