# UNSUNG HEROES Of The Industry

# SHAMROCK



HOME BARN
Jon Walker Stables
INSTRUCTOR
Carolyn Walker
REGISTERED NAME
All's Fair

BREEDING
Saddlebred:
Attache's
Liquid Asset x
Matchmaker's
Unforgettable
AGE

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## HOW DID SHAMROCK BECOME A PART OF YOUR LESSON PROGRAM?

She was born on our farm and when she didn't make a show horse Jon gave her to me. She was a two-year-old so I finished her and put her in the lesson program as a three-year-old.

### DESCRIBE A TYPICAL WEEK IN THE LIFE OF SHAMROCK:

A typical week involves giving lessons during the week, and when weather is good, we trail ride. We've taken her swimming in the lake and she has learned to cross over the creeks.

#### WHAT ARE HER GREATEST ATTRIBUTES FOR BEING AN UNSUNG HERO IN YOUR PROGRAM?

She's game but very sensible, so I don't worry about her with the kids/adults that ride her. The only difficulty they have with her is keeping her straight on the rail and to flat walk. She's helped me teach the more advanced rider what it means if your horse gets ahead of you or you've lost communication with your horse because she will make a decision for you. They love riding her and they know she's my favorite, so they better listen to me and pay attention. She's not the prettiest or the most talented but she makes you feel like you're riding "somebody."

#### **ANY OTHER COMMENTS?**

She won at her first horse show ever, first time off the farm, and has been winning ever since! She's won at Nationals every year she's gone, in several different age groups. She's my heart horse and irreplaceable VI jokingly tell everyone she'll be going to the retirement home with me one day!