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THS TENTATIVE SHOW SCHEDULE

APRIL 11

Cazenovia College Open Show
CAZENOVIA, NY

MAY 2

Morrisville College Open English Show
MORRISVILLE, NY

MAY 8-10

Bridle Path Manor Fairgrounds Show
NYS FAIRGROUNDS COLISEUM

MAY ?

LCH Hunter Pace
CAZENOVIA, NY

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!

After a long hard winter, we are starting to see glimpses of spring popping up around the farm. We have had the first day without turnout blankets and some happy muddy ponies due to it. We are starting to find those long lost jump poles out in the schooling field, the fur is starting to fly with shedding season kicking in, and those horse show prize lists are starting to pop up. We would like to congratulate our riders who toughed out the cold to keep on working over the winter, which on those 25 degree days was certainly no easy task, and I am sure that they are stronger riders because of it. It is also time to welcome back our riders who took some time off over the winter, and we are excited to have you back.

As we wave good-bye to winter and spring appears, we have a new set of challenges to contend with. Shedding their winter coats tends to make horses and ponies itchy, and their favorite way to scratch an itch is a good old fashioned roll in the mud. So when you arrive for your lesson don't be surprised to see your favorite pony turned itself a whole

different color by caking itself in mud. It will take longer to groom your pony so it is suitable for riding in mud season, so please plan accordingly, which may mean getting here a few minutes earlier to allow for extra grooming time. Another dilemma that spring brings is soft ground. We ask our students to be sure that they stay on the driveway while coming, going, and parking their cars until the ground has toughened up, so we can have a beautiful lawn for everyone to enjoy come summer time. Also along the lines of keeping the ground in good shape, once mud season sets in, riders that normally work in the lower schooling field will begin working up top in the cross-country field or on the trails to preserve the lower schooling field so the footing will be good all through the summer. Riders will be able to continue working in the walk/trot ring right through spring.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST LEVEL 1 HORSEMANSHIP GRADUATE!



KALI JARVIS

Congratulations to Kali Jarvis, our first Trinity Hill Student to achieve a Level 1 certification from our Horsemanship Program. Kali completed her Level 1 testing on 4/17 with a 94.4%. Level 1 consists of 5 sections, Basic Grooming, Tacking, Basic Safety and Leading, Identifying Basic Mounted Horsemanship, and Horse Colors and Markings. I would like all students to either get tested if they are ready or take the class for Level 1 Section 1 Basic Grooming by March 31st.

JUNE ?

Classic Horse Show
Smoke Tree Farm
BALDWINVILLE, NY

JUNE 6-7

Bridle Path Manor
Open English Show
NYS FAIRGROUNDS
COLISEUM

JUNE 21

Oriskany Creek Show
CLINTON, NY

JUNE 27

Weather-or-Not
Horse Show
NYS FAIRGROUNDS
4-H RINGS

JUNE 28

Classic Horse Show
Bridle Path Manor
NYS FAIRGROUNDS
4-H RINGS

JULY ?

Classic Horse Show
Canterbury Stables
CAZENOVIA, NY

JULY 18

Summer Time Fun
Bridle Path Manor
CAMILLIUS, NY

JULY 19

Oriskany Creek Show
CLINTON, NY

AUGUST 1

DeRuyter Hunter
Pace
DERUYTER, NY

AUGUST ?-?

Classic Horse Show
Coliseum Classic
NYS FAIRGROUNDS
COLISEUM

AUGUST 15

Field Days Show
Bridle Path Manor
CAMILLIUS, NY

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST THS SHOW TEAM MEMBERS!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW MEMBERS TO OUR TRINITY HILL SPORHORSES' SHOW TEAM FOR THE 2009 SEASON.

SAVANNAH LOVELESS, SHOWING IN LEADLINE

ALEX OPPERMAN, SHOWING IN WALK/TROT

KIRI JARVIS, SHOWING IN WALK/TROT. AND WALK/TROT CROSS-RAILS

Savannah, Alex, and Kiri will be joining Coach Sarah Behrens, and teammates, Ashley Pierce, and Kali Jarvis to away shows throughout the upcoming show season. Even if you are not showing we encourage THS students to come to the shows both to cheer on the team and to see what horse showing is all about. Please also let your trainer know if you are also interested in competing with the team.

WHAT DO I WEAR TO HORSE SHOW?

Every rider has this question when planning for their first horse show, so this article is to shed some light on the subject.

Showing Hunters and Hunter-seat Equitation is based on many years of tradition, originating from the fox-hunting field. Horses' manes are braided so hunt whips do not become ensnared in them, all members of the hunt and their horses come impeccably groomed, out of respect to the Master of the Hounds, and tack is scrupulously cleaned to ensure it is safe for use over fences and difficult terrain. Our show hunters and riders mimic these fox-hunting traditions with a few different twists. Our horses' manes are braided, our show clothes resemble that which is worn to fox-hunt, our mounts are groomed to present them and our horsemanship skills to the best of our ability, and our tack is cleaned thoroughly to ensure safety and also to demonstrate the care we take to be the best horsemen we can be. In the world of horse showing it is considered disrespectful and of bad taste to enter the ring with either our mount or ourselves looking unkempt.

So now that you know why we dress and groom like we do, it is time for you to find out, what exactly is it that I am supposed to wear to horse show. We will



start at the top and work our way down.

Our helmets are the first and most important item to discuss. Our helmets are modeled after the traditional "hunt cap" which is a black velvet covered hat that offered a minimal amount of protection from overhead branches and brush while out on the hunt. Since then horsemen found that they can be even more useful as a safety device with some modern technology. First and foremost all students are expected to wear an ASTM-SEI certified helmet while mounted at any time and this rule is the same at the horse shows. The next task is to mimic the black hunt cap look. Riders showing above the level of Walk/Trot and Leadline are required to have a helmet that, without a cover, is black or a dark grey. Many helmets from International, Charles Owen, and GPA are acceptable. Students showing in Leadline or Walk/Trot will be fine to get a black velvet helmet cover for the helmet that they have if they are not yet able to purchase a helmet as described above. And down a little further, we have the issue of hair. For male students with their