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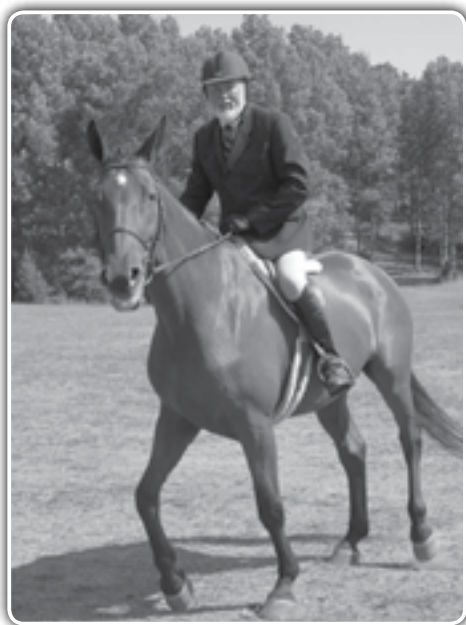
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Tracy Grandstrand, MHJA President

Hello All,

Spring was illusive this year; let's hope summer is a better friend to our horse shows and gardens. I know all of us would like to be riding in the sunshine!

I would like to thank those MHJA members that supported our horse show by exhibiting or sponsoring, and a very special thank you to those that did both. Our horse show was once again in the black. It was a small profit but considering the weather, and splitting our membership with Iowa, a successful show.



I encourage everyone to make sure they are current in their memberships and leases to ensure all points are being recorded properly.

See you all at the shows!

Tracy Grandstrand

From the Editors

HAPPY SUMMER!



Heather Parish
interim editor



Betsy Kieffer
associate editor

Despite a snowy start to our MHJA Show Season, summer is finally upon us (we hope.) A big "thank you" to those of you who have contributed to and supported the Newsletter.

We continue to strive to provide an educational, informative and fun publication for our MHJA Community. The next issue will once again focus on local stables and

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Future Equestrians



*Left:
Isla Sophia Salazar was born on March 6, 2013. Isla loves to be outdoors. She has already spent one month of her life at horse shows! Her parents, Johnny and Niki, are hoping that Isla will love farm life and ponies!*

*Right:
Charlie Nunn, born 6/27 at 6:27! Favorite toy is a train. His favorite words are "no" and "careful". He loves pickles and ice cream. Charlie enjoys riding the tractor with his dad and his pony Snowflake.*



*Left:
This is Mackenzie Rose Weflen, born 3/23/13, 9 lbs. 13 oz. Parents are Christy and Mike Weflen. She can't wait for her first pony.*

ANONYMOUS LETTER

Dear Readers,

Last fall, I had the pleasure of auditing/participating in a Sports Psychology clinic given by Dr. Jenny R. Susser at the U of M Leatherdale center. It was titled "Riding With Confidence". Dr. Jenny, (as she told us to call her) has worked with athletes world wide, and not just riders! Football players, basketball, you name it! Dr. Jenny also has her own horses and rides dressage.

Having never participated in a clinic such as this, I wasn't sure what to expect. I came away with thinking one word...WOW! I was wondering if Dr. Jenny could come to all the shows that we do here! Eventing, Dressage, hunters, jumpers, even to our lessons! The way she made us look at things so differently from what we have learned was mind blowing. She had the auditors involved as much as the riders and trainers she was working with, whether it was questions, comments, or encouragement (with clapping) for a rider that had a breakthrough with a problem! She was very encouraging for everyone to get involved.

Dr. Jenny worked with several trainers and their students, watching and listening to how the trainer taught the lesson, and how the student responded. The one thing she pointed out was how many trainers use the word "don't". For example, don't lean, don't pull, don't do that! You get the idea. We live in a negative world for the most part, with all the "don'ts" we hear every day, says Dr. Jenny. Riding is a hobby in that people want to have fun as they learn. No matter what discipline you're in, nobody wants to be told the "don'ts", as it's a negative word.

As Dr. Jenny says, when you pay a lot of money for lessons, you shouldn't be scared you're going to get screamed at for doing something wrong, or come away with the feeling of "why am I doing this if I'm no good?" What it comes down to is communication, yup, that talking thing between two people!

I'm not saying that teaching is easy, but neither is learning!! We all know that people learn differently (I hope!) and trainers need to acknowledge that more than they do. Students, ask more questions if you don't understand, that's why we're there, to learn!

Figuring out what words, or phrase, works best for that one student can be hard. Is it "shoulders back"? Or is it "lean back"? Asking your students, "what did you think of that transition?" Or "what was going through your mind approaching that jump, or line"? Dr. Jenny asked those questions during the clinic, the answers people gave were not what I expected. The answers given were what they

thought the trainer wanted to hear! Again, communication is key, be honest with yourself, and your trainer!

It's okay to say, "I was thinking 'Oh no, here it comes!'" And trainers, Dr. Jenny said repeatedly, don't tell them everything is fine! How do YOU know it's going to be fine??? Give your students the confidence they need to believe they can do it, but not the "it's going to be fine" speech. It's the trainers job to teach with a positive, confident manner (sometimes with the patience of a saint)!

Every negative can be turned into a positive. This saying got ALL our attention at the clinic! Let's go back to the phrase "don't do..." Dr. Jenny suggested something else. How about, "instead of pulling, try..." or, "when you feel yourself want to do...try this instead". We all clapped when we heard that!! A simple change of words can make riding (learning) so much more positive!!

Dr. Jenny takes dressage lessons. She let us all know "I pay lots of money for lessons; I'm NOT going to put up with a trainer who is demeaning to me by yelling, or telling me that I'm going to ruin my horse if I keep doing such and such, I'll tell that trainer to go take a flying leap!" Nobody wants to get beat up mentally or physically (although riding is a good work out!) in a sport where they want to have fun, and learn to have confidence in their ability of what they want to accomplish.

There is so much I learned at that clinic! The words, the phrases, and yes, lots of humor! I believe everyone walked away feeling like a burden had been "lifted" off of their shoulders. Especially the, "I'm not alone" part, as new friends were made that day.

I really hope Dr. Jenny will be back for another clinic in MN. The biggest reason I want her back? (besides she's the fact that she's a hoot to hang out with) So more trainers will attend...that was the only disappointment for me. We are never too old to stop learning. Really! Whether you've been in horses for 40 years or 4 years, this is a unique sport and we all need help in some form or other. We like to ride in/audit clinics with well known judges, riders, or Olympians, why not participate in a clinic to help us be better people, coaches, trainers, students, and riders?

I think that's all I'm writing for today...I'm going to go "horse around" at the barn! My favorite part of the day!

Happy riding!

Anonymous



Products to Help You Stay as Healthy as a Horse!

by Christy Weftlen, St. Croix Saddlery

As we [finally] head into summer and a season full of activity, hard work, and long hours in the sun, of course we're all taking measures to keep our horses cool and healthy. But what about the riders, the grooms, and the rest of us behind the scenes at a horse show? Well, here are a few items designed just to keep us humans going strong!

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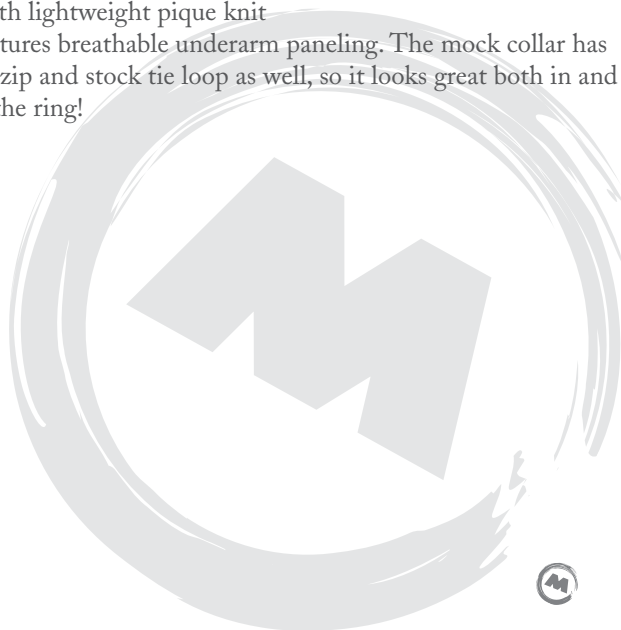
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This is the second part of our Meet The Junior Board article. In it, we meet two more juniors who are working to make MHJA and horse showing thrive well into the future.

Right: Kaitlyn Dulyn

Hi, my name is Kaitlin Dulyn, and I'm 14 years old. I ride at Stonegate with Tracy, and I can't wait for another year with her! And this is my newest addition, Finn. And I can't wait to show with him!

Below: Ashley Mason

Hi, I'm Ashley Mason and I own Clarisse. I am 13 years old and have been riding since I was 7. I ride at Stonegate Farm with Tracy Grandstrand. I can't wait for the show season to start!



Where Are They Now?

This is the second installment of our new article series, "Where Are They Now?" In the first issue, we caught up with Jennifer (Jenny) Nelson, who started riding at Skyrock Farm in Hamel, Minnesota.

In this issue, we were able to track down Andre Barbarossa, a lovely and talented rider who rose up through the ranks to become a leading equine professional in California.

Andre was born in Pompano Beach, Florida. Her family moved to Minnesota when she was 6 years old. Six years later, Andre started riding. She was fortunate to have grandparents who had a ranch in Wyoming, and they sent two western horses to her and her sister. They immediately had a lot to learn about horses! Andre's first trainer was Ann Carter. Ann worked out of Skyrock Farm - yes, the same facility where Jenny Nelson started out, but when



Andre teaching Michaela Wood on Optimo Santa Rosa

Andre was there with Ann Carter it was owned by the late (and deeply missed) Debbie Kemp. Andre switched to Cody Williams a few years later at his farm in Corcoran. She and her sister kept their horses at home, which they named Spyglass Hill Farm, and shipped in for lessons with Cody. Several years later, Andre found herself working with Debbie Kemp at Alpine Farms and then thriving on her own.

Lanie DeBoer, Elizabeth Lampert, Janine Carhart, Heather Olson and Gretchen Piper were among Andre's contemporaries as she was showing in Minnesota. She recalls competing with a wonderful Equitation horse named "Night Fox". She also competed with a super - but quirky - small junior hunter named "Partial Eclipse", and a very

Faith Cunningham on Miss Marple getting last minute instructions from Andre

Jenni McAllister on LEGIS Here I Come and Andre on LEGIS Venice



Andre and Jenni McAllister



fast junior jumper named “Pepsi”. Later on, Andre had two Grand Prix horses, “Gambler” and “Twosome”.

Andre competed at virtually all of the local Minnesota horse shows. Her favorites were River Bend, Alpine and of course the Fall Harvest Show. At age 14, she began traveling to shows outside Minnesota. Her equestrian interests never waned, and so at age 24 she became a professional in the sport. She says that she “couldn’t find anything I was more interested in spending my days

doing.” In 2011, Andre made California her home. She has not competed outside the US yet; but here stateside she considers her favorite places to show the Kentucky Horse Park and Thermal (Palm Springs) California. Andre says that she has some wonderful friends in California. They try to get to the beach, and also try to make time for one of her other favorite activities - going out for dinner. Aside from all of the equestrian work, she is also “co-parenting” a Pitbull cross named “Beulla”. Today,



Andre on LEGIS Rockstar

Andre is the assistant trainer at Team McAllister. Jenni Martin McAllister and Steve McAllister own the business. They are located at the beautiful Flintridge Riding Club, and they have clients anywhere from “pony kids” to Grand Prix riders.

Remembering her back here in Minnesota as a quiet and humble competitor, we put her on the spot and

asked her what she thought were among her greatest accomplishments in Minnesota and since she left for other venues. She replied that winning the Grand Prix at the Harvest Show on Gambler was memorable, along with developing and teaching such a wonderful group of clients.

We also asked Andre a series of

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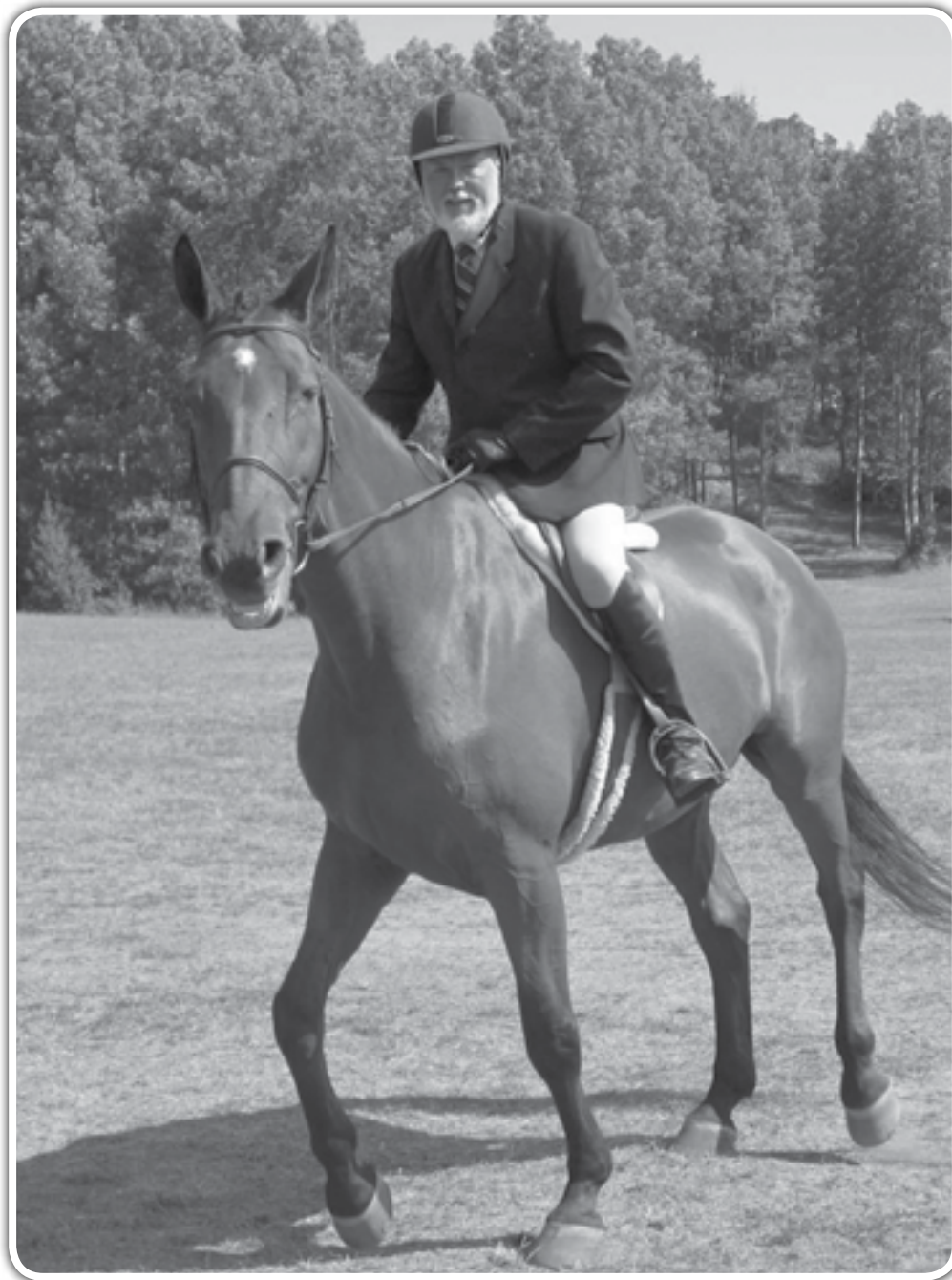


*Andre and Cuba getting their ribbon
in the Hunter Derby*



*Andre and Cuba
in the Hunter
Derby (2013)*

MEET: LEE GREMILLION



At Otter Creek, 2012, coming back after an injury layoff for Nelson.

MHJA members fall into four groups. Young people, of course, make up the largest group. Adult amateur riders, women and men who have graduated from the junior ranks but continue to ride, constitute the next group. The

trainers form the third.

Then, finally, there is "other," which is where I belong. A 65 year old semi-retired man who is also a novice rider certainly doesn't fit into any of those first three groups. For

all practical purposes, I started riding in my 60s, an age at which most riders have long since stopped.

We had a few horses when I was a teenager, but what we did then was nothing like what we do here and now. Those horses were a hodge-podge of castoffs that someone was happy to give away, and we rode them around in the piney woods of north Louisiana without the benefit of any instruction whatsoever. We fell off a lot, but it was still fun and exciting and we loved to do it. It ended when I got out of college and went off to the Navy, never to live in Louisiana again.

Now fast forward about 40 years to 2008. Our teenage daughter Christine discovers horses at summer camp, and starts taking lessons. For a while I just watch her, resisting getting on a horse myself with the rationale that I'm too old to risk breaking a bone in a fall. But eventually the temptation of what still looks to be fun and exciting becomes

impossible to resist, and I start taking lessons too.

It got serious in 2009 when I acquired my own horse, Nelson, the big bay Holsteiner with the crooked mouth. He and I have spent the last 3+ years working at moving ourselves out of the "green rider on a green horse" category, and now compete in the rusty stirrups classes at the local shows. Our next goal is to get up to the 2'9" classes, primarily so we can ride in the coliseum arena at the Harvest Show, instead of that little AgStar arena where the tight turns are tough for a big horse like Nelson.

While the riding is different now than it was for me 40

years ago, it's still great fun, and I suspect that in this respect I don't differ much from everyone else in the MHJA. There's nothing like the feeling you get when you and your horse are really clicking, when you're no longer even aware of "him" versus "me," but just feel that "we" are going through that course. It's the experience that is often described as



Preparing to school at Wellington. You can see Nelson's crooked mouth in this head-on view.

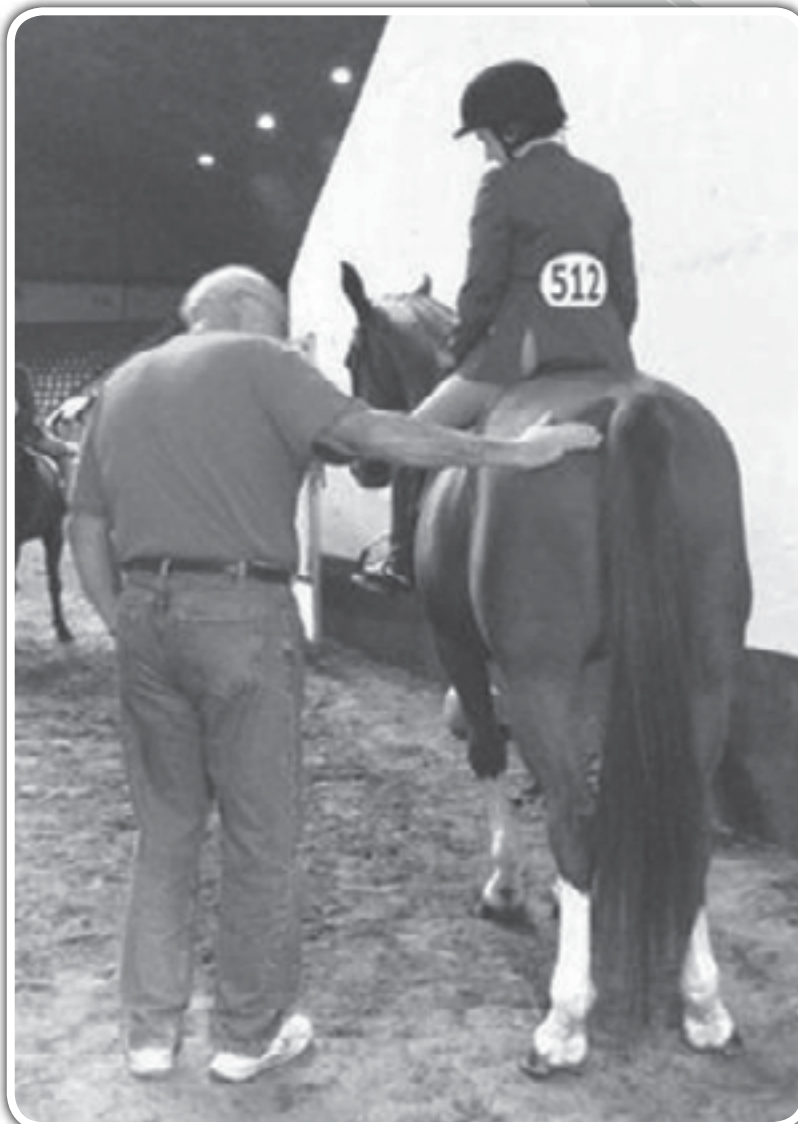
"being one with the horse," and it is incredibly fulfilling. It's also addictive – when someone asks me why I still work in retirement, my half-joking reply is "to support my habit" (and Christine's).

Being part of the MHJA community has also been a good experience. Tracy Grandstrand has taught me with skill, humor, and much patience as I clumsily acquired basic riding skills, and I am most grateful for that guidance. The other riders at Stonegate Farm, ranging in age



Above: At the 2012 Harvest Show, in that tight AgStar Arena.

Below: With Christine, whose interest in riding drew me to it.



from pre-teens to over 40s, are congenial, supportive, and fun to lesson and show with. And the horse shows are made pleasant by the generally positive and helpful attitudes of all who participate. It has turned out to be a rewarding sport done with a great group of people, and a good choice for a "mature" man.

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questions to get a better idea of how it is to be a professional in California with roots back here in Minnesota.

Q: For some professionals, riding consumes their entire lives. Do you pursue any other interests or work opportunities?

A: I love to hike. I go every chance I get. I also started beading belts, dog collars and brow bands again. Debbie Kemp and I used to have a business we called "Attitudes" for which we made all sorts of things with beads so it is wonderful to start up the hobby again.

Q: What does your work day typically involve?

A: I get to the barn between 8 and 9 am, and on average I ride anywhere from 5-9 horses and teach between 2-10 lessons. Normally, my day riding, training, and coaching is done around 6 pm.

Q: And when that long day in and out of the saddle is over, what do you enjoy the most?

A: Food! I love to eat. I also love to relax with a glass of red wine.



Q: So ... if you knew then what you know now about the profession, what if anything would you do differently?

A: I wouldn't have done much differently, because the horses taught me so much. But I would have made more time for friends and family.

Q: Staying on this theme, what one thing do you wish you had known when you were starting out?

A: I wish that I would have realized how much of the profession was business-related and not just horse knowledge.

Andre



Q: And if you had one bit of advice for someone considering entering the professional ranks, what would it be?

A: Go to college and get a degree in psychology and business. It will be very helpful!

Q: The amateurs reading this would just love to know - do you ever get butterflies before a class?

A: Always. Amateurs out there, how's that for a simple and reassuring answer?

Andre

*Andre going over the course
with Amanda McQuady*





Q: Do you prefer hunters or jumpers?

A: Jumpers.

Q: What are some of the biggest differences between the Hunter / Jumper communities in California and Minnesota?

A: The size and amount of horse shows. You could show multiple places every week if you wanted to in California. But by comparison, at the shows in Minnesota the well-worn phrase "Minnesota Nice" rings true.



*Andre giving LEGIS
Rockstar a "good luck" kiss*

Andre



Q: Many of us recall that in past years you had escaped the Minnesota winters to show in Indio, Tucson, and Thermal - but we have to ask, don't you miss the lakes here in the summer?

A: I do miss the beauty of Minnesota - just not the mosquitoes!

Q: What's one of your favorite indulgences?

A: Red wine, and salt-and-vinegar chips.

Q: So without being too direct ... any bad habits?

A: Red wine, and salt-and-vinegar chips.

Thanks very much, Andre, for sharing your update with us. As most of us back here in Minnesota must be thinking, particularly with this year's weather, you're very fortunate to be living and working in California!





Eyes & Ears

NEWS OF NOTE FROM AREA BARNS

Arbor Hill Farm

Is it summer yet? It certainly seems as though we are still "enjoying" a crazy mix of spring and winter, but we will try not to complain. School is out, Mason City Summer set up day is upon us, and we will now all pray that it doesn't snow! Things are busy around the farm, but all the craziness is fun.

We enjoyed the MHJA show (when we were on top of our horses); we had a great time at the Stonegate RPHSA schooling show, and we have gotten in several good schoolings on our cross-country course already. Now if only we could find a Derby for the ponies, then we all would be happy.

Mimi is having a great time getting to know Mikey, and is really looking forward to a fun summer in the Children's hunters. Megan continues to be entertained by Keiran and his many silly tricks. Becca is excited to getting some travel time in this summer with Xander and the Dresden Manor crew, and she is committed to bring along our green pony project while she is here at home. We will miss Xander while he jet sets around, but we so look forward to seeing all that he accomplishes. Emily and Taylor are doing an incredible job with their flat work, and are ready to hit an RPHSA show in July, while our little friends Izzy and Ava are having a great time learning to trot on the line.

Ivy is convinced she wants to do the walk-trot opportunity, but I'm not sure that we can get Duckie to trot without someone in the middle of the ring holding a lunge whip! Zoe is loving riding many ponies, but Cruiser is still the most perfect. Zoe is working hard without her stirrups because she never knows when Nick might decide to give her an impromptu lesson:-)

We have had some really exciting personal events already this spring. Congratulations to Emily Pope on her recent marriage. We wish you and Stephen all the best. We are so very proud of Sophia Fellner and her graduation from Trinity. Georgetown has NO idea how lucky they are to be adding Phi to their upcoming class of Freshmen. We really are so proud of all that you have done, Phi, and we wish you all the best with the upcoming changes. Lastly, it was a big moment for me to attend Sarah Pennie's recent wedding to Wade Thompson. It was a beautiful event, full of wonderful people, lots of love, and a feeling of deep rooted family. With all the good and bad that surrounds the horse business, I end my days knowing I have really been blessed in this business, and I will hold many of these families close to my heart always. Thank you for including me!

So, the summer is off and running! We look forward to many fun horse events, and catching up with all our friends. Stay tuned for some upcoming exciting new things in the works with Tracy, Heather, Mary A. and I. You may have seen our recent push for advertising and we hope you won't hesitate to give us a call about boarding and lessons. As you know, it takes a village!

Greenwood Stables

The season is underway and what an interesting start we had! Based on the lack of spring, we knew there may be a flurry or two to contend with in Mason City, but 9.5" we could not have imagined!!! It was a tough week,

but the Urban family did a great job of continuing on with the show as best as possible. We were happy to see the green grass again in Des Moines and had a nice week. After an all too long winter at home, the horses were great. Sara's young horse, Alaric, showed a newfound maturity in the Pre Greens and did very well. Meredith Doyle showed him in the children's hunters and she looks forward to continuing their partnership again this summer. Sara successfully showed both Guilder and Poker Face, "Cash," in the Adult Amateur Hunters. We couldn't be happier to have her showing both horses this year! Julia Lavigne's Z Grand Finale, "Zia," is looking lovely in the Baby Green Hunters and Julia is looking forward to showing her this year as well. They had some good schooling experiences at Maffitt Lake to prepare. We are very happy to welcome Anne and Tobias Shapiro to Greenwood with their horse, Super Sally. Sally is giving the life of a hunter a shot and she seems to really enjoy it. Anne was thrilled to see that she has become a polite girl and looked like an old pro in the chaotic schooling ring. Joan Schulz and Eva stayed home, but Joan looks forward to joining us at the shows soon. I started riding my horse, Gabe, again which was very exciting for me! I am working hard to get back in riding shape. Johnny doesn't give breaks just because you were out of the saddle for 8 months! Isla was a little angel on her first big road trip and we couldn't be happier.

Cindy Piper and Carol Brooks have their horses back at Cindy's for the fox hunting season. We wish them a safe and fun summer out in the field!

We are looking forward to a great summer at the farm and a fun filled show season and will be hopeful for cooperative weather.

Wishing you all a fun, successful and safe summer!

-Nicole Salazar

Raven Ridge Farm

Spring is finally here!

As the warmer weather hits we are all getting ready for the show season. We started off the year at Spring Mason City, where we ended up showing in the indoor due to a foot of snow. The snow definitely made the horse show experience interesting but we would like to thank the Urbans for making it a successful and interesting show. Kim and Andy both did the prix and had great success as well. After Mason City we headed to Maffitt Lake for two weeks where it was the first show for many horses and riders together among these were Hannah Pattermann and Luxius who made a debut in the low junior jumpers. Hannah also had a successful show with fresco and dolce. Julia Mason showed her horse Joey for the first time and ended up champion in the high children's. Quinn Leslie also had a great first show on Kid Rock in the children's jumpers.

Back home we have many new babies running around the farm, so far we have four foals and are waiting on one more to come! All of the college students have come home. Jenna Golden got to show Reece at the Maffitt Lake shows and had a great show! Katherine Bentfield is leasing Bahama Mama and ended up champion in the low children's jumpers. Katherine and Elizabeth Robbins are going to have a fun but busy summer as working students, we are glad to have them! Emma and Patrick Gage are headed to college in the fall. Emma is heading to Marist in New York and Patrick is going to Georgetown in D.C. Elizabeth Robbins is also heading to college in the fall, she will be attending Miami of Ohio. We will miss seeing them at the barn but know they are going to have fun. While we were in Mason City Hayleigh Adams was at nationals with the U of M equestrian team. She had a great experience and ended up 7th in her flat class. We would like to congratulate Kelsey Donahue on the purchase of Izak and wish her luck with this great horse. Ashley Day is

leasing Brie Vlahos horse Einstein and is hoping to get in the ring this year. Good luck to everyone in the 2013 show season!

We would also like to welcome Paige Junker and her horse Cooper. Also Kelsey May and her horses Fred and Leilani.

River Bend Stables

Waking up to 8 inches of snow outside your hotel does not seem the proper way to start the show season. But in spite of the weather, Linda, Jessica and Betsy all had fun at Mason City. Poor Michelle and Abadon never made it. Their ride down was scheduled for Thursday, but decided against it. Hattie Schiele's baby horse, Silk Stockings, made her show debut in the breeding classes with Laura Rohlfing and did very well for her first time out. Braids, tail braids? What is all this stuff? Kudos to the Urbans who did a terrific job of making the show happen under the worst possible conditions. We're hoping for better weather for the Summer shows!

Having survived the snowpocalypse, a "little" rain at the MHJA was nothing. Although Betsy and Linda did wonder as once again Jessica got the sunny, dry day to show and they ended up in "drowned rat" mode. Neither Garth nor Frankie cared, as they both cruised around. However, since Garth was in the sand ring, he and Betsy did end up with red sand splashes everywhere – up on his back, on her face, on his face, on her hat. Anne Nowlan joined us with Rocky for his first time back in the ring after his injury. Once again we had a quick finish to the show as the bad weather moved in. Hope everyone made it home safely through the torrential rains.

JoAnne Gibbs Rumble, Ireen Morales and Sarah Bowman are holding down the fort at home. Sarah and Laureate and Ireen and Nikki are getting used to being teams; and JoAnne is still on the hunt for her new horse and hopes to be in the show ring soon. Congratulations

to Anne Nowlan on her new horse, "Listen Mister."

The Village Riding School at River Bend continues to grow. It's lots of fun to see all the little kids practicing their skills – the future of our sport. It's not just kids though; Jimmy also has a lot of adults who have joined the group.

Linda will miss the Mason City summer shows, as the whole Ostberg family is spending 2 weeks in France for a family vacation. Hmmm, Mason City, Paris, Mason City, Paris? Not much choice there. After that, Kelsey Ostberg will be showing at Traverse City with her young horse Figo.

Phil Kieffer got his Kentucky Track Veterinarian license and spent two days at Churchill Downs for both the Oaks and the Derby. Phil will be home for vacation and then off to his next post. He will be joining the staff at UPenn's New Bolton Center. Betsy says he's farther away, but it's easier to get tickets to Philadelphia.

Barb and Gaylord continue to be busy with those grandkids. Hockey season is over (sort of) and now it's baseball and soccer.

All of us at River Bend extend our sympathy to both Anne Nowlan and Gaylord. Anne lost her Bare Trees this spring and Gaylord made the tough decision on Lord Capitol due to his infirmities of old age. Our thoughts are with you.

Skyrock Farm

April showers bring May... blizzards? All of us at Skyrock Farm kept our chins up and our snow boots on as we dealt with this unprecedented weather. Though we weren't in Mason City last month, we certainly sympathized with our fellow competitors—from the comfort of our heated indoor.

After sitting Mason City out, we ventured to Maffit Lake for two weeks with 15 horses. Having not yet ridden outside prior to our departure, we weren't quite sure how the first

few days would go, but all horses and riders were absolutely fabulous. Not only was this our first show of the season, but a first show EVER for Tori Christiansen, Sarah Demane, and Catherine Demane. A winter of hard work clearly paid off for these ladies in the show ring, as all three came home with armfuls of prizes. Tori and her horse Sterling were Opportunity Reserve Champions! We are so proud to have all of them on our roster of show riders, and can't wait to see what else they accomplish this summer!

In addition to our newcomers, Skyrock's seasoned veterans also joined us in Des Moines. Thinesh Sivapatham rode his own Cappuchino to the Low Adult jumper Reserve Championship, while Gretchen Erpelding came home with multiple blue ribbons with Sigurd in the hopeful jumpers. Grace Nutting also made her jumper debut on her own Happy Hour—she had so much fun we're afraid she may never want to do equitation again!

Representing us in the hunter rings were Grace and Lordance, Elisabeth Henn and Lone Ranger, Emily Short and Independence, and Helen Lindsay and Granted Wish. Grace and Emily were Reserve Champion in their divisions, while Elisabeth won several competitive equitation classes. Helen had a fabulous week two and was Modified Junior Champion—congrats ladies!! Bill, Stacy, and Ashley were extremely proud of not only the riders, but also the horses. For many of the young ones, it was their first show and they handled everything quite well—except for one of Ashley mounts who tossed her right into the mud. Thankfully they had not yet crossed the start timers, so judge Paul Sullivan was kind enough to let her remount and continue. Thanks, Paul!!

Stacy Olsen had much better success as she earned the 1.0 meter jumper Reserve Champion title on her young jumper, Latte. Congrats!

Finally, we would like to thank Neal

Julie and Bedelio for all of their hard work at Maffit Lake. The horses shined and their thoughtful care and preparation certainly showed in the ring. As we prepare for the rest of the summer, we would like to thank all of our wonderful clients for being so gracious and supportive. We couldn't do any of this without you and know this will be an amazing year for Skyrock!

Spring Meadow

After a snowy spring Mason City and a rainy Carriage House, we are anxiously awaiting Mother Nature to let up and bring on the sunshine. We are dying to ride outside on a more consistent basis! We are excited to welcome Audrey Fermanich and All the Right Moves to Spring Meadow and can't wait to have them join us on the road this summer! We would also like to congratulate Jayde Hull on the lease of Just Say Yes. Alyssa, Courtney, and Libby just finished up their spring semester at college and are keeping busy this summer by riding, working, and hanging out with friends. Kelly and Jillian are about to graduate from DePaul and are both looking to head out to LA to pursue their dreams! Sara has been staying busy with traveling a lot for work; we are hoping her travel schedule will slow down soon! Kendahl has also been doing some traveling this spring, from Florida to Germany to Texas, she knows how to get away from the weather at all of the right times. We can't wait to our future vets come home and play this summer, Laura and Tyne will both get to spend a summer full of horses before starting their 3rd year of vet school. Kate is staying busy with Ontario and Tank while she is not on the ice, playing hockey. In between school and swimming, Marce made her debut with Gold Option at Carriage House and had a great time! Although, we are all busy getting ready for the show season, the gang is most excited for Fajita to have her baby! We can't wait to see everyone at the horse shows this summer and "good luck, have fun!"

Summit Oak

The long winter is over and we are finally riding outside priming everyone for the show rings – Yipee! Over the last several months we have had some exciting experiences. We had a clinic with Nick Novak, who came out to Summit Oak in January. In April, we took a road trip out to New Heights, Deb Nellis's barn, in Green Bay where Masen Thormodsgard and Claire Garduno participated in a clinic with Frank Madden. Several more of us went along to audit the sessions making it a fun adventure where we all learned lots!

New faces returning and hitting the show rings this season include Tegan Zimmerman on her pony Velvet Elvis. Tegan has ridden with us for several years and made her debut at the MHJA show this year in the short stirrup division. Her mom Kobie has owned horses most of her life and has three more at the barn including Legend her Dutch Warmblood, Pepsi her Quarter and tiny Buddy who is Elvis' stall mate.

Shyenne Bryant and her horse Smarty – a very cool Hunter/ Eq horse, arrived at the barn a few months ago from California. Shyenne and Smarty competed on the west coast circuit prior to coming to Minnesota and have an eye on the medal classes this year.

Theresa Jacobson has decided that she is taking on the hunter/jumper world and has purchased "Checkers" from Mohammed El Deeb – a young show horse which Theresa fell in love with after trying him out in her lessons. McKenzie Kane, who joined us at Summit Oak when she moved down to the Lakeville area earlier this year, will be leasing Checkers for showing and competed in the opportunities at the MHJA show. Congrats on your wins McKenzie!

Megan Giese and her pony Rockin on a Ricochet, Rikki, also made an appearance at the MHJA horse show,

where they put in many beautiful hunter trips and came away with several Champion ribbons.

Kristen Greer, who purchased Oriska "O" this spring – a beautiful TB Mare, also joined us at Summit Oak this year. Kristen, who is on summer break from her studies at the U of MN, is gearing up to show later this summer.

Sydney and Emily with their partners Riley and Eddie, will be making their return to the jumper and hunter rings, respectively, and have plans to do some of the medal classes with their 2nd year horses. Both horses have come a long way this winter.

Bailee Jackson and Gracie, her Hunter, are getting ready for their first show year. We expect them to make an appearance at one of the Minnesota-based shows and hope Bailey gets the show bug (we think she already has it!).

Amanda Bayer and Allie Haggerty are graduating from high school this year and will be showing as juniors for the last year. Amanda will be debuting a new horse this season and Allie will be showing her new horse Great Gatsby a large white warmblood.

Hannah Christian's new horse Bentley arrived and will be debuting in the long stirrup division. Hannah has been working very hard over the winter preparing for the show season.

Summit Oak would also like to welcome the twins McKenzie and Maddie Piepenburg who are building skills for the show rings. We hope to see them in the circuit soon!

Wild Oak Farm

After long, warm, fun, at times physically painful FI I returned to the paradise known as Mn. No need to worry about missing warm fires, hot chocolate, dashing thru the snow, sleeting side ways and closed schools.

We still got to experience all of it

this "spring". Mn at its finest. I will say though that returning home was still fun. The customers at Wild Oak were ready to venture out and horse show despite the weather. Our new group of clients at Dandelion Farm, were also experiencing cabin fever and jumped in with enthusiasm. Going to Des Moines with the combined group of horses and people was the most fun I've had in a while at a horse show. I'd like to thank Gail and Kim for all the hard work in preparing while I was gone. Thanks to them (and a few bottles of wine and advil) our first horse show together went smoothly. I'd also like to welcome back Danny Hudlow and his recently acquired Rosales. Glad you're back Danny.



Wintergreen Farm

Winter is over, and it's finally green! At Wintergreen, lots is new this show season. Trainer Nick Novak (Gypsy Farms) has us all in spring training, and Wintergreen's equestrians are in good shape. Adult riders Nancy and James Cullen continue to show Harry and Rummie, and working student Kirsten Priebe is back helping keep the horses in shape and Nick organized. Laura Ulmer continues to show in jumpers with her horse, Jack. Joining them this season is Michael Wildung on Buzz, also showing jumpers; and junior Marissa Creviston, with

Charcoal and Romeo in jumpers and hunters. Nick was proud of his herd at the MHJA inaugural show at Carriage House, where loads of top honors went to his students! Nick personally managed to make 35 trips the first day of showing, after a long break from the ring for surgeries. The barn is looking great thanks to Brenda, Sue and Frank's hard work, and Maydo keeps watch over and takes fabulous care of our horses. Wintergreen's riders will be headed to Mason City, Alpine, and Maffit Lakes this summer. We are all excited to show together, and look forward to seeing you in the show ring, too!

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