

Stoner Ridge Farm News

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Come
enjoy
the Pink
Show
Aug. 22



RMHA International Championship Show September 9 - 12



Planning for the next few shows continues in spite of challenging times. Who would have ever imagined a world wide pandemic and how it has affected everyone's lives. Even so, we are thankful that we are well and that the horses provide a sense of normalcy to us here on the farm. Their routine has remained unchanged and to a large extent, our routine continues because of their care. There is still feeding and watering to do with a comforting regularity. There is riding and training interspersed with a few lessons. Dr. McVey and Phil come to provide their services. Sawdust arrives and stalls are cleaned. Folks stop by to check on us and on the horses. It is a wonderful life and we are truly blessed.

The situation changes, though, when we venture out beyond the farm. Kentucky's Governor (and many other governors across the country) has imposed additional restrictions based on increasing numbers of folks who have contracted the virus. Even though the politics of mask wearing and social distancing are nerve-racking, we each must determine what is safe for us and the best way to stay healthy.

As we look toward the RMHA International, there are restrictions that have been put in place that will need to be followed by exhibitors this year. The KHP has announced that there will be no spectators allowed for the remainder of 2020. However, exhibitors, owners, trainers, grooms, parents of youth exhibitors, staff, and volunteers will be permitted to be on the grounds. The current plan, is that the KHP will be

following the US Equestrian guidelines to keep everyone safe. Beyond that information, we will have to wait and see. The Governor here has mandated masks at least through Aug. 10. As of that date, he will reconsider depending on the numbers. There have also been restrictions on bars and limits of 25% capacity to indoor dining. Outside dining is permitted at this time.

Even with the restrictions, we have been told the show will go on as long as folks stay well. Show Manager, Julie Clark, has been pro-active and has put changes in place so that we will be able to show safely. The show office will be moved to the far left hand corner of the arena. That spot has traditionally been used as a break room/storage room for the show staff. Now exhibitors will be able to come to the windows outside should they need to have contact with the staff there. This year, entries as well as any scratches/add will be able to be done by text message. We are going to stay positive and continue to work toward having a wonderful show!

Your sponsorships are so greatly appreciated this year for the Rocky Mountain Horse Association! Thank you to all have contributed to the combined Stoner Ridge sponsorship so far. We are very near the Titanium level of \$3,000 and will work toward the \$250 we need to get there! We have such awesome folks who love to help. The farm ad for the Show Program is due soon so we'll be working on that asap. If you have suggestions or ideas, please let us know. Luka is doing the International program. There will be a \$3 charge to help cover the cost of publication. We thank you sincerely for all you do!

The RMH International Show begins Wednesday, Sept. 9 and will run through Saturday, September 12. We have stalls where we did last year in Barn 5 and 6. We will have one of the large tack stalls and a regular stall. There are some other folks that want to share a tack stall if you all know anyone who needs to share, let me know. We also have a couple of stalls that have been reserved that won't be used. The complete list of documents and information including the show bill is posted now on the rmhorse.com site. More information will be forthcoming.

Your contributions of drinks and snacks (Ale 8, water, ham, bologna, chips, cookies) during the week would be appreciated. It would be wonderful if we could do crock pot meals each day again. There is a concession stand on the grounds but it is pretty expensive and it's never as good as homemade. Again, thanks for everything.

Important Dates

Aug. 1 RMHA Board Mtg.

Aug. 8 RMHA B Mountain Horse Cele., West Liberty. **Canceled**

Aug. 15 Gaited Gala (rescheduled from Aug. 1), Lee County, KY

Aug. 22 RMHA B Show: The Pink Show, Owingsville, KY

Sept. 9 - 12 RMHA International Horse Show, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Sept. 24 - 27 Equitana USA, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. **Canceled**

Sept. 26 Lewisburg-Millcreek Lions Club, Tollesboro, KY RMHA B Show

Oct. 29 - 31 Appalachian Horse Revival, Morehead State University RMHA Show

Prayers Please

I appreciate all your prayers for me and my recent night in the hospital. I'm feeling great and am very thankful that I continue to do well.

Please pray for Billy Dale. His wife is a member of our church. Billy suffers from dementia and drove away from home last Thursday. He was found a little over 40 hours later. We are thankful he was ok. The doctor did discover a broken rib. Our heart goes out to them.

Saturday afternoon, Phil Flynn was injured while working on his car. I don't have the details, but the end result was a separation of the collar bone. Amanda, Phil's wife, asked for prayers on Facebook. I reached out to her on Monday and he is pretty uncomfortable. He has an appointment with the orthopedist on Tuesday. Then Monday, Paisley fell from her hoverboard and broke both bones in her left arm. Bless her heart. We are praying for a speedy recovery for them both.

As you pray, please remember our country. So many folks are having a hard time. Our leaders and our people are so challenged right now. The world is in turmoil but we know that God is still on His throne. Our only hope of peace is through Him.

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RMHA International Week at a Glance Daily Event Schedule

Tuesday 12:00 p.m.	September 8, 2020 Move in Day Exhibitor and Vendor move in & setup
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Certification in the Covered Arena
6:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	September 9, 2020 Invocation / National Anthem / Flag Ceremony Begin Classes 1 – 27 Lunch break after Class 11
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	September 10, 2020 Begin Classes 28 - 56 Lunch Break after class 39
Friday 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	September 11, 2020 Youth Day Begin Classes 57 – 72 Trail Obstacle walk-through to be announced approximately 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Trail Obstacle classes which will be held in the main arena this year. There will be no other classes going on at the same time as Trail Obstacle this year. Competition will end promptly at 12:00 p.m. so make sure you can finish by that time. Lunch Break at 12:00 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	Equitation and Western Classes
6:00 p.m.	Youth Equitation and Championship Classes 73-86
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	September 12, 2020 Begin Classes 87-96 Lunch Break after class 96
1:30 p.m.	Flag Ceremony – RMHA Youth Class 97 Lead Line and 98 First Solo (for our youngest exhibitors) President's Welcoming Speech Youth Scholarship Award Presentation Class 99 – 114 Grand Championships and Special Award Presentations

Welcome

We want to welcome Jo Anne Green to Stoner Ridge Farm. She has a 3 year old stallion named the Preacher who is here for training. He is already under saddle and he's getting better each day. We also welcomed Bob's great niece, Macy, and her boyfriend's mother to the SRF training program in July. They brought their young quarter horse, Titan, for some training. Macy is 16 and is just getting into horses. She is looking for the flash and dash of barrel racing. We appreciate the opportunity to work with these fine folks and their horses.

Owingsville

DNS All Charged Up

M/G Trail - 4th - Mary Kelley
Trail Pleasure Championship - 5th - Mary Kelley

HCR's After Midnight

M/G Show Pleasure - 4th - Mary Kelley
Amateur Show Pleasure - 3rd - Julie Brown
Show Pleasure Championship - 4th - Mary Kelley

Black Market Diamond

Stallions Trail Pleasure - 4th

Pepper's Just Plain Pretty

Juvenile Western - 1st
Juvenile Trail - 3rd
Juvenile CTP - 6th

Down on the Farm

July has been hot and humid here in Kentucky this year. We've had a few thunder storms but the heat quickly returned.

Through the heat, the riding and lessons have continued. Charlie is riding with help from Erin. He also has a new man cleaning stalls. Steve Allen has been here two or three weeks and is working out well.

We have two shows and then the International. It always seems to sneak up on us even though we prepare for it all year long. There are two shows scheduled after the International this year.

Erin has been working with Charlie for the last couple of months. She does a great job. I have always thought Erin does especially well with her lessons. She is able to analyze the strengths of the horse and determine how best to help the rider improve. Katherine Wickoff has been doing a couple of lessons a week with her mare, Grace. Katherine's goal has been to increase her horsemanship and to increase the connection she



Tollesboro

PBF Simon Barjonah

Show Pleasure Champ. - 2nd

Silver's Jazz Master

CTP Championship - 2nd

HCR's After Midnight

Show Pleasure Championship - 4th - Mary Kelley

WOF Wind Commander

M/G Trail - 1st
Trail Pleasure Champ. - 3rd

Black Market Diamond

3 YO Trail Pleasure - 3rd
Stallions Trail Pleasure - 5th

Pepper's Just Plain Pretty

17 & Under CTP - 1st - Ruby
17 & Under Trail - 2nd - Ruby



has with her mare. I am in and out during training sessions and lessons. It's been impressive to see the growth in both



the horse and in Katherine. I have seen her skill develop and have watched her confidence grow as a result. She is hoping to have Grace out on the trails before long. Congratulations to Katherine and Grace. We're excited to see fun times ahead for these two as they continue to learn and grow together.