

Palmer's Press March/April

Well it's been a busy, busy spring at Hunter's Edge Stables. Since our last press release, we have had 6 Horse Shows!!! Here are the results from the shows.

WTHJA Schooling show: Mary Grayson Fauser was Champion on Skippin School winning every class! Palmer and Smokey were Champions in 10 & over WTX . Peggy and Zoomer were Champions in Master/Pro 2' and Reserve in Green Horse at their first show! Jennifer and Max were Champions in Child/Adult 2'3". Ren Grant was Reserve Champion on Max in Child/Adult 2'. Mary Ellen and Jake had tough competition but brought home good ribbons. Bowers and Panache were Champions in Master/Pro 2'6".

Alderwood March : Lexie Rook and Smokey were Champions in Pre-short Stirrup and Reserve in 10 and over WTC xrails. Kaylee Landers and Caky Winsett both had great ribbons in WTC xrails and Pre-Short Stirrup! Palmer Cone was Champion in WT x rails on Smokey. Kaylee was Reserve Champ in WT x rails. Ryann Mazur was Champion in Child/Adult 2'6"! Shelby Cavagnaro was Champion in Child/Adult 2'3" and Reserve Child/Adult 2'. Peggy was Champion on Zoomer in Master/Pro 2'. Mary Ellen had great ribbons in Child/Adult 2' with her debut on Lenny! Mary Ellen is now leasing Lenny, Congratulations! *Sarah Sutton was Reserve Champ in Level1 Jumpers and Champion in Level 2 on Jennifer Mazur's Unique Antique aka Viking!*

Springtime in Dixie: This was the first local A show of the season and there was a huge turnout! For the first time WTHJA held a 3' Hunter Derby for Children and Adults. Hunters Edge sponsored the Hunt Breakfast along with Jane Olsen and Fair Meadow Farm. It was a great morning with catered food, great barn friends, and a fun class to watch! Thanks to those of you who helped contribute to the breakfast and came out to support the barn. It was a fun class to watch with the course in both the North and South rings. There was the 1st round and the top 12 of 17 riders returned for a trickier 2nd round. It was great to see the kids and adults handle the courses under the pressure and they handled it well. Congratulations to Bowers and Luca for their 8th place finish! I hope to see some of my students competing in this class next year, so start practicing!

Springtime Encore Show: Congratulations to Kate Duke and Champ for being Reserve Champions in the Green Ponies! Bowers had great ribbons on both Luca and Panache in the 14 & under Children's division, tough field!

Thanks to the Germantown 4H Club for another wonderfully organized barn show on April 3rd! All the kids were very responsible handling their jobs and ran a smooth show.

We had a great turnout even after the previous evening's thunderstorms and a 10:00 delay start time. Thank you volunteers and exhibitors for all your cooperation and supporting HES and 4H!!!

(Results from this show will be posted in next Palmer's Press)

HES and Longreen Hounds joined together for a first ever double show weekend held at the GCHS arena. It took countless hours of preparation and volunteering to make this show happen! Thanks to Rose Marie and Oak View Stables for providing the most beautiful jumps and her incredible support staff! We could not have done this without you!!! We had flash flooding and severe thunderstorms on Saturday, but we still managed to complete every class and the rings handled the rain beautifully! We even had a potluck and karaoke Saturday night. Thanks to all of our clients who participated and supported this show!

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****** Germantown Charity is fast approaching******

There is a lot of paperwork for this show, especially for those of you who have not showed in an A show this year. To keep this process as stress free as possible, we really need to plan ahead, get a stall count, and get signed up asap. ENTRIES CLOSE IN LESS THAN 2 WEEKS!!! So get with Margaret, Beanie or Allison about it especially if any of you plan to take a school horse which is first come first serve! I need all paperwork and checks no later than **May 9th!!!**

If you are planning on doing any of the 4H Shows, please get with Melissa, Jennifer, or Beanie. All entries and checks need to be in by May 1st!

*****Parents night out at the barn, Sunday May 16th 6:30*****

This helpful Q and A for parents about horseshowing, what the judge is looking for, what is entailed to have a positive successful show for your child. Please join us for hors'derves and BYOB. It will be a fun night for parents only and a great way to meet other parents in the barn!

Spring is the time for Housekeeping!!!

Some helpful reminders:

- Mark Matz is offering to launder your horse's blankets. They are putting them in nice storage bags too, so they will be easy to store at home. If you want to use his service, the fee is \$30 per blanket, make check to Mark Matz. Put the check in an envelope inside the garbage bag with your blankets. Put **your** name on the outside, NO HORSES NAMES please! If you choose to clean your own blankets, please take them home! We do not have enough storage to store your blankets and we cannot be responsible if they become MIA for some reason, so please take them home until next winter.
- Please clean up after yourself and your horse! No one likes to see manure, shedding hair, or dirt picked from hooves! We have buckets, brooms and shovels all around and we want to have a nice clean barn and help keep the flies away, so please help us keep it that way! If the drain in the wash rack is clogged, please unclog it.
- Parents, you can help patrol the kids and remind them to clean up if they don't.
- If you borrow something, PLEASE ask first and put it back where you got it. I can't tell you how many lost spurs, crops, etc there are because of this and PLEASE put your name on EVERYTHING!!! We have no idea who this stuff belongs to if it doesn't have a name on it and we want to find their rightful owners!
- Please get in a good habit of cleaning your tack after each ride. We have cleaning supplies available for this reason!
- If you want us to wash your pads and girths we are happy to do this for you, please place them in the laundry baskets. Make sure your name is clearly marked!
- Please remember to give yourself plenty of time to arrive 30 mins before your lesson to catch your horse, groom and tack up ready to enter the ring on time. If you are late, that cuts time off your lesson, it doesn't extend it, we have a schedule to keep. Also plan on 30 mins after your lesson for a proper cool down and taking care of untacking your horse, bath, cleaning and putting your tack away. It is not your trainer's responsibility to do these things. If you need to have your horse cared for before or after a lesson, we can do that for a fee, so please discuss with your trainer if you need this service!