

# Reserve Champion Amateur



## Meredith Landy NICKYS DUN SIZZLIN

Meredith Landy is on a first-name basis at Southwest Airlines because every Saturday morning in 2003 she was on a plane out of San Francisco headed for a day of working with trainer Karen Qualls in Chino Hills. She flew home every Saturday evening, too.

All that traveling paid big dividends. Besides those frequent flyer miles, Meredith and her gelding NICKYS DUN SIZZLIN ended the year as Reserve Champion High Point Amateur. They also received the Tynanne Capley Memorial Award.

"I got Nicky in January 2002. He had won the All-Around in Youth classes the year before with Lacey Kuhlwein," she said. He is 11 years old and by RED GLOW NICKY and out of DUN SIZZLIN.

Meredith has trained with Karen since the fall of 1999. "She's an excellent trainer," Meredith said. "She has a long-standing history of turning out youth and amateur winners, and her reputation is stellar."

Meredith has been showing Paints since she was a child. She was the third president of the American Junior Paint Horse Association. "I feel like a seasoned performer," she said.

After obtaining her law degree, she found she was so focused on work that she needed some balance in her life. Horses provide her with that welcome distraction. "I cannot do the horses seven days a week," she said, "so my time with them is precious."

Meredith showed in the "classic all-around" events: Showmanship, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Pleasure Driving, Utility Driving, and Trail. "My favorites are Showmanship, Trail, and Pleasure Driving," she said. The pair were in first place in the APHA Honor Roll for Amateur Showmanship and Amateur Pleasure Driving.

Driving was a new event for her, but she made her debut right at the top—at the 2002 World show.

She describes Nicky as "solid, safe, and talented." Because he is an old hand in the show ring, he takes good care of his person. "He never gets cranky and just goes all day long," Meredith said. "He's not a push-button horse, though. You do have to ride him, but he's a fun horse with wonderful personality." She said he's always happy to see



you even when you are coming to get him out of the stall for the 12th time that day.

Meredith will be showing a new horse, REAL ME IN, in All-Around events in 2004. "Nicky is sadly for sale," she said, "but until then I will show him in Driving, Trail, and Western Riding."

She dedicates the next show season to her mother Morine who is battling cancer. "Mom was the quintessential horse show mom when I was a kid," Meredith said. "She hauled me to every show, fixed my hair, helped me choose my wardrobe, and said she felt if she took her eyes off me, I would fall." Morine has attended as many shows as she could this year.

Meredith thanks her husband Daryl for his solid support. "He's learned a lot about horses," she said. She also thanks Karen for her generosity in working with what Meredith calls her "challenges"—her travel schedule and all those Saturday-only lessons.