

# CHIO AACHEN CVIO2\*

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## ALICEN DIVITA

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### **ALICEN DIVITA**

**Born: April 30, 1989**

**Hometown: Redwood City,  
California**

Ali Divita, the third-ranked female vaulter in the US, started vaulting when she was 12 years old. In international competition in 2008, Divita placed sixth at CVI2\* Krumke and third at CVI2\* Saratoga. She is also the 2008 USEF/AVA Gold Women's National Champion. This spring she placed second in the Gold Women's overall in the Garrod's Spring Classic held annually in Saratoga, CA.

Her team, the Woodside Vaulters, won the 2007 CVI\*\* Saratoga competition, the AVA "A" Team of the Year award in 2006 and 2007, and the 2007 USEF/AVA National Vaulting "A" Team National Championship title. Lorino, a 17.1-hand Hanoverian gelding owned by the Divita family, was named the AVA Horse of the Year in 2007.

Divita is a fierce competitor who doesn't let much get in her way. In the summer of 2003, Divita broke her left arm and was unable to compete or practice until two weeks before Nationals when her cast came off. She won all of the events in which she competed and earned first place overall for the Bronze competition. In 2004, Divita was the USEF/AVA Women's Silver National Champion.

Divita is a junior at the University of California, Berkeley. She has served as the assistant coach for the Woodside trot and tiny tot classes for the last several years.



## MARY MCCORMICK

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### **MARY MCCORMICK**

**Born:** January 7, 1983

**Hometown:** Woodside, California

Mary McCormick, 27, the 2007 USEF/ AVA Gold Women's National Champion, is currently ranked the number one female vaulter in America by the USEF.

McCormick discovered the sport 17 years ago when a schoolmate took her to watch vaulting in action. The 2002 USEF/AVA Silver Women's National Vaulting Champion, she had an excellent year in 2008. In international competition, she placed second at the CVI\*\* Krumke, and second at the CHIO CVI\*\* Aachen and eighth at the CVI\*\* Saumur. In 2007 at the CVI\*\* Saratoga, she was the second place finisher. So far in 2009 she has taken home top honors at the Garrod's Spring Classic in Saratoga, CA.

A member of the Mt. Eden Vaulting Club, home of one the oldest and most successful vaulting programs in the US, and a student of 2007 USEF Coach of the Year Emma Garrod Seely, McCormick is also a coach herself at Mt. Eden, as well as for the Silver Star Vaulters in Springfield, TN.

When she's not vaulting, McCormick enjoys circus arts (including flying trapeze, aerial tissues and trampoline), playing drums, coaching her students and riding. Through vaulting, she has developed a strong interest in nutrition and sports injury rehabilitation and plans to return to college eventually to work on a business management degree.



## **ANNALISE VANVRAKEN**

**Born: December 30, 1991**

**Hometown: May Landing, New Jersey**

Annalise VanVranken, 17, was a flyer on the F.A.M.E. (Free Artist Mt. Eden) team that won the silver medal at the 2006 World Equestrian Games. From Mays Landing, New Jersey, Van Vranken enjoys the challenge and opportunity of being one of the very few vaulters hailing from the East Coast.

Vaulting since she was five years old, VanVranken has earned Trot (2000), Bronze (2003) and Silver (2004) Medals from the American Vaulting Association (AVA). She is a member of the Shooting Stars 4-H Vaulting Club and has been assistant leader/coach for four years. She was the champion or reserve champion in Silver or Bronze in 2003 through Spring 2005 regional competitions, and has been regional champion/reserve champion in the Gold division ever since.

Currently ranked fourth on the USEF Women's Vaulting High-Performance list, VanVranken is home-schooled to accommodate her frequent cross-country excursions for training and competitions. In her first CVI\*\* (Saratoga, CA, 2005), she placed 12th overall. In 2007 and 2008 she finished 6th at CVI\*\*'s Sao Paulo 2007 and Portogruaro 2008, and 7th at CVI\*\* Saumur 2007. At the 2007 USEF/AVA National Championships, VanVranken finished in 8th place in the Gold Women's Individual. She was the 2008 USEF/AVA Region IX Women's Gold Champion, and consistently finished in the top in the 2008 USEF qualifying competitions, including winning the only selection trial held in the east (Great Falls Vaulting/Topaz Spring Fest, Herdon, Virginia). At the 2008 USEF/AVA Vaulting National Championships she finished fourth in the Gold Women's overall.

This year she placed second in the Gold Women's overall at CVI\*\* Saumur, and took home another win at the Great Falls Vaulting/Topaz Spring Fest.

As an ambassador for vaulting, she frequently provides clinics, demonstrations and performances to eager audiences throughout the East including appearances with the AVA's Friendship Team.



**MAKAYLA CLYNE**

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## **MAKAYLA CLYNE**

**Born: March 7, 1997**

**Hometown: Monte Sereno, California**

Makayla Clyne, the youngest member of this 2009 team at age 12, has been vaulting since she was six. This is her second time competing internationally with the Mt. Eden "A" team; she was also on the 2007 squad.

In 2008 she was sixth in the Women's Bronze level at the AVA Region II Championships and Reserve Champion at the Bronze level at the USEF/AVA National Vaulting Championships.

Clyne also owns her own horse, Jacey, and loves to when she's not vaulting, she also enjoys spending time at home with her dog and mini horse.

## ELIZABETH IOANNOU

**Born:** February 22, 1996

**Hometown:** Saratoga, California

Elizabeth Ioannou, 13, has done a lot in her young life. Vaulting since she was seven, she has competed with tremendous success both nationally and internationally. In 2006 she was the Bronze level Reserve National Champion and a member of the US World Championship team that earned the Silver medal at the World Equestrian Games. In 2007 she was the US Silver level Women's Individual National Champion.

Ioannou was also a member of the 2008 Mt. Eden "A" team that took home wins at both the CVI2\* Krumke and the CVIO2\* Aachen.



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## KALYN NOAH

**Born:** June 17, 1988

**Hometown:** Sunnyvale, California

Kalyn Noah of Sunnyvale, CA, has been vaulting since she was 14. A member of the 2004 US World Championship team that captured the Bronze medal, she was also a Silver medal winner in the Silver Women's overall at the 2005 USEF/AVA National Vaulting Championships.

A member of one of the most successful vaulting clubs in the US, Mt. Eden Vaulting Club, she has been a part of their "A" team multiple times. In 2007 the team was the AVA Region I/II Champion.

A true California girl, Noah loves going to the beach. She also enjoys hanging out and playing with her two dogs, Onyx and Faustus.

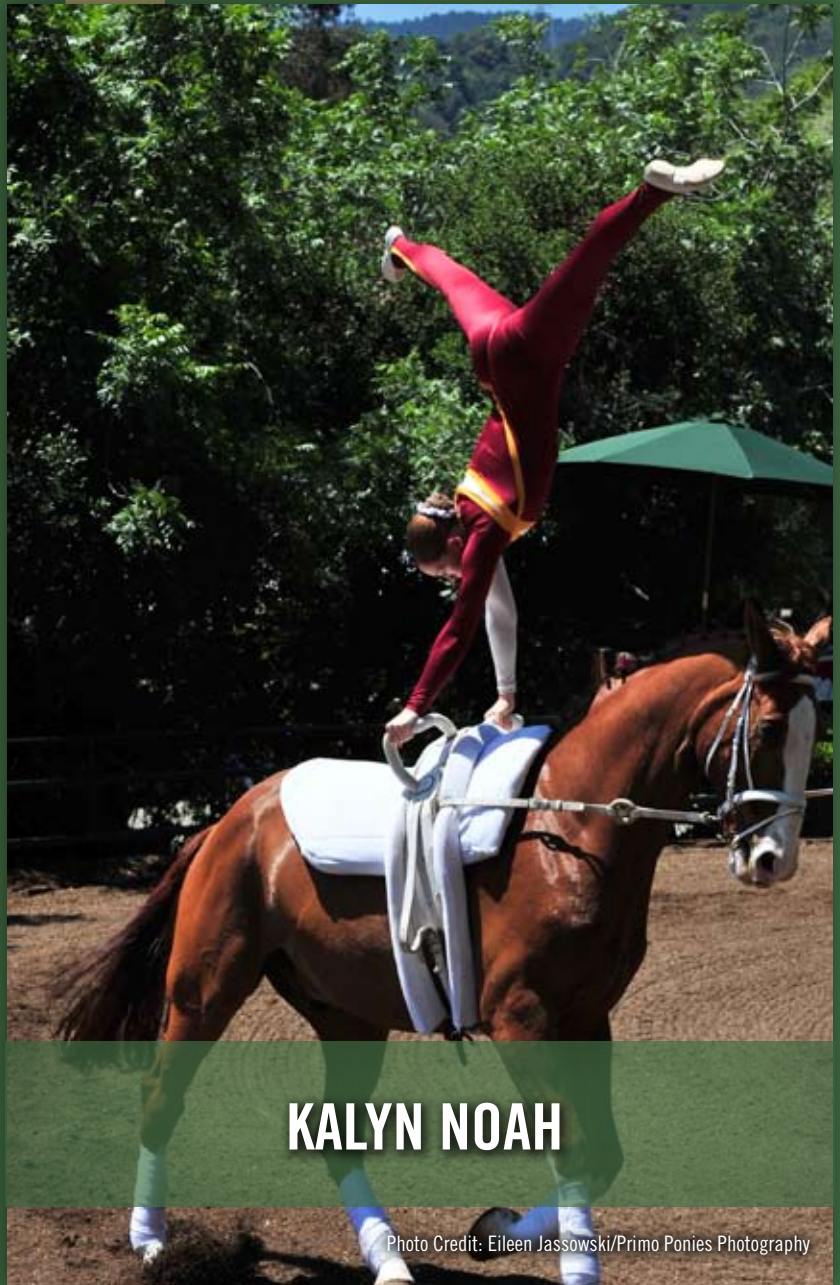


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## **HEIDI ROTHWEILER**

**Born: August 6, 1991**

**Hometown: Santa Cruz, California**

Vaulting since age 10, Heidi Rothweiler, 17, is a member of the famous Mt. Eden Vaulting Club. Like her other teammates, she was also a member of the very successful 2007 and 2008 Mt. Eden "A" teams that competed nationally as well as internationally. In addition to vaulting she plays the violin.



## ALEXANDRA THRASHER

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## ALEXANDRA THRASHER

**Born:** March 10, 1995

**Hometown:** Redwood City, California

Alexandra Thrasher, 14, has been vaulting for half her life. She was a member of the 2008 Mt. Eden "A" team that took home wins in the team competition at both the CVI2\* Krumke and the CVIO2\* Aachen.

At the 2007 USEF/AVA National Vaulting Championships she was fourth, and in 2008 she returned to capture the Gold medal in the Silver Women's overall. When she's not vaulting, she enjoys playing a little basketball.

## TASHA THORNER

Born: January 30, 1996

Hometown: Aptos, California

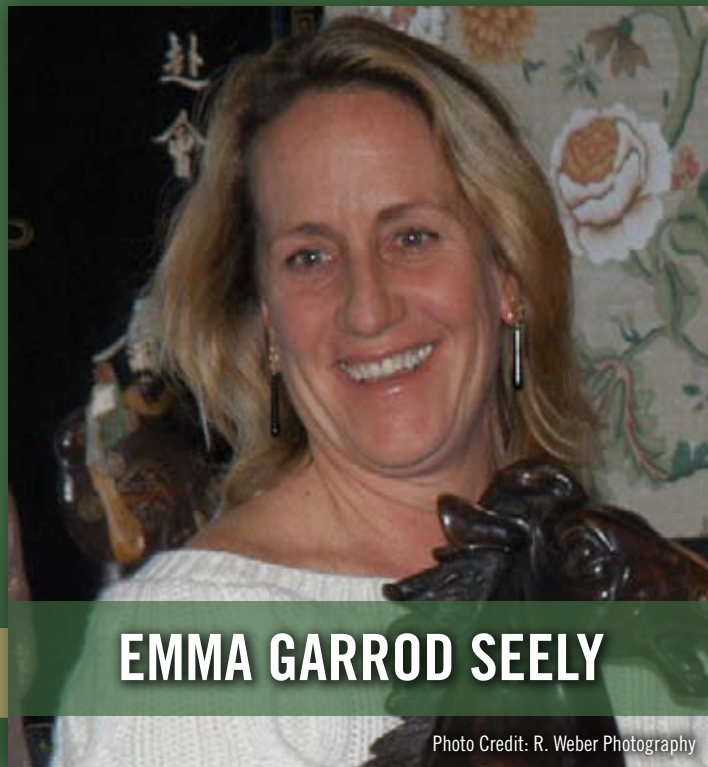
Competing on her second consecutive Mt. Eden "A" team, Tasha Thorner from Aptos, CA, has already experienced the thrill and excitement of winning in international competition. The 2008 Mt. Eden team came home victorious at the CVI2\* Krumke and the CVI02\* Aachen. At 13, Thorner has already captured one National Championship title; she was the overall Women's Bronze level winner at the 2008 USEF/AVA National Championships.

In 2009, she won in her first time out in the Silver Women's level at the Garrod's Spring Classic in May.



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**EMMA GARROD SEELY**

Photo Credit: R. Weber Photography

## **EMMA GARROD SEELY**

**Born: January 17, 1959**

**Hometown: Saratoga, California**

*Vaulting Chef d'Equipe*

Emma Seely began vaulting at the age of eleven, and has experienced tremendous success ever since. She has been a winning coach, longeur and vaulter in a vast array of international competitions. She was the National Gold Freestyle Champion by 1975. In 1992, she coached the US Team selected to represent the US in the World Championships. As a world renowned coach, she has coached the most successful and decorated American vaulters, including Kerith Lemon, Devon Maitozo and Megan Benjamin. She was longeur of the American horse, Sir Anthony Van Dyck in 2000, the only American horse to bring home medals from a World Championship. Her horses have earned many AVA Horse of the Year Awards and Osierlea Awards. Dedicated to the sport of vaulting, she has served the community in every aspect during her career and understands vaulting from the perspective of a vaulter, coach, longeur, judge, chef d'Equipe, and board member. In 2005 she was honored as the AVA Mentor of the Year and currently serves as Chair of the FEI Vaulting Committee. Seely is also the co-author of the successful Training Manual for Coaches.



**PAM LANE**

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## **PAM LANE**

### *Vaulting Team Leader*

Pam Lane joined the United States Equestrian Federation as High Performance Director of Para-Equestrian and Vaulting in March 2007. Lane has extensive experience with the USEF and the dressage discipline. Since 1997, she has organized West Coast athlete and developing rider training sessions. Additionally, she has been an event organizer for competitions including: the 2002 qualifiers for the North American Young Riders Championship and the National Disability Sports Alliance Championship; the 2003 USET Festival of Champions Grand Prix and Intermediaire Championship and Selection Trials for the Pan American Games; the 2004 and 2008 Olympic selection trials for dressage; and the 2005 and 2006 USET Foundation Dressage Festival of Champions, featuring the selection trials for the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games.

In 2006, Lane was the assistant Dressage Team Leader at the FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. In 2007, she was the Team Leader at the FEI World Para Dressage Championships in Hartpury, England. More recently, Lane was the Team Leader at the 2008 World Vaulting Championships in Bruno, Czech Republic.

Prior to working for the USEF full time, Lane worked for Marriott International 15 years. A lifelong horsewoman, Lane grew up in the Thoroughbred industry and as a youth competed in Western events. She has also competed in the hunter ring and in the last decade she has been competing in dressage, up to the FEI level.