

IRISH RUN FARMS
August 2016 News

Summer greetings from Irish Run! The oppressive heat of early July seems to have abated just in time to enjoy the last days of our summer holiday. I hope you all have had an opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends – including your favorite horses!

Please welcome “Big Red” to the barn! He is an 8 year old, off the track thoroughbred who is currently being leased by the **Cooper family**. According to the Jockey website, he raced 22 times, mostly at Prairie Meadows, but did not boast a stellar winnings record. However, he is a stellar riding horse and true to his name is a big chestnut gelding. He is currently residing in the back barn and has a passion for carrots! Stop by and make friends with him. **Ozzie is back too!** After a long rehabilitation in California, **Rachelle LaPrade’s star jumper has returned to Iowa**. We are happy to see him again! You can watch him show off his talents at Maffitt Lake for the next two weeks!

Unfortunately, the stifling heat kept us away from the **July Fantasy Show at Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center (MLEC)**. You can head out to MLEC during the next two weeks and support your friends at the Two Rivers I and II shows. The next **“D” Series Schooling Show will August 27 and 28 at Valley Park Stables**. Mark your calendars and please let your trainer know if you would like to ride.

The **Irish Run Pony Club Riding Center** enjoyed a **hunt practice outing with Camie Stockhausen** at Alison’s farm on July 24. Several riders hauled out to get some tips on riding out in the open. It is a blast! Our **next hunt practice is scheduled for August 18th**. Our **polo practice outing is this Thursday August 4th**. Members will head to Powder River Ranch in Cumming for some lessons in how to play polo. Powder River is GORGEOUS and polo matches are FUN. Our **next meeting at the barn will be August 13th at 4 pm and the topic is Horse Management** – we all need to be informed about that! Pony Club meetings are not only fun but great opportunities to learn about riding and horse care. **Please let Alison know if you plan to attend or if you want to join!**

Our resident miniature horse **“Sidlicious” was spotted masquerading as a unicorn in Water Works Park**. Check out the attached cute photo of **“Sid” and Brooklyn**.

Thank you for being part of our horse community at Irish Run. I hope to see you down at the barn soon!

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