

IRISH RUN FARMS
November 2015 News

Greetings from Irish Run! It may be November, but it still feels like summer. Wow - the weather has been spectacular! Come down to the barn for a trail ride through the park or just to enjoy our peaceful, bucolic setting.

A friendly Irish Run “welcome back” to Parnell, who belongs to our own Alison Herr. Parnell lived at Irish Run several years ago but found himself teaching young riders at another facility. Through a series of coincidences, he is thankful to be back with Alison at Irish Run. We are happy to see him!

Be aware that we are playing a little bit of **musical stalls** as new horses complete their quarantine period and move to the front barn. Read the stall card if you have questions about a new horse. Also get ready for **two more Icelandic horses and a foal** which will arrive this week! A few of you have asked about **lessons on the Icelandics** – please see me if you want to give it a try!

The **Irish Run Fall Fun Show was great fun!!!** We had several new riders and a few “seasoned” veterans as well. Everyone did a terrific job. The **beginning dressage test** was a hit – thanks for the suggestion Barb Schmidt! The weather was cloudy and cool but the horse show fairy was watching over us and no rain. Lunch featured an array of crock pot favorites and the **winner of the chili cook off was Kirby Antidel!** We are still tabulating the **funds raised for a new washer** (donations are still coming in) but we have **topped the \$750 mark. Thank you to all who rode and contributed!**

Irish Run Pony Club riders had an eventful October. Our regular meeting was a tack competition (cleaning, naming and assembling). **Kendrick LaPrade** won the younger division and **Sarah Turri** edged out **Kelsey Cooper** for honors in the older division. Later in the month we hauled horses to **Cumberland, Iowa** where we had a splendid time with the **North Hills Hunt**. Monte Antidel (Master of the Hounds) commented that our Pony Clubbers were the best riders there! The next **general meeting is on November 14** and we will have a **rating on November 15. Please let Alison know if you plan to attend and/or want to do a rating.**

We still have spaces open for our November Pony Club Beginning Riding Class. This is a wonderful introduction to riding – **5 classes for only \$150.** If you have a friend (child or adult) who is interested in learning to ride, have them contact Daniela. **The next classes start on Wednesday, November 4.**

An Irish Run “shout out” to Daniele Heagle! Daniele is a young rider who started in our Pony Club classes this past summer. She was a star helper at the fun show; arriving early and staying until everything was put away the barn was tidy. **Thank you Daniele!**

We will be scheduling **fall shots** in the next few weeks. Watch your email and the white board for dates. It is not necessary to come down, but you are always welcome. It is a nice time to see your vet!

We love seeing **new people at the barn**. However, **if you are going to bring someone down to ride, please be sure that they are in proper attire (boots, long pants and helmet) and that we have a liability release on file for them!!!**

A special thanks to our own **Emily Bowman** (who was a Fun Show Star!!!) for getting the **fall IRF apparel** on the internet at <http://justqmagine.qbstudios.com/IRF> You can also find a link on the IRF website. Check it out!

Thank you Bob Newbury and Gilberto for working on the indoor arena – it looks terrific!!! Bob spent the day yesterday leveling the base and removing excess sand. Gilberto moved the piles of sand against the rail (by hand) today and harrowed. It really is gorgeous. I wish we didn't need it, but alas, **winter approaches**. The fans have been stored and the **storm windows** are in. If you have a **sheet or blanket for your horse** that you would like us to put on and remove, please see Daniela.

We are in the process of **moving the barn office to the studio**. The current office space will be used for IRF tack, barn supplies and our medical kit. We will be installing a **lock box on the door in the barn aisle for lesson and board checks**.

My sincere thanks to all for the wonderful spirit you bring to Irish Run. It is a joy to go to the barn every day and see such a special group of friends and horses. Hope to see you soon!

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