



Calendar of Events

Robin Birk Clinic to be announced
Lisa Hall - March 29th
Sue Stepuson Wednesday jumping
Sheryl Blumenthal Animal Communicator
 March 8th 11:15am-12:15pm
 March 21 - **Debbie Rodriguez** at UpHill
 Dressage The new USDF tests.
Dover Grand Opening March 27th

April 9-12 - **Equine Affair** Columbus, Ohio
 April 18-19 - **LEC PrixDe Ville**
 March 22 - **Herbs and more** 230-5pm
 May 9th - Smoky Valley Farm Grand Opening II
 March 14th - **Horse Safety Seminar and Vet talk** 10-4pm WPDA Event ask for flier
 March 22 - **Herbs for your Horse or Pet** - 230 - 5pm Coventry's Lounge
 May 16 & 17 PVDA Show Morven Park, Va.
 May 16 -17 - Lexington USDF Show
 May 23 -24 Allentown N.J (2 day show)
 May 30-31 - **Janet Foy** in McDonald, Pa.
 June 6-7 - **WPDA USDF** (2 day show) Quentin Riding Club
 Morven Park show June 6-7???
 June 20-21 - **Lake Erie College Dressage Derby of Ohio I & II** (2 day show)
www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events
 August 15-16 - **WPDA USDF** Quentin Riding Club Quentin, PA (2 day show)
 August 29-30 - **Loch Moy** - PVDA (2 day show)
 September 12-13 - **VADA/Nova Autumn Dressage** Morven Park, Leesburg, VA
 Sept. 11-13 - **WPDA Adult Clinic** at Rockin' V Stable

Highlights of 2014



~ Mandy Collier riding at the USDF Nationals and Regionals. Mandy and Beau won the USDF All Breed Award at First Level for The Half Draft Breed
 ~ Bracchus and Kristin also won the USDF All Breed Award for First Level. We won this in 2012 at Training Level too!
 ~ Arch Angel gets a forever home with Fran!
 ~ New arena drag, footing in outdoor, new fence in the process of being completed, barns painted (a big one)
 ~ New grain with probiotics and flax...
 ~ Three incredible schooling dressage shows!

~ Clinics with outside trainers!
 ~ Blaine Orris with Twister and Caletto!!! A man in the barn, always a nice touch!

~ New boarders: Jasper, Smoke, Tink and River, Sampson, Caletto, Ollie, and Ratnick ... Horses come and go and Coventry appreciates the boarders and riders we have here. ~ We especially love our worker bees: Frankie, Mandy, Cassidy, Kassie, Jane, Adriana, Lindy, Tom and Ron!!! All of these workers keep this barn functioning awesomely!

"Difficulties in life are intended to make us better not bitter." -- Dan Reeves, Football Coach



~ I am sure I missed a lot of eventful events!!!!!!

WPDA Awards banquet ~ Coventry riders did very well.

Bracchus and I were reserve at USEF/USDF OPEN DIVISION First Level with an average score of 65.391%,

Mandy and Beau won USEF/USDF ADULT AMATEUR DIVISION Training level 73.267%

Hannah Tremel & Stella USEF/USDF JUNIOR Reserve Training Level Champion 68.550%

WPDA Sanctioned Schooling show results

Intro

Adult Champion Julie Cursi riding Twilight 65.812%

Reserve Champion Mary Yagjian riding Bella Donna 63.729%

Jane McCartney performance certificate riding Anne PHHF 61.667%

Training Level

Donna Labuda riding Bucca Reserve Champion 65.156%

Michele Rawe Performance certificate - Training Level riding Jed 62.133%



Awesome Job!!! Are you gearing up for 2015??????

Cut and paste this link : <http://horselistening.com/2014/09/08/9-amazing-effects-from-lifting-the-horses-back-while-riding/>

Read an article insured by Julie Cursi!

<http://www.pghpetconnections.com/December-2014/Academic-Riding/>

Lessons from the USDF L Program

by Gary Rockwell December '14/January '15 USDF Connection

Gearing up for Show Season, hmm about one month left!!!

Here are what those scores mean in your test

0 - not performed

7 - which is fairly goods means you can improve 30 % more (that is depressing)

10 - excellent

I could not help but notice the author mentioning a common problem he sees in riders, that I teach every day. "Rider fails to follow the motion of the horse's head and neck with her elbows. The restriction causes the horse to shorten his stride and may affect the regularity of the gait."

And here is your multiply choice questions

Does the rider follow this motion of the horse's neck and back with the elbows at the ~

- a. walk
- b. trot.
- c. walk and canter
- d. none of the above

Here is more of Gary's article...

Hands have no movement on their own; they only move as much as the elbows allow. An ideal elastic, following contact is an much of a long-term goal in dressage ... Developing it takes years of practice....So the correct riding hand position - straight line from elbow to bit, - is basic. Here is a photo of yours truly pressing my hands down. I do not have a straight line elbow to bit (how could that be? Lol) A rider cannot follow the forward and back motion of the horse's head and neck if the hands are pressed down. I have to admit though, I love Brach's uphill canter.



"People with goals succeed because they know where they're going" -- Earl Nightingale, Motivational Speaker

Congratulations to the WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA EQUESTRIAN TEAM Zone 2 Region1 Champions for the 2nd year in a row... And, our Coventry rider Olivia Bondi who won two blue ribbons to help bring this championship to the front! Congrats ~ Bloomfield Stables ~ Where Champions are made !



