



Hoof Beats



AUG/SEPT 2011

NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF LORD STIRLING STABLE

Sell the cow, buy the sheep, but never be without the horse.
~ Irish Proverb

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New Information:

Upcoming Events:

AUG:

8/7: Rebel's Pony Palooza Party 10am-4pm (see below)

8/21: Canine Scavenger Event (reg.4-5pm, hunt from 5-6pm)

8/27: Shop for a Cause at Macy's (see below)

8/28: Gail Field Centered Riding clinic (Reg. ends 8/6!!)

SEPT:

9/3: Saturday Dog walks change to morning hours (check-in 10:15am walk 10:30-11:30)

9/11: Private Horse Hunter Pace 9am-1pm

9/25: Fall Nature Ride 7-9am (Reg. by 9/20)

9/25: Dog Days (Reg. at 2, show starts at 3pm)

9/26: Registration for the Fall Junior/Adult Horse Show begins (thru10/22)

9/27: FLSS General Meeting 7:30pm



REBEL'S PONY PALOOZA!!

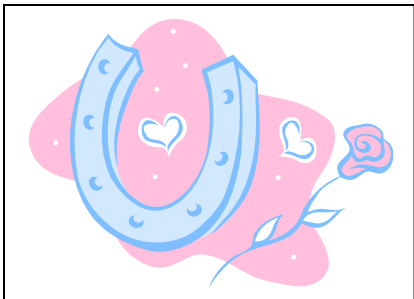
Rebel the Pony had SO much fun at his birthday party last year that he asked to host another all-day event for his friends old and new. Please join Rebel and all of Lord Stirling Stable's ponies on Sunday, August 7 from 10am to 4pm for our very first PONY PALOOZA! Rebel's pony friends will be on hand to give Lead Line rides to children up to 12 years old who are able to sit and hold onto the saddle unassisted. Rebel is excited to introduce everyone to his newest pal, Razzmatazz. Enjoy games, storytelling, and light refreshments throughout the day. Admission, parking, pony rides, and refreshments are free!

Shop For A Cause at Macy's on Aug 27 2011.

Pick up a special shopping passes at the LSS Office for \$5 each.

Receive 25% off on regular, sale and clearance merchandise throughout the store on Aug 27th. It's a great way to save for Back to School clothes and proceeds benefit the FLSS School Horse Retirement Fund!!





Questions, comments,
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Junior Rider's Blog by Tory G.

Tory is a junior rider at Lord Stirling Stables. She started riding when she was 9 and will be going into her sophomore year in high school this fall.

The Junior Horse Show is an opportunity for young riders at Lord Stirling to exhibit what they have learned in their riding classes. The show is a fun, low pressure event to ride in, and in my experience riding in the show, it doesn't really matter if you win or lose, just if you have fun riding in it. This year, the show included many riders, from beginners to advanced jumpers. Each class lasts at least 5 or 10 minutes, with jumping classes lasting longer, so it ends up being a long day for the stable workers and volunteers, as well as for the horses. Although it was a large event, it ran smoothly due to the hard work of the Lord Stirling Stable workers and volunteers. Many work hours went into making the show a success - all the barn staff, maintenance, office and managerial staff put a lot of effort in the weeks prior to and on the brutally hot show day. Lots of volunteers also generously donated their time to assist riders in mounting the horses, helping in the show ring, selling merchandise to benefit the Friends of Lord Stirling, and also helping out in countless other ways. The show could not have happened without the kind help and tireless effort of everybody who pitched in to make the show a success.

My personal favorite part of the show is the junior drill team performance. The drill team consists of a select group of high level junior riders. The team rides movements and patterns to music. I always loved to watch it and was amazed by how the riders could pull off such a complex routine so well and get all of the horses to cooperate. Now, as a member of the drill team, I love practicing for and riding in the performance, and I also understand that it can be a difficult task to choreograph and execute a performance and it is not always as easy as it seemed to me before. This session, our theme was "Pirates of the Caribbean". We worked hard to produce an outstanding drill, and everything just seemed to fall into place on show day. If you missed it and would still like to see it, there is a link to some pictures taken of it on the friends' website, www.flssnj.org, under previous events.

The show is always a great experience, whether you are riding in it, watching your fellow riders, watching family and friends ride in it, or volunteering at it. It was a hot day, but everybody managed to keep their spirits up and accomplish what needed to be done to make the day a huge success and a lot of fun. And as always, it is crucial to remember that it could not have been done without the hard work of the volunteers and stable workers, and to remember to thank the horses too, whether you got a first or a sixth, because the show could never happen without their compliance. (Good job Tory!!!)



Simba was here.....

