

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

## Stoner Ridge Farm News



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### Around and About

Christmas and the New Year were a blur with celebrations and family time. Charlie, Bryan, Carter, and Mary Kelley worked to make sure the horses were well cared for during the holidays. Charlie continued to ride and train except for a couple of days.

Bob continued recover from his shoulder replacement surgery and moved from Home Health to Kort Physical Therapy where he will go from three days a week to twice weekly soon. He has done well, and we are so thankful! Julie Tucker is

also improving as her Physical Therapy continues. I'm sure these guys are looking forward to being fit come summer time.

It sure looked like summer was a long way off in January. On the 12th, I left for Hardinsburg to be with our grandkids while Bobby and Eyvonne took a combined work/vacation trip to England and France. They were gone almost two weeks. It was great to spend time with the kids but it was good to get home as well. We really had some cold

weather (-7) and quite a bit of show during this time. January has been a gloomy month with lots of gray clouds and little sunshine. We are also missing our horse show friends!

On the 27th Bob and I did get to attend Marlee Kate's first birthday party. McKayla did a great job with decorations.

It was fun to be with them and celebrate a sweet one year old.

Ruby has been busy at prac-

tice. She has continued to run track, compete in archery and practice her FFA parliamentary procedure ("parley") with her team. She earned a PR for her last two track events and received a pin given to shooters achieving 265 points out of a possible 300. It won't be long before it is time to select her calf to show this year and add some riding back into her schedule. It is a busy time!

Erin has been busy as well. She has spent lots of time in her studio this month. She left Wednesday to go to Greenville, SC for the South Carolina Knitting Guild (continued on p. 3)



**Red River Diamond**  
(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, etc.

RMH International 5 YO  
Stallion Champion

**Owned by:**  
**Julie & Bobby Tucker**



**Black Market Diamond**  
Gray, no red or silver 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**



**Clarification-members receiving awards who are not interested in the dinner or table seating may attend without paying for the banquet. There will be additional seating for those individuals.**

**While there is a deadline posted so that we can communicate with the hotel about our expected numbers, there will be opportunity to buy tickets at the door.**

Join us on March 2, 2024 to celebrate the achievements of our members at the **2023 Program/Competition Year End High Point Awards Banquet**. The RMHA Membership meeting will take place prior to the banquet at 6:00 PM, ET and the banquet will follow at 7:00 PM, ET.

The event will be held at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton Lexington at 2601 Richmond Rd, Lexington. To book a hotel room, select **HOTEL RESERVATION** Select "Special Rates" enter 91E in the Group Code box then click on update. You can also call and give the code.

Thanks to a generous donation by the **Rocky Mountain Horse Kentucky Breeders Association, Inc**, we are able to offer the tickets for the banquet at \$30/person. We ask that tickets be purchased prior to the event so that we can provide the numbers to the hotel. Deadline is February 26.

**Select the picture below to secure your spot at the banquet.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

**2023 PROGRAM/COMPETITION  
YEAR END HIGH POINT  
AWARDS BANQUET  
& MEMBERSHIP MEETING**



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## Important Dates

**Feb. 14** Valentine's Day

**March 1** RMHA B - Lions Club Charity Horse Show, Marshall, TX

**March 2** RMHA B - Lions Club Charity Horse Show, Marshall, TX

**March 2** RMHA Membership meeting  
6:00 p.m. with the RMHA Awards Banquet to follow at 7:00 p.m.  
DoubleTree, Lexington, KY

**May 4** RMHA A - Lee County Saddle Club, Beattyville, KY

\*May 31 & June 1 RMHA B - Carter County Shrine Show, Olive Hill, KY

**June 7** Ruby's 16th Birthday

**June 15** RMHA A - Get Your Pink on Show, Owingsville, KY

**June 22 or 23** Clark County Fair Fun Show

**July 13** RMHA B - Harrison County Fair Show, Cynthiana, KY

**Sept. 4 - 7** RMHA International Grand Championship Horse Show, Covered Arena, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY  
\*Tentative

### More shows will be posted as they are scheduled

Remember there are Virtual Trail Obstacle Challenges being scheduled every six weeks or so. They do count toward KHBIF trail obstacle points. KY Cowtown, Williamstown, also has several obstacle dates available: April 27, June 29, and Oct. 26.

## Banquet Presentation of Slides

The RMHA Office will be putting together a presentation of slides for the awards and ask that you send a high resolution photo of rider and horse, preferably a competition/program picture to [coordinator@rmhorse.com](mailto:coordinator@rmhorse.com) and/or [admin@rmhorse.com](mailto:admin@rmhorse.com) by February 12 with the name of the horse/rider/division in the subject line. Lyngle will be glad to help with this if anyone would like have assistance.

## Happy Groundhog Day!



## RMHA Board Changes

**Secretary:** Jan Dunn

**Hearing Panel:** John Stivers

**Member at Large:** Derick Tipton

## Election 2024

- The President and Vice President (1 team to be elected). No applications were made. However, Jan Dunn and John Stivers are soliciting petition signatures to be able to run. Lyngle has a copy of the petition if you would like to add your signature. They need approximately 200 members' signatures.
- Hearing Panel (1 to be elected) Application withdrawn due to appointment.
- Director of Examiners (1 to be elected) Fran Odom
- Members at Large (3 to be elected): Travis Robinson)

**Happy, Happy 50th Birthday to our Farrier and Equine Dentist, Phil Flynn!!!**

## Prayers Please

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

Please remember Julie and Gary Brown. Gary lost his mother, Jean Matthews, on February 1st. Gary will be traveling to Arizona asap. Our heart goes out to them at this time.

Many of you have been praying for Billy Caudill who suffered 3 aneurysms recently. He has had surgery and been in ICU. Thankfully, he is showing signs of improvement.

Both Bob and Julie Tucker are making improvements after their shoulder surgeries. Susan Heuslein had pins put in her hip after a fall around Christmas. Please remember these folks in your prayers.

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Retreat. She sure has some pretty yarn to take with her. She has such a wonderful way with color. I'm looking forward to learning more about her new colorways.

Charlie has continued to work horses. Sammie (She's All Mine) who belongs to Brenda Watson, is coming along well. She has a nice gait and is a really pretty girl. Julie Tucker's colt, Silver's Diamond Dealer, sure takes after his sire, SRF's Silver Sundown. He is strong and impressive. He gaits every step. Julie Brown's gelding, AJ (After Hours), is also a gaiting machine. You can see his daddy (HCR's After Midnight) in him as well. I can't wait to see these guys in the ring. Melissa Walters filly,



Journey, has done great. She has a distinctive color with some roaring. Melissa will be taking her home this week. Several horses have sold recently. Susan Graham's gelding, Hurts Final Warning has gone to his new home in Florida. Robin Woith's gelding, Santana, has been sold but Charlie is putting a couple of extra months on him before he goes home. Sundown Sierra sold in December and has gone home to work in Western Dressage. Charlie still has four year old for Steve and Susan, Blue Mountain Girl, who is for sale. Please let your friends know. She is on the web site and will make someone a great mount. Today, Charlie got Simon, Reo, and Jim back up to get ready for show season. More horses that are turned out will return to training next month. Olivia and Ruby will be returning to the barn in March to help Charlie ride. Mary Kelley has been busy with foaling and new responsibilities with the vet at Claiborne, but she is still able to be here several evenings each week. Our first show is scheduled in Beattyville on May 4th. It really won't be long until showtime! Oh by the way, the International theme this year is "Rockin' the Runway". We are looking forward to another great time with shows and obstacles! Can't wait!



## Magazine Update

There is still time to take out an ad in the spring/summer edition of the RMHA magazine. The deadline has been extended until February 5th. Our new publisher, Luka Bowman, had brain surgery recently to remove a tumor. Thank the good Lord it was not malignant. She has been released to go back to work this week. Please keep her in your prayers. She will be getting our ad proofs out to us as soon as she can.