

## **IRISH RUN FARMS June 2015 News**

**A friendly “hello” from Irish Run!** The weather has been perfect for riding and the barn is looking beautiful. Come down and join us for a hack in the park or some relaxed conversation with your equine friends.

**Welcome to our new barn manager Daniela Graham!** Daniela is now officially on staff at Irish Run. She will be there all week, so if you have not had the opportunity to meet her yet, please do so.

**Our new lesson format goes into effect today.** Students can either **sign up for lessons through our Pony Club program or work with a trainer of their choice.** Trainers will now be paid directly. If you are interested in “lessons the Pony Club way,” please contact Daniela. We also have several new trainers on board. Welcome to **Meaghan Marinovich, Camie Stockhausen and Ajia Whipp.** You can learn more about them all on our website. If you have any Irish Run lessons left, please contact me for a refund.

**June 7 is Irish Run Day at Principal Park!** We have box seats for the Iowa Cubs game that afternoon. Who wants to go? Game starts at 1:08 and it will be FUN!!! First come first tickets – let me know. Don’t worry, we will do it again if you can’t make this game.

Irish Run riders made a splash at the **“D” series show at Valley Park** last weekend. Nine horse and rider combinations headed down the road for a fun filled weekend and returned with a cache of primary colors. Congrats to all! Remember to email me your results.

The **Irish Run Drill Team made their debut at Water Works Park** last Saturday. **Jane and Seven, Ellie and Karen, Furst and Suzanne and Icelandics Hler and Gosi with Calla and yours truly,** performed for spectators at the park Launch Event. Dago and Kirby greeted attendees with horse in hand. It was a blast! If you would like to participate in drill team, please let Daniela or Calla know.

**As a preventive measure against the Equine Herpes Virus, we have decided to an extra vaccination in late July.** We will schedule the veterinarian appointments and advise all boarders of dates and times. Please let us know if you have concerns about this.

The **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** has a summer of fun and learning planned. We will be adding these dates, times and topics to the website so check it out! Contact me or Alison ([alison@irishrunfarms.com](mailto:alison@irishrunfarms.com)) if you would like to join!

**Barn improvement season** is upon us! We have **cleaned the lots, repaired the sink in the laundry room, completed spring planting, groomed the sand lots, purchased a new harrow and have new footing in the indoor arena!** Wow, May was a big month! We will be repairing the west hydrant in the front barn this month, so watch out for concrete removal in that area. Please do not use that hydrant until it is completed, as sand is washing into the water.

**Polo on the Green** is scheduled for July 18. This is a great event that raises funds for the Iowa Variety Club, a charity dedicated to helping children. If you are interested in more information, please see me.

Sadly, we bid a fond farewell to many of our barn friends; Sara and Vera Hannapel, Nicole Hasstert, Mary Wickman, Laura Behrenbeck and Kristen Breese. We wish them all the best in the future and hope they will stop by for a visit from time to time.

Thank you to all for your kindness to each other and me. YOU are what make Irish Run such a special place! I hope to see you at the barn soon.

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