



# Newsletter

January 2008

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## Happy New Year!



Happy New Year to everyone. We have an exciting year ahead of us and many goals. Patriot Farms will continue striving to be the best hunter/jumper and rehab facility in our area. My goal is to get my judge's license and provide excellent instruction, riding and service at all times. Haley and Emily will continue with our fantastic lesson program, going to shows and riding. Haley is planning to get Frisco well-behaved and ride able. Frisco is hoping Haley will leave him alone so he can continue being a brat! Emily's goal this year is to qualify for the Spruce Meadows Team. Good Luck Emily!

I know many of you also have riding goals for this year and I'd like to know what they are. Please fill out the attached form and we can talk about how to achieve your goals.

### Events

Our upcoming events are:

#### February

- 15-17 Horse & Hound (C), MEC
- 24 Leone Equestrians (Schooling)  
**Haley and Emily**

\*\*Please check the 2008 Show Schedule for more shows.

### George Morris Clinic

A group of us rode in the George Morris Clinic at the end of November. It was a great clinic and an honor to ride under his instruction. Allison Levine and Alison Fehlman rode in the 3' sessions. This group focused on lots of collection, learning different releases and working on a good position. They both rode well and learned a lot. Allison Levine worked on keeping her

hands up and getting Maui going forward in front of her leg. Alison Fehleman got Vana over the dreaded water jump and worked on releasing over the jumps.

Haley rode Russo in the 3'3" session. This group worked on riding your horse between your hand and your leg, roll back turns and bending lines. Haley rode great. She worked on her position and getting Russo lighter on his front end. I rode Kiwi in the 3'6" group, which focused on lateral work, direct lines and tight turns. We worked on getting Kiwi to jump better and tighter in his front end, he was fantastic.

### Sami & Kiwi



### Horsemanship Trophy

We have a new perpetual trophy that was introduced at the Christmas Party this year. The Horsemanship Trophy will be awarded to 1 person each year at the Christmas Party and that person will have their name engraved on the trophy. The trophy will be kept in the office at Patriot Farms.

To be awarded with this honor you must:

- \* Own your own horse.
- \* Go to horse shows.
- \* Always display excellent sportsmanship and horsemanship.
- \* Be a good role model for others.
- \* Have a great attitude.
- \* Listen to your trainer.
- \* Work hard to accomplish your goals.

Periodically, through the year we will announce the top 5 riders. These riders will have their names, bios and pictures on the website. The website will have a "Horsemanship Trophy" page dedicated to these riders and the winner.

**Good Luck Everyone!!**

**Check The Shoeing Board**



Please check the shoeing board each month. Many people are owing Danny for 2 shoeing jobs because they aren't checking the board. I will coordinate the shoeing, but you need to be sure to pay Danny on-time.

*Sami*