



# Saddle Valley Horse Tales

Issue 5

May/June 2004

## Buzz Around the Barn

### Let the Shows Begin!

#### 2004 Horse Show Season at SVF

We are so excited about our shows. Saddle Valley is unique for the variety of Horse shows being held this year. The schedule includes English, Western, Dressage and Driving Shows. This variety reflects the multi-discipline nature of our riders, instructors, and facility. It is all so new to us -- we are learning so much!

The first show of the year was an Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association ((ESDCTA) Dressage show held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who are not familiar with Dressage, in this classical form of riding started by the ancient Greeks, riders guide their horse through a series of complex maneuvers by slight movements of their hands, legs, and weight. It was truly beautiful and impressive to watch and a good time was had by all.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saddle Valley hosted a Penn Jersey Horse Show Association (PJHSA) English Show. It was so exciting when the horse trailers began arriving at 6:30 AM and did not stop for the next two hours. There were classes for beginners (such as lead line and beginner walk/trot) to advanced (such as equitation over fences). With more than 75 horse and rider combinations, and 42 classes, it was a huge success. The BBQ ran all day -- serving yummy breakfast and lunch fare to the hungry riders, their entourages, and those who just came to watch. Dale, our chef, and Bill, his assistant and back up (and the best son-in-law) did a great job.

#### **We are Proud of Our SVF Show Participants...**

**Dressage – Holly, Julia, Nikki and Patty**  
**English – Ashley, Casey, JT, Nicole, & Nikki**  
**Plus great first show for:**  
**Courtney, Erin, Kaitlin, & Michelle**  
**& Kelly gets the Good Sport Award**

### Three Shows to Go!

We invite you to our next three horse shows -- whether you ride and want to participate, just want to see a show, or want to spend a great day at the farm sampling our good food.

#### 2004 Saddle Valley Farm Horse Show Season

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. Western Show

July 10<sup>th</sup>

ADS approved Pleasure Driving Show

August 8<sup>th</sup>

Penn Jersey Horse Show Assn. English Show

### Special Thanks

*To Our Show Volunteers: Ian, Elaine and Ashley Ackroyd-Kelly, Charlene and Curtis Cole, Haydie Lopez, Kim Resch, Terry Willever (of Blue Valley Riding Center), Joanne McCollian (medical station) Karen Nelson (PJHSA show steward), our great staff, and our terrific Judges, Lynn Roscioli and Steven Rivetts, for making our shows run so smoothly. (Hope I didn't leave anyone out.) We could not have pulled this off without you!*

### **Summer Fun Begins June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday night BBQ – The musician is lined up & we are ready to go! Mark your calendars. The details will follow.**

#### **check it out–**

**Our redesigned website will be up and running effective 6/15 -**

**[www.saddlevalleyfarm.com](http://www.saddlevalleyfarm.com)**

## Summer Up-Date

- ◆ The Fly Spray System is operative.
- ◆ Fans have been installed on all the stalls. (We've noticed that some horses with stall guards find the fan wires irresistible. Horses should not be left unattended with their stall doors open (and please help us keep an eye on the fan wires to make sure they are not frayed).
- ◆ Night Turnout is in effect for those who want it. Our horses on night turnout seem to be having a very active nightlife and are really pooped during the day. In the morning it isn't unusual to see them lying down asleep in their stalls – and we are learning which horses snore!
- ◆ Our Pasture Management Program is working well. The main Gelding Field is green again. We are about to open two new pastures – one on the far north side of the farm, and one on the upper hill behind the barn.
- ◆ Barn Landscaping is underway – thanks to Chuck and Chris.

Yeah! Jacqui's coming home.  
Welcome back in advance  
We missed you. Saddle Valley  
is not the same with you away.

## Saddle Valley Riding Academy -- Congrats to Our First Class for Completing Session I:

Courtney, Erin, Hanna, Jessica,  
Kaitlin, Kelly, Michelle, Theresa,  
Angeline, & Rebecca

"Graduation" for our first group was held on Mother's Day. It was lots of fun for all - kids, parents and grandparents - and it is clear that Saddle Valley classmates are already becoming riding buddies. It's great to see how much has been learned so far. Most have signed up for Session II. Can't wait to watch our kids continue to grow in the Saddle and around the barn.

**And - welcome to our new class: Alexia, Erika, Isabelle, Mary, Megan, Nikita Natasha, Paige, Polly, Samantha, & Tajae**  
Under Jenn's Direction, with Alana's assistance, you too will soon feel comfortable hopping on the saddle and will learn all you need to know about horses and horsemanship.

**We love having children around the barn!**

## Horse Terms:

**Feed:** Expensive substance used to manufacture manure.

**Grooming** - Fine art of removing dirt from your horse's body and applying it to your own.

**Hock** - Financial condition of all horse owners.

**Lungeing** - Popular training method in which a horse exercises his owner by spinning him in circles until dizzy.

## A Letter of Thanks to our Staff and Boarders for Welcoming the Parelli Clinic:

*"Thanks to everyone at Saddle Valley Farm. I had a great time staying with you for the 8 days of the Parelli L3 clinic. I love to see horse people that are willing to look at another way of training a horse with an open mind. Every person on your staff that I had contact with was willing to help in any way they could. Putting the horse first is what we do in PNH and you seem to do that at your barn also. Every person had a smile and was having fun. That is what horses are about for me. To see a barn so large with that attitude is great. Keep up the good work. I hope to come back some time in the future for another clinic. I would highly recommend your barn to anyone I know that wants to have a great horse experience."*

Dirk MacAlpine

## Congratulations to Emily and Mario. And Carina - Welcome to the World!

## Welcome to the Barn:

<u>Horse</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Arwen, & Flapper	Ashley
Goldika & Promise	
Lancer Lady in Silk	Jenn
Secos &	SVF
Chicago	
Cinda	Tom and Wendy*

\* Cinda's new owners (a match made in heaven)

**Ribbons! Ribbons! Ribbons!**  
**Kudos to Charlie on Dune & Limited**  
**For their great showings at the New York**  
**State Breed Show in Syracuse, NY and the**  
**DUHA Horse Show in Ringoes, NJ.**  
**Congratulations to Sharon and Ray & Ilene**