



Saddle Valley Horse Tales

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It's All About the Children

We are happy to report that we have met our goal of having our barn infested with children -- Saturdays, Sundays, and after school. Our lesson program has taken off and we couldn't be happier.

- We invite our students who are old enough to be on their own to hang out at the barn on Saturdays. For those who can come regularly, we are assigning a "Care Horse" to groom, care for the horse and the stall when they are here. (Several riders may share a horse.) Laryssa, Makenzie, and Olivia are on board. Talk to Alex if you are interested.
- The TV & DVD player have been moved into the heated clubroom. We are buying and collecting children's DVDs so kids can watch (mostly horse related) movies while warming up and taking a break. (Donations appreciated.)
- A Lending Library is being set up -- if you have children's books that you are done with -- especially horse stories -- we would appreciate your donation to our library.

OUR INSTRUCTORS

We are so proud of our team of riding instructors:

- Jenny -- who teaches both English and Western, has been with us the longest. We are proud of the progress her students have made - one winning the divisional championship in last year's Penn Jersey English Show.
- Rachel -- focus's on English and has been doing a great job. She has quickly taken her students from beginners to confident riders -- cantering and jumping -- with big smiles on their faces.
- Patty -- teaches Western Pleasure. She guided show winners and has brought her students to levels beyond their expectations.
- Marissa -- a member of the East Stroudsburg Equestrian Team, recently joined our staff. She is adept at teaching both English and Western saddle. Her enthusiasm is infectious. The proof is seeing her students excel.

- Annie -- our newest instructor has a great background in English riding and showing -- having ridden for George Morris, an Olympic coach. She is a terrific addition to SVF.

In addition to teaching our students, our instructors are doing a great job training our lesson horses.

HOLIDAY PARTY SAT. DEC. 9TH -- 11AM -- 3 PM

- ◆ COME TRIM THE TREE
- ◆ MAKE "HORSEY" ORNAMENTS
- ◆ TRIM YOUR FAVORITE HORSES STALL
- ◆ SHARE IN HOT DOGS & TREATS

WE HOPE OUR SUMMER CAMPERS AND RIDERS ON-BREAK WILL COME JOIN IN

OUR HORSES

We have our old faithfuls -- Friday, Bailey, Te, Snickers and Rosie -- who are still doing a great job and are favorites. Our new lesson horses - Yogi, Sky, Skittles, and Macy have "jumped" right in and have quickly learned their job -- with the help of our instructors. And, of course, there is Stish the Knish -- our mini -- who everyone loves. (OH Yes - & Splash -- Alex's sidekick.)

We welcome Janeth as a new Boarder now that she owns Sunny. She was able to lease him to try him out first -- a great way to ensure the horse and rider are a good fit. If you are considering owning a horse -- and want a quiet horse with a good temperament -- ask about which of our lesson horses is available for lease or purchase.

New Outdoor Lesson Ring in the Planning
The dressage ring (across the road) will soon be transformed into a new outdoor riding ring with viewing area. This will provide a place for our less experienced riders to ride outdoors in a safer, more confined area. We look forward to having it available when the Spring weather rolls in.

BARN SHOW/BBQ -- WAS A REAL BONANZA

On November 11th we held a show – just for our lesson students. About 30 students rode - each in up to 5 events. It was great fun – including the egg & spoon and unmounted pairs. It was a great way for parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends etc. to see first hand how well our students are doing. There was something for everyone – from lead-line to jump classes. **Ribbons were won by all.** We were proud of how well everyone did and of the great job our instructors did in running the show. Thanks to Jenny for her organizational skills.

Celebrating Our 3rd Anniversary at SVF – Hard to believe that it's been 3 years since we moved to Saddle Valley. As anyone knows who has moved to a new area (many of you I know) – it ain't easy. But we are now settled in - have met lots of great folks – and have a clear vision for our business. We are looking forward to the future here and are happy to be sharing Saddle Valley with so many wonderful people.

2007 Events Schedule -- in the works

CLINICS -- We are excited that Aimee Brimhall, 3 star parelli instructor, is coming back to SVF for two clinics in 2007, one in late spring and one in the fall (dates to be finalized). Aimee and her students are almost like family by now – having come here for several years. We are also looking forward to Maurice Thiibault and Susan Nelson's return in 2007. Talks are underway with other clinicians as well.

SHOWS – 4 Penn/Jersey horse shows are planned – 2 English and 2 Western. Dates to be determined,

Summer Camp 2007

It May be snowy soon – but summer will be here before you know it –

One-week day camp sessions

July 9th

July 30th

July 16th

August 6th

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

Trail Course/Play Date ... designed and ready for a Spring installation – just in time for a Parelli Play Date. Thanks to Ian Ackroyd-Kelly for developing the Design. We can't wait to see it in use. (We'll be in touch re scheduling a play date.)

Mom's and Dad's Horsemanship Night – Monday, January 9th – 7 PM

Because so many Moms and Dads of our riders have expressed interest in learning about horses – we are setting up a special clinic just for you. We will start with a one-night horsemanship clinic on Monday, January 9th at 7PM. If there is interest – we will have additional clinics after that.

Some of you have said you would also like to learn to ride. We know the cost of riding lessons adds up – and you are putting your kids first. If we have enough interest – we will create a group riding program for you at a reduced cost.

We are posting a “Moms & Dads Horsemanship Clinic” sign-up sheet near the school tack room. *Please sign up ASAP - so we can determine how much real interest there is.*

If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong.

~Pat Parelli

THE POOP SCOOP – Ever since we came to Saddle Valley we have been wrestling with the Manure Issue. With so many horses – it is a lot of ---- to deal with. We tried giving it away, and then selling it by the truckload (\$5.00 a load (second load free). Interestingly, it was easier selling it than giving it away. Our Neighbor Derrick was wonderful in allowing us to truck piles of it up to his farm - where it composted over time. The miracle is that we finally found someone who actually wants the stuff. We are thankful for all the truckloads being carted away – and for the promise of keeping this up into the future. It's a dream come true. (Funny what now makes us happy.)