



Horse Tales

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Farm Improvement Projects

Two down, one under way, and one (big one) to go...

FENCING: Beginning Sept. 9th all pasture fences are scheduled to be replaced and some pastures reconfigured. Say good-bye to the wire fences. The new fences will be in wood or coated (electrified) wire -- better for the safety of our horses. The job, to be done by a professional fencing crew from Lancaster PA, is projected to take about two weeks. Our turn-out schedule may be affected during that time but we will try to get all horses out regularly while it is underway.

FLOOD DRAINAGE: Excavation of the drainage area behind the barn has been completed. The area was completely dug up and the pipes were cleared and replaced as necessary. We expect that we will fare well with heavy rainfall in the future.

FOOTING IN UPPER AREN: The ring was excavated with a Box Scraper to restore it to its original condition. Now, with daily raking, we should be able to keep it in excellent riding condition.

FENCE PAINTING: Slowly but Surely the fences are getting painted - Thanks (mostly) to Laura and Sara.

Summer Camp – So Much Fun!

Our first day camp session couldn't have been better. The kids had a great time and really learned to ride and be comfortable around horses and the barn. The week culminated with a horse show and BBQ. Parents, grandparents, great grandparents, brothers & sisters, and cousins were there to watch and enjoy

Saddle Valley Farm 2005 Horse Shows to Come

**Sunday, August 21st
Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn.
English Show**

**Sunday, September 18th
Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn.
Western Show**

**Come enjoy the show!
Spectators Welcome (no charge). All Day BBQ
Breakfast and Lunch can be purchased**

the BBQ. We were proud of how well the kids did -- the beginner group steering and controlling their horses around the course and the intermediate group jumping for the first time. It was very exciting to see the change in just one week.

The kids loved making "horse ice cream cones" for horse treats. (Oatmeal, molasses, apples, carrots and brown sugar mixed together and served in waffle cones), riding bareback. And playing Simon Says on horseback. They learned all about horses, watched the Farrier shoe horses, and did lots of Arts and Crafts projects.

Since safety is our primary concern we had three counselors for just 8 campers. Thanks to Kelly, camp director and Lauren and Sara, camp counselors. They did a great job with the kids and taught them so much.

SVF Clinic Schedule

Clinics previously announced:

September 23 – 28

Kenny Harlow –

Training with Trust

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- Friday Eve. Demo,
- 2-Day Problem Horse/ Unbroke Clinic &
- 3-Day Conditioning Response Riding/Training Clinic.

Sept. 30 – Oct. 3

Parelli Natural Horsemanship*

David Lichman, 5-Star Premier Parelli Natural Horsemanship Instructor, brings his 4-day Clinic to SVF

New Clinics Scheduled:

Parelli Natural Horsemanship*

Back by popular demand -- In partnership with Quarry Valley Farms in New Hope NJ, --

Susan NELSON AND MAURICE THIBAUT return for a second series of clinics.

At Saddle Valley:

Oct 21 (Fri.) – Level 1 Assessment Time
(2 people required per 2-hour session)

Oct 22-23 (Sat/Sun) –

Two 2-day clinics (9AM - 4 PM)

1. Beginner level 1 Partnership Clinic (Ground Skills)
2. Beginner Harmony Clinic – (Ground Skills & Riding)

At Quarry Valley Farms:

Oct. 24 (Mon.)

Advancing Level 1 Workshop (9AM – 12PM)

Beginner Level 2 Workshop (9AM – 12PM)

Level 1 Assessment Time (1PM – 3PM and 3PM – 5PM)

(2 people required per 2-hour session)¹

Ryan Gingerich

Natural Horsemanship*

Nov. 4 – 7 (Fri – Mon)

Become involved in a truly unique horsemanship experience. Gngerich's methods allow the horse and rider to be safe and open to achieving a more willing and connected relationship. "When both the horse and rider feel safe and secure with each other, the bond between the two begins to form and then continues to build as trust is created," says Ryan.

* Auditors Welcome – Auditing Fees Apply

Western Pleasure Showmanship Flourishing at Saddle Valley

Lead by Charlie Transue, our western pleasure show riders are bringing home the ribbons – and having lots of fun. They did great at a variety of shows this summer.

(Cowboy) Hats off to:

Jen	on Destiny
Kelsey	on Dune
Nikki	on Rebel and Zip
Hanna	on Willie
Danni	on Fire
Sandy	on Duchess
Tracy	on Sally
Jamie	on Shady
Charlie & Sharon	on Limited

It Ain't Just Western –

Kudos to our English Show riders Ashley, Stephanie and Lisa for their stellar performances.

He knows when you're happy

He knows when you're comfortable

He knows when you're confident

And he ALWAYS knows when you have carrots

~unknown

And Welcome to the Barn

Horse	Owner
Clairvoyant	Ana Rosa and Tom
Buddy	Sal
Snickers	Alex and Elaine

Kelly Balk - our great new riding instructor and camp director, and

Beth - our terrific new "Jackie" of all trades

A horse gallops with his lungs,

Perseveres with his heart,

And wins with his character. ~Tesio

REMINDER: There is a \$5 per month charge to use the washer and dryer (to help toward replacement costs). Anyone wanting to use the Barn washer and dryer should add \$5 to their monthly board payment.