



# Saddle Valley Horse Tales

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## Saddle Valley Mega-Show Closes Penn/Jersey Show Season

The day was sunny and cool - perfect horse show weather. The turnout was terrific - and maybe a mixed blessing. The large class sizes made for a very long day for all. The weather is one of the pluses of a late season show - but not the early onset of darkness. By 7:30 PM we were moving the jumps to the indoor arena to complete the last few classes - a bit chaotic but we all pitched in, got through it, and finally competed the show.

**Looking forward to 2008** - We loved having a fall show and plan to keep the date for next year. It was fun decorating with mums, cornhusks and pumpkins and bringing out our Saddle Valley Scarecrow for the occasion. Penn/Jersey officials assure me that they will be making some major changes to streamline things for next year - so the shows don't run as long - and we will be adjusting our jump course in ways to speed things up. We will also plan on hosting an English show in August and a Western show in May. So our western riders can look forward to competing here in 2008.

### Special thanks to:

**Donna Martin** great judging and endurance  
**Stephanie Gale** and all her helpers for their hard work in repainting all of our jumps. They worked so hard and the results were outstanding.  
**Rachel Northrop** for overseeing the setting up of the jump course.  
**Stacy Roberts** for the great job she did filling in as our announcer. She was a real pro.  
**Karen Nelson** - show secretary  
**Tracy McGarry** and **Kitty Morrow** show secretarial staff  
**Cindy Weist** our great ringmaster  
**Terry Schlater** our terrific gatekeeper  
**Loren Nelson** gatekeeper (later in the day)  
**Joe Weist** for so many roles we can't mention them all.  
**All our ribbon girls**, and last -- but never least -  
**Sal Luis**, last but never least, Chef extraordinaire  
**Tom Renfroe** our show paramedic - It's a real comfort to know he is there when we need him (to the bitter end).

### Congratulations/Kudos

**Chelsea Deephouse** - Grand Champion  
**Samantha Frable** -- Reserve Grand Champion  
Special honorable mention to our Saddle Valley lesson students against stiff competition:  
**Amber, Karissa, Caroline, Deanna, Janeth, Kaitlin, Katie, Kayla, Rayna, and Sammie**  
And their coached - **Annie, Marissa, and Rachel**  
**And Our Thanks to all Participants**

## Saddle Valley Barn Show and Holiday Party 12/9 Mark Your Calendar

This is the chance for our students to participate in a fun show, put what they have learned into actions and see what it's like to show. There will be classes for all our riders. English, Western and some just for fun. Each class will cost \$10 with no extra charge for horse use. Look for the show flyer for more details and talk to your instructor to see which classes are good for you.

**Starts 9AM and goes all day**  
**BBQ lunch will be served**

**We will also be making ornaments for our Xmas tree - so bring the whole family**

## 2008 Show Team In the Planning

Some of our students have been showing in the Penn/Jersey shows we hold on the farm. Next year our students will have the chance to participate in shows off the farm. Participating will require an advance commitment. See Alex for the details and costs

## Our Saddle Valley Horses... Beginning with the End in Mind.

Our first goal in the selection of a new horse for our lesson program is safety. We look for calm, sane, well-trained horses. But we don't stop there. We understand that many of our riders want to go beyond just taking lessons.

**The dream – to own your own horse.** We look for great horses that we would want for our own. We understand that owning a horse is a big commitment – financially and emotionally. We are proud of our lesson horses and are happy to see that our riders must agree – since quite a few of our lesson horses are now happily owned by our lesson students.

Congratulations to:

**Devin – just recently purchased Hershey** – a wonderful paint that was in our lesson program. It was love at first site for both. Now Hershey lives on Devon's farm.

**Sammie – is the proud owner of Skittles** (who was also a lesson horse). Skittles and Sammie are teaching each other and have become quite a team. They did a great job in our last horse show.

**Janeth – has owned Sunny for more than a year now.** She fell in love with him while taking lessons. They too have flourished together – winning ribbons and having fun.

**Dawn – found her wonderful horse Sunday at Saddle Valley** and sent us photos of the two of them with all the ribbons they have been winning.

### Just of few of our Happy Endings

### Calm Horses of Saddle Valley for sale:

**Missy\*** - 7 yr Chestnut Mare AQHA- English, Western, jumps and trails- all around great horse

**Cloud\*** - 14 yr gray goes English- show experience W/T/C jumps- very safe

**Syd\*** - 5 yr old chestnut gelding AQHA- goes English and Western, W/T/C learning to jump. Cow experience. Trails. Great, calm horse.

**Tango\*** - 5 yr old Chestnut Overo paint APHA- Great Trail Horse – experienced over bridges and water

**Guccianna** - Out of Gucci Only- 2 yr old filly AQHA- very sane- 60 days pro training- Walk, Jog, Beginning to lope. Western Pleasure Show.

**Sky\*** - beautiful, curious & affectionate 7 yr gray gelding Warmblood Cross. More whoa than go. W/T/C jumps-show experience- has won blue.

\* These horses are all being used by children and adults in our lesson program

## Summer Camp 2007 Another Great Season

Whether first time riders, or experienced, every camper excelled – as witnessed by family and friends during our horse shows and BBQ at the end of each session. It's great to see the progress – especially from year to year.

Our counselors (Rachel and Lauren) and our junior counselors (Caressa, Janeth and Kayla) and our helpers (Sammie and Hope) – all did a great job making sure everyone had lots of time in the saddle and lots of fun in between. We loved having the children here and are still enjoying some of the arts and crafts projects displayed in the barn.

## WOW!

### Our Fourth Anniversary at SUF

November marks our fourth year here. We are celebrating in a major way – finally building a house on the farm that we can really call home. As much as we have enjoyed our doublewide experience, It is a great feeling to be setting down roots in Bangor PA. We are excited and looking forward to many happy years ahead

## Murphy's Horse Laws

- \* No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off.
- \* A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.
- \* Tack you hate will never wear out, and the things you love always get destroyed.
- \* Clipper blades will become dull when your horse is half clipped.
- \* If you approach within 50 feet of your barn in clean clothes, you will get dirty.
- \* The number of horses you own will increase to the number of stalls in your barn.
- \* Your barn would fall down without baling twine.
- \* If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.

## MANURE MADNESS

IT IS TRULY A MIRACLE. AFTER YEARS OF TRYING TO GIVE IT AWAY, SELL IT, OR WISH IT AWAY – WE FINALLY HAVE SOMEONE WHO ACTUALLY WANTS THE STUFF. IT HAS BEEN A WONDERMENT – SEEING TRUCKLOAD AFTER TRUCKLOAD DISAPPEARING INTO THE SUNSET.