

## Giuseppe's Gazette May 2021

Greetings from Giuseppe! It's nice to have the weather warm – well, sometimes! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!) The other day Robin Shore gave her boy Freedom a bath. Of course, as soon as she let him back out in his turn-out, he dropped and rolled. (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Remember, May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day – to the adults - don't forget to thank your mom for the great job she's done. People who are into animals and us equines are terrific! And, to all the kids – thank your mom for introducing you to the wonderful world of us equines! So, remember the treats for your moms and us equines! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We extend the biggest welcome back to **Jenny Ranford-Dix** and her babies, Henrietta and Jinxie. Jenny was with us for many years and left over some unfortunate circumstances and it is fabulous to have her and her cutie pies back. They are like Mutt and Jeff. Henrietta is a bay Draft Cross Mare, standing about 16.2 hands and Jinxie is a chestnut Welsh/Quarter Horse gelding standing about 14.2 hands. Of course he doesn't act like a small guy! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

It's great to see **Mackenzie Nelson** (*Nancy's* daughter) back in the saddle. Mackenzie recently announced to her mom that she wanted to ride again and wanted to compete in our April show. So, she got to the barn and worked Poco (*Nancy's* Pinto mare) and rode Intro Test A in the show. Welcome back, Mackenzie. It's wonderful to have you back in the saddle! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

We welcome **Ola Zaluska**, East Rutherford, our newest junior rider and **Anna Chindea**, West Orange, our newest Oxbow Riding Club (Saturday Program) member.

We're relieved that Sophie, **Lauren's Salch's** girl is back from the vet and is doing well. Sophie had an impaction and although she lost a bit of weight after her ordeal, she's is now doing fine. Of course, she now welcomes any treats. (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

### May Birthdays

Greetings go out to Riddle (4), Legacy (9), Andy Montaro (17), Darby Callahan (24), GIUSEPPE (27) and Milo (30).

### May Anniversaries

Our very best wishes go out to Lisa Merrill (2009).

### Spring Calendar

5/1	ORC #5 Session	6/20	Oxbow Show & Horse Trials
5/23	Oxbow Show & Horse Trials	6/26	Gymkhana & Barbecue
6/28	#1 Week of the Summer Program		

### Interesting & Fun Dates

May					
1	Kentucky	Derby Day	2	Rural	Life Sunday
1	Join	Hands Day	2	World	Laughter Day
1	Hug Your	Cat Day	2	World	Tuna Day
1	Learn to	Ride a Bike Day	8	No	Socks Day
1	National	Fitness Day	9	Mother's	Day

### Gymkhana & Barbecue

Come join us on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 donkey! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

### Sponsors

We send a big thank you to **Nancy Just** for giving us a 2021 sponsorship. We also send our appreciation to **Barbara Nabors** for giving a sponsorship to the Oxbow Raiders 4-H Club. Barbara works for Selective Insurance and they will match her donation. We appreciate your support and ask all our members to look at the different categories and if you can, please give us an ad or sponsorship.

### Chiropractor

We have found a great chiropractor; his name is **Dr. James Boyd**. He is both a human and animal chiropractor, working on horses, dogs and cats. We have used **Eugene Joubert**, from near Albany, NY. However, since the pandemic, Eugene couldn't make the journey down to us and there are a lot of so called chiropractors that aren't very effective. Well, Jim Boyd is and has worked on **Robin Shore's** boy, Freedom and **Melisa Sinopoli's** baby, Legacy. If you're interested, please talk to Tara so we can coordinate a session with the barn horses. If you'd like to talk to Dr. Boyd his number is 973-694-7944.

### Summer Program

We are getting calls for our summer program which starts on **June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Check the 2021 Schedule for specific weeks or give Tara a call, (973-903-3722).

### Oxbow Show

We had a fun show at our first show of the 2021 season. **Erin Laurent** was our Dressage Judge with **Lisa Merrill** scoring and **Nancy Nelson** stewarding. The rains stopped and we were able to hold a show jumping phase with **Sheryl Wilkins** judging and **Melissa Sinopoli, Barbara Nabors, Ele McAdams, Joe McAdams**, jump crew.

#### Introductory Tests A & B

- 1<sup>st</sup> Capri Tanis & Freedom [B] (70.300)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Capri Tanis & Freedom [A] (67.100)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pola Gospodarzec & Count [A] (66.800)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tara McAdams & Luke [A] (65.600)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mackenzie Nelson & Poco [A] (64.000)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Megan Calkin & Annie [A] (62.100)**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Cheyenne Ford & Turf [A] (61.200)**

#### USEA Tests

- 1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy [BN-A] (69.100)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy [BN-B] (68.200)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nancy Just & Kye [BN-A] (68.000)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Barbara Nabors & Loki [N-A] (67.600)**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Barbara Nabors & Loki [T-A] (63.300)**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Capri Tanis & Posey [IntroC] (59.000)**

*Clear Round Jumping*

*Cheyenne Ford & Turf [Intro] (Clear Round)*

*Pola Gospodarzec & Nicky [Intro] (Clear Round)*

*Capri Tanis & Posey [Elementary] (Clear Round)*

*Nancy Just & Kye [Starter] (Clear Round)*

*Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy [Starter] (Clear Round)*

*Melissa Sinopoli & Legacy [Beg. Novice] (4 faults)*

Calling all volunteers
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We have our show on **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be holding all three phases: dressage, show jumping and cross country. Horse Trials require a lot of volunteers because of cross country. We need your help!

What's a horse trials, you ask? 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 **June 20<sup>th</sup>**. You'll have fun. I promise! (Heehaw! Heehaw! Heehaw!)

Cross Country Rules
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Below are the most important rules for the cross country phase of a horse trials.

- ❖ Competitors at the start must be under control of a starter. The horse does not have to stand absolutely immobile, but the competitor must not get any advantage from a flying start.
- ❖ An attendant may lead the horse into the enclosure and is at liberty to move around and through the enclosure as he pleases. An attendant may hold the horse until the signal to start is given. From that instant, the competitor is considered to be on course and no further assistance may be given.
- ❖ If a competitor starts early, his time will be recorded from the moment he crosses the start line.
- ❖ Time is counted from the instant the starter gives the signal until the instant when the mounted horse reaches the finishing line. Time is counted in whole seconds, parts of a second counting as the next whole second (e.g. 30.25 seconds is recorded as 31 seconds).
- ❖ Optimum Time – The distance divided by the designated speed gives the optimum time. Completing the course in less than the optimum time results in zero time penalties. A competitor exceeding the optimum time will be penalized 0.4 penalty point per second.
- ❖ Speed Fault Time – The distance divided by the speed fault speed gives the speed fault time. Completing the course in less than the optimum time is not penalized up to the speed fault time. A competitor is penalized 0.4 penalty point per second.
- ❖ Time Limit – The Time Limit is twice the optimum time. A competitor exceeding the time limit will be eliminated.
- ❖ First refusal, run-out or circle at an obstacle is 20 penalties.

- ❖ Second refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle - 40 penalties.
- ❖ Third refusal, run-out or circle at the same obstacle - Elimination.
- ❖ Fourth penalized disobedience on the entire course - Elimination.
- ❖ First fall of competitor in which she/he lands on her/his feet and remains standing - 65 penalties.
- ❖ Second fall of competitor - Elimination.
- ❖ First fall of horse - Mandatory Retirement.
- ❖ Competing with improper saddlery - Elimination
- ❖ Error of course not rectified - Elimination
- ❖ Omission of obstacle or compulsory passage – Elimination
- ❖ Jumping an obstacle in the wrong direction – Elimination
- ❖ Retaking an obstacle already jumped – Elimination

<p>Quotes of the Month</p>
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“We must be willing to get rid of the life we’ve planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.”

- Joseph Campbell

“Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens.”

- Carl Jung

