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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Linda Ostberg, MHJA President

As the new President, I'm looking forward to the new year and new show season for the MHJA. Last year was a year of many challenges which we managed to survive quite well thanks to decisions made by last year's Board and our Horse Show committee. While I'm not sure the economy will be much better in 2012, some of the changes made last year and the new ideas discussed by the Board will help the MHJA to be successful in 2012. There has been a lot of discussion about encouraging the grass roots levels of our sport and in so doing help to build our base. Please give any of the Board members your feedback.

We have great members who are willing to donate their time, expertise, and yes, dollars to the MHJA—thank you members who showed at our Horse Show, attended the Year End Banquet, worked on the Newsletter and helped out on all fronts. It takes all of us to make the organization successful and, in doing so, make our sport more sustainable. We will all need to be proactive this year as well.

I was excited to get back into the show ring last year after nearly two years off; the last year spent rehabbing. We eased in quite slowly and carefully; thank you Seth for being so patient and thank you Francine for staying sound!

While I don't know everyone of our members (2 years of not horse showing really takes its toll), I look forward to meeting more of you this year and seeing everyone at the shows. We have a great Board again this year; please talk with any of them if you have any ideas, concerns, or



Linda Ostberg and Francine, photo courtesy of Nancy Reid.

to volunteer! We have lots of opportunities to volunteer whether for our Horse Show, Juniors, marketing, newsletter, web site, Jumper committee, the Year End Awards, the Year End Banquet, or the Harvest Horse Show.

Best to everyone for a successful 2012 in all your ventures!

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A NEW INCARNATION



Betsy Kieffer, interim editor

This issue represents a new incarnation of the MHJA Newsletter, only our fourth in 41 years. Many thanks to our previous editors, Kris Pendergast, Brenda Johnsen and Patty Franz, and Gail Brandt; not only were they editors, but they also did the hard work of putting the newsletter together too.

It's the "putting together" that has always been a problem, requiring long hours on the part of whoever was doing it. Even in these days of computers, it still takes a long time to get it ready for print. And we won't even talk about bulk mailing and the US Post Office, and how many hours that takes. So we want to thank these women for their devotion to the newsletter and for getting it out over all these years.

The Newsletter has been one of the most expensive benefits the MHJA provides to its members. So we were really looking at what we could do to improve our delivery. This brings us to our next incarnation, which is divide and conquer. The editors (and please, I'm *interim*, so if any one

feels a strong desire to be an editor, let me know!) will be responsible for gathering the material. We'll proof read and send it off to Sarah Donnell, who will put it in magazine form. Then Franz Repro will print it and get it to a mail house discovered by Sarah, and they will mail it. We're also looking to add an on-line version you can read on your computer or phone.

We're hoping that these changes will help us establish a regular timeline for the printing and mailing of the newsletter, which in turn will help us develop a better advertising base. We've also discussed whether we should publish only two hard copies a year, and do two issues on-line only. For 2012, the following schedule has been set up, all to be printed:

Spring Issue—Information for the New Year: Rule Changes, the new class specifications, show listings

Summer—Regular issue: any suggestions for a focus?

Fall—Showcase Our Sport issue: This issue will be available to the public at the Harvest Show. We envision

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presenting our sport to the public who attend, and are hoping that all our member barns will advertise. We want to feature the fun of our sport.

Winter—Holiday Issue: Featuring our year end award winners and hopefully Holiday, thank you, and

congratulatory ads from barns and individuals. This used to be our biggest edition of the year and the ad revenue used to pay the newsletter expense for the rest of the year.

We hope you enjoy the new incarnation. 

TENTATIVE 2012 MHJA CALENDAR

MHJA Recognized Shows

Midstates Spring | May 2-6 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Barb Ahrens 763.477.6640

MHJA at Carriage House | May 17-20 | B rated | Hugo, MN | Barb Ahrens 763.477.6640

Midstates Summerfest | June 6-10 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Barb Ahrens 763.477.6640

Midstates Summer | June 13-17 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Barb Ahrens 763.477.6640

Alpine Farms Classic | June 22-26 | A rated | Long Lake, MN

There is no River Bend Stables this year.

Alpine Farms Equestrian Fest | July 18-22 | A rated | Long Lake, MN

Two Rivers Summer Fest I | Des Moines, IA | Aug. 8-12 | Libby Antisdell | AA rated

Two Rivers Summer Fest II | Des Moines, IA | Aug. 15-19 | Libby Antisdell | AA rated

Minnesota State Fair | August 22-25 | A rated | St. Paul, MN | Patty Humphries 952. 442.5321

Otter Creek Farm | August 29-September 2 | A rated | Wheeler, WI | Lena Werner 715. 658.1602

Midstates Fall | September 12-16 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Barb Ahrens 763. 477.6640

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KATHERINE BENTFIELD



International Hunter Derby, 2011 | Katherine Bentfield on Bronze with Seth Clayton

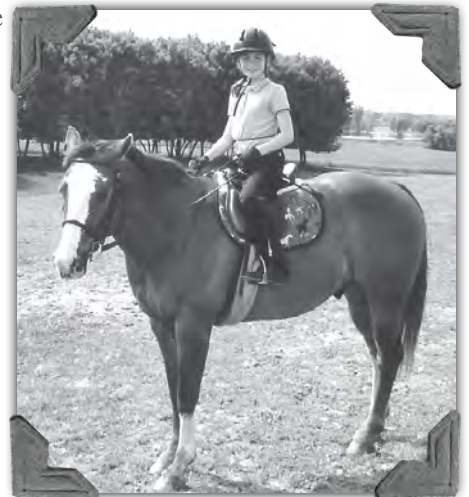
For as long as I can remember, all I've wanted to do is be around horses. Whenever I saw horses in fields or photos, I would plead, bargain, even cry to convince my parents to let me ride. They finally took me on a trail ride in the Black Hills when I was five. I rode a horse named Sugar, who plodded around calmly with me on his back; but to me, he was a valiant and fiery steed who could take me anywhere I wanted to go. I was officially hooked on horses.



Katherine on Sugar

Once home, I became more insistent about riding. My parents finally relented and we began to search for a place for me to take lessons, with the agreement that we would never own a horse and I would certainly never compete. I had just turned six when we found trainer Anna Dobos at

the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club. I began taking lessons on a horse named "Tiger", a 14.3 hand Quarter Horse, and fell even more in love with horses and riding. Less than a year after I started riding, Tiger was my horse and I was showing at schooling shows and local MHJA shows.



Katherine on Tigar

My parents still sometimes wonder what happened to our "simple guidelines." The next year, I began showing at the "A" rated shows, including the Midstates Horse Shows. I showed Tiger in the 11 and under as well as the 17 and under divisions for a little under five years before we retired him.

When I was 12, another of Anna's students, Carol Greeman, asked me to show her horse "What About Me," an OTTB gelding. I showed him in the 17 and under division as well as several Children's Hunter classes – it was a fun learning experience. After that show season, it was

a fun learning experience. After that show season, it was time for me to find my own horse to show again. In the fall of 2006, Anna contacted a friend of hers about bringing over some horses for me to try. Among them was a quirky

little Oldenburg gelding named “Art of Bronze.” At the time, he had been trained to do everything but jumping – he could do dressage, pull carts and logs, even jump in the back of a pick-up truck! Despite his greenness, he and I got along beautifully and we had soon added a second horse to the Bentfield family. After a winter of intense training, Bronze and I began to compete in the 17 and under division. I was also offered an opportunity to try the jumpers on a wonderful horse named “Sam Sr.,” who was owned by Pat Noone and boarded at Wyndem Rose Stables (now Ridge Road Stables). In the summer of 2008, I showed another jumper named “Ballroom Blitz” and moved up to the Children’s Hunters on Bronze. I also moved my horses to Wyndem Rose during that time.

In the fall of that same year, I was given yet another fantastic jumper opportunity when Dr. Kathy Ott offered my family a lease on a mare named “Serafina.” I showed her in Low Children’s in the 2009 season, placing as reserve champion at the MHJA Year-End Banquet. During that season, I also began showing Bronze in the Junior Hunter Division. In February 2010, we at Wyndem soon received the sad news that Anna would be moving to

California with her husband, Jason. We were all fortunate to find a new trainer, Seth Clayton. He is a wonderful trainer who encourages and drives us to be the best that we can be – lessons are always a lot of work, yet also exceptionally fun.



Bronze at Junior Hunter Finals

that year – at the MHJA Banquet I was Champion with Serafina in the High Children’s and Champion with



Serafina at Harvest, 2010

In the 2010 season, I continued to show Bronze in the Junior Hunters and 15-17 Equitation. We even had the opportunity to compete in the East Coast Junior Hunter Finals in Lexington, KY, where we did quite well! It was an absolutely amazing and memorable experience. I continued to ride Serafina, moving up to the High Children’s Division and competing in a few Modified Junior/Amateur classes. We did quite well that year – at the MHJA Banquet I was Champion with Serafina in the High Children’s and Champion with Bronze in the Small Junior Hunters, and we received several perpetual trophies. We also placed well in the Zone, with Bronze as Champion for Small Junior Hunter 16-17 and Fina as Reserve Champion in High Children’s.


The 2011 season was my last season as a junior rider. Throughout the year I showed Bronze in the Small Junior Hunters, 15-17 Equitation, and several Hunter Derbies including our first International

Hunter Derby, where we placed 8th out of 22 horses. It was an overall great year, and I am glad that I was able to end my junior riding years on such a good note.



Alyssa, Katherine, Jenna, Emma, Helen — Juniors

I am so grateful to have spent my life with horses, as each horse taught me so much - the obstinate ones taught me to be patient; the young ones taught me that winning is often relative; the flighty ones taught me determination; the brave ones taught me to overcome my fears. They bring out my

best attributes and lessen my weaknesses. They inspire me to look towards the future and strive for my dreams. So whenever I reflect on the stubborn little girl who begged her way onto a horse's back, I can't help but smile because that first ride allowed me to find my dream and define myself. 



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If multiple people suggest the same name, a drawing will be held from among those people. The Board's decision will be final.

So come on members, get creative! But please don't suggest *On Course*, as that is already in use. And *Ringside* is already in use for our e-news.

Contest: Name the MHJA Newsletter

Deadline for Entries: January 30, 2012

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2011 MHJA OPEN MEETING

by Betsy Kieffer

This meeting was my last job as president, and at first, I was going to let reporting on it ride until the next newsletter. That is, until I got my January issue of *America's Horse*, the national magazine for AQHA members, and read their President's message. It was a perfect metaphor for our Open Meeting.

"At the 2011 AQHA Convention, the Youth Committee and the AQHA Board of Directors agreed that the Association needs to focus more attention on the youth segment of its membership. At 28,000 members, the AQH Youth Association is one of the largest youth equine associations in the world. About 9,000...of those members actually show or compete with those horses.

But what we're finding is that we're having a hard time attracting kids from outside the industry.

We're not getting kids early enough, and by the time they're old enough to enter our organization or any

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EQUINE DEWORMING DEMYSTIFIED

Q & A with Jennifer Selvig, DVM — Cleary Lake Veterinary Hospital

Q Why shouldn't I follow an every-other-month deworming schedule?

A Over-the-counter equine paste dewormers have been on the market for several decades now. When they were first available, the drugs were very effective against most equine parasites. We thought that rotating the drug classes would keep worms from developing resistance against any one drug—and that method worked for a while. But now, we are seeing more resistance than ever to some of our most tried and true dewormers. Just like bacteria are developing resistance to some of our most common antibiotics, parasites are evolving to be harder. And unfortunately, there are no new deworming drugs on the horizon. To preserve the effectiveness of the deworming drugs we have, we must actually decrease the amount that they are used. In our new recommendations, each horse will only need to be dewormed 2-5 times per year, depending on its individual worm load.

Q How do I know how many times to deworm each individual horse?

A Each horse should be classified according to its egg-shedding status. Horses are classified as “low,” “medium” or “high” shedders. “Low shedders” have a naturally good immunity against parasites. “High shedders” are horses with poor natural immunity against parasites OR horses that have a poor or nonexistent deworming history (many neglected horses fall into this category). A horse's shedding status is determined by doing fecal egg counts, a laboratory test done on fresh manure. Counts are measured in “eggs per gram” (epg) of manure. Horses tend to remain

in one category throughout their lives (with the exception of foals and neglected animals) so once a horse's shedding status is determined, it can generally be dewormed accordingly, with periodic fecal egg count rechecks. This is also why it is not sufficient to test only one manure sample in each paddock—each horse can be very different, even if they are exposed to the same parasites.

Q My horse is a low shedder with an egg count of 150 eggs per gram. I'm not supposed to deworm him now, but I don't want him to have ANY parasites! Why shouldn't I deworm?

A It sounds counterintuitive, but we actually WANT horses to have a small population of worms that are susceptible to dewormers. Low egg counts will not negatively impact health.

Consider how deworming works: Horses can have millions of parasites at a time. When we deworm a horse, most of those parasites are killed. The ones left over weren't killed because their genetics rendered them resistant to the drug that was used. Those resistant worms are the ones left to reproduce! They pass along their drug-resistance genes to the next generation of worms, and the process repeats itself. Over time, you can be left with a population of worms that is totally resistant to certain drugs.

For this reason, we need to allow some of those non-resistant parasites to reproduce, so that our drugs remain effective against them and their offspring.

Q To which drugs are parasites becoming the most resistant?

A Small strongyles are developing resistance to the pyrantel family of drugs, as well as fenbendazole and oxi-bendazole.

Ascarids (roundworms) are developing resistance to ivermectin and moxidectin.

Tapeworms are developing resistance to the pyrantel family. We previously recommended using a “double dose” of pyrantel to kill tapeworms, but praziquantel, included in some deworming pastes, is better for killing tapeworms.

Resistance is often location or farm-specific. It is important to know if your farm’s parasite population is resistant to certain drugs.

It is NOT TRUE that cold temperatures kill parasites. Many survive winter even in Minnesota! Some, however, are killed by high, dry temperatures.

Q Can you define low, medium and high shedders?

A LOW SHEDDERS: <200 eggs per gram

Low-shedding horses have a good natural immunity to internal parasites, and will rarely have problems with large or small strongyles or roundworms. Deworming 2-3 times per year is sufficient for these horses; make sure to deworm for tapeworms in the spring and fall (use something with praziquantel) and for encysted small strongyles (moxidectin or a Panacur PowerPac). Horses with an unknown or nonexistent deworming history that initially present with a high egg count may become “low shedders” once their parasite load is reduced. Monitor with fecals twice yearly.

MEDIUM SHEDDERS: 200-500 epg

These horses have a marginal natural immunity to parasites and need a little extra help keeping their worm loads in check. Deworm 3-4 times yearly and monitor fecal egg counts twice yearly, and two weeks after deworming if you or your vet are concerned about resistance. As with low shedders, be sure to deworm for tapeworms twice yearly and for encysted small strongyles once yearly.

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HIGH SHEDDERS: >500 epg

High-shedding horses do not have optimal natural immunity against internal parasites. They probably make up less than 25% of the equine population, but contribute the most to the parasite population. Deworm these horses 4-5 times per year, and check fecals 2-3 times per year. Be vigilant about monitoring resistance to specific drugs by performing fecals two weeks after deworming if there is any concern. **NOTE: Horses with an unknown or nonexistent deworming history may initially present with a very high parasite load, but may not remain high shedders once they have been carefully treated.*

Q What about deworming foals?

A Foals and young horses (especially under 1 year) are a “special deworming case” because they are much more susceptible to roundworms than older horses. We recommend deworming the mare about a day after giving birth. Deworm the foal every month, rotating between pyrantel (such as Strongid®) and ivermectin. **DO NOT** use moxidectin (Quest®) in horses under 6 months of age. After 1 year of monthly deworming, young horses can be transitioned to a more adult schedule, but continue to monitor fecal egg counts, especially for roundworms.

Q How do you deworm a horse you suspect has an extreme parasite load?

A Horses with an unknown, insufficient or nonexistent deworming history must be treated carefully, especially if roundworms are present. A massive die-off of worms can lead to intestinal impactions (roundworms) and endotoxemia (strongyles). It is important to start with a fecal egg count and work with your vet to determine the best deworming plan for the parasites the horse has. We often start with a partial dose of fenbendazole that will not kill all of the parasites. Please consult your vet if you suspect a high parasite load!

Q This sounds expensive. At what point does the vet need to be involved?

A It is true that for a few horses, the new method of parasite control will be a bit more expensive and complex than the “rotate dewormers every other month” strategy. But for many horses, the process will be less expensive and require fewer treatments. And for **ALL** horses, the new recommendations will result in healthier horses and more effective dewormers in the coming years.

We recommend checking fecal egg counts at spring and fall vaccine appointments. You can collect any additional samples yourself and bring them in for evaluation. We want to encourage an open discussion between you and your

vet to come up with the best deworming strategy for your individual horse or horses!

COLLECTING SAMPLES: Fecal samples should be fresh (within 2 hours of being passed). They should be collected in an airtight plastic baggie, refrigerated and brought in for evaluation within 24 hours. This prevents eggs from hatching, which can give falsely low egg counts.

What are some of the more common equine parasites?

Small strongyles (threadworms): Most common parasite of adult horses; resistance developing most quickly. Can survive freezing!

Q **Encysted small strongyles:** Life stage of small strongyles when they are burrowed in intestinal lining. Cause severe damage when they emerge. Not detectable on fecal egg counts.

Roundworms (Ascarids): Migrate to blood vessels, liver and lungs. Mostly young horses; can cause small intestinal impactions.

Bots: Eggs eaten off grass and hair; larvae live in stomach lining and can cause ulcers. Not detectable on fecal egg counts.

Tapeworms: Can cause colic, digestive problems and weight loss. Common in Minnesota. Usually not detectable on fecal egg counts.

Large strongyles (bloodworms): Migrate from intestine to large arteries. Largely eradicated on many farms; easily killed by most dewormers.

Pinworms: Cause itchiness and tail rubbing.

Lungworms: Found primarily in donkeys.

Q Which brands use which deworming drug?

A **Ivermectin:** IverCare®, Zimecterin®, Equimectrin®, Rotectin®, Equell®, etc.

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Golly you had a big piece of my heart when you were here with me, and you took an even bigger piece of my heart when you left. You carried me through many stages in life from junior high to adulthood. Thanks for being such an incredible teacher and most of all a best friend. Thanks for all the wonderful memories. I will miss you deeply buddy!

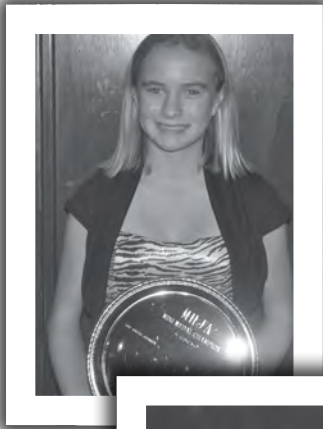
Love, Megan

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Awards Banquet







Hunter Awards

	HORSE	OWNER	RIDER
ADULT AMATEUR 18-36	ChampionEinstein.....	Vlahos, Gabrielle	Vlahos, Gabrielle
	ReserveGhabon	Salazar, Nicole	Salazar, Nicole
	3.....Francisco	Magevas, M. Victoria	Fenton, Sunny E
	4.....Phantom	Cody, Mary Jo.....	Collins, Libby
	5.....Unconditional	Gremillion, Christine.....	Gremillion, Christine
	6.....Vela De Luz.....	Hill, Kelly.....	Hill, Kelly
ADULT AMATEUR 36-49	ChampionThe Real Mccoy.....	Johnson, Tamara	Johnson, Tamara
	ReserveBentrovato	Magevas, M. Victoria	Nay, Rebecca
	3.....Bourbon Street.....	Johnson, Tamara	Johnson, Tamara
	4.....Dartagnon	Brustman, Lisa.....	Brustman, Lisa
	5.....Dark Chocolate.....	Golden, Jenna	Golden, Sharon
	6.....Roscoe Z	Armstrong, Mary	Hennen, Eleanor
ADULT AMATEUR 50+	ChampionArcturus.....	Novak, Greg & Sue.....	Novak, Susan
	ReserveKindred Spirit	Smythe, Cyrus	Antonsen, Ann
	3.....Francine.....	Ostberg, Linda.....	Ostberg, Linda
	4.....Quite Cool	Carlson, Susan	Carlson, Susan
	5.....Bay Du Jour.....	Novak, Greg & Sue.....	Novak, Gregory
	6.....Guilder	Hogan, Sara.....	Hogan, Sara
AMATEUR OWNER 3'3"	ChampionFinders Keepers	Antonsen, Ann.....	Antonsen, Ann
	ReserveBare Trees	Nowlan, Anne.....	Nowlan, Anne
	3.....Gold Option.....	Critchett, Laura	Critchett, Laura
	4.....Armani.....	Donahoe, Kelsey.....	Donahoe, Kelsey
	5.....Idol	Donahoe, Anne.....	Donahoe, Anne
AMATEUR OWNER 35-	ChampionLangley.....	Brindley, Leah	Brindley, Leah
	ReserveArmani.....	Donahoe, Kelsey.....	Donahoe, Kelsey
	3.....Benelli.....	Lutgen, Summer.....	Lutgen, Summer
AMATEUR OWNER 36+	ChampionRock Me Amadeus.....	Ott, Kathryn.....	Ott, Kathryn
	ReserveTahachapi	Nowlan, Anne.....	Nowlan, Anne
	3.....White Russian	Roloff, Brenda.....	Roloff, Brenda
	4.....Da Vinci	Macmillan, Liza.....	Macmillan, Liza
BABY GREENS	ChampionAll Dressed Up	Johnson, Tamara	Clayton, Seth/Johnson, Tamara
	ReserveSocial Butterfly.....	Brustman, Lisa.....	Clayton, Seth/Brustman, Lisa
	3.....Gone Country	Kieffer, Elizabeth	Clayton, Seth
	4.....Just Say Yes.....	Tweddell, Alison	Parish, Heather
	5.....Alaric.....	Hogan, Sara.....	Salazar, Johnny
	6.....Ausone.....	Donahoe, Kelsey.....	Donahoe, Kelsey/Martinson, Jane
CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY	ChampionCappacino.....	Bethke, Susan.....	Bethke, Olivia
	ReserveMy Freetyme	Waits, Leila	Lyons, Mimi
	3.....Sugarbrook Blue Bahama.....	McCarthy Farms,	Leslie, Quinn
	4.....Stonehaven Ring Master.....	McCarthy Farms,	Leslie, Quinn/Leslie, Grace
	5.....Gossip Girl M.F.....	McCarthy Farms,	Paradise, Rachel/Leslie, Quinn
	6.....Rocky	Bethke, Susan.....	Bethke, Olivia
CHILDREN 13-	ChampionCopper Canyon.....	Fontaine, Eileen	Junker, Paige
	ReserveHoliday.....	Draper, Gretchen.....	Draper, Gretchen
	3.....Absolut Final Call	Wexler, Elizabeth	Wexler, Emma
	4.....Kiss Me I'm Italian	Siska, Sian.....	Siska, Sian
	5.....Hercules	Adams, Olivia	Adams, Olivia
	6.....Casa Blanca.....	Nelson, Marilyn	Tellor, Emma
CHILDREN 14-17	ChampionCalido's Son	Hauser, Amanda.....	Hauser, Amanda
	ReserveLady Capulet.....	Coaty, Elizabeth.....	Coaty, Elizabeth
	3.....Starry Night	Schrock, Lauren.....	Schrock, Lauren
	4.....Simon Says.....	Fellner, Sophia	Fellner, Sophia
	5.....Snappy Saluut	Bayer, Amanda	Bayer, Amanda
	6.....Lady Godiva.....	Spence, Susan	Coaty/Caya/Spence

	HORSE	OWNER	RIDER
HUNTER CHALLENGE	ChampionDark Chocolate	Golden, Jenna	Barone, Kim/Golden, Jenna
	ReserveEastwood.....	Roach, Kate/Pattermann, Hannah ...	Roach/Patterman
	3.....White Russian	Roloff, Brenda.....	Roloff, Brenda/Novak, Nick
	4.....Langley.....	Brindley, Leah.....	Brindley, Leah
	5.....Snappy Saluut	Bayer, Amanda	Bayer, Amanda
	5.....Bentrovato	Magevas, M. Victoria	Nay, Rebecca
	6.....Calido's Son	Hauser, Amanda.....	Hildebrand/Hauser, Amanda
	6.....Rock Me Amadeus.....	Ott, Kathryn.....	Kirsten Priebe/Ott, Kathryn
LARGE JUNIOR	6.....Origine	Franz, Alyssa	Franz, Alyssa/Parish, Heather
	ChampionOrigine	Franz, Alyssa	Franz, Alyssa
	ReserveEastwood.....	Roach, Kate/Pattermann, Hannah ...	Roach, Kate/Pattermann, Hannah
	3.....London Fog	Bailey, Lauren	Bailey, Lauren
	4.....Weston.....	Gage, Emma.....	Gage, Emma
	5.....Perfect Storm	Ott, Kathryn.....	Priebe, Kirsten
SMALL JUNIOR	6.....Five Star	Adams, Hayleigh	Adams, Hayleigh
	ChampionArt Of Bronze.....	Bentfield, Katherine	Bentfield, Katherine
	ReserveDark Chocolate	Golden, Jenna	Golden, Jenna
LIMIT ADULT	3.....Granted Wish	Lindsay, Helen	Lindsay, Helen
	ChampionFrancine.....	Ostberg, Linda.....	Ostberg, Linda
	ReservePhantom.....	Cody, Mary Jo.....	Collins, Libby
	3.....Keiran	Mead, Megan	Mead, Megan
	4.....Gold Option.....	Critchett, Laura	Wolfbauer, Allison
	5.....Rock Me Amadeus.....	Ott, Kathryn.....	Miller, Ashley
LOW AMATEUR	6.....Snappy Saluut	Bayer, Amanda	Bayer, Amanda
	ChampionThe Real Mccoy.....	Johnson, Tamara	Johnson, Tamara
	ReserveBentrovato	Magevas, M. Victoria	Nay, Rebecca
	3.....Kindred Spirit	Smythe, Cyrus	Antonsen, Ann
	4.....Bourbon Street.....	Johnson, Tamara	Johnson, Tamara
	5.....Dartagnon	Brustman, Lisa.....	Brustman, Lisa
LONG STIRRUP 17-	6.....Vela De Luz.....	Hill, Kelly.....	Hill, Kelly
	ChampionBlue Diamond.....	Johnson, Rachel	Johnson, Rachel
	ReserveHercules	Adams, Olivia	Adams, Olivia
	3.....Full Of Lace.....	Spence, Kendall Larue	Spence, Kendall Larue
	4.....Beatrice	Tellor, Emma	Tellor, Emma
	5.....My Freetyme	Waits, Leila	Lyons, Mimi
LONG STIRRUP 18+	6.....Maximum Capacity	Heaney, Ryan.....	Neary, Madison
	ChampionKeiran	Mead, Megan	Mead, Megan
	ReserveJust Say Yes.....	Tweddell, Alison	Tweddell, Alison
	3.....Penny For A Kiss.....	Valerius, Dawn.....	Valerius, Dawn
	4.....Devlin Dragonfly.....	Dorn, Julie	Dorn, Julie
	5.....Blue Diamond.....	Johnson, Rachel.....	Reed, Terry
LARGE PONY	6.....Izy With It	Graham, Sheryl	Graham, Sheryl
	ChampionSalt Water Taffy	Hauser, Amanda	Hauser, Amanda
	ReserveMy Freetyme	Waits, Leila	Lyons, Mimi
	3.....Cloud Nine M.F.	McCarthy Farms,	Leslie, Quinn/Rinaldi, Giavanna
MEDIUM PONY	4.....Rocky	Bethke, Susan.....	Hare, Maddie
	ChampionHappy Days.....	Franz, Alyssa	Leslie, Grace
	ReserveStonehaven Ring Master.....	McCarthy Farms,	Leslie, Grace
	3.....Gayfields Velvet Elvis	Zimmerman, Tegan.....	Thormodsgard, Masen/Zimmerman, Tegan
	4.....Topanga	Leslie, Grace	Leslie, Grace
SMALL PONY	5.....Hidden Springs Perriwinkle	McCarthy Farms,	Paradise, Rachel
	ChampionEvans Crimson Fox	McCarthy Farms,	Leslie, Grace/Rinaldi, Giavanna

	HORSE	OWNER	RIDER
PERFORMANCE 3'3"	ChampionWhite Russian	Roloff, Brenda.....	Konu, Mary T./Roloff, Brenda
	ReserveArt Of Bronze	Bentfield, Katherine	Clayton/Bentfield/Swanson
	3.....Idol.....	Donahoe, Anne.....	Martinson, Jane/Donahoe, Anne
	4.....Guilder	Hogan, Sara.....	Salazar, Johnny
	5.....Dawson Creek.....	Armstrong, Mary	Konu, Mary T.
	6.....Weston.....	Gage, Emma.....	Barone, Kim
PERFORMANCE 3'6"-3'9"	ChampionDark Chocolate	Golden, Jenna	Barone, Kim
	ReserveOrigine	Franz, Alyssa	Parish, Heather/Franz, Alyssa
	3.....Phantom	Cody, Mary Jo.....	Parish, Heather
	4.....Weston.....	Gage, Emma.....	Barone, Kim
	5.....Granted Wish.....	Lindsay, Helen	Kyllonen, Sue
	6.....Rock Me Amadeus.....	Ott, Kathryn.....	Ott, Kathryn
1ST YEAR GREENS	ChampionFinders Keepers	Antonsen, Ann.....	Hildebrand, Heidi
	ReserveStarry Night	Schrock, Lauren.....	Hildebrand, Heidi
	3.....Idol.....	Donahoe, Anne.....	Martinson, Jane
	4.....Da Vinci	Macmillan, Liza.....	Barone, Kim
	5.....London Fog	Bailey, Lauren	Novak, Nick/Subotich, Wendy
	6.....Benelli.....	Lutgen, Summer.....	Barone, Andrew/Konu, Mary T.
2ND YEAR GREENS	ChampionLangley.....	Brindley, Leah	Caya, Kathleen/Brindley, Leah
	ReserveTahachapi	Nowlan, Anne.....	Barone, Kim
PREGREEN 3'	ChampionBourbon Street	Johnson, Tamara	Clayton, Seth/Johnson, Tamara/Brustman, Lisa
	ReserveThe Real Mccoy.....	Johnson, Tamara	Johnson, Tamara
	3.....Regarding Henri	Cody, Mary Jo.....	Parish, Heather
	4.....Lady Godiva.....	Spence, Susan	Caya, Kathleen/Coaty, Elizabeth/Brindley, Leah
	5.....Bare Trees	Nowlan, Anne.....	Barone, Kim
	6.....Calido's Son	Hauser, Amanda	Hildebrand, Heidi
PREGREEN 3'3"	ChampionKindred Spirit	Smythe, Cyrus	Hildebrand, Heidi
	ReserveBare Trees	Nowlan, Anne.....	Barone, Kim
	3.....Quite Cool	Carlson, Susan	Barone, Kim
	4.....Priority	Fontaine, Eileen	Bond, Belynda
	5.....Denmark	Pattermann, Hannah.....	Pattermann, Hannah
RUSTY STIRRUP	ChampionBlue Diamond	Johnson, Rachel	Reed, Terry
	ReserveYukon Sam	Fleitman, Susan	Fleitman, Susan
	3.....Gone Country	Kieffer, Elizabeth	Kieffer, Elizabeth
	4.....Penny For A Kiss.....	Valerius, Dawn.....	Valerius, Dawn
	5.....Izy With It.....	Graham, Sheryl	Graham, Sheryl
	6.....Traventhal	Gremillion, Lee.....	Gremillion, Lee
SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER	ChampionFor Keeps	Paradise, Rachel	Mcglynn, Luci/Paradise, Rachel
	ReserveToy Story.....	Schieffert, Ava.....	Schieffert, Ava
	3.....Cappacino.....	Bethke, Susan.....	Bethke, Olivia
	4.....Rocky	Bethke, Susan.....	Bethke, Olivia
	5.....Mr. Mowgli.....	Funk, Mary Ann	Lampert, Zoe
	6.....Evans Crimson Fox	McCarthy Farms,	McCarthy, Annabelle



Gabrielle Vlabos & Einstein

*Adult Am 18-36 Hunter Champion
Adult Eq 18-35 Reserve Champion
Lilly Adult Amateur Hunter Award*



Jan Olson & Sweet Dreams

18+ Long Stirrup Eq Division Champion



Grace Leslie & Topanga

*11- Flat Eq Champion
11- Over Fences Eq Champion*



Megan Mead & Keiran

*18+ Long Stirrup Hunter Champion
18+ Long Stirrup Eq Reserve Champion*



Grace Leslie & Happy Days

Medium Pony Champion



Rebecca Nay

Adult Eq 36+ Champion



Amanda Hauser & Salt Water Taffy

*Large Pony Champion
Floyd Paulson High Pony Hunter Award*



Dark Chocolate & Jenna Golden

*Hunter Challenge Champion
High Performance Hunter Champion
"Handsome" is High Point Hunter*

Equitation Awards

RIDER

11-FLAT	1.....	Leslie, Grace
	2.....	Junker, Paige
	3.....	Paradise, Rachel
	4.....	Johnson, Rachel
	5.....	Lampert, Zoe
	6.....	Puckett, Chapel

11-OVER FENCES	1.....	Leslie, Grace
	2.....	Paradise, Rachel
	3.....	Junker, Paige
	4.....	Higgins, Reese
	5.....	Johnson, Rachel
	6.....	Puckett, Chapel

12-14 FLAT	1.....	Pattermann, Hannah
	2.....	Draper, Gretchen
	3.....	Nordin, Anna
	4.....	Stanger, Rachel
	5.....	Hauser, Amanda
	6.....	Adams, Olivia

12-14 OVER FENCES	1.....	Pattermann, Hannah
	2.....	Draper, Gretchen
	3.....	Nordin, Anna
	4.....	Stanger, Rachel
	5.....	Hauser, Amanda
	6.....	Adams, Olivia

15-17 FLAT	1.....	Bentfield, Katherine
	2.....	Golden, Jenna
	3.....	Lindsay, Helen Adams, Hayleigh
	4.....	Bailey, Lauren
	5.....	Priebe, Kirsten Roach, Kate
	6.....	Nelson, Jennifer Gage, Emma

15-17 OVER FENCES	1.....	Bentfield, Katherine
	2.....	Golden, Jenna
	3.....	Lindsay, Helen
	4.....	Bailey, Lauren
	5.....	Priebe, Kirsten
	6.....	Adams, Hayleigh

ADULT EQ 18-35	1.....	Collins, Libby
	2.....	Vlahos, Gabrielle
	3.....	Gremillion, Christine
	4.....	Critchett, Laura
	5.....	Salazar, Nicole
	6.....	Tweddell, Alison

RIDER

Nay, Rebecca	1	ADULT EQ 36+
Johnson, Tamara	2	
Brustman, Lisa	3	
Nowlan, Anne	4	
Olson, Jan	5	

Johnson, Rachel	1	LONG STIRRUP 17-
Higgins, Peyton	2	
Short, Emily	3	
Nordin, Anna	4	
Tellor, Emma	5	
Adams, Olivia	6	

Olson, Jan	1	LONG STIRRUP 18+
Mead, Megan	2	
Reed, Terry	3	
Dorn, Julie	4	
Tweddell, Alison	5	

Lampert, Zoe	1	OPPORTUNITY BEGINNER
Kane, Mackenzie	2	
Spence, Kendall Larue	3	
Nelson, Greta	4	
Etten, Sarah	5	
Foreman, Stephanie	6	
Spence, Susan	6	

Reed, Terry	1	OPPORTUNITY INTERMEDIATE
Foreman, Stephanie	2	
Etten, Sarah	3	
Spence, Susan	4	
Leyh, Heather	5	
Mayersak, Tzena	6	

Sawalich, Amelia	1	SHORT STIRRUP EQ
Higgins, Reese	2	
Bethke, Olivia	3	
Puckett, Carter	4	
McGlynn, Luci	5	
Schieffert, Ava	6	

Lampert, Zoe	1	SHORTEST STIRRUP
McCarthy, Annabelle	2	
Zimmerman, Tegan	3	



Amanda Hauser & Calido's Son

Childrens 14-17 Hunter Champion



Linda Ostberg & Francine

Limit Adult Hunter Champion

Jumper Awards

	HORSE	OWNER	RIDER
0.9-0.95M	Champion ...First Dance.....	Prasch, Rebecca.....	Prasch, Rebecca
	ReserveSerafina	Stanger, Rachel	Stanger, Rachel/Clayton, Seth
	3.....Coquette	Nunn, Bill.....	Coaty, Elizabeth/Nunn, Bill
	4.....Ecstasy.....	Fedt, Kelly	Konu, Mary T./Novak, Nick
	5.....Perfect Storm	Ott, Kathryn	Priebe, Kirsten
	6.....Hannah B.....	Brandt, Gail	Brandt, Gail
1.05-1.10M	Champion ...Company Bee	Carisch, Heidi	Carisch, Heidi
	ReserveVodka	Adams, Olivia	Salazar, Johnny/Adams, Olivia
	3.....Vuego	Cvetich-Gorra, Amanda	Barone, Kim/Cvetich-Gorra, Amanda
	4.....Ecstasy.....	Fedt, Kelly	Konu, Mary T./Clayton, Seth
	5.....Danica.....	Ott, Kathryn	Ott, Kathryn/Bodo, Alexis
	6.....Rolling Acres Farm Tryst.....	Frisch, Rebecca	Frisch, Rebecca/Clayton, Seth
1.0M	Champion ...Aretha	Goelz, Jennie.....	Salazar, Johnny
	ReserveLook Du Bois	Frisch, Rebecca	Frisch, Rebecca/Clayton, Seth
	3.....Hannah B.....	Brandt, Gail	Brandt, Gail/Konu, Mary T.
	4.....Carpe Diem	Wexler, Emma.....	Novak, Nick
	5.....First Dance.....	Prasch, Rebecca	Prasch, Rebecca
	6.....Nairobi.....	Genereux, Madeleine	Genereux, Madeleine/Genereux, Mia
1.15M	Champion ...Joplin.....	Carisch, Heidi.....	Carisch, Heidi
	ReserveRebel's Run.....	Wexler, Emma.....	Novak, Nick
	3.....Lassandra	Meyer, Anne.....	Barone, Andrew/Meyer, Anne
	4.....Ecstasy.....	Fedt, Kelly	Clayton, Seth/Konu, Mary T.
	5.....Lucy Lectric Iii.....	Siska, Sian	Novak, Nick
	6.....Rio 55	Kyllonen, Sue.....	Cudmore, Brooke/Granato, Alex/Kyllonen, Sue
1.20-1.25M	Champion ...Romario	Puckett, John.....	Novak, Nick
	ReserveLa Rhetto	Hogan, Sara.....	Salazar, Johnny
	3.....Acapella	Brindley, Leah	Brindley, Leah
	4.....H.J. Ranchero	Nelson, Marilyn	Novak, Nick
	5.....Rio 55	Kyllonen, Sue.....	Cudmore, Brooke Kyllonen, Sue
	5.....Upper Class.....	Clayton, Seth	Clayton, Seth
1.3M+	6.....Rockabye.....	Nowlan, Anne	Nowlan, Anne/Barone, Kim
	Champion ...Rival.....	Raven Ridge Farm,	Barone, Kim
	ReserveRio 55	Kyllonen, Sue.....	Granato, Alex/Kyllonen, Sue
	3.....La Rhetto.....	Hogan, Sara.....	Salazar, Johnny
	4.....Laurant	Nunn, Bill.....	Hildebrand, Heidi
	5.....Upper Class.....	Clayton, Seth	Clayton, Seth
AO JUMPER	6.....Lucy Lectric Iii.....	Siska, Sian	Novak, Nick
	Champion ...Rockabye.....	Nowlan, Anne	Nowlan, Anne
	ReserveMystic Sign	Ott, Kathryn	Ott, Kathryn
	3.....Joplin.....	Carisch, Heidi	Carisch, Heidi
	4.....Acapella	Brindley, Leah	Brindley, Leah
	5.....Lavarro Z.....	Dobbs, Jennifer	Dobbs, Jennifer
HIGH ADULT	6.....Halbi D' Ariane	No Trump Farm, Llc,	Otten, Louise
	Champion ...Kid Rock.....	Raven Ridge Farm,	Golden, Alison
	ReserveCompany Bee	Carisch, Heidi	Carisch, Heidi
	3.....Rolling Acres Farm Tryst.....	Frisch, Rebecca	Frisch, Rebecca
	4.....Nairobi.....	Genereux, Madeleine	Genereux, Madeleine/Genereux, Mia
	5.....Bare Necessity	Brandt, Gail	Brandt, Gail
HIGH CHILDRENS	6.....Lassandra	Meyer, Anne.....	Meyer, Anne
	Champion ...Perfect Storm	Ott, Kathryn	Priebe, Kirsten
	ReserveTake A Chance	Robbins, Elizabeth	Robbins, Elizabeth
	3.....Rebel's Run	Wexler, Emma.....	Bailey, Lauren

	HORSE	OWNER	RIDER
JR JUMPER	Champion ... Casa Blanca	Nelson, Marilyn	Nelson, Jennifer
Low ADULT	Champion ... Whitby	Clark, Amy C.	Clark, Amy C.
	Reserve Hannah B.	Brandt, Gail	Brandt, Gail
	3..... Caroline	Brandt, Gail	Boo, Mia
	4..... Vuego	Cvetich-Gorra, Amanda	Cvetich-Gorra, Amanda
	5..... Ecstasy	Fedt, Kelly	Lutgen, Summer
	6..... Bare Necessity	Brandt, Gail	Brandt, Gail
Low CHILDRENS	Champion ... Serafina	Stanger, Rachel	Stanger, Rachel
	Reserve Vodka	Adams, Olivia	Adams, Olivia
	3..... Mystique	Gage, Patrick	Gage, Patrick
	4..... Coquette	Nunn, Bill	Coaty, Elizabeth
	5..... Rebel's Run	Wexler, Emma	Bailey, Lauren
	6..... Look Du Bois	Frisch, Rebecca	Frisch, Thomas
MODIFIED Jr/AO	Champion ... Joplin	Carisch, Heidi	Carisch, Heidi
	Reserve Danica	Ott, Kathryn	Ott, Kathryn
	3..... Fly Light Dream	Dare To Dream Farm,	Mont, Anita
	4..... Nairobi	Genereux, Madeleine	Genereux, Madeleine
	5..... La Gotee	Fairman, Jillian	Fairman, Jillian
	6..... Perfect Storm	Ott, Kathryn	Priebe, Kirsten
OPPORTUNITY JUMPER	Champion ... Jackson	Short, Emily	Short, Emily
	Reserve Rio	Mayersak, Tzena	Mayersak, Tzena

Perpetual Awards

EQUITATION AWARDS	Lyman Wakefield - Katherine Bentfield
	MHJA Medal - Hannah Patterman
	RH Sirius Rising Star Award - Grace Leslie
	Best Child Rider - Grace Leslie

HUNTER AWARDS	Snowy River Long Stirrup - Blue Diamond - Rachel Johnson
	Floyd Paulson - Salt Water Taffy - Amanda Hauser
	Cortright Children's Hunter - Copper Canyon - Owner Eileen Fontaine, Rider Paige Junker
	Giselle Adult Amateur Hunter - The Real McCoy - Tammy Johnson
	Lilly Adult Amateur Hunter - Einstein - Gabrielle Vlahos
	After Hours High Point Adult Amateur Hunter - The Real McCoy - Tammy Johnson
	Mere Persuasion Small Junior Hunter - Art of Bronze - Katherine Bentfield
	McCabe Large Junior Hunter - Origine - Alyssa Franz
	The Girl Next Door - For Keeps - Rachel Paradise
	Handsome Is High Point Hunter - Dark Chocolate - Jenna Golden
	Hunter Challenge - Dark Chocolate - Jenna Golden

JUMPER AWARDS	John Nordgren High Point Award - Serafina - Rachel Stanger
	Leading Jumper - Joplin - Heidi Carisch



Alison Golden & Kid Rock

High Adult Jumper Champion

competition in general, they're already invested in other activities. This may not appear to be a problem right now, but down the road 10, 20, 30, or 40 years from now, these kids are the future of our industry and the future leaders of AQHA."—AQHA President Peter J. Cofrancesco III, in the January/February issue of *America's Horse*.

It's nice to know the MHJA is not alone in this predicament, and Mr. Cofrancesco's statement covers the two most discussed topics of the open Meeting: the Harvest Horse Show, and the need for the MHJA to reach those showing on an unrecognized level.


One of the reasons that the MHJA wants to continue its support the Harvest Show is that it is a showcase for our discipline. As Greg Novak put it, "Do we want Jane and John Q. Public and their kids to be able to come to the Harvest Show and decide that this is the kind of riding they want to do; or do we stop and they go to the AQHA show and decide that's what they want to ride?" Obviously, we would prefer that they try hunters and jumpers.

Which led to the next topic of discussion—what can the

MHJA offer to people already riding, but not necessarily participating in the MHJA or MHJA approved shows? At this point, the MHJA does have By-Laws that prohibit us from approving non-USEF recognized shows, but that doesn't mean the MHJA can't look at other ways to attract people. Stephanie Greeninger and Missy Fedor brought forward some ideas and Tracy Grandstrand will be looking at ways to incorporate these ideas into the MHJA model.

I want to thank all the non-Board MHJA members who attended; we had 23, which is the largest attendance we've had in many years. The meeting led to valuable input to the Board, which is extremely helpful. I hope, in return, the members who attended also got more information as to how and why the Board operates.

I also want to thank the Board members who brought the food and beverages which were enjoyed by all, especially John Puckett, who provided wonderful Punch pizzas for the meeting, even though he was unable to attend.

For complete minutes of the Open Meeting check the MHJA website or wait for the next newsletter. 

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NEWS OF NOTE FROM AREA BARNs

Alpine/Underhill Farm

What a great year 2011 has been! We received great feedback on the shows. The Gamblers Choice, Four Bar, and Hunter Derby were popular classes for the spectators and riders. We were delighted to up the level of prize money in the Hunter Derby and are looking forward to making additional improvements to the shows in 2012.

Positive progressive changes keep happening at Alpine including the addition of a new trainer, Jennifer Shuck. Jennifer will be helping Christopher with the riding school as well as training a few of the dressage clients who aren't going to Florida

this year. Jennifer has instructed many years in Minnesota and is one of the few trainers that truly know jumping instruction along with excellent fundamental flatwork for the hunter and jumper rider. We give Jennifer a warm welcome to Alpine.

Other changes include the addition of 4 new grooming bays in the north isle which are situated directly across from newly renovated tack rooms. The grooming bays are equipped with new BRIGHT lighting; individual electrical outlets, and wired for each bay to have an overhead fan. The fans will be installed next summer. The tack rooms have been stripped, painted, installed with new floor boards, saddle and bridle racks. New BRIGHT light fixtures have been installed in these rooms as well. Alpine continues to be updated year by year!

In the news for new horses; Naomi Kans purchased her first horse "Beau" and is very excited about her new partner. Naomi is looking forward to her first shows next season. Dana Johnson has a STUNNING new hunter "Grace" who is an absolute delight to have in the barn. Anya

Wheeler who piloted "Grazeu" around the children's jumper ring last year is waiting patiently to find her next horse for 2012. Hang in there Anya you will get your next horse. -*Stewart Underhill*

From Janie Martinson: The Donahoe's brought four horses for the winter. Norine Wilcox has a new mare named Georgia. We hope to see them in the show ring next year. Jackie Shroyer also has a new mare "Popularity." Jackie will be looking to move into the Children's Hunter division with Popularity in 2012. Ruby Walser is taking lessons and loves riding Jackie's horse Nik. Believe it or not but I am actually buying a truck and trailer. Now Jon and I won't have to keep borrowing from Anne and friends. We're also making plans to show for 2 months in Ocala this winter. Hope everyone has a great Holiday season. -*Janie Martinson*

Raven Ridge Farm

Happy Holidays from all of us at Raven Ridge Farm! While some of us are blanketing the horses and bundling up, others have moved on to warmer

weather. Andy has already headed down to Florida with a group of horses. Congratulations to Susan Carlson on the purchase of Papple Farm! Now the horses in Florida have a wonderful place to stay and enjoy beautiful turnout too. Anne Meyer and Opal are already there and love it. The Minnesota show season ended well for everyone.

A couple firsts—at Jess Bliss's very first horse show ever, she was champion in the long stirrup hunter and equitation division, with Kelly Gage's *Beaucoup*. Sharon Golden was champion in Adult Amateur on Jenna's *Dark Chocolate*, after 10 years off—she is still smiling about it! One more junior year left for Jenna and its time to share! Back at the barn—Julia Mason bought a new jumper, a mare named *Evy* to arrive in December!

Quinn Leslie will be leasing *Balthazar*, and is going to try her hand in the jumper ring next year. They are doing great together! Grace Leslie is riding *Happy Days* (*Ritchie*) to be seen again in the medium ponies next year. Ann Healys' *Cain* “the Wonder horse” officially retired, after a long, successful career! Anne Meyer's *Mystique* has gone to William Woods and they are loving her. Cindy Bulwicz has purchased *Get'n Line*, “*Getty*”, a yearling *Zweibruker*(RPSI) gelding, from Kim. He is as sweet and cute as can be! He looks just like her other two boys.

Rachel Barrea has purchased a new horse from Ireland, coming home just in time for Christmas! *Killernan Romeo*, is a Belgian *Wamblood*, related to *Sapphire* and *Vordnado Ven Den hoenkrik* (owned by Bruce Springsteen). Rachel is looking forward to showing again and can't wait to see him! Cathy Barrea started lessons on her horse, *Zinger* (*Mr Smarty Pants*) and hopes to end up in the show ring come spring! Patrick Gage's new jumper *Viking* has already arrived at the barn. Susan sold

Lanciano, his new career is in dressage. After a very busy show season with all three of her horses, Anne Nowlan has been focusing on basketball and wrestling tournaments with her boys. These are held in exotic locations like *Lester Prairie*, *Albertville* and *Litchfield*!

Far, far away on yet another adventure, Lara Palmquist has spent the last four months in India. She will be home for the holidays- and we can get all the details! Alison Golden will be home from Indiana University for a couple weeks, and heading directly to the barn to ride. Brie Vlahos is graduating from college on December 16th. Congratulations!!!

Kim and Andy enjoyed a well deserved caribbean cruise with lots of trainers and friends, the best cruise ever—details??

Enjoy the winter...

River Bend Stables Walkabout & Harmony

Brrrr!!! No matter how much we tried to will it away, the cold weather still found its way to Minnesota. And with the cold weather and snow, we weren't at all surprised to find the ponies being a bit fuzzier. This onset of winter fuzz inspired Seth to assign everyone with a bit of “homework” to do over Thanksgiving. So while Seth was sitting on a cruise ship, we all broke out the clippers. For some of us, it was our first attempt at body clipping—let's just say we're glad hair grows back! Betsy hopes she has convinced Phil to come out and do *Garth* for her, that's a lot of body to clip! We were also very happy to welcome Michelle Hogler and her horse *Abadon* to River Bend this November.

After an extremely successful 2011 season everyone continues to have a wonderful time with the courses

that Seth and Jessica are challenging us with, and we are already getting psyched for the 2012 show year. Linda, Betsy, and Hayleigh will continue to show in the amateur hunter divisions while Elizabeth and Michelle will keep focusing on jumpers. Having just turned 18, Katherine will also be moving into amateur divisions! A few lucky horses will be heading down to Florida in January with Seth, where Katherine will be meeting up with them for a few weeks. Jessica will be staying in the Minnesota “icebox” to keep us on track and in shape!

The fall is always a time for adjustment. Students go back to school, trainers go back to basics, a new schedule emerges. Seth and Laura have gotten to spend even more time together with several of his students at River Bend now. That's been great and inspiring for all the up and comers. Trinity, Dylan and Vanessa all plan to make their debut in the spring in the Opportunity Classes. They love watching and learning from the more experienced riders. Emmy Frigo will be heading up to Long Stirrup next year!

Kinnsey Wessel has been super busy, but when she can, she enjoys teaching Gabby about jumping and reminding her that polo isn't all she can do. Katie Wifvat has been enjoying herself with Daisy, preparing her for the show ring, and occasionally joining the Sunday eventers group. Sarah Donnell, Rosemary Dixon and Cricket Huss continue fun lessons. Caitlin Severson, and Courtney Himebrook are doing very well in college, and we look forward to seeing them over winter break.

Phil Kieffer took his Boards on Dec.5, and has received an internship with the Rood and Riddle Clinic in Lexington, KY for 2012. He will be working in the hospital section. Betsy's thrilled she has a reason to go visit Lexington.

Kelsey Ostberg's barn moved locations and now resides at the farm of Michael and D.D. Matz. Kelsey has been riding her trainer's horse Rouge in the 1.30 meter sections this summer and fall and having a great time.

Sarah Donnell timed it perfectly. She spent a week in Belize on a family vacation, scuba diving and enjoying the lovely weather just as we hit the deep freeze.

Hoping everyone has a warm and happy holiday season!

Roundabout Farm

As winter is now upon us, Roundabout Farm is gearing up for a long four months of training. Here's a recap on our crazy summer and fall here at Roundabout Farm:

We would like to welcome Samantha Seiler and her pony Heather, Ava Schieffert and her horse Cody, and Sheryl and Linnea Graham and their horse Izzy. We are so happy to have you here!

Congratulations to Amanda Hauser and her purchase of her new jumper Regalo C. The pair had some impressive results in Estes Park, Maffitt Lake, and Harvest! Look out for them next year!

This summer Team Roundabout headed cross-country to Parker, Colorado for two weeks of horse shows. Alison Werneiwski and Mack Blue, Amanda Hauser and Calido's Son and Salt Water Taffy, and lastly Lauren Schrock and Starry Night all had remarkable placings and many champions. Heidi Hildebrand found great success in the Hunter Derbies, Open Jumper Classes, and Speed Derbies throughout the whole circuit.

Team Roundabout also headed up the mountains to Estes Park, Colorado for another two weeks in the picturesque mountains. Kendall Werneiwski and Mack Blue and

Amanda Hauser with Calido's Son and Regalo C had a successful showing for their first time in Estes Park. Heidi Hildebrand with her two jumpers Saloso Z and Laurant had great success in the Welcome Stakes as well as the Grand Prix Classes.

Fast forwarding a bit, Roundabout Farm had one of the most successful Harvest Horse Shows to date. Heidi Hildebrand was named Leading Pro Hunter Rider, in addition to winning the Hunter Classic and placing 2nd, 4th, and 6th. Ann Antonsen's Finders Keepers was named High Point Hunter Horse. Amanda Hauser with Regalo C and Calido's Son, Kendall Werneiwski with Watch Me Dance and Mack Blue, Ann Antonsen with Kindred Spirit and Finders Keeper, Greg and Sue Novak with Bay du Jour and Arcturus, and Lauren Schrock with Starry Night all had top placing in their divisions.

As another show season comes to a close, we are all looking forward to the start of the new season next spring! Next stop, Scottsdale, Arizona! Stay Warm!! - *Kendall Werneiwski*

Spring Meadow Farm

As we transition into the winter season Spring Meadow Farm has been bustling. We are excited to welcome many new members, and to welcome back old friends. We are thrilled that Shari and Jacklyn Remington have moved to the farm and are enjoying living with John. We welcome back Kendahl Prokop and Sara Reckner to Spring Meadow. They are enjoying leasing Amsterdam and Lagotee.

Kaitlyn is settling into her new apartment on Grand Avenue, and still happily working at St. Croix Saddlery with Allie. Thea is back around the farm after her vacation to Vegas for the PBR finals. Alyssa is having fun in her senior year of high school and her final hockey season. We wish her good luck as she applies to colleges

and we cannot wait until she is back at the farm.

We also have some new four legged friends at the farm! A big thank you to the Collins family for lending us their puppy, Ellie, she has become our resident mouser and enjoys her weekly visits to the farm. Congratulations to Kate Kemp on the purchase of Ontario, to Amelia Batson on the lease of Rising Star, and to Shelly Prindle on her lease of Vela de Luz. We are happy to welcome Rusty Carlson and his lovely horse Bound to be Blazin' to the farm for a month or so of training. Heather is having a great time teaching him to jump. Also learning to jump is our new off the track racehorse E-mail Alert, aka Earl, who is a joy to have on the farm.

In addition to the newbies, we are happy to have our girls home from college. We welcome back Laura and Tyne from their first semester of veterinary school, and Kelly and Jillian from DePaul. Congratulations Jillian! She will be studying abroad in London this spring. We will miss seeing you around the barn. We are so happy to have them back for their winter vacations.

We have been having a lot of fun this fall. We have weekly "mom" lessons with Cathy, Tallie, and Mary Jo. Cathy is enjoying learning to ride on the lovely Canelo, Tallie and Rolly have also been enjoying their time together while Laura has been away at vet school, and we are so pleased to have Mary Jo back in the saddle! She has been riding Debutant, and she has even begun jumping Henri! While Kaylyn has been busy working at her new job, she has been kind enough to let McKenzie improve her jumping skills on Tank, he has been a great teacher. We are looking forward to and excited for next weekend when we will welcome Jill Groff-Worman to the farm for a clinic. We are having so much fun this fall and in our transition into winter. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season! 



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