



Horse Tales

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Buzz Around the Barn

Can't say enough About Our Great Group of Boarders and Staff -

Honorable Mention

Sandy - for being a cleaning maniac.

Joe - for being a compulsive fixer and his creativity - the name plaques are terrific.

Stephie - for always pitching in.

Rachel, Tara, Lisa & Carrie - for putting in an all-nighter - nursing Casper through a dangerous bout with colic.

Jenny & Sue for all the little improvements they have made to the feed room etc, that add = a big plus.

Rachel Lisa, Carrie & Sandy for their Xmas decorating expertise. Saddle Valley is looking more festive than ever.

Willie & his brood for being such great barn mates

Rich & Rome (here from the start) For their reliability, caring and great work.

Jeff- Great new addition. He hasn't missed a beat.

On the Mend

Buck is Back - He got the OK to get back under the saddle - Alex is thrilled - he has missed riding around the pastures on his buddy. Splash is breathing a sigh of relief - he has been doing overtime lately.

Nikki is on her way too - back on turnout and having fun with her buddies.

Secret, our elder statesman - is much better - we're so glad - we all love him.

Jerry (the cat) is fully recovered from getting under a horses foot - she truly has 9 lives and has used up a few so far.

Fencing Project Completed

Our most ambitious farm improvement project, the redesign and re-fencing of our pastures, has been completed. The fencing company was terrific - finishing the entire job in less than 4 day with little disruption to our turnout routine. Now all our pastures are safe - with sturdy solar powered electrified fencing with all wires buried and out of sight). After a day or so of adjustment, our horses are enjoying their new pastures and neighbors.

2005 Clinics -- Parelli + Harlow =

Natural Horsemanship Bonanza

The 2005 clinic schedule has come to a close. Riders came from as far as Atlanta, Virginia and Buffalo to attend -- and many Saddle Valley boarders got to participate. The Clinics have lived up to expectations, but we really couldn't miss - with great instructors including *Kenny Harlow*, and Parelli instructors *David Lichman*, *Amy Brimhall*, *Susan Nelson* & *Maurice Thibault*. We are excited that they have all agreed to come back to run clinics at SV in 2006.

2006 Clinic Schedule Shaping up:

Susan Nelson & Maurice Thibault

2-Star Parelli Instructor -- Learn/Advance Parelli
MAY 6-8

Adv. Level 1 Riding workshops Parts I & II
Beg Level 2 On-Line Workshops Parts I & II
Beg. Level 2 Riding Workshop Part I, &
Problem Horse Workshop

Amie Brimhall

3-Star Parelli Instructor
May 15-21 7-day level III Clinic

David Lichman

5-Star Premier Parelli Instructor
Sept 15 - Level I Advancing to level II
Sept 16-17 Level 11

Kenny Harlow

Sept 22-27 Training with Trust

Amie Brimhall returns

Oct. 2-8 7-day level III Clinic

More to come - stay tuned

Call or visit our web site (below) for details

Barrel Racing Competition

April 15th - We are sooo excited about our first IBRA event.

SVF BARN SHOW SERIES

For boarders and lesson students

Get ready for show season - something for everyone. Whether you ride English or Western - or are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced rider - there'll be a class for you.

Tentative Show Dates:	February 5 th (Sun)
	March 11 th (Sun)

Our instructors - Jenny, Kelly, and Patty are preparing their students for the big events and our boarders are always working on their riding technique.

Everyone will be a winner - just for trying. Prizes will be for 1st to 6th place plus a participation ribbon. There will be two grand prizes - one for beginners and one for intermediate/advanced riders. There will be a free BBQ - all the hot dogs and burgers you and your family and friends can eat.

The Entry Fee per class will be \$10. For lesson students this includes the use of SVF horses.

**2006 Horse Show Season -
4 Penn Jersey Horse Shows
Two English and Two Western
Dates to be announced in next issue**

And Welcome to the Barn

Horse	Owner
CMT	Sue
Ranger	Cindy and Joe
Sophie	Wendy
Tee	Alex and Elaine

Great additions to SVF --

(Seems like they've been here forever.)

And a special welcome to Jenny -

Terrific new riding instructor and barn tech -

And our new week-end techs-

Jeff on Saturdays and Sue on Sundays

(And a fond farewell to Colt - Hope you enjoy your move to New Hampshire - we'll miss you.)

Riding: The art of keeping a horse between you and the ground. ~Author Unknown

It is not enough for a man to know how to ride; he must know how to fall. ~Mexican Proverb

Parelli Play Date - Sat. 2/18

Get ready for 2006 clinics or just for fun

Parelli play dates are a fun way to keep up your skills so that you and your horse maintain your skills and are ready for the next level. SVF wants to host play dates throughout the year. Anyone who has gone through Parelli level I or higher who is interested in having a fun practice day is welcome. Anyone thinking of learning the Parelli techniques interested in seeing how it works is welcome to come and watch -- it will give you a good idea if it's something you may want to pursue. We will host a BBQ for those coming and it should be lots of fun - rain or shine - cold or not. *If you are interested:*

Call Alex or Elaine 610-588-8713 or e-mail Elaine at emorrow@saddlevalleyfarm.com

Summer Camp 2006

It May be snowy now - but summer will be here before you know it -

One week day camp sessions -

July 10th August 7th

July 17th August 14th

July 24th 9:30 to 3:30

Children ages 7-13

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

Includes Pizza Party and ends with a horse show and BBQ - family and friends invited

Saddle Valley Goes Hollywood

On Saturday 11/19 Saddle Valley hosted a magazine photo shoot for DSquared - a high-end fashion and accessory line. The decision to shoot at SVF was made on Thursday afternoon. By Saturday 7 A.M. the production company had arranged for a crew of 28, wardrobe trailers, lighting, smoke machines, heaters, props, caterers, and so much more - all arriving from NYC. It's amazing how much they put in place in such a short timeframe.

International super model - Carmen Kass (from Estonia) - was a vision, the clothing great, and the Brazilian and Italian male models were real hunks - and great with our horses. Splash, Buck and Chicago were center stage and did a commendable job - especially considering the smoke machines, lights, commotion and retakes. Their Parelli Natural Horsemanship training seems to have paid off.

One of the garage bays was converted to a photo studio for the portrait shots. The rest of the shoot took place in the main barn arena. It was a real happening. We all enjoyed the catered lunch - and thanks to all who helped out with the horse handling.

It was a long day - ending at about 7:30 P.M. with a mad dash to the Braden Airpark so that the Swedish photographer could catch his helicopter to Kennedy airport in NYC - connecting to a flight home (hope he made his flight).

So keep a look out for SVF - and Splash, Buck, and Chicago - in the coming issues of Vogue and Bazaar.