

Name: Susan Morandy. I ride a brown (almost black) five year old quarter horse mare named April.

Horse's Name: April – or Ape depending on her mood

Where did you get your horse: We owned April's mother and have raised April since she was born. We named her April because she was born on April Fool's Day.

What is your horse's breeding: Quarter Horse

Tell us something interesting about yourself: I am a legal secretary with the law firm of Dart Adamson & Donovan, working mainly on divorce and real estate cases. I have three kids, two boys ages 17 and 14; and my daughter, Colette, age 9 (whom I'm sure you all have seen at the races with me). My husband and I are also leaders of the Silverados 4H club and our children are very active in the 4H program.

When did you first join UBRA and how long have you been addicted to barrel racing: While I have always enjoyed working with and training our horses, I've been very busy raising kids, working full time and running the 4H club. Trinna Williams had been trying to get me to go barrel race with her for years but I always had an excuse. Finally, at a New Years Eve party, (there was lots of alcohol involved), she finally talked me into going to the next UBRA race. One race and I was hooked – despite the hangover. I became an official member of UBRA this past spring so that I could compete in the Limited Rider class. I felt like such a beginner and the Limited Rider class is great for helping new members learn the ropes and gain confidence.

Anything else you would like to say: I really appreciate everyone being so helpful this past year and it's been so nice to meet so many other racers.