

IRISH RUN FARMS

September news

Autumn greetings from IRF!!! Have you noticed a nip in the air? It seems old man summer retired shortly after Labor Day and the beauty of autumn is upon us. That means it is the ideal time to ride your horse. One of these days the park will dry up and we can all enjoy a trail ride in the fall color. Be a little careful though – the horses are happy and fresh!

Welcome to Maggie Walker and Tantor! You may have noticed the GORGEOUS Percheron cross hanging out in the west paddock. He belongs to Maggie and they are a beautiful pair. Maggie is a junior at Drake and has evented with Tantor at the training level – wow!

Irish Run is wrapping up the **show season** in fine form. Katie and Indy, Kristen and Cailinn/Elway, and Tati and Peyton were all impressive at the Valley Park B show. Way to go ladies and thanks to Rae for your excellent guidance! Kristen and Elway and Tati and Peyton have just returned from a successful week at the Mason City A show. Kristen rode double clear in Level 2 with Elway and Tati won second in the Level 3 jumper Stake with Peyton. Hoorah - I feel like a proud mother!

Brynn Nelson really is a proud mother! Baby boy Conor Sloan made his entrance into the world on September 10. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19.2 inches long. Brynn is said to be recovering rapidly so we hope to see them at the barn soon. Congrats!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Irish Run Fun Show!!! Saturday October 25 is the date for the great event, which will feature a costume class, ride a buck, the catalog class and a host of other traditional and fun classes. I will prepare a delectable lunch (anyone want to help?), John Smith will announce, and Kati Becker will fill the role of honorable judge. Stephen Haider has graciously supplied some great prizes from Tanglewood so come join us – **fun, fun, fun!!!**

You may have noticed that **Irish Run has a new look**. Michael and Virginia are exhausted but thrilled! And.....the construction season is not quite finished for 2008. The fence posts have been delivered for a new paddock west of the cabin – on high ground (just in case 2009 is wet too). You may see our friend Bob Newbury moving some scrub brush in the next couple of weeks. This will allow the horses to stay out longer which they will love. Skid loaders and wood might be a little scary to your horse – so beware!

Foxhunting season is here!!! Irish Run has several avid foxhunters, so if you would like to experience the thrill of the chase, talk to Judy or Virginia. We will make sure you get to an invitational hunt. You can pay a nominal capping fee or join! First year memberships in **The Moingona Hunt** are very reasonable priced and it is lots of fun for both horse and rider!

Tati Eagles is going to join our Irish Run staff. You all know that Tati is a superb rider. You may not know that her personal ambition is to be a trainer. Irish Run would like to help her achieve that goal. Tati will be assisting in the pony rides for IRF and will be available to do exercise rides when Rae is not here. She also has been observing/helping Rae and Alison when they teach and is ready for some personal responsibility, so you may see her with a young student of her own. Thanks Tati, we think you have a bright future!

Remember that the new rates went into affect on Sept. 1. Sorry, but my expenses are way up. Darn those grain and fuel prices – I know we are all feeling it. Still, “there is nothing like the back of the horse for the inside of the man.” Hope to see you at the barn soon!

Virginia