

Cedarhill Farm News

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 10-13	USEF A Aiken
Jan. 17-20	USEF A Aiken
Jan. 26	PHJA Banquet
Feb. 2	PHJA C Cedarhill
Feb. 14-17	USEF A Aiken
Feb. 23	PHJA C Providence
March 1	PHJA C Cedarhill
March 13-16	USEF A Aiken
March 15	PHJA C Hidden Valley
March 30	PHJA C Providence
April 5-6	PHJA C Carolina Starz Tryon
April 12-13	PHJA C Queen City (&AA)
April 14-13 (to watch!)	Charlotte Jumper Classic
April 16-20	SCHJA Benefit —Aiken AA
April 19	PHJA C Rivendale*
April 23-27	Aiken AA Spring Classic I
April 26 (to watch!)	Queens Cup Steeplechase
May 3	PHJA C Cedarhill Farm
May 10	PHJA C Belfair
May 17-18	PHJA C Mid Year Show
May 21-25	Atlanta AA Spring Challenge
May 30-1	Camden Spring Fling A

A Recommended Read

“Geoff Teal on Hunters, Jumpers and Equitation,” is a great book that we recommend to all of our riders which can be bought at the Camden Tack Room in hard cover. It is also available from Amazon in hard or soft

cover. It is a no nonsense approach to good riding for today’s rider and would supplement our lessons at every level, especially our more advanced riders.

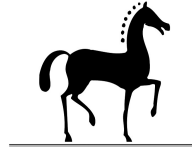
Evita, Elijah & Gift

We have been busy this past month playing match maker to quite a few of our riders.

Abby Rigney was the lucky girl who ended up getting Evita. Abby is keeping her at her grandmother’s barn around the corner from us and trailers in for lessons. Their goal is to do the jumpers in the future. They were successful competing over the limit hunter division at the Cedarhill February show. Evita seems quite happy in her new home, and is getting picked on only occasionally now by Goldie, her new pasture mate who is half her size!

Katie Laudun found her horse Elijah at the Aiken horse show with Brenley’s help. He was doing the pre green hunter division with Mary Jackson of

Camden SC. Katie is doing well with him already having competed with him for the first time at Cedarhill’s February horse show. In March they moved up to compete in the 3’ Open division. After riding little cute Caesar for the past year it is taking Katie some time to accustom herself to the power and scope and sensitivity that Elijah has. Nonetheless they are doing well together. It is a very happy ending to Katie’s horse search!



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Morgan Erlenbach got a Private Gift, the name of her new horse, a handsome tall dark thoroughbred gelding that she will be riding in

the limit hunter division. It is good to watch Morgan's learning continue to progress with her new horse. He had a rough start in the right field where some of the horses weren't kind, after sustaining love bites that weren't really done in love he found himself more accepted and loved/liked in the left field. Despite this I believe he genuinely likes his new home where he is picking up weight and is getting scrubbed, rubbed, and shined within an inch of his life by Morgan!

Happy Leasing

We have been match making some of our riders to new purchases, however quite a few lucky girls are leasing and half leasing instead. Congratulations to Kacie and Cider who are together while Kacie is in search of her new large green pony. Leases that are more lasting: Jeannie Rogers stepped up and committed to full leasing Caesar once Katie got Elijah. They competed successfully in the beginner adult division at the first show of the season. Mr.Cool and Peyton Sisk started the short stirrup division together in February, as did Morgan Goodson on Grace. Kara Biasucci just began leasing Sky and moved up to the short stirrup in the March show. Ali Gusmer is excited to be half leasing Oscar starting this past month, as is Caroline Wilder who began half leasing Teddy March 1, just in time for the Cedarhill Show. Josephine Grimmer was fortunate to be able to half lease Dudley and

showed him in the beginner rider division at the Cedarhill show .

PHJA Fund Raiser

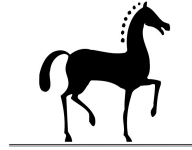
Look for information coming your way soon from Lisa O'Connell regarding a terrific and very fun way you can help horses in need from the USERL, a local horse rescue organization from Monroe NC. During the first meeting of the year this subject was discussed... the idea of a judged horse less class/division held during the mid and year end horse show to bring in funds was brought up. Perhaps even having the finals held during the intermission of the Charlotte Jumper Classic for 2009 at the Bobcat arena! Please let Lisa know if you have any great ideas to help these horses in need, meanwhile, stay tuned for exciting updates!

As Spectators

We are looking into getting tickets to the Charlotte Jumper Classic as well as the Queen's Cup Steeplechase for our Cedarhill riders and families to go as a group (bound to be more fun). Please email me if you are interested in participating. Note that some of our riders might be attending the Queen City Classic ALSO the same weekend as the Jumper Classic but during the day. Charlotte has become a horsey town during the month of April!

Get out what You put In!

Kids today are provided with an incredible array of options. Far more than what most of their parents had growing up. Although I feel that these opportunities are wonderful, I don't think



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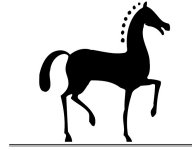
that most kids truly know how to make the most of them. Riding is a very precise sport. It requires strength, grace, compassion, an incredible work ethic, and a terrific sense of humor. The riding lessons at Cedarhill with Caroline, Colleen and Brenley help bring out these qualities. Sometimes you can see it early on; the kid who stays determined despite an obstinate pony who thinks otherwise. That is when all the qualities mentioned above are in gear (with the exception of grace!). Or the kid who practices riding without stirrups on their hack day followed by half seat at a slow trot as to not wear out their horse but get quality time in the saddle. This is the same kid who believes that some of the bad behavior of their mount might be attributed to their incorrect riding, and not the horse or ponies fault. They spend the afternoon after their ride caring for their horse and equipment; returning tack to the hook gleaming, and take the care to curry their horse, rub their legs down, and spend quality time grazing their horse on the grass. They take note on the condition of their horse and equipment and continue to learn to care for both. They evolve into horsemen and horsewomen.

Unfortunately however, there aren't many of these kids. Few kids self impose an exercise that will be difficult on themselves on their free day. Few kids really dedicate themselves to work hard in their lessons with Brenley, Colleen and Caroline when the going gets tough and they are really called upon. Instead, they get moody when the lesson takes a more technically difficult turn; when they get tired of sitting up straight, of having to focus on the rhythm, and other exercises they deem difficult.

Despite this they will improve but not at the rate in which they could. Then they talk about the lucky kids who won all the ribbons at the last show. Those kids weren't any luckier. They were better. They got out what they put in. In this case; more than the kids who just talked about it without putting forth the effort. We need to encourage our kids as a whole to step up to the plate and smile when asked to drop their stirrups and look at it as an opportunity to improve even quicker. Riding is a privilege. Make the most of it!

A Great Start to 2008!

Congratulations to our horses, ponies, and riders of the February and March PHJA sanctioned horse show. Below are the results from the most recent March show. Champion in the open hunter and reserve in the green hunter; Sandoval, ridden by Brenley. Apropos (otherwise know as Junior!) was champion in the green hunter with Caroline Foto. Aims to Please (Grace) was reserve champion in the short stirrup hunter and equitation with Morgan Goodson. Peyton Sisk on Mr. Cool and Kara Biasucci on Sly also had a good show. Private Gift and Morgan Erlenbach was champion in both the limit equitation and hunter divisions. Evita and Abby also rode in that division but encountered some difficulty understanding each other; they continue to work things out for improvement to get into the jumper ring! Target and Kaitlin Booe took it easy working on trotting in, cantering out. They were second in the open hunter under saddle. Kacie Fogg and Cider were champion in the pony hunter division, reserve in the equitation.



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Hannah Goodman on Zack also did well in that division. In the schooling jumper division Maxwell Guzinski and Johnny were champion, Jennifer Bauer on Happy had great ribbons as well. Champion in the W/T/C was Finder and Cassie Brown, reserve was Martha Jacobs on Blitzen, also reserve in the beginner rider. Lydia Schoeck on Blue was Champion in both the Trot In and Adult Crossrail division. Debbie Webb on Sadie was reserve. Gabby Duncan and Ralph were champion in both the Seymour and PHJA beginner rider with Sassifras and Emily Koloski reserve in the Seymour. Caroline Thomas on Grace was champion in the academy walk trot with a co reserve championship going to AnnCarter Payne on Sassifras and Caroline Jones on Spur. Rufus was the champion in the Academy W/T/C with Margaret Jones. In reserve was Oscar, ridden by Ali Gusmer. Sara Hader was champion in the Academy Trot in cross rail division, with Carter Schmitt on Blue reserve champion. Great job to all who participated in the first two shows!

cantering a cross rail course. We offer them a fun five days of riding complete with a trail ride at Cane Creek, and a cross country course lesson at Oak Hill in Monroe. The Advanced Camp is for our riders who are competing at the 2'level. This will be a fun camp where in the first 4 days we ship to neighboring farms to school our horses and riders. We take videos which we then critique for improvement. The last day is spent visiting either the Blowing Rock AA horse show or the Atlanta AA show. Don't miss out on these fun camps! They are filling up quickly!

S u m m e r C a m p s

We are signing up for summer camps already! For those wanting to join in the summer fun and education; go online to the Cedarhill web site and click onto the camp page. There will be descriptions of each camp, dates, and cost. Download a registration form to fill out and get back to us, along with the necessary deposit. We are revamping our horsemaster camps with new material to encourage our returning riders to continue to learn the essential basics. We have updated the Intermediate camps for our riders who are