



Saddle Valley Horse Tales

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AHH Spring! – Finally!

We can finally let out a sigh of relief! It seems we have been waiting forever for the grass to pop. We can finally really enjoy the trials and outdoor ring – **and get on with the outdoor projects:**

Fencing/ Pastures – Most of the new fencing went up last fall. They are beautiful and safe – all with coated wires - electrified with solar energy. The last pasture – on the top of the hill went up in March.

Chow Time: The horses have learned to run up the chute to the new pasture in the mornings – but haven't been receptive to going down yet. Since it's a long walk up and down that hill, we are trying some old fashioned conditioning – we are ringing a chow bell at every meal. We hope that when the horses hear the bell they will figure out it is chow time and come down the hill. We'll let you know if it works. Thanks to Herbette for the idea – and to Carol and Gary for the Chow Bell (they thought I would be using it to get Alex in for dinner – but it seems he comes in on his own).

Painting - Kyle and Jenny Lee are doing a great job painting the fences – and soon all the fences will be white and sparkling in the sunshine.

Upper Indoor arena – New Lighting makes it feel like daylight 24/7. New Footing makes for a great ride and an easier fall.

Plumbing – The barn septic system has just about been reconstructed. We hope this takes care of the chronic back-ups we have had.

PLEASE – NO GROOMING IN THE WASH STALLS.

Water Pressure – We found an underground leak that was draining the system. The pressure is back and should not be a problem any longer.

New Round Pen – Being put to great use. What did we ever do without it?

New Outdoor Wash Stall – Thanks to Joe for making it happen.

Spring Plantings – THINK PINK (and purple)

Saddle Valley Challenge Course underway –

Alex has started carving a trail through the wooded area – on the hill behind the barn (to the right of the upper pastures). The goal is to give you a chance to test yourself and your horse in overcoming obstacles and facing new situations. It will wind through the woods and have various obstacles to go over and through (if you choose to). If you have any ideas – let Alex know. It will be a great place to get in tune for facing new trails.

**PARELLI TRAIL RIDING CLINIC
FOCUSING ON NEGOTIATING OBSTICLES ON THE
TRAIL COURSE BEING PLANNED FOR THE FALL.**

**E-mail Elaine: emorrow@saddlevalleyfarm
if this interests you**

Welcome to the Barn
A Really Big (belated) Welcome to:
Valley View Farms & MaryAnne,
Marcie and Santos -- We are so happy to have their Arabians at Saddle Valley. These beautiful, spirited horses have been a wonderful addition – especially having all the foals arrive this winter and spring. Nothing can beat seeing the babies frolicking in the pastures and changing and growing each week.
New boarders:
Robin & Snickers,
Laura & Teddy, Jaia Lai, and Bow & Ashley, Goldika & Lady – glad to have you back for a short return
Terrific new instructors
Micki and Mina, and
Great Stall Tech and more: Jenny Lee

Saddle Valley "Adopts" a Highway –

Main Street – from good road to Martin's Creek was a real mess – but not any longer. We adopted this section and had our first Clean-up on Saturday 4/29. We must have collected 15 bags of trash. We really appreciate volunteers – Sandy, Cindy, and Joe. Afterwards we chilled-out with a well-deserved lunch outdoors at the Riverside. The great work crew and spectacular day made it fun!

2006 Horse Show Season –

June 17th – Penn/Jersey English Show
June 25th – Penn/Jersey Western Show
Aug. 6th – Penn/Jersey Western Show
Aug. 20th – Penn/Jersey English Show

As usual – Spectators are Welcome (no charge)

A great BBQ lunch is available

For Prize Lists go to www.saddlevalleyfarm.com – events

Parelli Instructors Susan Nelson & Maurice Thibault Kick Off the SVF Clinic Schedule

followed by Aimee Brimhall - Susan and Maurice returned to Saddle Valley May 6th – 8th with a beginner level I ground skills clinic & various level I and II ground and riding workshops. Aimee held her sort-after one-week level III clinic - As usual each participant, at each level learned techniques that can, with practice, transform her relationship with her horse.

2006 Clinics to come:

July 3 rd	Patrick King – Problem Horse Demo (No Charge – Complimentary BBQ)
July 29 th -30 th	Patrick King's Foundation Clinic
Sept. 15 th -17 th	David Lichman- Level ii Harmony Clinic
Sept. 22 nd -27 th	Kenny Harlow – Training with Trust
Oct. 2 nd – 8 th	Amie Brimhall – Parelli Level iii Clinic
Oct. 13 th – 15 th	Susan Nelson & Maurice Thibault Tune in for the details.

SVF Consignment Shop

Make Someone Happy/Make Some Money!

Sell your outgrown riding clothes or stuff you no longer use to others who may need them (good condition only please). See Jenny or Elaine for info – you tag the item – we'll handle the sale.

Lesson Cancellation Policy – 24 hour notice required (so we can fill the lesson from our waiting list) – Otherwise you are responsible for the cost.

Summer Camp 2006

Filling Up Fast

One-week day camp sessions – 9:30 – 3:30

July 10th

August 7th

July 17th

August 14th

July 24th

Children ages 7-13

Riding twice daily, learning all about horses, games, arts and crafts and LOTS of FUN.

Pizza Party (Wednesday)

Show & BBQ (Fri) – family and friends invited

Call 610-588-8713 for info.

Having Fun with our new Horses:

Stish the knish - our new mini – a great addition to SVF. His stall is near the lesson tack room – he loves being in the center of things. Bill – new lesson horse can do it all – easy for beginners – challenging for more advanced riders. And Willow, now officially part of our lesson program, is fitting right in.

Want Your Blankets Cleaned?

HORSE DUDS & SUDS – Hackettstown NJ will pick up and deliver them back – Heavy blankets - \$29 -- Fly sheets \$17

Price list and sign up sheet is on the board in the Club Room or just call 800-816-3885.

All I Need to Know in Life I Learned From My Horse

1. When in doubt, run far, far away.
2. You can never have too many treats.
3. Passing gas in public is nothing to be ashamed of.
4. New shoes are an absolute necessity every 6 weeks.
5. Ignore cues. They're just a prompt to do more work.
6. Everyone loves a good, wet, slobbery kiss.
7. Never run when you can jog. Never jog when you can walk. And never walk when you can stand still.
8. Heaven is eating for at least 10 hours a day... and then sleeping the rest.
10. Eat plenty of roughage.
11. Great legs and a nice rear will get you anywhere. Big, brown eyes help too.
12. When you want your way, stomp hard on the nearest foot.
13. Act dumb when faced with a task you don't want to do.
14. Follow the herd. That way, you can't be singled out to take the blame.
15. A swift kick in the butt will get anyone's attention.
16. Love those who love you back, especially if they have something good to eat.

"Guess Who?" - Contest Results

Contest #1- Picture was Jenny

Winner was Joe (Micki runner-up)

Contest #2 - Picture was Winner Cindy

Winner was Jenny

Give Elaine your baby picture –

(preferably on a horse)