

GIUSEPPE'S GAZETTE



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MAY 2010

Greetings from Giuseppe. Spring is here, finally! The fields are green, the sky is blue and the weather has been wonderful for riding. Come out and enjoy it all!

Our junior equestrian of the month is Catherine Futterman. Cat rode Oreo to victory in the Starter division at our April show and won a blue with Chester in Intro. A with a 67.50. Great score!

Our adult equestrian of the month is John Salerno. John has been working very hard to over come his stiffness and tension when riding and it is beginning to show. Men are naturally less limber than women, so they really have to work at their flexibility. Keep doing the yoga, John. It really helps.

Congratulations to Ruthy Yonker. Ruthy owned Greta when she was a baby and then sold her. She now has her back and we wish her many, many happy hours in the saddle!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Our best wishes for a very happy birthday go out to Catie Eppler (3), Debra Kalapodakis (4), Nicole Vascimini (4), Jaimie Cloud (6), Dara Sollart (6), Catherine Futterman (7), Jessica Beutel (17), Darby Callahan (24), Rajah (26), Jill McNellis (30).

SPRING CALENDAR

5/16 - Dressage Show, Combined Test & Horse Trials
 5/23 – Diane Ward Clinic
 6/14 – Dressage Show, Combined Test & Horse Trials
 6/27 – Michael Page Clinic
 7/25 – Dressage Show, Combined Test & Horse Trials
 7/25 – Gymkhana, Barbecue & Square Dance

CALLING ALL SPONSORS

Hey Folks, help us to help you in improving our wonderful facility. Be generous and get a sponsor for our 2010 season. Everyone benefits.

Please remember that ORC/4-H members are asked to raise at least \$50 in sponsors.

OXBOW JACKETS

Our jackets are a big hit and there were several people who hadn't ordered them, so if you are interested please sign up. They are perfect for these cool mornings and evenings we've been having. See the sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

LENDON GRAY'S DRESSAGE 4KIDS

We are looking for junior riders who would like to participate in the 12th annual Youth Dressage Festival. It's July 9th through July 11th at the Hits on the Hudson Show Grounds in Saugerties, NY. The dressage classes range from the Introductory Walk/Trot classes on up. If you're interested and want more information, speak to Tara. We need to get the entries in by June 1st.

SUMMER PROGRAM

It's that time of year, again. Let us know what dates you want so our Oxbow riders get first preference. Enclosed is the Summer Program brochure.

GYMKHANA, BARBECUE & SQUARE DANCE

Our annual dinner is a favorite and we wanted to get together before next February! So, we are celebrating summer with our barbecue and square dance on July 25th. Paula Jean Mego is heading it up; if you'd like to lend a hand give her a call. PJ's number is 973-903-8704.

MICHAEL PAGE CLINIC

The weather cooperated and we had another great session with Michael Page on April 4th. We knew it was Easter, but as Barbara Nabors said, "We ride early, there's plenty of time for dinner afterwards."

Nicole Carolan riding Diablo, Jenny Dix aboard Jinxie, Cat Futterman on Oreo, Barbara Nabors piloting Evie and Lynne Rockstroh with Journey worked their butts off between riding without stirrups and working through the gymnastic grids and bending lines.

The riders came away feeling very prepared for our first show of the season and ready to go out on cross country with Michael. His next session will be on Sunday, June 27th.

DRESSAGE SHOW & COMBINED TEST

Our first open show was on April 25th and the heavens helped us out by stopping the rain. The rings were wet, but not slippery or deep and there was no dust! Our riders rode well, proving that they had been working hard all winter. A big thank you to all those who helped make the show a success. Bob Butler brought in "equestrian sand" for our dressage rings and warm-up, dragged and prepared both dressage and stadium. He also scored on show day. Jenny Dix and Lynne Rockstroh, along with our ORC members set up the stadium course. Diane Engler handled thesecretarial duties, Nancy Dalton and Lisa Merrill scribed for dressage and Kathy Barrand and Rachel Zenhausern performed as dressage stewards. Belle Macke, Lisa Santy and Kim Speaker performed stadium duties with some help from Jeff Vascimini and Ken Zimmerman in changing the courses. Madalina Costas cooked our delicious food (the sweet potato fries are great!). Everyone did a super job.

The results are:

ELEMENTARY & PRE-STARTER COMBINED TEST

- 1st – Nicole Vascimini & Macaroni [PS] (36.50)
- 2nd – Brianna Zimmerman & Kye [PS] (40.0)
- 3rd – Kelly Bailey & Midnight [PS] (42.0)
- 4th – Rebecca Greene & Quoit a Star [E] (42.0)

STARTER COMBINED TEST

- 1st – Cat Futterman & Oreo (35.5)
- 2nd – Jenny Dix & Jinxie (36.5)
- 3rd – Marie Stetson & Star (38.0)
- 4th – Isabel August & JR (44.5)

BEGINNER-NOVICE COMBINED TEST

- 1st – Sarah Stinneford & Mama Mia (25.24)
- 2nd – Leigh Ann Czigler & True Muse (37.62)
- 3rd – Katie Cantine & Hot Tamolly (38.77)
- 4th – Alix Peveler & Indy (39.72)
- 5th – Lisette Dubin & Gadget (45.91)

NOVICE & TRAINING COMBINED TEST

- 1st – Alix Peveler & Misty [N] (32.18)
- 2nd – Susan Irwin & Cab Calloway (37.73)
- 3rd – Lynne Rockstroh & Journey (40.37)

USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL, TEST A

- 1st – Cat Futterman & Chester (67.50)
- 2nd – Nicole Vascimini & Macaroni (67.0)
- 3rd – Mahala Hobbs & Creek (62.50)
- 4th – Kevin Arthur & Jenna (61.0)

USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL, TEST B

- 1st – Mahala Hobbs & Creek (65.50)
- 2nd – Cat Futterman & Chester (62.50)
- 3rd – Kevin Arthur & Jenna (61.0)

USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TESTS 1 & 2

- 1st – Kathy Barrand & Rayo [T-2] (64.0)
- 2nd – Marnie Stetson & Star (62.6)
- 3rd – Kathy Barrand & Rayo [T-1] (62.0)
- 4th – Jenny Dix & Jinxie [T-2] (58.5)

USEF FIRST LEVEL

- 1st – Liz McLaughlin & Pepe [F-2] (66.111)
- 2nd – Liz McLaughlin & Pepe [F-1] (65.666)
- 3rd – Alix Peveler & Misty [F-1] (60.666)
- 4th – Alix Peveler & Indy [F-1] (58.666)

LEADLINE WALK

- 1st – Elina Hero & Pepper
- 2nd – Arielle Ortega & Snickers
- 3rd – Chaya Ortega & Abbey

LEADLINE WALK/TROT

- 1st – Elina Hero & Pepper
- 2nd – Chaya Ortega & Abbey
- 3rd – Arielle Ortega & Snickers

LEADLINE WALK/TROT/XR

- 1st – Elina Hero & Pepper
- 2nd – Arielle Ortega & Snickers
- 3rd – Chaya Ortega & Abbey

PRESENTATION

- 1st – Katie Cantine & Molly (96)
- 2nd – Nicole Carolan & Diablo (92)
- 3rd – Cat Futterman & Oreo (91)
- 4th – Brianna Zimmerman & Kye (90)
- 5th – Nicole Vascimini & Macaroni (89)

PONY CLUB NEWS

Members who want to pass a D-3 rating must begin keeping a record book for a pony. If you need help, please see Marnie.

There is a D rally at Bucks County Horse Park on August 10th. We will be discussing who would like to go and the commitment necessary to participate. If you're interested, please find out whether you can be at the barn the week before to get ready.

OXBOW RAIDERS 4-H CLUB

This past month we discussed fundraisers because we started to paint the club room and have other projects we want to work on. This spring we will be doing a new fundraiser with beach towels and t-shirts.

Since Leela Koncelik, our vice president, moved back to Ohio, we had to re-organize our officers. Our new vice president is Katie Cantine and our new secretary is Brianna Zimmerman.

Please pay your annual dues if you have not all ready done so. Also, we will be hearing club presentations in May and June, so if you haven't done one this year, please get prepared.

Cat Futterman
Reporter

SCHEDULE

- 5/1 – Meeting (3:00 to 4:00 pm)
- 5/22 – Meeting (3:00 to 4:00 pm)
- 6/5 – Meeting (3:00 to 4:00 pm)
- 6/19 – Meeting (3:00 to 4:00 pm)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Grace is so great an adornment for a rider, and at the same time so important a means to the knowledge of all that which is necessary for persons aspiring to become riders, that such persons should willingly spend the time required to obtain that quality at the outside of their endeavors.”

Francois Robichon de la Gueriniere