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Buzz Around the Barn

SVF - a happening place!

There is so much going on at Saddle Valley these days, especially on Saturdays. It begins with The Saddle Valley Riding Academy. Directed by Jenn Lehrman, the children are here from early morning into the afternoon. You can see them riding, mucking, grooming, and always smiling. It's great to see them growing more comfortable around the barn and with each other – in and out of the saddle.

Then, whether English or Western, you can see our instructors/trainers in the center of the ring putting the horses and riders through their paces. And the Dressage riders in the Dressage ring accompanied by their musical scores. Everyone seems to be getting ready for Show Season. But not everyone - others are having just as much fun - simply taking a trail ride or trying to master the basics for now. There is always next year.

Children's Riding Show Clothing Needed

If you have used children sized show clothing and/or boots that you no longer need and want to donate, lend, or sell to our Academy for our kids, it would be most appreciated. Our students are just starting out and want to participate in our shows. But we all know how expensive that can be.

(See Jenn or Elaine)

The Saddle Valley Team

We have a great crew now with a multitude of talents – from braiding to repairs. First – we have to thank Charlie for sharing our vision for Saddle Valley and helping us get there – little by little and step by step. We also thank Allison, Candice and Bryn our core staff; and welcome Lauren, Sara and Chris who have been working most weekends. Some other staff members are shy, prefer not to be

named, but are equally appreciated for helping to make Saddle Valley a great place. The fences are being fixed and painted, the stalls and aisles are kept clean and the horses are being pampered.

Extreme Make-over For Your Horse

Talking about being pampered - We are introducing a menu of Spa services for your horse -- headed up by Allison and Candice.

Services include:

- Grooming and Bathing
- Body Clipping
- Mane Pulling
- Braiding
- Tack Cleaning

Just talk to Alex to arrange for these services - or ask about any other services you may want.

Allison is also holding a braiding clinic for our Academy students - adults are welcome to join in (\$7.50 fee - see Alex)

Horse Trailering Services for Residents of Saddle Valley Farm

Saddle Valley now has a six-horse trailer. Charlie will be available to trailer your horses to shows etc. schedule permitting. See Charlie or Alex to make arrangements

It's Barbecue Season...

And Party-time at Saddle Valley!

The great weather has inspired us to buy a new grill. We'll use it for our shows – and we're thinking that Friday evening cookouts would be fun - along with a trail ride for those up for it.

Let the Shows Begin!

The prize lists are in the clubroom, or request them via e-mail or phone. The ribbons and awards are ordered, and ...we can't wait!

2004 Saddle Valley Farm Horse Show Season

May 15th

ESDCTA approved Dressage Schooling Show

May 22nd

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. English Show

June 20th

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. Western Show

July 10th

ADS approved Pleasure Driving Show

August 8th

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. English Show

Participants and observers welcome.

Come experience the beautiful vistas, rolling hills
and superb facility of Saddle Valley Farm

Welcome to the Barn:

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Cinda	Larissa
Dune	Ray and Ilene
Lucky	Holly
Semi	JT and Kate
Oakey	Laurie
And back from standing at stud - (No Viagra needed here!)	
Limited	Sharon

We look forward to making a great home for your horses
and a home away from home for you -- Elaine & Alex

*"Every time you ride, you're either teaching or
un-teaching your horse." Gordon Wright*

Time to stow away winter

blankets...so they will be fresh for next winter.
If you want us to arrange for cleaning, again, just
see Alex.

WE LOVED HOSTING THE PARELLI CLINIC

On April 28th we welcomed the participants of the Parelli level 3 clinic which teaches natural horsemanship. Amy Brimhall taught 11 students and their horses for 8 (long) days. I won't try to talk about their techniques because I couldn't possibly do it justice. But watching these riders with their horses for 6 + hours each day was a real learning experience. The owners tell us that many of their horses were once difficult or problems. You couldn't tell that from watching them now. The horses were all very calm and obedient – and rider and horse seemed to have a true partnership.

Beginner Clinic coming --- We are excited about the possibility of hosting a two-day beginner clinic. The Parelli folks say they can easily fill it up. Alex, Charlie, and Charlene plan to participate – and anyone else interested should see Alex. (We want to hold it as soon as possible.)

*"There are times when you can trust a horse,
times when you can't, and times when you
have to." Anonymous*

Composted Manure - \$5 for all you can take!

Never thought we'd be peddling Horse SH --!
But Saddle Valley farm has a mountain of horse manure that has already gone through the decomposition, or composting, process. Compost has been through the heat cycle and is "finished" soil and plant food -- often used by topsoil companies, landscapers, nurseries, and organic farmers. We have sold quite a few truck loads already....So bring your truck, wheel barrow, and shovel and dig in!

HI-HO the Skunk is Gone!

We had a skunk in the barn. He seemed quite happy living at Saddle Valley – lot's of cat food to munch on, and a shelter in the rain. Every night when we did barn check our pups were on the hunt for the skunk. We won't go into the gory details – but the skunk is history. Again thanks to the diverse talents of our team.