

MARCH 2012 CENTAUR NEWSLETTER

IN-HOUSE HORSE SHOW – April 29

Show season is almost here!! We will be holding a practice/training show on Sunday afternoon April 29. The purpose is to teach students the how's of competition. Shirley will coach the students to show them what the judge is looking for and advise them on strategy. Once all is understood, the class will be judged "for real", followed by immediate feed-back to the whole group. I have attached a prize list to this show to this newsletter.

YOUNG HORSE DAYS

When: April 15, May 21

Time: 10:30 to 12:00 (to be confirmed)

Cost: \$20 per time (\$22.60 with hst)

Coach: Shirley and Danika

Several opportunities to observe, help, be involved in working with some of our youngsters. The "Young Horse" field (the yearlings, two-year olds, unbacked 3-year olds) will be brought in, groomed and free-longed or free-jumped. This is a hands-on experience. Cost is \$20 (+HST \$22.60) per time, and limited to 6 students. Those who are already horse owners, or who lease full time may attend for free.

EXTRA RIDING – More opportunities

Centaur students may sign up for additional classes on a "per week" basis for the following times:

Tuesday – Private 30 minute; 8:30 – Coach: Valerie

Wednesday – 5:15 – Class of 3. Coach Kendra

Thursday – 8:30 private Coach Danika

Friday am 10:45 – small class. Coach Shirley

Saturday – 2:15, class of 3 with Kendra

Any of these spaces can be obtained for the balance of the session in case anyone wants to ride regularly twice a week, or you can split the session with a friend.

See the sign-up sheet in the tack room on the Schedule Board for the most up-to-date availabilities.

EXPECTED FOALS THIS YEAR

All the following mares have been bred to Don Rico. These are the due dates:

- April 23: **Princess (DeLovely)**. Her other foal Desmond was sold earlier this year (much to Danika's sorrow) – Desmond is a magnificent horse, and we expect no less from the 2012 vintage!
- April 26: **Lucy (Fire's Girl)**. Full siblings to this foal are D'Sheera, Donnerberg and Diamanda.
- May 5: **Allie (Allaire)**. Full siblings are Dhornado and D'Claire
- May 5: **Wisteria**. This will be her first foal
- May 12: **Foxy (Firefox)**. Full sibling is Delta Dawn
- May 23: **Orielle**. No other Rico baby. Orielle is the dam of Storr, Frangle and Princess
- Aug 13: **Ruby**. Full siblings are Derin, Darby

Good deals on foals in utero! And you can be part of your horse's life from even before the start!

FIRST AID / CPR COURSE

A First Aid course is in the process of being organized. Current certification is mandatory for everyone teaching. A maximum of 10 students can be accepted. If interested let me know. Cost will be \$95, date TBA.

SHORT NOTES ...

Dr Bones was a huge success. Thank you to Mike Karpishka for providing us with a unique and wonderful opportunity! ... There is still space available in the TURN-OUT COURSE. Please take advantage of this course if you are planning on competing this summer. ...

Congratulations to Melissa Baird on the purchase of ROSWEETA. Rosie is a fabulous horse. Her sire is a top European stallion – Rotsson, and her dam is our Desiree. ... D'Thriller and Desmond have found new homes with two sisters in Collingwood. They came to see one horse, and left with two! Lucky Desmond and Thriller to still be together. And lucky sisters to have two such fabulous horses.

What's a TGIF??? FUN HORSE SHOW SERIES

Thank Goodness It's Friday. It's really a Friday evening Centaur horse show series. Centaur has been holding this series of Friday shows since 1979. In 2012, there will be one show per month starting in May and ending with September. These shows are specifically aimed for YOU, ALL THE CENTAUR RIDERS. There are classes for beginners and more advanced. There are even classes for riders who are not ready for cantering. Some great trophies are waiting to be won by YOU. If you are off the longe line, there are classes for you at these shows!!!! And if you are still on the longe line, come and volunteer at the show. (The only confusion is that one of the shows in the series will be held on a Sunday - TGIS???) The nice thing about the TGIF's is that they are a fabulous, informal, fun way of learning about competition. Look for the dates on the Calendar of Events attachment. All information will be posted in the tackroom, on Facebook and on the website as it becomes available.

SUMMER DAYCAMPS

The Summer Daycamp information is now available. We are again offering a one-week Advanced Course taught by Danika and Shirley. Remember that Centaur students receive a 10% discount if fully registered by May 10th (and also riding in both School & summer sessions). Book early!

O E F M E M B E R S H I P S

It is strongly recommended that everyone become a member of the Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF). Along with the membership is an automatic insurance coverage for the rider. Check this out for more info:

http://www.horse.on.ca/membership/member_benefits/index.html.

SPONSORSHIPS

If you or your company would like to sponsor equestrian sport, Centaur is looking for 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.

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

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

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