

IRISH RUN FARMS
June 2016 News

“June Bloom” greetings from Irish Run! The weather is lovely and a happy spirit surrounds the barn. Come down for a ride or a visit with friends! We have LOTS of news to report!!!

Please give a warm Irish Run Welcome to our newest boarders:

Sid Vicious aka “Sidlicious” is a miniature horse who belongs to **Leah, Matt and Brooklyn Ried**. Leah says that when God made Sid, he “put in a dash of sass, a pinch of unicorn dust a good bit of testosterone, but only filled the ‘Horse’ mold ¼ of the way.” Sid and daughter Brooklyn have had many adventures!!! You may notice Alison and her daughter Maddie Herr “sharing Sid.

Dewey is a brown, 10 year old off the track thoroughbred who belongs to Mikayla Seiler. They have competed in Hunter Pleasure, Hunter under Saddle and lower level jumping, and hope to advance in the jumper ring. Mikayla is currently a student at DMACC, finishing up an associates of science degree and hopes to pursue a career in the horse world! Dewey is

Arne and Lily Nielsen have a new family member named Wyatt! Wyatt is a 6 year old bay thoroughbred gelding with a star, who is a lovely mover and looks to be the perfect match for Lily. They met at the ‘D’ series horse show and have decided to make it permanent.

Daniela couldn’t stand the absence of Icelandic horses so has adopted her own, 10 year old bay gelding ‘Riddari’. He has one blue eye and one brown and is absolutely adorable with his crazy Icelandic hair.

You will find all of the new horses in the back barn for now. **Welcome to All!**

Sadly, **we lost Beamer on May 23rd** due to a severe blockage in his small intestine. Beamer lived a long and happy life as a cherished member of the Jensen family and was a favorite at Irish Run. He was Nina’s show horse for many years and in his retirement was also loved by sister Greta and mom Teresa. Handsome and sweet, he was a joy to have in the barn. Our condolences go out to the entire family.

Show season has begun and Irish Run is making a visible presence! The first “D” series show was held on **May 21st and 22nd** at Valley Park stables. Irish Run was represented by **11 riders – a barn record!** Many were competing in their first show and made an impressive start. Maybe they have caught the horse “bug” ☺

Kendrick LaPrade and Rain led the challenge as **Champion** in Advanced Equitation and **Reserve Champion** in 2’6” Hunters. **Lily Nielsen and Lacey** brought home another **Reserve Champion** in the 18” division. **Kelsey Cooper and Charlie** won a 4th, two 6^{ths} and a 7th in Junior Low Hunter; **Olivia Allen and Pride** competed

well in 2'6" Special Hunters, bringing home a 2nd, 5th 6th, and 7th; **Emily Bowman and Charlie** were impressive in the 2'3" Schooling Hunter, winning a 2nd, 3rd and two 5^{ths}; **Danielle Heagle and Zoe** added a 3rd, 4th, two 5^{ths} and a 6th in Barely Verticals; **Samantha Gatwood and Will** shone in Adult Low Hunter with two 3^{rds}, and an 8th; **Brylee Miller and Lacey** won a 3rd, a 4th, and two 5^{ths} in Walk/Trot and Poles; **Cecilia Panella and Just in Kase** were a great pair winning 2nd, 5th, and 8th in 2'6" Special Hunters; **Ashlynn Riley and Lacey** were impressive in Crossrails with a 2nd, two 6^{ths} and a 7th; **Tori Schmalzried** and Will brought home a 5th and three 6^{ths} in Crossrails; **Jennie Schut** showed her skills placing 5th in the Mini Medal **with Will** and 2nd in Hunter under Saddle **with Certified in Red. Wow – what a list!!!** **Congrats to riders and horses as well as our own Sue Hughes for her superb coaching at her first show as a trainer at Irish Run! The next "D" series is June 25th and 26th at Valley Park – let your trainer know if you want to ride!**

Congratulations to **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** member **Sarah Turri** who earned her **D3 rating** last month on **Charlie**. Meetings in June include:

June 11: Longeing for Training and Teaching (4 pm)

June 24: Trip to Mega Rally in Nebraska

June 25: Mounted Cross Country in the park (4 pm)

Please let Alison know if you plan to attend/ride. Also **put the July 8/9 Pony Club Camp on your calendar and get your registration forms in by June 20!**

Does anyone like to paint? **We are organizing a "painting party"** to touch up the fence around the arena and back lot. Please let Daniela know if you are willing to help; many hands make light work!

Please watch your dogs at the barn. We had a dog "scuffle" last week which resulted in some minor injuries to the animals. If we have any injuries to humans we will need to revise our open policy about dogs-(

The studio project is finished! Poke your head in and have a look at the new kitchen!

Thanks to all for making Irish Run such a pleasant place to me. A smile crosses my face every time I drive down the gravel road. I hope to see you all at the barn soon!

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