

Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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It's Show Time!

Our 3rd Annual Giddy-up Go Horsey Show August 14, 2009—Starts at 9:00 AM SHARP!



Please read the attached show bill and register your rider as soon as possible. Registration closes on August 1, 2010—no exceptions. This will give the show committee only one week to make sure that the riders and horses are properly matched and the entries are listed in the Show Program.

Class list, entry forms and advertising information are also listed on the Website. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the ribbons for a class, please give them the advertising form. The name of their business will be in the Show Program and **on our Website for one year**. That's a very inexpensive way to advertise and let the public know that they support our riding program. Did you know, class sponsors can be individuals as well as businesses?

Show clothes—as in previous years, show clothes are not required as this is a *fun* show. Riders are expected to wear proper riding clothes—long pants, closed-toe shoes or boots, socks—long, not just in the shoe, shirt or blouse (t-shirt is fine as long as it does not contain profanity or obscene language or graphics). Helmets, of course, are mandatory. We are working on having our “Pretty Pony Pastures” t-shirts redesigned for 2010 in time for the show.

Video—the *entire* show will be video taped by Dynamite Video Productions out of Flint—<http://dynamitevideoproductions.com>. This is the same production company that taped our show last year. The cost of the DVD with the *entire* show on it, book marked so you can easily find your rider in the show is only \$25 each. I will have forms available. DVDs will be mailed directly to you or whomever you want to receive them approximately 3 or 4 weeks after the show. We will need a short bio on each rider. The bio would be read during the taping and will help you remember who was riding which horse in each class.

Pictures—feel free to take pictures of your riders on the horse and off. Just be aware of other parents or family members that will want to take pictures of their riders as well. Flash does not bother the horses. We are working with a professional photographer and will let you know if we will have someone available to take pictures as well.

Guests—invite your family and friends. But, be sure to bring enough chairs. We have a limited number of plastic chairs. Seating will be at both ends of the arena.

Food—Please pack a picnic lunch for yourself and your family. Bring plenty of water! Trash cans will be placed in convenient locations. PLEASE dispose of plates, cups, utensils, etc. properly. **BE AWARE OF PLASTIC AND FOIL WRAPS!** Should any horse accidentally eat plastic or foil, or any other non-food item, they can impact and colic.

Calendar of Events

July 3—11 *closed—Have a great Independence Day week!*

July 11—Dressage Show—Rattle Run Farms 7103 Gratiot Ave. St. Clair, MI 48079— 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

August 2—5 Horses and More #2— Performance (or Getting Ready to Show) —Registration forms e-mailed and on the Website.

August 14— 3rd Annual Giddy-up Go Horse Show. Show bill attached to this newsletter and on website.

August 27—29—Dressage Retreat— Fenton *closed*—Riders interested in improving their riding skills should attend. Registration was due June 16th. See flyer on bulletin board for more information or <http://www.equistrideinternational.com>

September 4—6—Labor Day Weekend—closed Last picnic of summer!

September 19—Dressage Show— Windsong Equestrian Center—2315 E. Rattalee Lake Road, Holly. 9:00 am

September 15-26—Dennis Reis No Dust Tour—Corunna Check bulletin board for details in August.

October 10—Dressage Show—Rattle Run Farms 7103 Gratiot Ave. St. Clair, MI 48079— 9:00 am Come and cheer our riders on.

October 16—Annual Awards Celebration—2:00 pm Potluck lunch—awards for all riders. Details to come.



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Welcome!

We have three new riders for June.

Karolynn Bishop is riding with us on Sunday afternoon; Jeffrey Stewart and Brendan Iverson rides on Monday evening.

Welcome to our riding family!

We also want to welcome back Lina Horobchenko and Russell Muchler who took time off from riding this past winter.

Our new volunteers include Ruth Ann Turner and Liz Garrott. We look forward to working with you!

July Birthdays

We inadvertently missed Riley Keller's birthday in our June list. We hope you had a very happy birthday!

The following riders and volunteers have birthdays in July—

- Michael Capozzo
- Josh Norman
- Richie Ragnone
- Emily Kinser
- Patricia Kimmel



Wishing you a happy birthday and a great year.

Wanted!

Now that we are using the outdoor arena regularly, we could use a wooden, well-constructed mounting block similar to the one we have indoors. The plastic steps that we have are not secure enough for some of our riders. If you can build, we will buy the lumber.

The Show

by Riley Keller

On Father's Day, team P3 went to Windsong for an awesome show. Amanda, Amy, and Kathy rode. The horses that participated were De Buttercup and Leslie Ann.

Amy rode first on Leslie. With a nice rhythmic trot, nice free rein and working walk, Amy got 54.5 points on test B. Nice, huh? Kathy rode second with a straight line, smooth trot, and medium walk, not at a crawl. Kathy got 60.52 for test A, making her the first student rider to break 60! Amanda rode next. She was on Buttercup. Amanda controlled Buttercup, had a nice trot, good medium walk, and nice big circle. She came in with 56.5 for test A. Test B, Amanda got 47.6 points. Well that's it for the show.

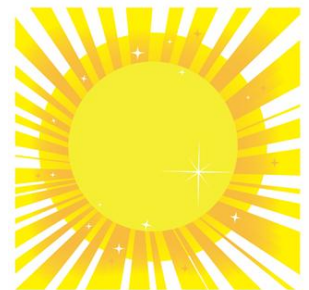
After the show, I interviewed two of the riders. Kathy recommends that riders who want to do Dressage should practice. Amanda thinks you should stay calm and have fun. Both riders felt they did pretty well today, and both riders want to ride the same test again in future shows.

Good job riders!!!

Weather or Not

The storms these past few weeks caught everyone off guard. Here are the summer guidelines for closings:

- Heat advisory or ozone action day is declared.
- Heat index is at or above 95⁰. NOTE: If the temperature is above 85⁰, please call. Heat index at 90⁰ calls for extreme caution—for both the riders and the horses.
- Severe storm warnings/watches. If there is a severe storm watch (thunder storm or tornado), call. If there is a warning, we are closed. We will close if there is cloud to ground lightning strikes within five miles of our facility.



If the weather look threatening and you are not sure if there are classes, please call the hot line—248-245-0014.

Condolences

Please express your condolences to Jennifer and Madeline Davis who lost their grandmother/great grandmother earlier this month. Jennifer and her daughter Madeline ride with us on Wednesday evening.

Also to Gloria Donal who lost her sister this month. Gloria has returned as a volunteer on Sunday afternoon and hopes to be back in full swing by fall. The sister she lost was the one that took care of her when she was very sick earlier this year.