

### ***Popular USHJA program gives young talents new knowledge and experience.***

Nearly 50 of the top emerging hunter/jumper equestrians, under the age of 21, have participated in the first set of regional training sessions as the 2015 USHJA Emerging Athletes Program, presented by Dover Saddlery, began its seventh year.



Top hunter/jumper trainers Ned and Hope Glynn hosted the season's second clinic at their Sonoma Valley Stables in Petaluma June 14-18.

Lead clinician Kip Rosenthal and head stable manager Nanci Snyder led 12 riders through the intensive four-day curriculum, which included one-on-one sports psychology breakout sessions for each rider and a tour of the Circle Oak Equine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center, a state-of-the-art sports medicine facility.

"It was a busy yet very productive four days at Ned and Hope Glynn's wonderful facility," said EAP Task Force Chair Sally Ike. "The instruction Kip and Nanci gave was fantastic, and you could really see the riders improve in that short period of time. EAP committee member Stacie Ryan was also a great help, and it was a pleasure to have her in attendance," Ike continued. "The top-notch facility, instruction and the hospitality we were shown by the Glynns and Zone 10 truly made this regional training session a huge success."

The Petaluma clinic was one of several EAP sessions held around the country this summer. Riders accepted into the USHJA Emerging Athletes Program begin their journey by participating in one of the multiple Regional Training Sessions offered throughout the summer months of June, July and August.

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During the extensive four-day training sessions, riders have the opportunity to work with top riding clinicians and some of the country's leading stable managers. Riders and horses participating in Regionals are instructed on flatwork, gymnastics, related distances and course work, as well as an intensive stable-management curriculum that incorporates proper care and grooming, horsemanship skills and barn management. Riders also complete a written test as part of their evaluation for the National Training Session.

Of the Regional Training Sessions, 16 riders are invited to participate in the National Training Session. Since the Program's inception, EAP National winners have gone on to accomplish numerous championships in the hunter, jumper and equitation show rings.

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