

# IRISH RUN FARMS

## July News

Greetings from IRF in the dog days of summer! It is now the time of year to ride early and avoid the heat. Hopefully the weather pattern of constant rain will end soon and we will all get some relief from the muggy air. Here is the latest news:

It is **show time!** The Moingona Series “D” Show is July 25 -26 at Valley Park Stables. We can ride our horses down the road. A number of Irish Runners have already signed up to ride, so why not join us? If you don’t want to ride you may want to volunteer to help. Rae is the show manager so talk to her if you are willing and able. Or...perhaps you would be willing to help with the **used tack sale** IRF is sponsoring during the show. Talk to Virginia if you are willing to be a shop clerk. Also let me know if you have items you would like to sell!

The first week of August is the **Valley Park “B” Show**. Again, we are fortunate to be close by, so it is easy to ride and/or watch!

Our social chairman **Karen Maresh** has started organizing trail rides – they are a lot of fun! Make sure Karen has your email address so that you can get the latest info on park rides.

Dr. Kipper has reminded me that **it takes a great deal of calories for your horse to cool himself/herself in hot and humid weather!** If you notice that your horse is dropping a lot of weight, we may need to add grain to their diet, bring them in early, or check their teeth. Rae looks at the horses daily, but you are the best judge of your friend’s health, so be observant!

We are sad to bid a fond farewell to **Shellie Goldman and Razz** who have moved across town. Best of luck to you both and don’t be strangers! On a happier note, **Stephen Haider’s** new horse **Jackson** will be arriving at IRF on Friday July 17. Look for Jackson in the back barn for the first three weeks and give a hearty Irish Run welcome!

**Irish Run is a “green” facility!** I am an avid recycler (a trip to the landfill will do that to you!) so please help me in this effort. There is a recycling bin in the office for cans and bottles. **Please rinse your cans and bottles and place them in the bin!!! Don’t throw recyclables in the garbage!**

The fridge in the office is stocked with water and soft drinks and the honor system is in place - \$1 per beverage. My thanks in advance for being “honorable.”

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of boarders, but as you know space is limited. **If you currently have more than one trunk or tack box, could you consolidate to make room for you neighbor? Thank you!!!**

I am looking for someone to **help with stalls on Sundays**. I am hoping to get through the summer doing the chores myself with a little help from my friends, but I will need to hire someone for the fall. If you would like to work a little during the summer or know someone who might want to work in the fall, let me know.

You may have noticed the **Great Irish Run Clean Up** which has been in progress in recent weeks. Virginia has been on a cleaning frenzy! Consequently, we have lots of wood to burn. Check your email for **bonfire notices**. I may need to have one daily if it ever stops raining!

Thank you all for creating such a warm and welcoming environment at the barn. Irish Run continues to be a source of great joy for me and many others. Hope to see you soon in the barn aisle!

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