



Saddle Valley Horse Tales

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Buzz Around the Barn

More About our Shows!

Our Penn/Jersey Western Show held on June 20th, was a great success. It was awesome seeing the beautiful horses and riders all decked out in their glitzy Western show garb. And we thank our judge, Judith Mante for making everything go so smoothly.

Sorry there isn't space to talk about each and every class here since each was exciting. But the last event, Barrel Racing, was especially fun. There weren't very many entrees, so some of our Saddle Valley English riders and Staff decided to give it a try – making it was quite a challenge – and lots of fun. Our riders get an "A" for effort - but sorry - no blue ribbons. That went to Chrissy Massaro riding Miss Waita Skip – What a Ride! A close second went to Wendy Walls riding Cody Cee Hawk.

See page 2 for the Grand and Reserve Champions for each division. We congratulate all of you – Hope to see you all next year!

Our American Driving Society Driving Competition held on July 10th attracted a diverse group of drivers, carriages and horses. There were many VSEs (very small equines or miniature horses), a beautiful black Friesian and a great mule named Norman. Norman had us laughing each time he brayed – but competing was no laughing matter. He was terrific in all of his events. Folks who drive are known for their friendliness – and that made for a good time for all.

The show had three segments, Pleasure Driving in the main ring, Scurry Obstacle coarse in our pastures, and a Cross Country course around the pastures. We appreciate the great job our judges Rebecca Merritt and Kael Palmer, and our Technical Delegate Audrey Bostwick did in keeping everyone on track and on schedule.

KUDOS to: Pegi Van De Water – Grand Champion
and to: Jaye Ventresca – Reserve Champion

THANKS -- Our shows would not be possible without our volunteers: Ian, Elaine Ashley, Inga, Hayde, Tracy, Michelle, Eric, Adam, and Caroline. – And a special thanks to Mary Harrison for her invaluable help as our advisor in planning our Driving Show events.

Show Schedule Expanded...

We are excited to be holding this year's Irish Draught Horse Society's Northeast Regional Sale and Show on September 10th and 11th.

The sale will take place on Friday night (9/10) and the show will be on Saturday (9/11). Judges will be coming from Ireland for the event, and many of the horses for sale at the Friday night will be brought in from Ireland.

2004 Saddle Valley Farm Show Season

August 8th
Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn.
English Show

September 10th and 11th
Irish Draught Horse Society
Regional Show and Sale

You're invited!
Whether you ride and want to compete,
just want to see a show, or want to spend a great
day at the farm sampling our BBQ.

While we are talking about Ribbons --
Three Cheers to Kelsey Kirk for winning third and fifth place ribbons at the 4H Roundup - riding our horse Tee Jay. Seems like a match made in heaven - but it was actually made by Charlie.

July 4th BBQ

Saturday night of July 4th weekend many of us got together for a fun BBQ. It seems like everyone brought something yummy – especially the delicious desserts. It was great spending a relaxing evening together and getting to know each other better. We tried to spread the word to all our boarders and those taking lessons regularly.

Living in the Country vs. the City

When you need a quart of milk

Country – you drive 10 miles

City – you walk one block

A large Pizza and a Salad (delivered)

Country – \$12.25

City – \$25.75 (really)

When you want to exercise

Country – you do your chores

(For us walking the horses to the pastures)

City – you go to the Gym

Horses wear

Country – fly masks

City – Hats with flowers and blinders

(Pulling carriages in Central Park)

Horses Spook

Country – at any little thing (especially Ground Hogs)

City – at nothing – they are tough!

When someone doesn't move immediately when the traffic light changes to green

Country – you just wait – they'll figure it out.

City – you blow your horn, cuss and get palpitations

When you say "Look at that Turkey"

IN THE COUNTRY IT ACTUALLY GOBBLES

When you hear a Gunshot

Country – You say, "there goes another Ground Hog"

City – You hit the floor and call 911

Horsemanship Clinic for Adults

Held July 12th, 19th and 26th – to teach adult riders (or rider wannabes) all about horses, horse handling, grooming, feeding, ailments etc. This program was developed to fill a specific void. It is often easier to find riding lessons than to find someone to teach you the things you need to know to feel comfortable around horses and around the barn. The program was fun and informative and ended with a BBQ – a good time was had by all.

Welcome to the Barn

Horse

Destiny

Diva

Duchess

Bella

Ziggy

Tee Jay

Poco

Owner

Jenn K.

Kari and Kelsey

Sandy and Sherry

Laura and Al

Jenn L.

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Our Western Show Division Winners:

Division	Grand Champion	Reserve Champion
Halter	Robert Getz	Lori Tucker
Youth Showmanship	Carley Montemuro	Katie Macallush
Junior Novice	Kelsey Engle	Kelsey Kirk
Junior Exhibitor	Brittany Reeb	Lauren Brown
Adult Novice	Lori Tucker	Denise MacCalush
Senior Exhibitor	Michael Durick	Tanya Keeney
Snaffle Bit	Gail Tomasio	Betsy Ullrich
Western Horse	Kelsey Engle	Tanya Keeney
Stock Horse English	Julia Hoyer	Samantha Markley
Western Pattern Perf.	Janet Chitwook	Elizbeth Brennfleck
Timed Events	Wendy Walls	Chrissy Massar

Saddle Valley Farm Riding Academy Up–Date

Saddle Valley Riding Academy, based on a syllabus created by Jenn Lehrman who oversees the program, was started in March. The Academy offers lessons in small groups for four hours each week. In addition to learning to ride, students get the chance to learn all about horses and horsemanship. In July our first Academy kids started their third session. It's amazing to see how far they have come – saddling up on their own, and cantering around the ring. Our second group began Session 2 and is doing great. We welcome our new students beginning their first session. We can't wait to see how far you will go.

The Academy was started with children in mind, but now has some adult students who – seeing how well our kids are doing – decided to change from private lessons. They now take lessons in groups of three and get to spend four hours a week (or more) riding, grooming, and learning – with the goal of leasing a horse – and maybe owning one down the road.

We are often asked why we left NYC to move to Bangor, PA and operate Saddle Valley Farm. This life Motto provides some insight:

"Life is NOT a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely and in a pretty and well preserved body --

But rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and LOUDLY

proclaiming, " WOW! What a Ride"

(Thanks to Joni Smith for sending this Quote to us)