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Happy New Year! We hope the Holiday Season was good to everyone and that you are looking forward to a Prosperous and Healthy New Year. As 2006 comes to a close and gives way to 2007, I'd like to give just a little recap of how things finished up. It appears that Pam Hurst will officially be year end Reserve Champion in the Rookie while also winning the year end award for the Green Reiner. Ken Hamilton pulled through and remained tough to place Reserve Champion in the year end standing of the Green Reiner and 4th overall for the Rookie. Ashley Severson and her horse Huey will be the year end Youth 14-18 Champion while Kaitlyn Hurst and Peppy will place 3rd for the year in the Youth 13 and Under. Dave and JP Union Chic (who is now proudly owned by Peggy Fry) will take home the year end Novice Horse title. We have a number of honorable mentions.....Stacy Hamilton and Nestle ended up 3rd for the year in the Novice Horse NP, Bill Bertolani and Slide Zone were a very respectable 3rd in the Limited NP and 5th in the Intermediate NP, while Nicole Hurst placed 5th in the Youth 14-18. And finally, our very own heat sensitive Judy Scholz and her trusty mount Tigger will bring home their very own West Coast Year End Jacket having placed 5th in the "Primest" of the Prime Time Non Pro. Way to go Judy! Then there is once again Bill Bertolani's Slide Zone, this time shown by Becky Hanson, who will proudly be the West Coast Year End Intermediate Open, Limited Open, and Rookie Professional Champion, while also placing Reserve in the Open. Finally, having shown like a champ (or a set of champs) it appears that Jose and Jackie will win the WCHRA Open year end title as well. As for those who went on to the Affiliate Finals in OKC.....Bill and Zone made it to the Top 10 (7th to be exact) in the Affiliate Intermediate Non Pro, while Ashley Severson, also a Top Ten, placed 6th in both the regular Youth and the Affiliate 14-18 class. Pam Hurst put forth a valiant effort in the Year End Rookie class and despite the fact it didn't go as she had hoped, made us all proud in that she set the goal of qualifying for OKC and headed back as the Western Affiliate Rookie Co-Champion. Last, but hopefully not least, Becky and Slide Zone went on to win both the Rookie Professional Championship title and the Adequan North American Affiliate Championship title.....a moment of glory she will not soon forget. That said, I would like to briefly express my appreciation to everyone from the West Coast who has shown encouragement and support for me throughout the year and at OKC. As most of you know, Dave was unable to be there with me when I showed so I used the Boyles and their contingency as a surrogate barn/support system. Thanks so much to everyone for being there to cheer for me!!

So, all that said, we would like offer one final congratulations to all those who put their egos on the line and showed through the 2006 season. Regardless of the outcome, you should all be proud of the fact that you were there and worked so hard! We are now looking forward to the West

Coast Banquet and then the first show of the season to be held February 16-18. The barn is full of great people and great horses and we look forward to great success in the coming season. Which reminds me...congrats is in order to a number of new horse owners that we will look forward to working with in 2007. Lori Soma and her new Whiz mare "Elle", George Deffterios and "Rocky". Peggy Fry and "JP", and finally Ashley Severson and Remi will all be "new couples" in 2007. So, out with old and in with New! Here's to a great 2007 season for everyone.