

## Fall 2012 Newsletter

### New Happenings At Rolling Acres

We have several new additions to Team Rolling Acres. Please welcome:

Kim Johnson and her daughter Lexi are here with their horses Drake, Bella, Donny, and Paul. Virginia Batte is here with her horse Jake and pony Bently. Caryn Reed is also joining us and she rides Bently. Jill Brown is here with her horse O'Reilly. Connie McRill joined us earlier with her horse PJ. Kirsten Pollin is returning with her horse Super, and her daughter Lily. Rhonda Frick and her daughter Bethany and their horse Candy visit us on a regular basis.

Also riding with us are Denise Clolery, Laurie Hilburg, Margot Sanger-Katz, Laura Wittman, and Jennie Garrafa.

Bernadette Coyle just purchased Stan and started boarding here. Meredith Clay sold Rusty and is trying a new pony named Teddy. Elwood was recently sold as well.

Please introduce yourself if you see someone you don't know. Let's show them how welcoming we are at Team Rolling Acres!

### Recent Shows



It's been a busy summer with many shows along the East Coast and Team Rolling Acres has done very well. Most recently, Mary was 5<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Grand Prix with Ashley's horse Indy. Vermont was great with Ashley Foster taking Circuit Champion with Charade in Jr. Hunter, Alyson



Gurney Circuit Champion in Children's Hunter, and Lexi Huminek winning the Classic. Annie Friedman won and was second in the NAL WIHS at Culpeper. Great ribbons were also had at Maryland H&P Show, Swan Lake, Blue Rock, and Lexington. Great job team!

### Hay Field Renovations

You may have noticed the slightly brown hay field as you came in the driveway. We did a major renovation to that field and you should see some baby timothy hay growing! Please don't ride in this field until the seed has had a chance to grow stronger roots. It is your horses' dinner plate!

### **Fall Needs**

With the change to cooler evenings, we have changed over to day turnout. It's also time to get sheets and blankets ready for your horse. If you need help with sizing, please talk to us and we'll help you decide. Also, if you need your horse clipped, please talk to Sheryl about getting it done.

### **Lessons**



As many of you know, Melanie Wright has joined Rolling Acres to teach lessons and train at the local horse shows. Melanie was a junior rider with Rolling Acres. You can call Melanie directly at 301-728-0443 to set up lessons. We welcome Melanie and her daughters to Rolling Acres!

### **Close Encounters**

This year, Skittles and Pam will be doing Close Encounters with Agriculture from Oct. 15-30. That's the program where 4<sup>th</sup> graders come to visit at the Ag Farm Park and learn about agriculture. Many of these kids have never seen a live animal! Pam takes Skittles and teaches them about the equine industry in Maryland. If anyone would like to volunteer to work with Pam, please let her know. It counts as community service for the school systems and Pam would love the help! Please contact her if you would like to volunteer.

### **Qualified for Indoors**

It's been a great year and many of our riders have qualified for the Indoors series. These include:

Hannah Showell on Just Dessert

Ashley Foster on Charade, Indy and Raindance

Alyson Gurney on Dolphine

Annie Friedman on Scooter

Lexi Humenik on Jordy

Devon Monroe on Aaron

Kaley Pratt on TJ

Courtney Logan on Mio

Charlotte Williams on Ernie

We also have some layover horses that will be staying with us for the indoors series, in case you see a horse you don't recognize.



### **Get Ready for Florida**

With these chilly mornings, it's time to start thinking about heading to sunny Florida for the Pensacola & Ocala Winter Circuit. January 9 is the start in Pensacola so we are preparing for hauling, housing, and stall counts. If you're interested in participating in the 2013 series, please speak with Patty so that we can coordinate. Always an exciting time of year!

### **Things to Remember**

It's also that time of year again when you need to renew memberships. USEF, USHJA, WIHS, NAL, MHSA memberships are due for the next show season. If you are unsure what you need to join, please speak with us. Go online and get it done so you don't forget and points count!

And as always, remember to be courteous to other people, sweep up the aisle after grooming and before riding, put blankets on doors while riding and not on the floor, pick up manure in the wash stalls, and close barn doors and turn off lights as you leave the barn. We all work very hard to make Rolling Acres a friendly and clean place to ride. Your help is very much appreciated!

### **Remembering Laura Pickett**



As many of you know, we lost Laura Pickett earlier this year. The turnout and support at her service in April was truly touching. Pam was asked to say a few words about how important Laura was to Rolling Acres and to share your thoughts with those in attendance. We think Laura approved.

Because of your support and nominations, Laura was chosen this year to receive the USHJA's Jane Dillon Marshall award to recognize professions who have devoted their lives to teaching and mentoring riders beginning their education in the hunter/jumper discipline.



Laura will have her name placed on the Jane Marshall Dillon Perpetual Trophy, which will reside in the USHJA headquarters in Lexington, KY and her family will accept her award on her behalf at the Stirrup Cup and Affiliates Lunch during the USHJA Annual Meeting in December in Florida.

The Capital Challenge, WIHS and Harrisburg shows have trophies this year in her memory and Vermont Summer Festival planted a tree and created a plaque to honor Laura. She will be forever in our hearts.

Looking forward to a great 2013 show year,

*Patty & Mary*

Patty Foster & Mary Lisa Leffler

ps All photos are taken by Sheryl Sutherby. What a great job!