



Stoner Ridge Farm News

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KHBIF News

***Special KHBIF Note:** Unless the KHBIF Affiliate rules change, show participants are required to participate in 3 RMHA sanctioned shows, one of which must be an "A" show. Currently there are two "A" shows: May 14th - the Sharon Copher Memorial and June 18th - the Get Your Pink On Show. Also, please note, the RMHA International will NOT count toward High Point Awards this year. Therefore it will not count as an A show for KHBIF points either.

The Trail competition segment of the KHBIF award program will continue the same as in the past - horses may compete in as many competitions as desired but MUST compete in at least 3 to be qualified for KHBIF Trail awards. Only 3 competitions' points will count. They may be at shows or any obstacle competition with any organization - ETS, Southern Expo Trail Challenge, Equine Affaire Trail Challenge, NMHA, KMSHA, MPH (Old KY Saddle), RMHA, etc. Wendy Montgomery can pre-approve competitions if desired. We have her contact if needed.



Memorial Horse Show, Beattyville, KY

July 15 (Friday) Tollesboro Lions Club RMHA B Show, Tollesboro, KY

July 15-17 NMHA United We Stand RMHA B Show, Bowling Green, KY

July 30 Gaited Horse Gala/Lady Eagles Soccer Team Horse Show, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY

Aug. 5 (Friday) RMHA B Show Carter County Shrine Club, Olive Hill, KY

Aug. 6 Mountain Horse Celebration RMHA B Show, Morgan County Fairgrounds, West Liberty, KY

Aug. 20 Southeast Summer Championship Open Gaited Horse Show, Great Smoky Mountain Horse Expo, White Pine, TN

Aug. 21 Southeast Summer Championship Open Gaited Horse Show, Great Smoky Mountain Horse Expo, White Pine, TN

Sept. 7 - 10 No points will be given toward High Point Awards - RMHA International, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Important Dates

April 2-3 Highlander Ranch RMHA B Open Gaited Show, Waco, TX

April 7-10 Equine Affaire, Columbus, OH

April 17 Easter

May 6 NWAHA Gaited Rumble RMHA B Show, Belton, TX

May 7 RMHA B Spring Kick-off, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY

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May 14* Sharon Copher Memorial RMHA A Show, Lions Club Park, Owingsville, KY

May 14 RMHA B Summer Celebration Open Gaited Horse Show, Lone Hickory Arena, Yadkinville, NC

May 15 RMHA B Summer Celebration Open Gaited Horse Show, Lone Hickory Arena, Yadkinville, NC

May 21 NMHA Memorial Premier RMHA B Show, Brodhead, KY

May 28 RMHA B Bluegrass Showcase, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY

June 3-4 NMHA RMHA B Summer Classic, Liberty, KY

June 10 (Friday) RMHA B Show for Carter County Shrine Club, Olive Hill, KY

June 11 Lee County Saddle Club Summer Celebration RMHA B Show, Beattyville, KY

*** June 18** Get Your Pink On RMHA A Show, Lions Club Park, Owingsville, KY

June 25 RMHA B Bill Corey

It was one of those
March days when
the sun shines hot
and the wind blows cold,
when it is summer in
the light and winter in
the shade.

CHARLES DICKENS

Spring Blessings

It has been one of those typical times in Kentucky - If you don't like the weather, hang around anyway because it's going to change. We had a little bit of everything here in March from sun and 80 degrees to sleet, snow, and even a little hail. We're all hoping that warm weather will be here to stay soon. Kentucky has also been known to have "little winters" as spring struggles overcome the cold. We have locust winter, redbud winter, dogwood winter, blackberry winter and so on up until the danger of frost has passed. I know we are all ready for true spring to arrive. It has definitely been a long, cold winter. Even with the cold there have been good times here on the farm. Seeing all the horses

back in training is great. Bob even got Duncan out a couple of (con't on p. 2)



**Available Showbills
are posted
at rmhorse.com
under programs.
Please talk with Charlie
about the ones that will be
best to attend.**

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months ago to get him ready to attend the Smoky Mountain Trail Challenge competition in Murfreesboro, TN. Wendy Montgomery was going so we joined her for an action packed three days of obstacles as well as an outstanding expo of vendors and clinics. The course was really tough with lots of variety and maneuvers. Wendy and Rocky did a great job in the competition and brought home the buckle for first place Amateur. Bob and Duncan were awesome and placed 5th in their open competitions. The level of skill was over the top!

Then a few days after we got home Blueberry had the cutest little filly by Above the Law. She belongs to Steve and Susan. She is just the sweetest!



One Saturday in March, Charlie got together with a few friends and went pheasant hunting in Elizabethtown. You'll recognize Chad Weaver as well as Amy and Justin Stefanic in the mix. They had a great time. After the hunt, the participants divided up the birds. Charlie loves them fried but Ruby prefers them baked.



It has been a good month. We are excited about what the future holds. Can't wait for show season to begin! Our first show is scheduled for May 7 - Spring Kickoff, Morgan County Equestrian Park, West Liberty, KY.



Merry Go Blue

It was with mixed emotions we bid farewell to Merry Go Blue in March. He was purchased by the Chad and Ann Hurley from Horseshoe Bend, ID. It is hard to see him move, but our boy is going where he can be turned out with his own herd of mares in a pasture all his own on a full time basis. We are glad for him to be in this good situation even though he will be greatly missed.

Increased Costs

Over the last year and a half, farm expenses have continued to rise. Grain has gone up 50% and Charlie has been told that hay will increase anywhere from \$.50 to a \$1.00 per bale. Horse grooming products and supplies have also gone way up in price. Even though the president has increased release of domestic oil, costs for diesel are at an all-time high. Unfortunately, some of these increases are going to be shared with our clients. Invoices that go out May 1st will include higher prices on most services. Since we have good pasture, board will be able to remain the same, but training will need to increase to \$750 per month. Because of fuel costs, transportation to shows beyond 50 miles will increase to \$.60 per mile traveled. For local shows (less than 50 miles) the charge will be a flat fee of \$75. As in the past, transportation charges will include show prep. We will do all we can to keep expenses down. We appreciate you. Thank you all for your support and understanding.

Memberships

If you have not checked on your association memberships, it is that time of year again. There is a revolving membership. They are due a year from when you joined initially. Rider cards are also due. The easiest way to renew is to go to rmhorse2.com and renew through the membership portal. Please email me a copy of your cards so I will have them come show time. Thanks!

RMHA News

As costs for everything continues to increase, the RMHA has made a few changes to the way they do business. If you plan to pay with a credit card, there will be a 4% fee charged in addition to the service for which you are paying. By paying with check, you can avoid this fee. In addition, the office staff is trying to encourage complete applications for foal registrations, transfers, and certifications. If the required documents are incomplete when sent to the office and they need to call you for clarification, there is now a \$10 Courtesy Fee that will be charged. The office does not retain a list of credit cards so if you plan to pay by card, you will need to send your credit number on either a sticky note or on the documents you are sending in order to avoid extra charges. As frustrating as it is to see costs go up, these charges will help keep membership costs from increasing. Increases are avoidable if you send a check and fill out forms correctly. If we can help in any way, we'll be glad to do so.

Judges Clinic

The RMHA Judge's Clinic that was scheduled in March was postponed due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled for a later date. No specific time has been set but they are considering a two day clinic that would provide more learning opportunities for Judges and auditors.

Happy Easter!



We hope you have a happy and blessed Easter holiday spent with family. Whatever your church plans for Easter services, we pray that you will have a wonderful day to praise the Lord. We are so thankful for the farm, the horses, family, and friends. We continue to be truly blessed.

KHBIF Vouchers

The KHBIF Affiliate has emailed our vouchers and folks should have them by now. Congratulations to all owners (and winners). Don't forget nominations for 2022 need to be done by the last of July. Lyngle will be touching base with you all in case you want her to do those for you.

Vaccinations Done!



Thank you to Dr. Travis McVey from Bluegrass Equine Veterinary Service who came

last month to vaccinate the horses here and pull coggins for those who needed them. We also got the deworming done. We appreciate Dr. McVey! He does a great job for us at SRF.

Prayers Please

Most of you know, Bob has been having trouble with his right knee for some time. He had an MRI a few weeks ago and he severely torn his meniscus and cartilage. He is scheduled for surgery on April. 21st. We are praying he will be as good a new soon.

We remain in constant prayer for Ukraine and all those people who are seeking shelter. May the Lord bring them peace and safety.