

Ridgefield Arena



Stephanie Petersen, Tracey Gentry Ryan, Jessica Maher

Ridgefield Riding Academy trains horses – and those who love to ride them.

The riding academy has been in operation for 20 years and offers English and Western riding lessons for children and adults. Owner Tracey Gentry Ryan, who was born into a family that trained and showed horses, decided to devote her career to her love of horses and opened the riding school. The academy is staffed with two excellent riding instructors, Stephanie Petersen and Jessica Maher, both of whom know how to put the “fun” in horseback riding and to teach riders with all levels of experience.

“We have an all encompassing program for riders aged six to over 60,” Ryan said. “Customers range from recreational riders to competing at rated hunter jumper shows and reining shows.”

Ridgefield Riding Academy is located at Ridgefield Arena, one of the premier boarding and horse facilities in Wild-

wood. Wonderful amenities for the riders and spectators include an air-conditioned lounge and fireplace for viewing the indoor ring and patios for viewing the two outside rings.

Ridgefield also hosts summer camps, advanced and adult clinics and charity horse shows. The next charity horse show will be held September 20 and 21 and will benefit Animal Health Foundation, Therapeutic Horsemanship and Eureka Fire District Mounted Search and Rescue Team.

Whether providing lessons to a novice rider or teaching an experienced rider a new technique, *Ridgefield Riding Academy* has one objective: “We want to produce great riders and share the love of horses,” Ryan said.

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