

MAY 2013 CENTAUR NEWSLETTER

SUMMER SESSION REGISTRATION (July & August)

I am now accepting registrations for the summer session from the regular students. After June 5th Centaur will be accepting registrations from new students for the Summer Session (July & August). If you want to ride this summer and wish to keep your present space, please send in an application before June 5th.

Part Session bookings will be offered again this year. Read later on in this email the details concerning this.

JUNE 5TH REGISTRATION DATE: The students who are presently registered in the School Session have until June 5th to let me know their summer riding plans. After this date, applications from new students will be accepted.

WHAT I NEED FROM YOU UPON REGISTRATION:

TIMES: an application for riding indicating your best riding times, and the times you cannot come. For week evening lessons, it also helps me to know what your earliest lesson time can be.

PAYMENTS: registrations are accepted one of three ways (see how-to on price list). All cheques must be presented at time of booking, or an administration fee of \$5 per invoice will result.

No application will be considered without the \$100 booking fee.

NEW STUDENTS: Send in your application as soon as you can. New student applications will be processed from June 5th on, on a first come basis.

PROCESS OF MAKING UP A SCHEDULE: This requires hours of work: emails & phone calls back and forth, juggling -trying to meet everyone's needs. Gathering up this info takes time, so please be patient with me. If you contact me to find out your riding time and if I don't respond to your calls/emails right away

... I'm not ignoring you, I simply may not have the answer, yet.

WHEN WILL YOU KNOW YOUR RIDING TIME: Due to the difficulty of knowing everyone's scheduling needs ahead of time, I won't know the exact schedule until two weeks or so before Summer session starts. Once I have riders' "wish list" of when they want to ride along with desired class size, then I can proceed to set up a schedule.

BOOKING FEE: Your requests will not be processed without the booking fee. Students need to let me know they are serious with their request by submitting a \$100 booking fee along with their application.

HOW TO CHECK THE ON-GOING PROGRESS OF THE SCHEDULE: Go to our website, or to the posted list in the tackroom. BUT, neither of these schedules will be perfectly up-to-date. The only "official" schedule is the on-going one on my desk, with the many-changes-a-day. (The website and tackroom schedules will have a date at the bottom of the page indicating when it was last worked on.) These on-going tentative schedules will give you the opportunity to see where I'm going with the schedule, and if something is not satisfactory to you, you will be able to respond before the finalized version.

FOR THE SUMMER SESSION ONLY: students will be accepted on a per-lesson basis. If you are planning on being away for part of the summer, but still wish to ride, the possibility of registering for only a portion of the session is available. Price will be the single lesson price x however many lessons.

How it works:

- 1) Indicate the weeks/days you are available for lessons AND send in reservation fee of \$25.
- 2) Once the complete session is finalized (near end of June), I will know where the spaces are. I will then email all interested parties with a list of the available dates, and then it will be up to you to respond and reserve whatever spaces remain.
- 3) Send in final payment

(In other words, there is no guarantee for which day of week the available spaces will be (if any). My first concern is to fill up the session with students who are registering for the

entire timeframe. Only once the FULL-TIME students have registered will I know if there are left-over spaces).

SUMMER INSTRUCTORS

Monday & Friday am – Shirley

Tuesday – Valerie Arsenault

Wednesday – Danika Guertin-Pierson

Thursday – Monica Kulas

Friday morning: Shirley

Saturday – Monica and Kendra Atkins

OTHER NEWS...

BABIES

Five of the 6 expected 2013 babies have been born. It has been a very busy time!

- March 22 – **Frangle**: had a dark brown colt – DJANGO CRS
- May 3: **Wisteria**. A black filly – Daurie CRS (named after her grand-sire Lauries Crusader) Full brother is Delgado
- May 7: **Foxie** (Firefox). A black filly named Susie Q
- May 9: **Allie (Allaire)**. Spitting image of her dam – so we named her Doublaire CRS. Her full sibling is D’Claire
- May 13: **Princess (DeLovely)**. Had a black colt – Daxl CRS

Still expected: around July 22: **Ruby**. Full sibling is D’Aubrey

Lots of pictures are posted on the Facebook Centaur Breeding Farm page.

SALE PRICE ON TWO BABIES

The first 2 babies from any of the mares (except Foxie) are discounted by \$2500. each, valid up to Day 30.

**** NEWS FLASH** The first baby has JUST found a home. Doublaire will be moving to the Oxford Mills area as soon as she is weaned. Congratulations Patrick Malone!**

ADVANCED SUMMER RIDING COURSE

We are again offering a one-week Advanced Course taught by Danika and Shirley. Sadly, not many Centaur students are taking advantage of this unique opportunity this year. This camp is offered precisely because of our students. This is a once-a-year opportunity for our students to obtain a week's worth of lessons, tutoring, theory given by advanced coaches. Do not mistake this for a daycamp, it is a course, but a fun course with horses. All ages will benefit from this course – adults too!

GEEBS AT ROAD

Parents who go for walks leaving from the property while waiting for their children to have their lesson, are asked to NOT LET THE DOGS (especially Geebs) follow you to the road. They are not allowed anywhere near the road, but we have seen Geebs on many occasions following a parent. Just tell the dog to stay put, and he will.

OFF-PROPERTY HORSE SHOWS

The Centaur Show Team of Caroline Lanthier, Caroline Reekie and Morgan Bordillon rode in their first show on May 19 at Ironwood Farm. Everyone did a great job, and Caroline Lanthier even won 2 division championships with Shi. Next show the Team is attending will be June 9 at Riverview. This Team will consist of Caroline Reekie, Morgan Bordillon, Katie Neilipovitz and Rowan Hughes, with Margo, Little Grey and Jewell.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Eggleton Family on their newest acquisition: DELTA DAWN (Don Rico/Firefox). Delta Dawn is a black 2-year old filly, by Don Rico and out of Firefox.

CENTAUR CALENDAR

The calendar is attached to this newsletter. It has all the important dates: horse shows, quiet days, workshops ... there are always changes, so check it out...

FACEBOOK – We have 3 pages:

- 1) Centaur Riding School
- 2) Centaur Breeding Farm
- 3) Centaur riding School Team (this group is weird – FB

has deleted all the members, so you will need to re-join it. We would abandon this group, however, there are lots of nice pictures on it that we can't transfer to the new CRS page)

"Like" us and stay current with all the most recent photos, news, videos...

AND, the more often that you "like" us, or even better, "Share" the information, the higher we go in rankings. So click away, you are doing us a huge favour by doing so...

SPONSORSHIPS

If you or your company would like to sponsor equestrian sport, Centaur is still looking for a few sponsors for the horse shows. With the sponsorship money, ribbons and prizes are purchased for the competitors.

There are different levels of competition offered at Centaur – ranging from the entry-level with the "first-timers", to the Gold Level.

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GATE

The last person leaving the farm for day/evening needs to close the gate at the road.

REMEMBER TO LOOK AT

www.CentaurBreedingFarm.com for information on all the beautiful horses we are breeding. The website is always changing with new pictures and videos being added....

Shirley Guertin

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