

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Stoner Ridge Farm News



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Around the Farm

Seems as if the new year is full of fits and starts so far. The weather is warmer then it snows again or we get ice and wind. Just today, there has been ice and slick roads. We have battled some sickness and loss of loved ones since the new year began, but we are resilient and thankful to have our families, our loved ones, friends, and the horses.

On p. 2 you will see a snippet of the new year. It is just the beginning . . . There will be shows and events as we move forward. On Facebook you will

see an new RMHA Versatility Group. It is great! We are hoping the Board will approve an RMHA Show Group in the near future.

Be sure to reserve February 25th for the RMHA Awards Banquet. It will be held at the Bluegrass Stockyards/Market Place where we were last year. You can make reservations on your RMHA portal or call the office. The cost is \$25 per plate with youth a little less.

Charlie is working a couple of three year olds that are really nice, Blue Mountain Girl

and Sydney's Little Honey. We are excited to see how these fillies of the Heuslein's will come along. Julie and Bobby's colt Red River Diamond will be showing again this year. We also look forward to watching him performing in the ring. He has so much talent it will be exciting to see him competing.

Charlie has added Mindy to the riding schedule for February. Barbara is planning to take her to the Southern Equine Expo (where Bob and Duncan went last year). They will have a great time!

Black Market Diamond

(Jim) has also been added to the riding schedule. We just love this talented horse.

Bob and I will be out of town some during the month of Feb. We appreciate our house/farm sitters so we can travel. Whatever comes our way, we continue to be blessed!

Congratulations!



Marlee Kate Wallace was born 1/27 to McKayla and William. She weighed 7 lb 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. So sweet!!!



Red River Diamond
Up and coming RMHA colt
(not breeding at this time)

By Diamond Doc
Out of Rock's Apricot Delight

Pedigree includes Red River Rock, Magnum, Diamond Reo, Choco Dock, Johnson's Toby, Dock, Fonzie Kilburn's Chocolate Sundown, Choco, Stith Mare, Spencer's Dolly, Sam Clemon's Tim

Owned by:
Julie & Bobby Tucker



Black Market Diamond
Gray, no red gene
2023 RMHA Sam Tuttle



SRF's Silver Sundown
Sam Tuttle & Rea Swan Winner
Western Grand Champion

Registered
RMHA, KMSHA, & MPH

PBF's Simon Barjonah
RMHA 2021 High Point
Show Pleasure
Champion

Owned by:
Steve and Susan Heuslein

**Corrections to
Stoner Ridge Farm's
RMHA 2022 High Point Awards**

Charlie DeAtley, Trainer

DMH's Bella Angel
CTP Championship 3rd

Black Market Diamond
Stallions Trail Pleasure 2nd
Trail Pleasure Championship 3rd

Choco Dock's Marietta
Mares Trail Pleasure 2nd

WOF's Wind Commander
Geldings Trail Pleasure 2nd

Chicago Blues
3 YO Trail Pleasure 1st

DHS's Diamond Broker
Geldings Show Pleasure 1st
Show Pleasure Championship 2nd
Ladies Show Pleasure – Melisse Sharkey 2nd

Elite's Hallelujah
Ladies Country Trail Pleasure - Leah Palmquist 1st

Adult Trail Obstacle
1st Charlie DeAtley
(Black Market Diamond, WOF's Wind Commander,
Sundown Sierra)

Mary Kelley Tucker, Trainer

WOF Glamour and Style
Ladies Country Trail Pleasure 2nd
Ladies Trail Pleasure 3rd

Ruby DeAtley, Trainer

Pacific Sundown
Youth 12 - 17 Country Trail Pleasure - 1st
Youth 12 - 17 Country Trail Championship - 3rd

Congratulations



2023 Important Dates

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
Feb. 25 RMHA Membership meeting 5:00 p.m. with the RMHA Awards Banquet to follow at 6:00 p.m. Bluegrass Stockyards/Regional Market Place, Lexington, KY

Mar. 30, 31, Apr. 1 (RMHA B Show) Charity Horse Shows of Texas (counts as 3 shows)

April 21 & 22 (RMHA B Show) Clemson, SC counts as 2
May 13 (Anna Wells)*

May 19 (RMHA B Show) NMHA Memorial Premier, Prestonsburg Equine Center, Prestonsburg, KY

May 20 All Breeds Fun Show (Jennifer Adams)

June 24 (RMHA A Show) Get Your Pink On, Jeffersonville Community Park on HWY 213 South, Jeffersonville, KY

July 14 - 15 (RMHA B Show) NMHA United We Stand, Prestonsburg Equine Center, Prestonsburg, KY

July 29 (Anna Wells)*

Aug. 12 (Anna Wells)*

Aug. 19 & 20 *RMHA A Show) White Pine, TN counts as 2 shows

Sept. 6 - 9 RMHA International, KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Oct. 13 - 14 (RMHA B Show) NMHA How Legends are Made, TN Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN

* Tentative

2022 RMHA Versatility Awards

Julie Brown -Elite's Hallelujah 127 pts. Bronze
Julie Tucker -River on the Rocks 120 pts. Bronze
Ann Day -WOF's Wind Commander 106 pts. Bronze

Other Accomplishments

Barbara Hopper -Mindy Marcum Fuzzy Horse Tournament – 3-part series. 6 wins, 6 seconds, earning the High Point Championship in the Intermediate Division and Reserve in the Advanced Division.
Cowboy Up for the Cure for Cancer, Shadow Hills Ranch, Paris, KY. 1st place Obstacle Trail, Amateur
Halloween Trail Challenge, Cowtown Arena
1st – Adult Rider 1st – Senior Rider

Julie Tucker - River on the Rocks racked up many trail miles both in and out of state

Julie Brown - in addition to several versatility events took Ally to a cattle working clinic - fun times!

These ladies also participated in costume classes (Ann, Julie B. Melisse & Leah International winners), ETS competitions, Hunter Pace at Masterson, mounted Police Horse Clinics, additional obstacle challenges etc.

RMHA 2023 Board Candidates

Secretary: Paige Ramey

Treasurer: 1. Ellen Knapp

2. Laura Tuttle

Director of Examiners:

1. LaTasha Ross

2. Tara Stone

Hearing Panel: 1. Jan Dunn

2. Donnie Flege

3. Tim Spencer

Members at Large (Elect 4)

1. Mikey Dehart

2. Lisa Fedor

3. Jennifer Flannery-Hall

4. Mark Goron

5. Kathy House

6. Chrissy Knight

7. John Stivers

8. Darin Woods

Your vote matters!!!

Prayers Please

Please be in prayer for the family of Bruce Crowe who passed away at his home January 28th after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 65 years old. Bruce was the husband of Vanessa Crowe and father to Rachel and Landers Crowe. Our family remembers Bruce as a active member of the Rocky Mountain Drill Team. We had many fun adventures with Bruce and Vanessa (as well as with their family) riding and performing. Bruce was also a past employee of East Kentucky Power and the promotional director of United Mountain Horse. He will be greatly missed.

Also, please remember H.T. Derickson. He has just completed a series of radiation treatments on his face for a serious form of cancer that has left him feeling very weak. He has chosen to discontinue other treatment.

In addition, Randy Inman has suffered a broken ankle. He had surgery on January 30th. We are praying for a quick recovery for Randy.

As we pray let us give thanks for the Lord's blessings and always pray for his guidance and direction.

RMHA Awards Banquet

February 25, 2023

Bluegrass Stockyards/Regional Market Place
4561 Ironworks Pike, Suite 156
Lexington, KY

5:00 p.m. Membership Meeting
6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

Please reserve through the RMHA Office or your
RMHA Portal - \$25 per plate if eating

**Come join us at the RMHA office
1/2 mile from
the Kentucky Horse Park**

A Message from Charlie



First, I want to thank everyone for a great year last year both in and out of the show ring. As we start to look forward to the 2023 show season, there will be a small change. This year we will be planning to attend two shows each month prior to the RMHA International rather than trying to hit them all. This will allow our horses and riders to get in the ring and stay fit without overtaxing horses/crew. Hopefully, this will also allow a little more family time between shows and allow folks to schedule other activities such as trail rides, clinics, camping trips, etc. I really appreciate everyone's understanding and support in this decision.

Something else new that I have been working on is hosting a series of

clinics focusing specifically on helping people with pacing horses. It will be a progressive series with three parts spread over a few months with the same group of horses/riders. The idea would be that I would work with participants and their horse while giving them exercises and "homework" so to speak to work on between clinics. Applicants will be asked to submit a video and will be selected in order to ensure the horse really is a pacer and that this clinic is a good fit for them. Spread the word and keep an eye on Facebook and our website for more information. I really enjoy helping others improve their skills and look forward to this series of clinics. I don't know that I'm the first to do a clinic of this kind, but I'm not aware of anyone that has put one together quite like this. It will be interest-

My Little Farm a Facebook Post

"Farm work doesn't make you stronger. It doesn't make you anything. It reveals you. There's gym strong and then there's farm strong. They're mutually exclusive. The tough-

est women you'll ever meet spend their days on a farm. There are more uses for twine than you can possibly imagine. You can tie up a hole in a slow feeder, fashion a tail strap for a horse's blanket, mend a broken fence and use it as a belt. 'Well that certainly didn't go as planned' is one thing you'll say quite a bit. Control is a mere illusion. The thought that you have any, at any given time, is utterly false. Sometimes sleep is a luxury. So are lunch and dinner. And brushing your hair. If you've never felt your obliques contract, then you've never tried stopping an overly full wheelbarrow of horse manure from tipping over sideways. Trust me, you'll find muscles that you never knew existed on the human skeleton to prevent this from happening. When one of the animals is ill, you'll go to heroic lengths to minimize their discomfort. Their needs come first. In summer heat and coldest winter days. Clean water, clean bed, and plenty of feed. Before you have your first meal, they all eat. You'll never live more fully. You'll remain present no matter what because you must. There is no other option."

**To be continued in
March's SRF Newsletter**