

APRIL 2025

“For your horse to be keen but submissive, it must be calm, straight, and forward.” Bill Steinkraus

Events

April 1: Turning the barn heat off

April 5: Northland Horse Fair and NWDA Tack Swap at Miller Hill Mall 10-6.

April 11-13 Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, WI

April 15 Vaccination and coggins due!

April 25-27 MN Horse Expo at Canterbury Park, Shakopee MN

April 26 RRF work day 1-4. Please let Jen know if you can help out!

May 17: Clinic with Meridith Babnick at RRF. Message Meridith for more information and to get a riding slot. Auditing welcome!

Dr. Keener will be at RRF on May 1, August 21 and November 20. Let Jen know which date you would like your horse seen on.

Oreo's Party

Oreo celebrated her golden birthday with many,



many friends! What a lucky, beautiful pony that has brought joy to so many people throughout her life. Happy Birthday, Oreo!

Barn Notes

FaceBook

Visit River Ranch Farm Community Group for updates, items for sale, upcoming events and the like. If you don't have access to our private group, let Jen or I know

JoJo Lease

JoJo Is available for lease. Talk to Desi for details!



Our barn kitties are getting a bit chubby! For their health and to increase their longevity, we are now feeding them a fixed amount twice a day. Please refrain from topping off their bowls or giving them additional food. We also hope this keeps other critters that help themselves to the feed dish out of the barn!



We provide an assortment of clean rags and towels for barn use. Please know that someone (Jen!) has to wash all of these rags, so if the rag is covered in mud, grain or dirt, be kind and hose it off prior to putting it in the dirty rag bin. We want to continue being able to offer barn rags for client use.

NWDA Banquet/ Awards

The NWDA Banquet was a success and RRF practice paid off for the Hawaiian theme! Congratulations to all of you who participated in NWDA events this year, and to all of you that won awards! See the list of successes from River Ranch riders below.



Dressage Achievement Awards

Dressage Seat Equitation - Syra Johnson Engle and Tiramisu - GOLD - 64.166%

Intro Level

Silver - Mary Valentine and Snickers - Intro A - 59.375%

Gold - Syra Johnson Engle and Arco - Intro A - 64.688%

Premium - Nadine Luoma and Winning Dream - Intro A - 66.250%

Training Level

Premium - Syra Johnson Engle and Tiramisu - T2 - 65.172%

Premium - Taelor Malmstrom and Southern Parkway - T1 - 68.462%

First Level

Premium - Cherese Hietala and Zephyr - 1-1 - 68.333%

Mastery Awards

Taelor Malmstrom and Southern Parkway - Training Level

Syra Johnson Engle and Tiramisu - Training Level

NWDA Hunter/Jumper Awards

Walk/Trot Division

5th – Syra Johnson Engle and Arco – 13 points

Walk/Trot/Canter Division

3rd – Mary Valentine and Snickers – 31 points

18” Division

Reserve Champion – Nadine Luoma and Winning Dream – 87 points

4th – Aleda Vacek and Free Spirit – 67 points

2’ Division

Champion – Saranda Oestreicher and Easily Amused – 104 points

Reserve Champion – Rebecca Bischoff and Fancy Pants – 97 points

3rd – Emma Engbrecht and River Rapids – 87 points

4th – Jocelyn Johnson and Bellissima GVF – 35 points

6th – Syra Johnson Engle and Shimmer Dust – 9 points

2’3 Division

Champion – Cherese Hietala and Zephyr’s Storm – 92 points

Reserve Champion – Madeline Smith and One Last Asset – 63 points

3rd – Abbey Watt and Frappuccino – 47 points

4th – Syra Johnson Engle and Shimmer Dust – 7 points

2’6 Division

Champion – Megan Matson and Frappuccino – 51 points

Jack Pine Hunter/Jumper Awards

- Champion – Megan Matson and Frappuccino – 137 points
- 3rd – Saranda Oestreicher and Easily Amused – 111 points
- 4th – Rebecca Bischoff and Fancy Pants – 97 points
- 5th – Cherese Hietala and Zephyr – 92 points
- 5th – Madeline Smith and One Last Asset – 92 points
- 6th – Nadine Luoma and Winning Dream – 87 points
- 6th – Emma Engbrecht and River Rapids – 87 points