

IRISH RUN FARMS

JUNE NEWS

Greetings from Irish Run! Summertime is upon us and the barn is abuzz with activity. Come down to visit your human and equine friends!

The show season has just begun and already Irish Run is producing top contenders. The first “D” Series show was held at Windy Ridge May 15-16 and we brought home lots of ribbons! Christy and Grace were champions in the Barely Vertical division and Ann and Lacey were champions in the Walk/Trot division. Regan on Lacey and Kelsey on Casey added to the successful weekend with more primary colors. Congrats ladies and thank you Rae for your expert guidance!

There is another “D” Series show this weekend at Stillwater Stables and Alison and I will be riding in the one day schooling event at Catalpa Corners on Sunday. Rae, Kennen, Andrea and I will be heading to Mason City for the “A” Series show June 16-20. If you aren’t riding, please come watch and support your barn friends if you are able. It is lots of fun and FREE! The Grand Prix at Mason City (Saturday evening) is always a treat. Where else can you get to watch amazing horses and riders and enjoy a delicious dinner for free admission? If you want to be a spectator get details from Rae or me.

We want to say a fond farewell to Kym Rial and Fella as they spend the summer “out west” in Cumming. Have fun you two and we hope to see you back at IRF soon!

Summer is the time for barn projects and my mind is constantly at work thinking about them. The first major item on the docket has already been completed. Thanks to all who spent their Memorial Day holiday at Irish Run painting the outdoor arena fence – it looks terrific! We had workers scraping and painting all day long and then relaxed for an old fashioned BBQ with great food and fellowship. As my father says, “Irish Run isn’t just a barn, it’s a community!” I am so grateful to you all for making it so.

You may have noticed that our road is getting a face lift as well. Be careful when you make the turn onto the gravel – just in case you see a bulldozer or skid loader. It is difficult to see when you are using heavy equipment so proceed with caution around these machines. Hopefully the road will be completed in the next week or so. I know we are all eager to say adios to the potholes!

Next up is concrete in the back barn. This is a little difficult to coordinate so please be attentive and flexible. You might find the lesson horses and tack in different places for a few days. Just ask if you can’t find something and thanks in advance for your patience. I am sure the end result will be worth the inconvenience.

I will try to keep everyone up to date about the barn improvements. Sometimes the biggest variable is the weather, so check your email and be prepared!

As you all know, my new puppy Lulu is a constant presence at IRF. She is a wonderful dog and well loved, but please be aware that she occasionally steals brushes and likes to chew on leather. She also enjoys sleeping in the shade under cars, so please check before you drive away. Thank you!

Just a few reminders to keep the barn a safe and happy place:

Always wear a helmet, pants and proper footwear when riding.

If you bring a guest to the barn and you want them to ride your horse, please make sure I have a signed release on file for them and that they are dressed to ride.

Please clean up after yourself and your horse in the aisle and wash stall – Juan works VERY hard and we don't need to add to his workload!

Remember to put your tack and grooming boxes away.

If you are the last to leave the barn, please make sure the doors are locked and the lights and fans are off.

If you see something that needs my attention please let me know.

Thank you all for your helpfulness and kindness. Irish Run is a special place to me and you are the best part!

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