

IRISH RUN FARMS
January 2016 News

Happy New Year! All of us at Irish Run are hoping you had a festive holiday and are looking forward to the New Year. We have much to be thankful for and want to express our gratitude to the entire IRF community for your positive contributions.

Please give a warm welcome to our newest boarder, Mary Gillen and her horse Lilly. Mary is back to caring for a horse after a 25 year hiatus – good going! Lilly is a 6 year chestnut thoroughbred mare off of the track. You will currently find them in the back barn. Welcome gals!

The stork has finally arrived at the home of **Alison and Matt Herr, who welcomed a baby girl, Hannah Alison Herr, on December 18. Congratulations!** We look forward to seeing the future Pony Clubber at the barn soon!

All boarders are invited to attend the upcoming Pony Club meeting with farrier Dan White on January 9 from 4-5 pm. We will meet in the studio, which Daniela has recently organized and cleaned (thank you!). Come join us and add to your knowledge about shoeing and how it affects a horse's movement.

Our Pony Club beginning rider classes for youth and adults start on January 13 and 14th. If you know anyone interested in learning to ride the "Pony Club way" please contact Daniela!

Now that we are all confined to riding indoors most of the time, you may want to **check out the arena teaching schedule online at <http://teamup.com/ksbb2ff984aca1cb54>** (thank you Arne Nielsen for setting this up!) This schedule is updated regularly but still may have some changes not noted online. You can always check with Daniela if you have questions.

Irish Run is planning a **dressage clinic on April 24 with Canadian rider and trainer Katrina Merkies.** Katrina will be visiting Iowa to do a clinic at the ARL on April 23 and has graciously offered to teach riders at Irish Run the following day. **Katrina is a Certified Equine Canada Level 2 coach, riding and training horses to the Prix St. George level.** As an interesting bit of trivia, **Katrina won the Canada Medium Dressage Championship in 1999 riding our own Suzanne Hartline's horse Landfurst!** We have stars in our midst ☺ More info to come, but if you think you would like to ride let us know.

Mother Nature has delivered some strange weather to Iowa recently; flooding in December??? As always, such natural disasters offer an exercise in patience for all! Thank you for your understanding as we battled limited turnout and extra riders in the arena. I am happy to report that we are returning to our normal routine (I never thought I would be happy to have the

ground freeze!). The lots are drier, the Kubota has been repaired, Gilberto has reworked the footing in the indoor and the sand lots are in line for an upgrade.

I have attached the **2016 rate sheet** to this email. **Please note that we are adding an additional hay feeding in the evening for stall boarded horses.** Please let Daniela know if you wish to add blanketing service for your horse (stall boarders only) or have any other questions or concerns about services and/or fees.

All of us at Irish Run wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I hope to see you at the barn soon!

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