

November 1, 2021

Important Dates

Scores for RMHA competitive events accumulate beginning November 1, 2021

Nov. 12 Obstacle Clinic at SRF

Nov. 13 - 14 - Highlander Ranch Open, Waco, TX

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Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 4 - RMHA Board Mtg.

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Jan. 1 - New Years Day

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

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Fall Updates



Fall has certainly provided us with a beautiful array of sunrises and sunsets here in central Kentucky. I've so enjoyed the beautiful colors of the sky and now the leaves are turning into gold, orange, red and brown. October is a time of transformation in nature, and it is a time of change here on the farm as well. We have turned many of the horses out for some time to rest and relax before next show season. Several new horses are being started under saddle. We are happy to have Kemo Sabe (by Simon) and Chicago Blues (by Call me Chicago) in training now. Charlie is riding both youngsters and they are doing so

well. Melissa Walters filly, Camden, (by Merry Go Blue) has also been started under saddle and is also doing well. Joining her is Ashley Slone's filly, Baby Bling (by Poker Face). Last week Tim and Marcia brought KiKi (by GS Nitro) who has just started her work in the round pen. Julie Tucker has purchased Charlie's colt, Red River Diamond (by Diamond Dock). He is under saddle but has only been ridden lightly. Charlie will be continuing his training as well. There's lots of change and lots of excitement as we see these youngsters grow and develop.

The fall is also a time of new opportunities. Charlie, Ruby, and Dolly Pierson accepted the challenge to participate in the RMHA demo for Equitana USA held at the KY Horse Park October 1 - 3. The crowd wasn't as large as expected but it was a good opportunity to share our gaited horses. Marietta, Pepper, and Heart did an outstanding job showing off before the crowd. Julie Tucker was the coordinator. She also manned the booth and

read the script. We really appreciate the time and effort these folks put into Equitana. It was great.

Fall is not only a busy time for Charlie but it is Erin's busiest time of the year.

Since her business is fiber based, she participates in many festivals throughout the south. Last weekend was the Southeastern Fiber Festival in Asheville, NC. It is always a big weekend for her. Unfortunately, her vehicle developed some problems that just kept getting worse the longer it stayed in the shop. On the morning she was due to leave, she found out that it wasn't going to be able to make the trip. Bob and I decided we'd grab the horse trailer and head to NC! In a matter of a couple of hours we were on the road with Erin and Ruby heading to the





Ag Center! Years ago we showed horses in the arena near where SAFF was held. Being there brought back some great memories. We were glad it all worked out. Erin and Ruby manned the booth. Bob and I took some beautiful drives on the Blue Ridge Highway and had some time to relax as well.

While Erin was home this weekend getting ready for her next festival in Murfreesboro, TN, Charlie and I were at the Equine Trail Sports (ETS) competition at Asbury University in Wilmore, KY. There were three horses that had competed in two trail obstacle classes but needed one more event to qualify for the KHBIF Trail Obstacle tabulation. It was the first time for SRF to participate in any ETS events. There was in hand as well as obstacles under saddle. It looked as if there were about 30 participants in all. With winners coming from Novice (1),



Intermediate (2), and Advanced (3) groups. Riders could choose the level for each obstacle. Each level had increasingly difficult combinations. For example, one obstacle required the horses to push a pipe that rotated on top of a barrel. Novice level pushed half way, Intermediate pushed all the way around, and Advanced level horses had to push it around twice. Three year-old Sierra, showed at the Novice level



and placed 4th. Jazz Master showed at the Intermediate level and also placed 4th. WOF showed at the Inter-



mediate level also and placed 2nd. We are still learning about the program and how it all works. It was fun to hang out with Barbara Hopper and Leslie VanArsdale for the day. We also got to see Donnie and Mary K. who came to watch for awhile. Even though it was a cool, wet, windy day, these horses did



a great job.

Everyday we have so much for which to be thankful. We have family, friends, homes, jobs and we're blessed to have horses in our lives too.

We pray your Thanksgiving will be filled with love and tradition . . . with fun times and good food. May the Lord truly bless



RMHA Welcomes Lori Nelson

On October 9, the RMHA welcomed Lori Nelson as the new Office Manager. She comes to the association with a strong background in marketing, office management and technology. She worked for USEF for 16 years and has much experience from which to draw. Lori has experience with horses herself and is a saddlebred owner and show manager. Lori has jumped right in and made herself at home with the office systems. We are excited to have her as part of the RMHA team.

Obstacle Clinic at SRF

Friday, November 12, 2021, Charlie DeAtley will be conducting a Trail Obstacle Clinic here at Stoner Ridge Farm. He plans to get started at 10:00 a.m. Charlie will be covering the basics as well as advanced elements of trail obstacle. Whether you use your horse on the trail or want to branch out to competitive trail obstacle, Charlie will share important skills you will want your horse to learn. Horse/Rider slots are currently full but there is plenty of room for auditors. Folks may want to bring a chair and lunch. We will

have cookies and brownies for an afternoon snack. The auditing fee is \$25. If you have any questions be sure to text, call, or message Charlie and he will get back to you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to having a great day sharing and learning together!

Charlie will have limited hours at the farm from Nov. 13 - 21. He will not be scheduling any farm visits during this time.

Robert's lessons will continue as usual.