



**HORSING AROUND**

Tara Ardalan, riding Poor Boy, was one of the competitors Friday in the annual Menlo Charity Horse Show. **Related story on page 2.** Photo by Steve Kieninger.

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**Horse show adds bling**

Besides being an equestrian competition, the Menlo Charity Horse Show is, of course, a major social event bringing out a who's who of residents.

And to add some sparkle during Friday night's dinner and auction, Carissa Ashman wore approximately \$1 million in jewelry, loaned to her for the occasion by jeweler Stephen Silver.

Silver, a top-level sponsor of the show held annually at the Circus Club in Atherton, recently opened a retail boutique in the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel after decades in the wholesale business.

Ashman wore one of the rarest necklaces in the world, made of 55 carats of precious demantoid garnets and 7 carats of diamonds.

Silver said he wanted to connect more with the community by participating in the horse show that raises money for the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

"I am so impressed with the Menlo Horse Show," said Silver. "They have a committee of 150 people that runs a seven-day event, with precision and successfully raises significant funds to help people in the community. It is an extraordinary world-class event in all aspects."

Results of the show can be found at <http://menlohorseshow.com>.



**LOOKS LIKE A MILLION BUCKS** — Carissa Ashman of the Menlo Charity Horse Show wears \$1 million in jewelry lent to her by jeweler Stephen Silver. Drew Altizer photo.