

IRISH RUN FARMS FEBRUARY NEWS

Greetings from Irish Run! It is February – one month closer to Spring! I can't wait for the tundra to melt so we can enjoy riding without snowsuits. Maybe even go for a hack in the park. It has certainly been a long winter! Here is the latest news to report from IRF.

Welcome back to Kelly McClelland! Kelly's ankle is healing nicely and she is back in the saddle. She is currently half leasing Pride, as she looks for her new best friend. Nice to have you at the barn again Kelly!

Not any show news to report, but we do have some INHJA award winners! **Cindie Book** and **Caribou** won 4th place in non-thoroughbred hunters and **Rae** and **Flash** won 6th place in Baby Green Hunters at the INHJA award banquet. Congrats Ladies! See Rae for an application to join INHJA. Maybe next year we can have win even more winners! The "D" series award banquet is this Saturday evening, Feb. 6th. Keep your fingers crossed for all of the IRF "D" series participants.

We have several **upcoming events** of special interest. There is a **new date** for the **IRF Spring Fun Show**. In order to avoid Spring Break vacation conflicts, we will now have the show on **Saturday, March 27** and Julie Kuhle will be our illustrious judge. Still a St. Paddy's theme – why not? Every day is St. Paddy's at Irish Run!

On **Friday, March 12th** dressage trainer **Susan Daufeldt** will be teaching at the barn. As the daughter of internationally renowned rider and trainer Betsy Coester, Susan was practically born in the saddle. She is a protégé of Dressage Hall of Famer **Linda Yang**, and we are thrilled to have her viewpoint here at IRF. More specifics to follow, but let me know if you have an interest in participating.

Irish Run will host **Hunter/Jumper Clinic with Richard Rinehart** on **April 10 & 11**. Richard is a successful professional on the "A" circuit who won the Welcome Stake in St. Louis just two weeks ago. Let's get some tips on how to do that! Look for flyers about his clinic on the board. IRF riders will have the opportunity to register before we open it up to others in the area.

IRF Merchandise is here!!! Within the next week you will be able to order polo shirts, hats, vests and hooded sweatshirts off of the website. We are still working on the technology link, but samples are hanging in the office. The **IRF Pony Club Riding Center** has its own logo now, and we will be putting in an order for embroidered polo shirts at the next meeting.

As always, thank you to all for making Irish Run such a fun place to be and to ride. A friendly reminder to keep rider and horse safety a priority, clean up your mess, turn off the lights, shut the doors, and let me know if you have any concerns about the barn.

Happy Riding and hope to see you soon!

Virginia