

Giuseppe's Gazette May 2019

Greetings from Giuseppe! It's nice to be out of blankets and sheets and be able to roll in the mud! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!) Everybody is getting dirty, even me! It's so cool to see the grey horses, Gracie and Lacey and Shamus and Moonbeam and Nicky and even Starbeam come in looking like pintos! And, remember, May 12th is Mother's Day – don't forget to thank your mom for the great job she's done. People who are into animals and us equines are terrific! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We have a lot of birthdays this month and one is particularly important: MINE! So, remember the treats and share them with all my equine friends! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We have a special event coming up – get the info inside! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Our riders of the month are *Melissa Sinopoli* and *Capri Tanis*. They both rode very skillfully in our first show of the season. Melissa has been battling nerves in show jumping and she rode a beautiful round with Lacey, winning the "Combined Tests" division. Capri navigated Luke to a win in the "Intro & Elementary Combined Tests". Luke and Capri also had the best dressage eventing score of the day: 28.200. Great job, Capri and Melissa. You've really set the bar high for the rest of us! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Mackenzie Nelson came by the Saturday Program on April 28th. It was great to see you Mackenzie and we hope you come back and join us!

May Birthdays

Greetings go out to Riddle (4), Andrew Montaro (17), Sophia Vigliotti (18), Darby Callahan (24), and GIUSEPPE (27)!

Spring Calendar

5/12	Michael Page Clinic	6/16	Michael Page Clinic
5/26	Oxbow Dressage Show & Combined Test	6/29	Gymkhana & Barbecue
6/2	Tara Bowles XC Clinic	7/1	Session #1 of the Summer Program

Calling all volunteers

We have our first horse trials on **May 26th** and as most of you know, running cross country requires a lot of help, so come out and volunteer. We need you!

What's a horse trials? It used to be called "Combined Training" and now is called "Eventing". Originally used to train horses for the military, it is very much like a triathlon, with three phases. The first phase is the dressage test, the second is the cross country and the third is show jumping. Cross country may be run before or after show jumping.

What makes this competition so "volunteer intensive" is the cross country phase. Ridden outside of the arena, horses and riders gallop and jump over natural terrain. They may encounter such natural obstacles as water, banks and drops. A "fence judge" is needed at individual obstacles because it's not possible to see all the obstacles from one vantage point. It's a fun job and not difficult. One doesn't need any special expertise.

So, plan to come out and help on May 20th and see some fun riding.

Special Announcement

We will be planning a wedding for Miss Daisy and Mr. Chester. They have found true love and are the cutest pair! We will let you know the details of the upcoming event. Daisy is so small that she makes Chester look big! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

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Gymkhana & Barbecue

Come join us on **June 29th** for our last day of the school year Saturday Program. We'll have a fun barbecue and gymkhana. And, of course, the best gymkhana race stars me – post-a-part on the don-key! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Summer Program

We are getting calls for our summer program which starts on **July 2nd**. We have opportunities for junior instructors who will assist the campers. See the enclosed info.

APRIL SHOW

Although it was small, we had a fun time at our first show on April 28th. The weather was on again, off again rain so we held the dressage in the indoor. The rain stopped for show jumping so all the riders were still able to compete in stadium.

We want to thank **Sheree Cushner**, dressage judge, **Lisa Merrill**, dressage scribe; **Nancy Just**, dressage steward, **Jo Iacono**, show jumping judge and **Nancy Nelson**, show jumping steward.

Training Level

1st Sarah Stinneford & Orchid's Tamino [T-1] (80.700)

2nd Sarah Stinneford & Orchid's Tamino [T-2]

(73.600)

3rd Caroline Bednarczyk & Maximus [T-1] (63.200)

Combined Tests

1st **Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey [PS] (35.000)**

2nd **Barbara Nabors & Loki [BN] (38.300)**

3rd **Barbara Nabors & Loki [N] (39.800)**

4th Courtney Squillante & HSH Rio [BN] (41.500)

5th Eliminated

6th Eliminated

Intro & Elementary Combined Tests

1st **Capri Tanis & Luke [Intro] (28.200)**

2nd Caroline Bednarczyk & Maximus [Intro] (35.600)

3rd Capri Tanis & Luks [Elem] (37.900)

4th Jemma DeFeo & Gracie [Elem] (40.000)

5th Jemma DeFeo & Gracie [Intro] (46.90)

Eventing Dressage

1st Tie Megan Calkin & Sugar [BN-A] (32.800)

1st Tie Caroline Bednarczyk & Maximus [BN-A] (32.800)

3rd Kimmie Coscia & Princess [Intro A] (34.400)

Presentation

1st Megan Calkin & Sugar (93)

2nd Kimmie Coscia & Princess (92)

3rd Capri Tanis & Luke (90)

Michael page clinic

We had a great clinic with **Michael Page** on April 14th. With just our riders Michael had fun making them ride well and having their horses jump great! **Megan Calkin** aboard Sugar, **Jemma DeFeo** with Gracie, **Barbara Nabors** astride Loki and **Melissa Sinopoli** riding Lacey all jumped to the Olympian's satisfaction. It's great to see the progress everyone is making.

We are looking to have Michael back on May 12th. Come out and ride or audit. Michael makes the hard work look like fun!

Health Tip

Dr. MacNamara was here to float the horses' teeth and we asked him about ticks. He uses the "**Deep Woods Off!**" made by SC Johnson. It comes in a spray and wipes. Dr. MacNamara told us that since most ticks come from the ground, spray the horse's legs and wipe his muzzle. The ticks will come up the legs and jump on the horse's nose when he goes down to eat grass.

Giuseppe Awards

We ran out of space in the April Newsletter so here is the listing of our 2018 Giuseppe Awards!

Rachana Bhattacharya: Whenever Rachana's dad come to pick her up, she usually groans or asks us to tell him she isn't here. (We understand! All of us horse-lovers dread having to leave the barn!) For that reason, we got Rachana a pillow so that she doesn't have to go home, she can just sleep in Nicky's stall!

Megan Calkin: During lunch on Saturdays, Megan eats all off Emma's trail mix, so we got her several bags of her own.

Kimmie Coscia: Kimmie loves Little Princess and rides her on Saturdays. We got Kimmie a tiara to show that Princess is her favorite pony!

Emma Gentles: Emma is always complaining about not having a ride anywhere, so we got her a toy car so that she can drive herself around, especially to the barn!

Julie Glista: Julie asks Kimmie, Emma, Capri and Megan for peppermints. Our first thought was that she wanted treats for the horses, but instead, she eats them herself and keeps asking for more! We got Julie two bags of peppermints so that she can eat as many as she wants and hopefully save some for the horses, too!

Pola Gospodarzec: Pola usually forgets to bring a hair tie to the barn, so she got several packages of hair ties so she never runs out!

Tara McAdams: Tara is always wearing her helmet even after she has finished riding and caring for the horses. We made her a helmet cover with pom-poms on it so that she can wear a hat and her helmet in one.

Riley Simon: Riley usually doesn't wear a jacket, even during the colder winter weather! So, we got her a polka dot doll jacket to wear!

Capri Tanis: Capri can groom, clean a stall and tack up superfast. Although Megan is the one who needs it, we got Capri a timer to represent her quickness!

Melissa Sinopoli: Melissa has to get loud sometimes to get our attention and our focus back on track, so we got her a megaphone!

Valentina Stigler: When working around horses you work up a sweat and Val told us that she sweats a lot. To help Val with that, we got her some deodorant.

Max & Millie: Max & Millie greet everyone who enters the barn. When the kids walk in the office in the morning, Max & Millie come running down the hill to say “hi”, receive a treat, and of course Max wants you to throw his ball. We got Max & Millie some dog treats and a ball toy.

Tara: Tara asks everyone to make sure the lights get turned off when you leave a room. Still, some are left on. We got Tara a light switch so that she can make sure they are all off!

Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club

Happy Spring! The grass is becoming greener and the horses have a big appetite! On April 20th we had our Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone did great job egg hunting and we all ended up with lots of candy! Giuseppe and Chester wore their bunny ears and participated in the fun. Our top winners were **Riley Simon** – 84 eggs, **Kimmie Coscia** – 51 eggs and **Julie Glista** – 40 eggs.

At our May and June meetings we will be hearing 4-H presentations, so please begin working on your topics. We will be discussing how to do a presentation at our meetings.

Megan Calkin
President / Reporter

<i>4-H Schedule</i>			
5/4	4-H Meeting - Presentations	6/8	4-H Meeting - Presentations
5/18	4-H Meeting - Presentations	6/15	4-H Meeting - Presentations
6/1	4-H Meeting - Presentations	6/29	Gymkhana & Barbecue

Quote of the Month

“I thank You God for most this amazing day: for leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes.”

- e.e. cummings

