

# Giuseppe's Gazette November 2019

Greetings from Giuseppe! We have had quite a month! School is underway and we had the most fantastic Halloween Costume Contest! **Lisa Merrill** turned Moonbeam into the most unbelievable zebra and **Addisyn Fazio** turned Nicky into a terrific looking cow! **Melissa Sinopoli** decorated Lacey with very authentic markings that Indians paint on their horses. The paint is made especially for horses and will wash off or wear off. Moonbeam still has stripes on her legs! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We extend a warm welcome to **Robin Shore**, Wyckoff and her baby, Freedom. He's a young 5 year old, handsome Westphalen gelding, imported from Holland.

We also welcome **Carole Cox**, New York, NY; **Erin Henry**, Newton, and **Sigan Wilson**, Ramsey, our new adult riders.

You can be assured that next October we will not have a show on the same week-end as the Pine Hill Horse Trials in East Bellville, Texas. In 2018 Tara did Jane Cory a favor by going down to be the president of the Ground Jury because Jane was undergoing a hip replacement surgery. In 2019 Ruth Sawin, the owner and organizer of Pine Hill invited Tara down again. Of course we had a horse trial on that same week-end! To make things easier, Tara went down on Thursday afternoon so she wouldn't have to make both flights at 6:00 am! Once again, **Lara Stigler** was kind enough to get her to the airport and pick her up. Busy, busy weekend!

We're busy coordinating dates for 2020! We will continue to have our "Hairy Horse" Dressage shows during the winter, and we'll also have some jumping dates, as well. We'll keep you posted.

## November birthdays

Our best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to Heidi Schmidl (4), Riley Simon (28), Cathy Morelli (28) and Karen Soscia (30).

## November Anniversaries

Our best wishes go out to Rachana Bhattacharya (2016), Jessica Costa (2018), Emily Lucania (2018)

## Late Fall Calendar

11/2	ORC #2 Session	12/21	Holiday Party & Gymkhana
11/17	Oxbow Show (Closing Date: 11/07)	12/29	Michael Page Jumping Clinic
11/24	Michael Page Jumping Clinic		

## October show

Our show on October 20<sup>th</sup> was small and fun. The dressage judge was **Patricia Piccillo**. Our thanks to **Lisa Merrill** our dressage scribe; **Philippa Bowles**, our dressage steward and **Erin Rizzi**, our scorer and **Nancy Nelson** our secretary, as well as cross country start. We also thank **Jo Iacono**, our show jumping judge. Here are the results:

### Horse Trials

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maggie Ekstrom & Patrick [S/BN] (26.000)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Capri Tanis & Luke [PS] (33.300)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey [S] (36.800)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Megan Calkin & Sugar [PS] (37.300)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Nancy Just & Kye [S] (53.100)**

### Combined Tests

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Barbara Nabors & Loki [N] (34.300)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Kimmie Coscia & Little Princess [I] (37.700)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Barbara Nabors & Loki [BN] (40.800)**

### Individual Tests

- Leah Petersen & Lola [T-3] (71.700)
- Leah Petersen & Lola [T-2] (66.300)

### Halloween Contest

We had some of the most interesting costumes at our annual Equine Costume Contest on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. **Barbara Nabors** and **Robin Shore** were our judges. Here are the results:

**Most Artistic** – **Capri Tanis & Luke** as the “Fireman and Dalmatian”

**Most Authentic** – **Pola Gospodarzec, Riley Simon & Count** as “Counting Numbers”

**The Coolest** – **Megan Calkin & Sugar** as the “Elf and the Reindeer”

**Most Creative** – **Jo Iacono & Domino** as the “Witch with her Donkey, Selling Used Brooms”

**The Cutest** – **Meghan Abdinoor & Tara McAdams & Chester** as Elvis with his Entourage and Security Guard

**Most Effort** – **Lisa Merrill & Moonbeam** as the Safari Hunter & the Zebra

**The Flashiest** – **Kimmie Coscia & Little Princess** as the “Pumpkin & the Pumpkin Carver”

**The Funniest** – **Jasmine Figueroa & Macaroni** as the “Hawaiians”

**The Hottest** – **Mackenzie Nelson & Poco** as the “Painter & the Paint Horse”

**Most Original** – **Addisyn Fazio & Nicky** as the “Cowgirl & the Cow”

**The Prettiest** – **Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey** as the “Indian & her Pony”

**The Sweetest** – **Alex Gospodarzec & Kye** as the “Elf & Reindeer”

Look for pictures on our Facebook page.

### 2019 Dressage Scores

We are earning some great dressage scores this year. A dressage score of 70% or better is terrific and with the eventing a score of 30% is outstanding. (With eventing you convert the score to a penalty because when you jump a “clean” round is what you are going for; that is no penalties – a score of zero. To get the total score in eventing you add the dressage score to the jumping score – for example, 30.000 + 0 faults in jumping = 30.000). Below are our dressage and eventing scores so far this year.

### 2019 High Score Dressage Scores

- 1 **Rachana Bhattacharya & Nicky [I-A] (71.80)**
- 2 **Capri Tanis & Luke [I-A] (71.20)**
- 3 **Philippa Bowles & Crimson [I-B] (70.90)**
- 3 **Megan Calkin & Sugar [I-B] (70.90)**
- 4 **Megan Calkin & Sugar [I-C] (68.50)**

### 2019 Low Score Eventing Dressage Scores

- 1 **Capri Tanis & Luke [I-A] (28.20)**
- 2 **Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey [I-C] (28.30)**
- 3 **Megan Calkin & Sugar [I-C] (28.80)**
- 4 **Kimmie Coscia & Princess [I-A] (29.70)**
- 5 **Barbara Nabors & Loki [N-A] (30.80)**
- 5 **Capri Tanis & Luke [I-C] (30.80)**
- 6 **Nancy Just & Kye [BN-A] (30.90)**
- 7 **Rachana Bhattacharya & Nicky [I-B] (32.20)**

## Training Tip

The following is excerpted from the US Pony Club Manual, C-1-C-2 Level.

### **Improving Your Use of the Aids**

The aids can be used in three ways: as *driving aids*, *restraining aids*, or *guiding aids*. There are several degrees of aids, from the lightest to the strongest. A good rider always starts with the lightest aids and increases them only as much as necessary to make her horse pay attention, then returns to a lighter aid.

#### ***The Driving Aids***

The driving aids are those that send the horse forward and ask for more energy. These are legs, seat, and voice (natural aids), and whips, crops, and spurs (artificial aids).

- Legs are the main driving aid. You use them in their normal position, just behind the girth, by squeezing (a short increase of pressure with the calf muscles, like a brief hug), nudging or sometimes tapping.
- The seat makes your leg aids more powerful when you sit deep and tall. Briefly stretching your spine along with your leg aids can help make a reluctant horse move forward.
- The voice aid for forward movement may be a word or a short, sharp “cluck” used along with your leg and stick (whip/crop). You should not use voice aids too often, or your horse may stop paying attention.
- Spurs may be used to reinforce the leg aids with a gentle touch or a brief nudge.
- Whips or crops are the most powerful artificial aids to reinforce the natural driving aids. To apply a crop, you take the reins in one hand while you reach back with the other hand and tap the horse’s side close behind your leg. You can use a dressage whip to tap the horse’s side without taking your hand off the reins. Never pull on the horse’s mouth when using a whip or crop.
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#### ***The Restraining Aids***

The restraining aids are those that ask your horse to stop or slow down, or prevent him from going forward. They include seat, hands, and sometimes voice (natural aids).

- The seat is the most important restraining aid. Sitting deep and tall, rebalancing yourself, and briefly stretching your spine helps your horse adjust his balance to stop, slow down, or collect himself.
- Hands should squeeze, not pull. They may squeeze briefly, or resist (or hold) by applying steady pressure. The strongest rein effect is a pulley rein (bracing one hand against the horse’s neck and lifting sharply up and back with the other), which is used only for emergency control.
- Voice – for example, a quiet, soothing “Whoa” – can sometimes help out the other restraining aids. This should not be overdone.

We’ll have more on the aids next month.

**Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club**

Project Books are due and please remember your annual dues of \$35.

As part of our community service, we will be collecting food items for a Thanksgiving dinner. Items need to be in by Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please get in your orders for the holiday wreaths. Sponsored by the 4-H Foundation, the monies collected go towards their scholarship programs.

Kimmie Coscia  
Reporter

***4-H Schedule***

11/9	Officers' Meeting	12/7	Meeting - 2:30 - 3:30
11/16	Food Items for Thanksgiving Basket due	12/21	Holiday Party & Gymkhana
11/23	Meeting - 2:30 - 3:30		

**Quote of the Month**

“The miracle of gratitude is that it shifts your perception to such an extent that it changes the world you see.”

- Dr. Robert Holden

**Giuseppe's Jottings**

We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and remember your equine friends with treats. (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

