

## Giuseppe's Gazette October 2019

Greetings from Giuseppe! October is a special month. We have our famous equine costume contest and it is "trick or treat" month. So, remember the treats! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Speaking of the 31<sup>st</sup>, remember to mark your calendars for our annual Halloween Costume Contest on October 26<sup>th</sup>. It's a blast to see what these kids come up with for us to wear! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Our junior rider of the month is **Capri Tanis**. She out rode all the other Oxbow riders to win the Pre-Starter/Starter Horse Trials with Luke. Their winning score was 34.300. Our adult rider is **Melissa Sinopoli**. She and Lacey came in second with a score of 34.500! That is close! Fabulous job! Congratulations!

We welcome **Meghan Abdinoor**, Oak Ridge; **Addisyn Fazio**, West Milford; **Jasmine Figueroa**, Lyndhurst to the Oxbow Riding Club, aka the Saturday Program. They are having a blast enjoying each other and us equines! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!) Jasmine summed it up by saying, "I love it here!"

We welcome Rebecca Bain, Franklin; our new junior rider and Ashley Carnival, our new adult rider. Ashley is an actor with the *Medieval Times* show and got interested in learning more about horses and the art of riding.

It's nice to see **Jo Iacono Zimmerman** back in the saddle. Jo was beset with sinus infections and she had no energy to come to the barn. It's great to see her and her baby, Lucy (Jack Russell). Millie and Max have fun with her.

Max and Millie are also having fun with another new puppy, Milo. It's **Capri Tanis'** new dog. Milo plays with Max the same way Max used to play with Millie.

### October Birthdays

Our best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to **Tara McAdams** (1), **Jacky Thorward** (1), **Ava Dibadj** (16), **Rachana Bhattacharya** (17), **Kevin Arthur** (22), **Nancy Just** (24).

### October Anniversaries

Our best wishes go out to **Jo Iacono** (2014), **Barbara Nabors** (2014), **Adele Aboutok** (2017), **Maggie Baran** (2017)

### National Equine Vet Week

You know they have a day or a week for just about everyone and everything. September 23- 29 was National Equine Veterinarian Week. We sent **Dr. MacNamara** of the Warwick Equine Clinic a card to let him know we were thinking about him. Now I want to know when the National Week for Miniature Donkeys is! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

### Fall Calendar

10/20	Oxbow Show	10/20	Oxbow Show
10/26	Halloween Party & Costume Contest	10/26	Halloween Party & Costume Contest
10/27	Michael Page Jumping Clinic	10/27	Michael Page Jumping Clinic

### From the Office

Now that riders are riding later – after school and after work, please remember to make arrangements for feeding your horse. You may call the barn and ask that your horse be fed early (graining is about 4:30-4:45 pm). Please don't assume that there is someone to do it after 4:30 pm. Our barn staff goes home at that time. In a pinch, you may call and ask Tara to do it, but it is best if you are riding around dinner time to make plans to have your horse fed early. We are happy to do it. Remember, we equines love to eat! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

September Show
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We had picture perfect weather for our show on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Kari Allen judged dressage. Our thanks to **Philippa Bowles**, dressage scribe, **Darby Callahan**, dressage steward, **Erin Ricci**, scorer, **Jo Iacono** stadium judge, **Barbara Nabors**, **Marilia & Ty Tanis**, stadium crew.

The results:

Pre-Starter & Starter Horse Trials

**1<sup>st</sup> Capri Tanis & Luke [PS] (34.300)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Sinopoli & Lacey [S] (34.500)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Just & Kye [S] (36.400)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Megan Calkin & Sugar [PS] (53.500)**

Combined Tests

1<sup>st</sup> Erika Richardson & Sebastian Speaks [S] (33.900)

2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Weintraub & Sterling Affaire [E] (36.600)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Nabors & Loki [N] (38.600)**

4<sup>th</sup> Haylie Kersetter & Warlander [BN] (39.300)

5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Weintraub & Ballroom Blitz [I] (40.000)

**6<sup>th</sup> Barbara Nabors & Loki [BN] (40.800)**

Elementary & Intro Horse Trials

1<sup>st</sup> Sandra Schwinzer & Kontraband [E] (33.500)

2<sup>nd</sup> Ksenia Sweet & Cloud [E] (35.700)

3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria Donofrio & Muilan [I] (36.300)

4<sup>th</sup> Maya Sobel-Bonk & Million Coins [E] (36.900)

USEF Training Level

1<sup>st</sup> Laura Weintraub & Sterling Affaire [T-1] (61.500)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Weintraub & Ballroom Blitz [T-2] (54.400)

USEF First Level

1<sup>st</sup> Jenny Morris & Claire [F-3] (61.500)

2<sup>nd</sup> Jenny Morris & Claire [F-2] (60.500)

USDF Introductory Tests

Sandra Schwinzer & Kontraband [I-A] (33.800)

Fall Vaccines
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It's that time of year to vaccinate the horses. Here's information taken from the US Pony Club Manual, C Level.

*Vaccinations* (also called *inoculations*, *immunizations* or *shots*) help protect a horse against diseases caused by specific infectious organisms such as *bacteria* or *viruses*. A vaccine is injected into your horse to stimulate its *immune system* to produce *antibodies* that fight against a specific infectious organism. This immunity lasts for a varying length of time for

each disease, depending on the organism that causes the disease and the type of vaccination used. Horses require **booster vaccinations** at various intervals to keep their immunity up.

Antibodies are the body's natural defense against infectious organisms. Once the body has produced antibodies, it remembers how to produce them if it is exposed to the infectious organism again. A vaccine works by "teaching" the body how to produce antibodies for a specific organism so that when it is exposed to that organism again, it can respond and attack the disease organism faster. The immune system's memory lasts for a different amount of time depending on the type of organism that causes the disease and the type of vaccination used.

When a horse is vaccinated for the first time, the immune system's response is too weak to be able to fight an infection if a horse is exposed to the disease, so a booster vaccination is required to strengthen the immune system's response. A booster shot is usually given 4 to

6 weeks after the first vaccination, and then every few months to one year after that to keep the immune system's memory sharp. The time between booster vaccinations varies by the type of vaccination and the organism that is being vaccinated against.

Choosing a vaccination program for your horse should be done with your veterinarian, who will base his choice of vaccinations on the risk of your horse contracting each disease. Certain diseases are more common in some areas, while other diseases are widespread throughout the country. Some diseases are passed from horse to horse, while others can be contracted from the environment that your horse lives in.

A horse's risk of getting an infectious disease generally depends on how much he is exposed to other horses (with some exceptions). A horse at the lowest risk is one kept in a *closed herd*. This horse is kept at home and never exposed to any new horses. The next risk level is a horse kept in a *semi-closed herd*, where he may be occasionally taken off the farm or new horses occasionally come onto the farm. An example of this would be a small horse farm that takes horses to occasional shows. Horses that are kept in an *open herd*, where horses are constantly coming and going and are stabled in close quarters, have the highest risk of contracting an infectious disease. An example of this would be a racetrack or a horse show.

Following are two of the most important vaccinations for the fall.

**INFLUENZA**

Available as an intramuscular injection or a squirt up the nose (intranasal). Immunity lasts about six months, so it may need to be given twice a year if your horse travels to competitions or is exposed to new horses throughout the year.

**RHINOPNEUMONITIS**

Given as an intramuscular injection. Immunity lasts two to six months, depending on the product, so it may need to be given as often as every two months to high risk horses.

Warwick Equine Clinic will be out on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> to administer vaccines.

**Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club**

The new 4-H year begins in October, so please remember to bring in your annual dues. It's just \$35 for the year. Also, for our members who have been in the club for at least a year, project books are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We elected officers for the new year at our meeting in September. They are: President: **Megan Calkin**, Vice-President: **Capri Tanis**, Secretary: **Tara McAdams**, Treasurer: **Riley Simon**, Reporter: **Kimmie Coscia**.

*Kimmie Coscia*, Reporter

4-H Schedule			
10/13	Officers Meeting	11/2	4-H Meeting
10/26	Halloween Party	11/16	4-H Meeting

**Poem of the month**

Megan Calkin's poem made the Principal's blog and the school website! Of course it's about us equines! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

*Life in a Pair of Breeches*

My blue eyes are like the glistening Arctic settled on the dark ocean  
 My mind is a race horse galloping faster than I can keep up  
 My heart is pathed with a trail of hoof prints and my soul is a flower swaying to the sound of a clip-clop beat  
 My passion is being on the back of a horse  
 And I am like a young child beaming with excitement while jumping a colorful course  
 My hair is a lion's mane and shimmers under the golden sun  
 My feet are ice skates slipping and sliding across the kitchen floor  
 I live inside boots, breeches and a helmet  
 My personality resembles leather, smooth on the outlook, yet tough and durable  
 My ideas are butterflies flipping and flapping in each direction