



# Cedarhill Farm News

January 2008

## 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. 23-24	PHJA C Providence
March 1	PHJA C Cedarhill
March 6-9	USEF A Aiken
March 13-16	USEF A Aiken
March 15-16	PHJA C Hidden Valley
March 29-30	PHJA C Providence

## Happy New Year!

We are once more at the place in the calendar where we believe to be the beginning. This is the place where goals are set, and success is measured. It is where you look to make the change with your existing mount, moving up to a more challenging pony, or horse. It is where you recall the goals you set for yourself and gave to Brenley and Caroline the year before, and decide for yourself if they were indeed met. It is also the time to set new goals for the upcoming year so that once again you have something to strive for. On paper write down some of the things you wish you to accomplish in the upcoming year and post it on the main bulletin board. It could be as simple as conquering a fear of cantering on a specific horse, or winning a championship at an A show. Our riders have many different goals to accomplish at Cedarhill and we want to help each rider succeed! Meanwhile Cedarhill also has some goals we want to achieve. We will have on the main barn bulletin board our "Goals for 2008" space. Caroline, Brenley, Colleen, Andrea, and the rest of the Cedarhill team will be posting their goals and encourage everyone else to do the same. For those riders on the shy side, we will have an envelope to put them in if that is the only way you are comfortable, however hopefully all of our riders will discover that we can all work on helping you with your goals if we know what they are! So sharpen your pencils and get to work! I hope for every rider in the barn to have a goal up on the bulletin board by the end of the first week!

## Winter Break Riding

Cedarhill's Mini Camp was very successful despite the wet, rainy, weather (which we are NOT complaining about!) Laura Bauer and Katie Hand,

along with Angelica Barnes and Jenn Bauer assisting did a great job introducing the sport of riding to some of our newest riders, as well as strengthening some of our existing riders. A total of ten riders attended the camp which worked out well.

We cancelled Daniel Geitner's clinic which was to be held over the break. After having so many clinics in a row, as well as having many of our riders out of town we are rescheduling Daniel for another time in the future. We had Caroline and Brenley do two days of teaching in the middle of the week instead. Regularly scheduled lessons resume Wednesday, January 2.

## Cedarhill Christmas Party

Once again we had a great time at Cedarhill's annual Christmas party, lots of new families along with all of our old friends. The secret Santa swap was as fun as usual, although this year it was mostly the younger group that played. It is always fun to see what becomes the coveted present. As always there was great food, and fun was had by all.

## Horse Showing

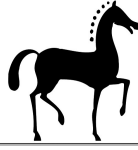
We had a light month of showing; we are resting up for the new year. In December we only went to one of the Chateau Elan's outside of Atlanta. Jordan couldn't go at the last minute (Sophia pulled a muscle) and so Laura and Lizzie got lots of attention from Brenley in the children's jumpers and amateur owner hunters. Both were good, although the second day of the weekend started out quite frigid, and Fernando was quite happy/ wild about it! He settled down after a good romp on the lunge line after the entertaining flat class.

## On the Hunt

We are on the hunt to find the right horses and ponies for our riders. Katie Lauden has come close a few times finding some nice horses that could eventually move her up to the 3'6, only to have to resume the hunt along with Kacie Fogg who is looking for a large pony, Peyton James who is also looking for a horse, and Abby Rigney. We have scouted out all the horses locally, we are now expanding our territory to Knoxville, Tennessee where we hope we are successful.

## Thank You for All of Your Help!

Our community did a phenomenal job for our first ever benefit event — St. Jude Children's Research Hospital "Saddle Up" at Cedarhill Farm this past Sunday, December 2. We brought in an unbelievable \$14945.00 — almost fifteen thousand dollars to give to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital this year. Broken into four age categories the pledges were extremely generous although the 9-14 age group brought in over half of all total contributions. We awarded grand prizes to the top pledge earners in each age group; 8-11 was Paola Lopez, 9-13 was Hannah Grace Knight, 14-17 was Katie Lauden and 18 and over was Jane Simon.



# Cedarhill Farm News

January 2008

The trail rides (there were two of them) started at 11 am and those who rode in them enjoyed themselves, especially knowing they were "saddling up for the cause" The pony rides were a great hit , due to the creativity and effort of Colleen Huber and Tracy Nystrom who transformed two of Cedarhill's riding rings into the twelve days of Christmas. We followed the pony rides up with East Coast Entertainment's The Coconut Groove playing for us, and great food; Sonny's Bar-B-Que , Firebird's hamburgers and cheese cake, Donatoes Pizza and Horizon Foods chocolate covered cheese cakes.

We didn't give enough acknowledgement to all the other riders and people who nonetheless came up with an amazing amount of pledges to help the cause: Ray & Terry Williams, Morgan Erlenbach, Lauren Hinnau, Molly Locklear, Abby Greenfield, Julia Kloth, Kacie Fogg, Amanda McFeeley, Elise George, Laura Schoeck, Cassie Brown, Haily Brienne Kiser, Kaitlin Booe, Peyton Sisk, Hannah Bee, Abigail Chamblee, Claire Nystrom, Pat Hunter, Hannah Goodman, Allyson Smith, Jenn Bauer, Alexa & Gabriela Brown, Hanna Hatala, Martha Jacobs, Hannah Grady, Caroline Donahue, Miranda Lowman, Katie Laudun, Roger & Dolores Bredder, Everlong Equestrian Centre, Madison Hargette, Hannah Whelpley, Carson Odle, Taya Zawadzki, Julia Reinhart, Elizabeth Warren, Delaney & Owen O'Connell, Maddy Parker, Kara Biasucci, Elizabeth Turner, Gabby Duncan, Isa Duncan, Brittany Osmond, Schelly Keefer, Sara Hader, and Bruce Wolno. A giant thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen on the day of the event. Glenna White - who filled in everywhere, all the obstacle course volunteers, office helpers, volunteers who delivered the food and served it, and the families of the participants who supported the participants and stayed to enjoy the good food and music afterwards. . These people, both riders and non riders contributed to bringing in over fifteen thousand dollars in pledges to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

Of course we also have to give a tremendous thank you to this year's sponsors who helped with the prizes; Colleen Huber and Dunrovin Farm, The Waxhaw Tack Exchange, and The Camden Tack Room. The prizes were custom made tack trunks filled with horse related items appropriate for each age category. Goldman Productions and the Booe family generously provided 100 T-shirts to the participants in both the trail ride and the Obstacle ride. St.Jude will also be providing prizes, we expect them to arrive by the second week of January for pick up.

Our sponsors who helped provide the food were greatly appreciated; Sonny's Bar-B-Que, Firebirds, Horizon Food and Donatos Pizza. Bee Realty helped with the operating costs; chips, drinks, and paper products etc.

The great live band "The Coconut Groove" was provided by East Coast Entertainment and sounded wonderful.

Our planning committee included Jane Simon, Lisa O'Connell, Colleen Huber, Tracy Nystrom, and myself; Andrea Guzinski.

We even had individual families who lent us their live Christmas trees to decorate the place and lend to the festivities that was in the air!

This was a great community effort to raise both funds and awareness to help an organization that treats children far less fortunate than ours; The St.Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please be on the lookout for next year's Cedarhill St.Jude Benefit and find out how you can help us have even more fun and bring even more money! Our web site is [www.CedarhillFarmInc.com](http://www.CedarhillFarmInc.com) .

## Cedarhill Spirit Wear

We ordered Cedarhill hoodies- screen printed in the front and back, along with some polar fleece vests. The vests should be in soon, although we have extra hoodies still available for anyone who wants to purchase them. They are \$27.95 for youth sizes without zippers. The adult sizes come with zippers and are \$34.95. We also have license plates for \$8.00 and magnets for \$5.00. The other items; scrim, coolers, and rain sheets are custom ordered. Let Andrea know if you wish to purchase any of these items.

## Hay Surcharge

I am sorry to have to apply a hay surcharge of \$100. per horse or pony per month effective January 1, 2008 for the upcoming months ahead. Our local hay supplier can no longer provide us with hay due to the drought and we are forced to find good hay from much farther away at more than double the price. The last load of timothy hay we got last week came from Michigan. Unfortunately not only are we having to pay much more for the hay due to the shortage and for shipping, but we are going through twice as much hay since our fields no longer have enough grass to graze on. We hope that by this spring we can resume getting hay from our local supplier at close to the old price but will let you know when we do.

## No Moving Jumps!

Although we encourage everyone to enjoy their hack on the days they aren't having a lesson, we ask our riders and their parents NOT to take down or move the jumps to jump over. There is much that our riders can do without jumping unsupervised by an instructor which can improve your riding; two point position, upward and downward transitions, serpentines, working without stirrups, trotting and cantering poles, the list goes on. Even though small boxes and tiny jumps seem harmless both the horses and riders get careless over them and learn bad habits, as well as crash into the boxes. If you want to jump more, take more lessons and work on proper technique! Thanks!