

Foxcroft Newsletter – Spring 2008

Lesson Schedules

Group lessons have been running all winter and are continuing through the Spring / Summer. In this weather we are glad to have our large indoor arena. Still, everyone is looking forward to getting back outside to the outdoor rings and fields. Lessons continue to run Saturdays and Sundays during the day, as well as Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

This year we started adult sessions which have been a great hit. The ladies are toning up and having fun as they get in on the action. Riding keeps you forever young.

Victoria Day Horse Show & Open House

Foxcroft is running its 17th annual Victoria Day Student Horse Show on Monday May 19. This year proceeds from the show will be donated to “TEAD” – “The Equestrian Association for the Disabled”. Come out to watch our riders, and support TEAD’s important programs. Visitors are welcome.

Summer Camp Sign Ups

Foxcroft summer camp registration is already under way. Watch for us at the Burlington Mall Home and Leisure Show, March 7 – 10. Many of our experienced camp staff will be back this year to keep things running smoothly. We look forward to meeting lots of new riders who will be joining us for the first time and getting a great intro to riding.

For more experienced riders we will be running our popular “Eventing Week” during week 1 (June 30 – July 4). As well, watch for Rider level exam preparation weeks (when we prepare riders for Equine Canada national riding exams). Also, watch for volunteer sign-up. Volunteer hours can be used towards secondary school volunteer requirements.

Barn Beat

Seen a few new faces around the barn? The riding school is pleased to welcome Georgia a 6-year old Belgian x Quarter horse mare. Georgia is a gentle giant. With her beautiful blond mane and tail and her friendly personality, she is a hit with our riders. During summer '07 we also acquired Meggie who belongs to a long-time friend of Stephanie's. Meggie is a chestnut Welsh-cross pony. She had an active career in pony club and still has energy to spare. Meggie is petite enough to give confidence to our smaller riders. Welcome also to the 5 year old pinto mare Havana and the bay Thoroughbred-cross Dallas. Both are good jumpers and welcome additions for our more experienced riders. The Harper girls are enjoying their handsome new gelding Pete and are looking forward to an exciting show season with him. Janet Errygers is busy working with a new project – her 5 year old thoroughbred Bear. Good luck to both.

Stephanie is busy with her 2 new “babies”. Howie and Calypso are turning 4 this summer. They are just starting work under saddle and are learning how to be real horses. Howie is a Swedish Warmblood x Thoroughbred and Calypso is a Holsteiner x Thoroughbred. Watch them transform from furry juveniles to handsome competitors.

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Foxcroft Competitive Squad

Highlights of 2007

Rebecca Rebus and Ruby finished the 2007 season in first place on the Ontario Leader Board in the Junior Training division. As well Ruby was high point Training thoroughbred in the province. In case anyone had any doubts, this pair were Reserve Ontario Champions at the Provincial Championships at Belvoir in London, then took top honours at Midsouth in Lexington, Kentucky.

Janelle Caldwell and her Hanoverian mare Dinera had top placings at Will O Wind and Equus as well as a strong finish at the challenging Midsouth event in Kentucky. Janet Errygers and her thoroughbred gelding Red finished the season 6th on the Ontario Leader Board at pre-training. They were a consistent pair with top ten placings throughout the season, including a win at Equus. Maggie Maynard developed her new mount Winston during the season and improved throughout the year including a solid placing at Glen Oro.

Our show lease program is a great introduction to competitive riding. Morgan McKenzie had a strong season with Santana including a 1st in the Myrrdin Short Course and 2nd in the Equus 3D horse trial. Lauren Johnson and the charming Fergus were 3rd at Equus in September. Nicholas St. Pierre riding the experienced quarter-horse mare Sierra were 3rd at Myrrdin and 5th at Equus. His brother Patrick was out on the youngster Windsor. This pair developed during the season and finished the year with an 8th place in their first full horse trial at Equus.

Stephanie had a strong season with Santo Domingo and Colin. She began the year with back to back wins in South Carolina. She continued to place at home in Ontario and finished the season placing 2nd and 4th at the Ontario Championships in London.

2008 Hopefuls

Boarders and their own horses

Katie Anderson	-	Huckleberry Finn
Janelle Caldwell	-	Dinera
Janet Errygers	-	Bear
Kelly / Katie Harper	-	Pete
Maggie Maynard	-	Winston
Rebecca Rebus	-	Rubies to Diamonds

Show Lease Team

Lauren Johnson	-	Havana
Morgan McKenzie	-	Santana
Katie McQueen	-	Sierra
Nicholas St. Pierre	-	Fergus
Patrick St. Pierre	-	Windsor

Watch for us as we compete throughout the season. Friends and fans are welcome to join us at horse shows. We love the support! Check our website for details.

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