

IRISH RUN FARMS
September 2015 News

September salutations from Irish Run! Alas, the lazy days of summer are waning. The students are back to school, vacations are coming to an end and we all seem to be settling in to our fall routine. The horses are excited for the autumn weather and eagerly await your visit! Come down to the stable for a relaxed hack, a visit with friends or some work on your riding skills.

Please give a **friendly Irish Run welcome to our newest boarder, Sue Hughes and her horse Justin**. We all know Sue as a talented trainer and are thrilled to have her join our boarding family. **Justin is a 14 yr. thoroughbred/draft cross**. Sue has owned him since he was two! He has been shown in both the hunter and jumper rings, has fox hunted and loves trail rides. Visit him in the back barn – he knows his name and nick name – **“Bustaroo!”** Congratulations of a more personal type are in order as well! **Sue gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Frances Margaret Bowden on August 14**. Lots of happy news for Sue!

We also have some **new riders leasing horses at IRF. Kelsey and Logan Cooper** are not new to Irish Run but recently began leasing. Kelsey is 12 years old and a seventh grader at Waukee. She is a new member of Pony Club and is riding Ducky. Younger sister Logan is 10 years old and a fifth grader. Logan has partnered with Zoey. Mom Sarah is a triathlete – wow! New to the barn this summer is **Laurie Cleveland**. Laurie is an adult rider originally from Nebraska and loves Ducky!. Laurie lived on a working cattle ranch and went to school in a 1 room country school with 3 other children (including her twin). She has worked at Principal for the past 20 years and is busy with husband Dana and three beautiful children from three different provinces in China. Here is what she says about Irish Run: *” I love the sense of peace I feel when I come on the property and the friendliness of the ladies I’ve met at the barn so far. I enjoy going down the line in the main barn and giving a love to any horse that wants a pat.”* **Welcome to All!**

The **show season** is winding down but not without **big bragging rights for Kendrick LaPrade. Kendrick and her horse Rain** cleaned up at the **Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center Two Rivers Summer Festivals I and II**, winning **championships in Children’s Hunter Pony, Equitation and the INHJA Mini Medal class**. The **Fall County Classic at MLEC begins Sept. 16**. The next **“D” Series show** is scheduled for **October 3-4 at Valley Park**. Go watch some great riding and let your trainer know if you would like to participate! Mark your calendars for the **IRF Fall Fun Show** tentatively scheduled for **October 31**. Start working on your costume!

The **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** has had an activity packed summer! Last month they had mounted outings at **Alison Herr’s property in Earlham** and the **Lauridsen Rustic Retreat in Peru**. These young riders are becoming experienced equestrians both in and out of the ring. This weekend they will rode with **members of the North Hills Hunt**. If you know of someone

interested in joining Pony Club, please contact Alison Herr at alison@irishrunfarms.com
Membership applications for 2016 are due in November. Pony Club is a great organization that offers unique opportunities for **all levels of riders ages 6-25**. We learn about horse care and barn management; go to rallies and outings and just have fun! All Pony Clubbers also get a **free membership to the North Hills Hunt** – wish I could be one!

Irish Run riders are invited to participate in the Raccoon River Pony Club Hunter Pace on September 26. You don't need to be a Pony Clubber to ride, so if you would like to go, let us know so that we can arrange hauling. I have attached the flyer to this email..

Our next session of **Beginner Riding Classes** starts **September 23**. Classes include **5 mounted meetings for \$150** – such a deal! Spread the word!!!

Barn improvement season continues! We have now almost finished **painting the jumps** and have **sealed the roof of the back barn**. The new **manure bunker is operational** and helping keep the property clean. Daniela has **“culled” the schooling tack room and organized the barn supplies**. Gilberto and Dago have done lots of **tree trimming** and the property is looking great. **We are planning to move the office** to the room at the northeast corner of the studio barn. The current office will remain a room for barn supplies and Irish Run tack.

We are still planning to organize some **fall group trail rides**. If you have interest in riding in the park in a group, please let Daniela know your riding level and time/day preference.

It has been a wonderful summer at the barn. My heartfelt thanks to you all for your support and kindness both to me and each other. I hope to see you at the barn soon!

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