

Giuseppe's Gazette October 2020

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!)

We welcome **Cheyenne Ford**, Wantage and **Karine Yamout**, Sussex, our new adult riders. Cheyenne works as a small animal vet technician and Karine teaches at Walkill High School. We also welcome **Imani-Rose Galvin**, Kinnelon and **Jack Studer**, Highland Lakes, our new junior riders who have joined our Saturday Program.

We've been busy refurbishing and moving our cross country portable jumps. A big thanks to **Bob Mulligan** for coming out and helping repair and paint. We really appreciate the help!

We started posting certain fun “National Days”. So, a reminder: October 21st is National Apple Day so remember to bring an apple to all your equine friends. October 3rd is National Kevin Day and October 17th is National Mulligan Day. I don't know what these days mean but Kevin (Arthur) and Bob (Mulligan) have their own days! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

October Birthdays

Our best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to **Tara McAdams** (1), **Jacky Thorward** (1), **Rachana Bhattacharya** (17), **Kevin Arthur** (22), **Nancy Just** (24), **Bob Mulligan** (26), **Connie Pearson** (27).

October Anniversaries

Our best wishes go out to **Jo Iacono** (2014), **Barbara Nabors** (2014), **Adele Aboutok** (2017), **Pola Gospodarzec** (2019), **Robin Shore** (2019)

Interesting & Fun Dates

10/2	World	Smile Day	10/25	National	I Care About You Day
10/3	National	Poetry Day	10/27	National	Black Cat Day
10/4	National	Cinnamon Roll Day	10/27	National	American Beer Day
10/4	World	Animal Day	10/28	National	Chocolate Day
10/25	National	Greasy Foods Day	10/28	National	Immigrants Day

Fall Calendar

10/31	Halloween Costume Contest	10/25	Oxbow Show
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Correction

We inaccurately posted the results for our Combined Tests in the August show. The correct results are below:

- 1st Meg Colaanni & Old Army [BN] (29.500)
- 2nd Barbara Nabors & Loki [N] (37.400)
- 3rd Barbara Nabors & Loki [BN] (39.500)
- 4th Sophia Kucinski & Ethel [PS] (45.300)
- 5th Eliminated

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

We had great weather for our show on September 12^h. Peggy Hipple judged dressage. Our thanks to **Philippa Bowles**, dressage scribe, **Darby Callahan**, dressage steward, **Bob Mulligan**, scorer, **Jo Iacono** stadium judge, **Bob Mulligan**, **Nancy Nelson**, **Ty Tanis**, stadium crew and **Melissa Sinopoli**, stadium course designer. The results:

Pre-Starter & Starter Horse Trials

- 1st **Sandra Schwiner & Kontraband [PS] (30.300)**
- 2nd **Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy [BN] (30.500)**
- 3rd **Barbara Nabors & Loki [N] (32.400)**
- 4th **Barbara Nabors & Loki [BN] (32.800)**
- 5th Sophia Kucinski & Ethel's a Heartbreaker [PS] (35.800)
- 6th Eliminated

Introductory & Elementary Combined Tests

- 1st **Megan Calkin & Annie Oakley [E] (31.000)**
- 2nd **Capri Tanis & Mariposa [E] (32.200)**
- 3rd Ruby Leveque & Trilogy [I] (38.100)

USDF Introductory Test A

- 1st Diana Sidtis & Star (69.600)
- 2nd Ashley Rosendale & Wesley (67.500)
- 3rd **Megan Calkin & Annie Oakley (66.800)**

USDF Introductory Test B

- 1st Ashley Rosendale & Wesley (71.500)
- 2nd Heather Bath & Lizzo (69.600)
- 3rd Diana Sidtis & Star (65.000)

USDF Introductory Test C

- 1st **Capri Tanis & Annie Oakley (69.500)**
- 2nd Mary Muys & Bentley (69.200)
- 3rd Heather Bath & Lizzo (68.500)

USEF Training Level, Test 1

- 1st Mary Muys & Bentley (72.300)
- 2nd Galina Pavel & LeDeDa (70.100)
- 3rd Laura Shanon & Timber (69.000)
- 4th Galina Pavel & Lucy (66.900)

USEF Training Level, Test 2

- 1st Galina Pavel & Lucy (71.500)
- 2nd Galina Pavel & LeDeDa (68.900)
- 3rd Kaitlin Kopshaw & Indy (68.200)

USEF Training Level, Test 3

- 1st Carlee Curcio & Raspotnik's Lucas (71.800)
- 2nd Kaitlin Kopshaw & Indy (68.700)

Hodges Badge Company Contest

Hodges Badge Company is the company we use for our ribbons and awards. Go to their website at <http://www.hodgesbadge.com/covercontest> to get details on their annual equestrian photo cover contest. The Grand Prize is \$2500 and there are 10 Honorable Mentions of \$100. The winning photo will be the cover of their 2020 catalogue and the honorable mention photos are used throughout the catalogue. The photo has to contain a Hodges ribbon, of course.

Fall Vaccines

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. 22nd to administer vaccines.

Oxbow Riding Club

We will be holding out Halloween Costume Contest on Saturday, Oct. 31st during the day. We are hesitant about having a large gathering with the pandemic still with us. We will take a lot of pictures!

Quotes of the month

“Refuse to fall down. If you cannot refuse to fall down, refuse to stay down. ...You may be pushed down, but no one can keep you from lifting your heart toward heaven.”

- Clarissa Pinkola Estés

“Sometimes it takes darkness and the sweet confinement of your aloneness to learn that anything or anyone that does not bring you alive is too small for you.”

- David Whyte



