

IRISH RUN FARMS
October 2016 News

Greetings to all from Irish Run! I cannot stop smiling because **Autumn has arrived and it is my favorite time of year to ride!!!** Come down to the barn for some quality time with your favorite equine and enjoy the season with me!

Please welcome our newest boarder Jacqueline Noble and her lovely mare Lady. Jacqueline is 24 years old and holds a BS in psychology from Iowa State. She discovered the joys of riding in an English saddle as a youngster. Lady is a gorgeous 10 year old bay Friesen/Thoroughbred cross who is an “absolute puppy dog.” She is Jacqueline’s first horse and they have been partners for three years. They are learning together! Lady loves ALL treats so stop by the back barn and introduce yourself with a carrot ☺ **Sadly, we say “Happy Trails” to Ariele Peters and Annie** who have moved to Chicago and **Leah Ried and the charming miniature horse “Sid,”** who has found a new family to love him. If you are missing **Alison’s horse Max,** he is on a working “holiday” with Camie Stockhausen!

Irish Run riders were stellar at the September Shows! Rachele Laprade and Ozzie were “in the money” at the **Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center Fall Classic,** boasting the blue in 1.15 M Training Jumpers, 2nd in 1.10M Training Jumpers, and 2nd and 3rd in Low Junior/Amateur Owner Jumpers. **Kendrick Laprade and Rain** cleaned up in the Children’s Hunter classes, winning the All Day Warm-up and a slew of red ribbons in the Hunter classes. **“D” Series Schooling Show on September 10 & 11 was another great showing for the barn: Emily Bowman and Pride** brought home a 2nd in 2’ Hunter, 3rd (flat) and 4th (over fences) in 2’3” Hunter and 3rd and 6th (over fences) and 5th (flat) in Adult Equitation; **Addy Brody and Emma were top contenders** in both Micro-Crossrails and Crossrails; **Daina Faust and Mowgli** took home the blue in Advanced Equitation over fences and placed third in the Mini Hunter Classic; **Sabina Clutter** (new to IRF) was champion in Walk/Trot Hunter and Equitation and Reserve Champion in Micro-Crossrails; **Danielle Heage and Will** showed well with a 3rd (under saddle) 4th and 5th (over fences) in Barley Verticals; **Ashlynn Riley and Lacey** got into the primary colors with a 2nd in Barely Verticals under saddle and a 4th (under saddle) and 6th (over fences) in Advanced Crossrails; **Tory Schmalzried and Zoe** were Reserve Champions in Barely Verticals and placed 5th (over fences) and 7th (flat) in Advanced Crossrails; **Mia Voss** (new to IRF) won her first blue ribbon in and placed well in all of her classes.

The **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** had fun hauling out to Alison’s farm for **trail riding and hunt practice** on September 24 and **October will be a busy month!** On **October 15** we will head to Ro Crosbie’s **Sky of Fire Farm** for **hunt practice with Camie Stockhausen.** We will have a **mounted meeting at Irish Run on October 22nd.** We have been invited to **Pony Club Day with the Moingona Hunt on October 29.** Irish Run will co-host a luncheon after the hunt **AND you don’t need to be a Pony Clubber to attend! All Irish Run Riders are invited to ride with the Moingona**

Hunt on October 29th. Please let Alison know if you plan to attend or if you want to join our Pony Club!

Please come join us for **Irish Run Painting Day on October 8th**! We will **start at 10 am** and hope to spruce up the back lot fence, arena and maybe even some jumps! Paint, supplies, and SNACKS will be provided!

The annual **Irish Run Fall Fun Show will be October 30th**! Costumes, apple bobbing, ribbons and prizes – come join the fun! All proceeds will go towards a new washing machine. We will finish the day with a **BARN BARBEQUE at 4 pm**! With so many new faces, I thought it would be fun to celebrate together. I will provide meat and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hope to see you there!

Just a **few reminders:**

Please don't jump alone!!! I feel like I have said it a hundred times, but I will say it again; it is DANGEROUS to jump without supervision. If anything were to happen you would be at a loss for help. It is fun to jump but please be prudent and do so only under the supervision of Irish Run staff.

Our own **Arne Nielsen has been researching washing machines** (thanks Arne!). We plan to use whatever funds we collect from the Fall Fun Show, plus the previous funds collected (\$876) to purchase a new/used machine for the barn. What Arne has discovered is that **NO companies will guarantee that their product will hold up to the rigors of washing horse blankets**. Since we cannot afford to buy a new machine every year, **please wash blankets only occasionally!** Honestly, I don't think your horse will notice, and it is better than having the machine constantly in need of repair. If we continue to need frequent repairs, we will need to prohibit use of the washer for blankets.

Most of the **schooling horses are now in the back barn**. Stall cards have been updated.

Thank you all for your kindness to the horses and each other. The barn is such a respite for me and I am grateful for your support. Hope to see you all at the Fun Show and Barn Barbecue!

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