



What a treat to have a stellar sire, Olympic Imothep, on our cover and ridden by California girl Nicki Shahanian-Simpson. It's awesome to have an American breeding program bring such wonderful European bloodlines to the States. Imothep is the foundation sire for Hyperion Stud, LLC. Hope you enjoy the feature article on this great breeding program, along with several articles on everything from specific stallions to an overview of modern breeding practices.

This month's extra dive into the hunter/jumper world is highlighted by a preview of the FEI World Cup™ Finals for jumping and dressage, coming to Las Vegas before we know it this April. Thanks to Darby Furth Bonomi for a terrific glimpse of how tapping into the joy of our sport is the best route to success, and to Whitethorne Ranch's Georgy Maskrey-Segesman for sharing horse shopping tips. We have the scoop on Ashlee and Steve Bond's clinic at Hansen Dam Horse Park and the well-earned honors junior rider Julia Stone and professional Nick Hanes received during the USEF Annual Meeting's Pegasus Awards dinner.



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Our team managed to cover a lot of ground in January. You'll find an extensive report on the California Dressage Society's annual meeting from Nan Meek; plus photo highlights from the CPHA Awards Banquet, EquestFest and the Galway Downs Fundraising Clinic. Phew...

Now to work on our March issue, which has a special focus on horse health and eventing. Speaking of the latter, fun to see California-based stars Tamie Smith and Frankie Thieriot-Stutes representing their sport to new audiences as guests at Land Rover's new 4xFar Festival in Coachella. As Sally Spickard reported for Eventing Nation, Tamie and Frankie – with Chatwin and Mai Stein – represented US Equestrian, making new fans for the sport riding around the grounds at the Empire Grand Oasis and greeting fans who visited in the FEI-Stabling set-up there.

Happy riding and happy reading!

[Kim F Miller, Editor](#)



ADOPT ME!

Cami is a 15 yr old quarter horse mare up for adoption at FalconRidge Equine Rescue in Valley Center, California.

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She stands 14.3 hands high and is broke to ride, but needs someone who will take the time to love her and bond with her.

She is not aloof, just sour on life a little. She tacks up fine and stands still for mounting/un-mounting great, but making her go is not the easiest of things if you are a novice. She just needs a tune up with an assertive rider. On the ground shes a sweetheart.

She loves to be groomed and has a sweet personality. Gorgeous girl for the right person. Adoption fee is \$500.

Please see Cami on our website at www.falconridgerescue.org under Horses For Adoption and follow the instructions.