



Horse Tales

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Saddle Valley Equestrian Center Expands with the Purchase of Adjacent Farm:

We are pleased to announce the acquisition of Meadow Creek farm, which is adjacent to Saddle Valley. Meadow Creek farm was originally part of Saddle Valley, and this merger will restore Saddle Valley to its original 100 acres of beautiful rolling pastures and riding trails.

New Boarding Packages: Now, with 90 Stalls and additional pastures for grazing, we have expanded our horse boarding offering to include 4 different packages. The recession fighting prices start from \$100 per month.

Expanded Lesson Program: We now have 3 outdoor rings, 2 indoor arenas, and 9 instructors to meet most rider's needs and scheduling requirements. We teach adults and children from ages 5 to 75 (and on?). English and Western saddle, beginner and intermediate riders. (See page 2 for new lesson options.)

New Trail Riding Lessons: To take full advantage of the new trails, and to continue toward our goal of sharing the joy of horses and riding, we are expanding our lesson offering to include trail-riding lessons. With 100 acres and scenic country views this will offer another way to enjoy riding at Saddle Valley.

Adoption of Rescue Horses: Sadly, the recession has placed many good horses at risk. As we grow we have decided to try to adopt horses needing a good home. If you know of a horse that is appropriate for beginner riders and needs a new home -- please steer them to us. We take pride in the care our horses get ... and they get loads of love too.

Our Lesson Program, Summer Riding Day Camp (see below), and Horse Shows (see page 2), -- bringing so many children to SVF - are a great source of joy for us.

Summer Riding Day Camp 2009

One-week sessions - 9:30 to 3:30

June 29 - July 3rd July 13 - July 17st

July 6 - July 10th July 27 - July 31st

August 17 - 21st

(Sessions may be added based on demand)

Children ages 7-13

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

Includes Pizza Party

Week ends with a horse show and BBQ - family and friends invited

With Safety as our main concern, each session has 6-12 campers and 3 counselors. For beginners, when on horseback, each camper has his or her own instructor

Live on a Horse Farm

For Rent on the new expanded Saddle Valley Farm --

**3 Bedroom Up-Dated Farm House with new kitchen, in ground swimming Pool, garage and horse stalls available - Just steps to the barn
Call 610-588-8713**

Macy, our Paint, is due in May. She was bred last year with a beautiful Warm Blood. We can't wait to see the foal.

2009 Horse Show Season 3 Penn/Jersey Shows

May 3rd **Western Show**
Aug. 16th **English Show**
Sept. 27th **English Show**

Win ribbons -- first place, show champion, and reserve champion prizes

Spectators are Welcome (no charge)

BBQ breakfast & lunch is available

For Prize Lists go to:

www.saddlevalleyfarm.com - events

Saddle Valley Barn Show - April 19

Just for Saddle Valley Students, the barn show is a great way to experience showing, getting ready for show season, and just having fun. Talk to your instructor about signing up, getting a Class List and entry forms. *BBQ following the Show.*

Practice Makes Perfect -- *The More You Ride...*

The Better You Get

It's no secret that riding takes lots of practice. Weekly lessons are a great start and our students do very well under this formula. But some have been asking for options that would make them able to ride more frequently. So here are some options to consider:

- 1. Be a "Fill-In" student** – We have a 24-hour cancellation policy for lessons. So if you have something else you have to do the day of your lesson you can cancel. Just call us 24 hours in advance so we can adjust the schedule. Now – anyone who wants to fill in for these cancelled lessons can get on our Fill-in list and get an extra lesson in for \$20. This not only gives you a chance for another lesson, it also may let you experience a different instructor, which is always a good way to get a fresh look at how you are riding.
- 2. Take a second weekly Lesson Package** – sign up for a monthly (4 week) package of 2 lessons a week for \$65 per week

(instead of \$80) - \$260 for 8 private lessons instead of \$320).

- 3. Take Practice Rides** – Lesson students capable of saddling up by themselves and who are approved by their instructors can take a horse and ride for an hour on their own to get some independent riding time in. This costs \$30 for the hour. Riding must be done when an instructor is around – just to ensure safety.
- 4. Take Semi-Private Lessons** – When you are ready – riding with a riding buddy is a great way to learn. Talk to your instructor to see if she has another student at your level that you can ride with. While you won't be riding more often, you will have fun, pay less per week, and learn from each other. Semi-private lessons are \$30 instead of \$40.

Nancy Jennings now instructing at Saddle Valley

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Jennings and her students have moved to Saddle Valley Farm. Nancy has been teaching for the last 24 years. Her students have been very successful in the Hunter/Jumper ring, Dressage ring' at horse trails, and are always in the ribbons! Nancy will teach you how to be the best rider and horseperson you can be, whether for showing or pleasure. Nancy, a great addition to our lesson staff, is now taking new students and has a flexible schedule.

Welcome to the Barn Coming to SVF with Nancy

Horse:	Owner:
SUZIE Q	NANCY JENNINGS
GRACE UNDER FIRE (GRACIE)	ALLAN JENNINGS
DUBLIN'S PRIDE (PATRICK)	NATALIE JENNINGS
ABBY	ALYSSA BERARDI
GOTTA GET A GARBO (GETTA)	SARAH THATCHER
EDWARD	SARAH THATCHER

**Try Us Out - Get Ready for Camp
Lesson Special**
For first-time Saddle Valley Riders
4 lessons for the cost of 2 \$80 (reg. 160)

Adopt-a highway Clean Up Day 4/25
 You may have noticed from the signs posted – Saddle Valley has adopted 2 miles of Main Street – from Martins Creek to Meadow Creek Lane. The official Pen Dot Clean Up Day is April 25th. It's fun to work together to take care of our road – and we hope you will consider working with us on this project. To volunteer, call Elaine (610) 588-8713, or sign up on the sheet in the barn (PLEASE TRY).