

Stoner Ridge Farm News

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Charlie

By now our clients and close friends know that Charlie has taken a position with the Department of Transportation and began working for the State on Feb. 1. Fortunately, he will continue working here at SRF part-time. He will also be showing some horses for us. Lisa Sidwell has come back on board full time and we have also hired Ben Young who will be riding part time. You probably know Ben's parents, Steve and Pam Young.

I have been thinking back across the 14 years that Charlie has been working with us. It has been an amazing journey. I never imagined the course our lives would take when I first showed him how to put a halter on a horse all those years ago. Charlie began doing general work around the farm while he was in high school and moved on to training once he graduated. He and Erin began dating after Charlie had been working for us for several years. They dated about four years before they married in 2006. That was the same year he won the World Grand Championship with Merry Go Blue and Erin won the Sam Tuttle. Charlie has gone on to win just about every major award in the Mountain Horse industry: another Sam Tuttle, Western Grand Championships, Conformation Grand Championships, the Rea Swan Versatility Award, High Money Horse, Sportsmanship Award, and many other accolades. While we salute his skill and all he has accomplished, we are most proud of his honesty, integrity, and his dedication. Charlie is a man of his word who follows through with his commitments. We are thankful for his love of family and his support of them. We'll miss him during the day but wish him the very best as he moves on to this new opportunity.

UMH Banquet

The UMH Banquet was held at Natural Bridge State Park on January 15th. It was a busy day for UMH members. Many committee meetings were held. The UMH Youth met and elections were held. Jackie Clark will be president, and Paige Denniston will be vice president in 2012. Thomas will be one of

the reporters. The UMH Youth Clinic will be here on March 31st. The Ladies Auxiliary elected Miranda Elliot as president and Lisa Sidwell as secretary. The show will be mid June. There was an Associates Meeting conducted by President Judy Brummer. A discussion was held about moving the Spring Premier and World Show to an indoor venue due to weather concerns. Locations and dates are being researched and

information will be put on the web site as soon as possible. There was also concern expressed about the low numbers at the shows and how to raise funds. We were glad to learn that the Triple Crown shows all made money last year. Judy told us that there will be some changes in High Point classes in 2012.

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2012 Stallion Line-Up at SRF



**3 Time Western World Grand Champion
Rea Swan Versatility Winner
and Hall of Fame Stallion
SRF's Silver Sundown**



**UMH World Grand Champion
MPH Conformation World Grand Champion
Merry Go Blue**



**4 Year Old Stallion
By Pence's Blue Boy
Western Champion
Well Armed**



Important Dates

Show Dates are Tentative

Check Association web sites

- 3/3 - RMH Youth Clinic, Deweese Farm, Franklin, KY (Robert is presenting)
- 3/9-11 - Road to the Horse
- 3/10-11 - UMH Judge's Clinic
- 3/21-3/28 - Pin Oak UMH National Katy, TX
- 3/31 - UMH Youth Clinic at SRF, Paris
- 4/13-14 - KMSHA Spring Premiere
- 4/14 - RMH Board meeting
- 4/12-15 - Equine Affaire, OH
- 4/21 - KMSHA Regional Paintsville KY
- Last Sat. Apr. - July KMSHA fun show
- 4/27-28 - Tentative - UMH Spring Premier, Lakeside Arena, Frankfort, KY
- 4/28 - RMH (B) Extreme Spring Fling, Lancaster, KY
- 5/5 - KMSHA Greg Brewer's Menifee Co. KY Regional Show
- 5/12 ? - UMH North Middletown
- 5/12-13 - RMH(A) Somerset, KY
- 5/19-20 - Three Phase Event, Shaker Village, Harrodsburg, KY
- 5/19 - KMSHA Elk Fork AA National, West Liberty, KY
- 6/2 - Stidham Memorial
- 6/2 - KMSHA AA National Show, Lee Co. KY
- 6/9 - KMSHA Nelson Co., Bardstown Regional Show
- 6/9-10 ? - UMH Ladies Auxiliary
- 6/9 - RMH (B) BPWHA Shelbyville, KY
- 6/9 - RMH (B) Cowboy Rodeo, Lancaster, KY
- 6/15-16 - RMH (A) Cloverdale, IN
- 6/16-17 - KMSHA OH Classic AA National Show
- 6/21 - UMH/(possibly some RMH classes) Bourbon Co., Paris, KY
- 6/23 - RMH (B) BGPWHA Liberty, KY
- 6/30 - RMH (A) Henry Co. Fair, New Castle, KY
- 7/2-4 KMSHA Lion's Club AA National Show, Owingsville, KY
- 7/6-7 ? - UMH KY State, KEC
- 7/7 - RMH (B) BGPWHA, Paris, KY
- 7/13-14 - RMH (A) KY State/Tavares, Bowling Green, KY
- 7/20-21 - KMSHA KY State AA National show, Lawrenceburg, KY
- 7/20-21 - RMH (B) VA Horse Center
- 8/4 - RMH (B) BHWHA Lebanon, KY
- 8/? UMH Summer Celebration, KEC
- 8/18 - BPWHA Hodgenville, KY
- 8/18 - KMSHA Mountain Horse Celebration Regional Show
- 8/? UMH World Show, KEC
- 9/1 - RMH (B) BPWHA Salem, VA
- 9/8 - RMH BPWHA Landcaster, KY
- 9/11-15 RMH International, Horse Park
- 10/13 - RMH (B) BGPWHA Madison County, Richmond, KY
- 10/10-13 - KMSHA International

Interns from Denmark

We are looking forward to having two new interns coming to SRF on Feb. 27th.. Prinsesse May Renee Holdgaard and Maj Rasmussen. They are equestrian students and have strong interest in the Rocky Mountain Horse. Their experience has been with Warmbloods, but we are sure they will be quick learners.

- Kim Pitts**
- Novice Classic Pleasure - 1st
- Thomas Howard**
- 12-17 Country Trail Pleasure – Gobel's Winch Chill - 2nd
- Lauren Hickey**
- Youth Trail Obstacle - 2nd
- Youth Versatility - 2nd
- Tim Spencer**
- Novice Trail - 3rd
- FR Derby Blue**
- Stallions/Geldings CTP - 3rd
- 4+ YO Conformation - 3rd
- Gobel's Wind Chill**
- 12-17 Country Trail Pleasure - 2nd
- Mares Country Trail - 2nd
- Country Trail Championship - 2nd
- My Sweet Sydney**
- Amateur CTP - 2nd - Steve
- Mares Country Trail Pleasure - 3rd
- Open Western - 3rd
- SRF's Silver Sundown**
- Open Western - 2nd
- Stallions Trail - 1st
- Adult Trail Obstacle - 1st
- Adult Versatility - 1st
- Trail Pleasure Championship - 2nd
- MX Wrangler**
- Open 4 Gait - 1st
- Stallions Classic Pleasure - 2nd
- Sam's Little Buddy**
- Novice Trail - 3rd - Tim Spencer
- 2-3 YO Trail Pleasure
- H.P.'s Ticket to Ride**
- 2-3 YO Trail Pleasure - 1st
- Pepper's Capital Venture**
- Geldings Trail - 3rd
- RRF Gold Nugget**
- Geldings Classic - 1st
- Adult Trail Obstacle - 2nd
- Blueberry Wine**
- Adult Trail Obstacle - 3rd
- Mares Classic Pleasure - 2nd
- Classic Championship - 3rd
- Branson Blue**
- 3-4 YO Open Park Pleasure - 1st
- 2-3 YO Open Conformation

Changes approved by the UMH Board:
 No weanling High Point
 Combine yearlings - fillies/colts
 Separate class for CTP Stallions
 Add - Open Novice CTP
 Add AOT Country Trail
 Combine 3 YO Classic (now Open)
 Combine 2 YO Classic (now Open)
 Drop 4 year old Classic
 Combine Classic Mares and Geld.
 Cut AOT Classic
 Cut 14.3 Classic
 Cut 3 YO Amateur Classic
 Cut 3-4 YO Park

There was a great turn out for the banquet. The slide show is always fun - we got to see those casual show shots that we often miss at the shows. Supper was great. We enjoyed congratulating everyone who received an award. Kudos to Debbie

Maxon, Regional Rep of the Year and to Jackie Clark who received the 2011 Super Youth Award. The Sportsmanship Award went to everyone this year for their great attitudes during the rainy season (highest rainfall year on record). We had the reverse raffle again. This year it was an iPad. Even though Tim Spencer made it to the top 5, Colby Tipton ended up the winner. We congratulate all our winners and everyone who competed this show season. SRF winners are listed on the right. We are so proud of everyone's accomplishments. Ya Hoo! You can see a complete list at www.unitedmountainhorse.com.

We give thanks for the blessing of family, friends, and all the horses in our lives. You make it great!



Judges' Clinic

The United Mountain Horse Judges' Professional Improvement Seminar will be on March 10 and 11, 2012 in Lexington, Kentucky. All UMH judges, prospective judges, and associates are encouraged to attend.

The first day will be held with a classroom presentation by Wayne G. Hipsley, BSc, MSc, Director of Judges for the UMH. A PowerPoint presentation along with DVD will be used to demonstrate the gait and movement of the Mountain horses.

On day one, the judges will be reviewing the UMH Show Rules and Regulations. On day two, the judges will be working with live horses at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, KY. A short presentation will be made on the trail obstacle, to review the scoring procedures.

For more information about the UMH Judges' Seminar, please contact Wayne G. Hipsley, BSc, MSc, Director of Judges at HipsleyandAssocs@aol.com, for an application to attend.

Registrations can be sent to UMH, 860 Kiddville Road, Winchester, Kentucky 40391. Call Cathy Eddy at the UMH office: 859.842.0270 or click on the site: www.unitedmountainhorse.org for more details on registration and payment.



Wedding Bells

Wedding bells will be ringing on February 10th for Steve and Susan! How exciting . . . They will be traveling to Florida where Steve's mother lives to tie the knot. Susan's adult children and Steve's family will be joining them there for a small intimate wedding. We are excited about the new life they will share.

We had the opportunity to enjoy Steve and Susan's company the weekend of January 14th. Steve had an RMH Board meeting. We had a great time together - Clay's for supper on Sat. and riding horses on Sunday. The weather was cooperative and it was a lot of fun to spend the morning in the barn. Steve especially enjoyed getting to play with Silver's Midnight Special. Talk about a cutie! She's gorgeous. Susan also ran around the arena with her in tow. Both Steve and Susan did a great job with their riding. Silver, Blueberry, and Branson were just the best!

RMH Election

The RMH Board approved the nominating committee's slate for the June election. I am on the ballot for secretary and would appreciate your support. Please check out the candidates and vote. Great strides have been taken to move the association forward. With the right people on board, we can make sure that progress continues.

Welcome

We want to welcome Martha Gilly back to Stoner Ridge. She brought Daisy Crockett back along with her little sister June Bug. Robert will be working with these sweet horses. Welcome back!

Prayers

Please keep Marcia in your thoughts and prayers. She had surgery on her knee 2/1. She's had trouble for several months. Nothing has seemed to help. Doctors hoped to do a cartilage replacement but there was too much damage. She will be facing a partial knee replacement in the future to help her gain mobility. Please keep praying for her that all will be well.

