



ELEMENTARY RETURNS IN 2011 TO ABBE RANCH

Some really old guys may remember that the very first horse trial at Abbe Ranch in June 1976 included an Elementary level. That level was not in the rule book, but was eventually included there as Beginner Novice. Some may also remember Class C (Elementary) at the old Abbe Ranch Pair Pace Event, which ran over a 2'3" course. Many have signed up for Elementary instruction at the ongoing Abbe Ranch Riding Clinic every May.

Now Abbe Ranch is planning to present the equivalent level of difficulty at its USEA horse trial this June 24-26, 2011. Intro (Elementary 2'3") will be run as a concurrent Test. USEA membership or non member fee will not be required. Drug fee and starter fee are not required. USEA will not track this competition so points towards Perpetual Trophies will not be awarded. Therefore the entry fee will be less.

We will offer the Dressage Test from USEA: **Intro(Elem)**-2010 USEF BN Test A-Sm. You decide if you want to be at Abbe Ranch for 2 or 3 days, so pick Fri. or Sat. to ride your dressage test. We are reworking, leveling and re-sanding our arenas now.

The new cross-country course is ready NOW. Here are the specifications: Distance, 1500 meters; Speed, 300 meters per minute (mpm); Jumping Efforts, 15; Height, 2'3"; Dressage, Friday or Saturday; X-C, Saturday; Jumping, Sunday.

Look for details in the Abbe Ranch Horse Trial XXXVI prize list posted on the calendar pages of the USEA website, www.useventing.com, and the Abbe Ranch website, <http://web.me.com/abberanch>.

Remember, once you arrive at Abbe Ranch, you may camp out with your horse for no additional fees. Many riders who come to the Abbe Ranch clinic (in 2011 on May 5-8) will tell you how much they enjoy the clinic experience with their horse.

Other events in Area IX plan to offer this Intro (Elementary 2'3") Test as well. They are Arrowhead HT, Powder Basin HT, and Windy Wyoming HT.