

Giuseppe's Gazette November 2020

Greetings from Giuseppe! We have had quite a month! As turbulent as society gets, we at the barn are going about our business, enjoying life and each other! Come and join us! Of course, bring treats!!! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We extend a warm welcome to **Nicole & Jimmy Russo**, Vernon and their, children **Jameson & Lyla**. We also welcome their babies, Bambi and Turf. Bambi is a three year old miniature horse, about 30 inches high. Turf is a very friendly Arabian/Quarter Horse gelding. We are hoping that we can bring Domino and Bambi together. They would make an adorable pair! Besides the cute equines, we now have some cute ducks! Six in fact. Jimmy and the kids are getting them acclimated to their home and the pond.

We welcome **Amber Choi**, Wharton, **Julia Godniak**, Union and **Eden Del Grasso**, Hillsdale, our new junior riders.

We're busy planning for 2021! For those of you who are super organized here are our show dates! April 25, May 23, June 20, July 11, August 15, September 12, and October 19.

November birthdays

Our best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to Jameson Russo (23), Riley Simon (28), Cathy Morelli (28), Nicole Russo (28), and Karen Soscia (30).

November Anniversaries

Our best wishes go out to Rachana Bhattacharya (2016), Jessica Costa (2018), Emily Lucania (2018), Robin Shore (2019).

Late Fall Calendar

11/7	ORC #2 Session	11/26	Thanksgiving Day
11/11	Veterans' Day	12/19	Holiday Party & Gymkhana

Interesting & Fun Dates

11/2	National	Cookie Monster Day	11/14	National	Pickle Day
11/3	National	Sandwich Day	11/16	International	Day for Tolerance
11/13	World	Kindness Day	11/21	National	Pumpkin Pie Day

Halloween Contest

Although we had a small group, it was fun to see what everyone came up with for our annual Halloween Equine Costume Contest on Oct. 31st. Look for pictures on our Facebook page. Here are the results:

Most Artistic – **Charlotte Mace, Jack Studer & Macaroni** as the Pirates.

Most Authentic – **Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy** as Harry Trotter (aka Potter) and Hermione. (Great socks!)

Most Original – **Addisyn Fazio & Pola Gospodarzec & Nicky** as the Cat in the Hat & Thing One & Thing Two

The Scariest – **Sarah Fritzsh & Madison Fritzsh & Kye** as the Mummy

The Spookiest – **Mackenzie Nelson & Poco** as the Ghosts.

The Cutest – **Karen Soscia** as the Panda Bear

The Wisest – **Tara McAdams & Count** as Harry Potter

Holiday Wreaths

Remember to order a holiday wreath! It's a great way to support the Sussex County 4-H Foundation. The proceeds benefit their scholarship fund. Orders are due by Nov. 14th. We will have sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards and flyers will be going out to ORC members.

2020 Dressage Scores

In spite of our shortened show season, we had some respectable dressage scores. 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, and that is what you are going for; there are 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 for the year.

2020 High Score Dressage Scores

- 1 Capri Tanis & Mariposa [I-C] (69.500)
- 2 Megan Calkin & Sugar [I-B] (69.300)
- 3 Addisyn Fazio & Princess (I-A) (68.700)
- 3 Nancy Just & Kye [I-C] (67.000)
- 4 Megan Calkin & Annie [I-A] (66.800)
- 5 Robin Shore & Freedom (I-A) (66.500)

2020 Low Score Eventing Dressage Scores

- 1 Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy [BN-A] (26.700)
- 2 Megan Calkin & Annie [I-B] (31.000)
- 3 Megan Calkin & Sugar [BN-A] (32.000)
- 4 Capri Tanis & Mariposa [I-B] (32.200)
- 5 Barbara Nabors & Loki [BN-B] (33.50)

Giuseppe's Jottings

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Foxhunting is steeped in much tradition. Here are a few terms:

A PACK OF HOUNDS

A suggested minimum being 12 couple, hounds being counted in couples, making 12 couples a total of 24 hounds. Most huntsmen wish to hunt between 10 and 15 couple, with many of the hunts going out with as many as 30 couple. There are three basic breeds of hounds suited to mounted foxhunting: the English, the American and the Crossbred, which as a combination of the English and the American.

A HUNTSMAN

A staff member who trains the hounds, hunts the hounds and controls them in the field.

HUNT COUNTRY

This is the area in which the hunt takes place.

MASTERS OF FOX HOUNDS

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WHIPPERS-IN

Each hunt has Whippers-in, which are usually honorary whippers-in as opposed to professional whippers-in. This means that they are members of the hunt club who voluntarily donate a great deal of time to helping the Huntsman exercise hounds and during the hunt they ride where the Huntsman designates to observe hounds, keep them from rioting on deer or cattle, turning them back from crossing highways and busy roads. A Whipper-in must know the names of the hounds, which are old, steady hounds and which are young hounds and be generally aware of where the hounds are at all times.

FIELD MASTER

The Field Master may be a MFH or a member of the hunt who has hunted for a number of years, knows the country well and has a steady, bold jumping horse. The Field Master rides ahead of the field members and guests who are out with the hunt and it is their duty to stay behind (and not crowd) the Field Master, nor must they ever pass the Field Master. Most hunts have two fields, the jumping Field, and a Hilltopping Field (non-jumping). The Hilltoppers are led by a Field Master who must know the country well, and can lead them through the country where they can open gates and get around the area without losing the hunt.

THE HUNTING FIELD

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THE MEET

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FIXTURE CARD

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THE HUNT SEASON

Hound work is a year 'round activity. Preparation for the fox hunting season begins in earnest on the first of August when the Hunt Staff commences hound exercise by horseback. This is referred to as "Roading". This gets both hounds and staff horses into hunting fitness and is particularly important for the young entry, as this is usually their first exposure to horses and to areas outside the kennel grounds. Ideally, this period of exercise lasts about six weeks. Members are welcome to come out during this time. It is an excellent opportunity to leg up your horse or introduce a green horse to hunting.

AUTUMN HUNTING

Autumn Hunting consists of the first six weeks of hunting prior to the opening of Formal Hunting. It is designed to enter the young hounds and continue the conditioning of both hounds and horses. During autumn hunting we work the converts slowly and thoroughly, paying close attention to keeping track of the young entry. On very warm, or bad scenting days we will not keep the hounds out for very long periods as this training period is extremely important to the success of good hunting when the formal season starts. Do not expect the autumn hunting season to provide fast or long hunts, however, this again depends on the game and the scenting conditions.

FORMAL HUNTING

Formal hunting begins at the end of October. By this time young hounds should be steady and hunts have gradually lengthened to full scale. Hunting continues twice a week.



Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club

As part of our community service, we will be collecting food items for a Thanksgiving dinner. Items need to be in by Nov. 14th.

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

Capri Tanis
Vice President

4-H Schedule

11/14	Food Items for Thanksgiving Basket due	12/19	Holiday Party & Gymkhana
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Quote of the Month

“It takes years to make a horse, a lifetime to make a horsewoman.”

- Lucinda Green

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

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Kimmie Coscia
Reporter

<i>4-H Schedule</i>			
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

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