



Course Brook Farm

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Course Brook Boarders Out Eventing

July was busy with Riga Meadows, Scarlet Hill and Fitch's Corner

Stephie and the Mighty Mares trekked to Riga Meadows in Salisbury, Connecticut for the recognized HT there on July 12th. This was the first outing for Zoe and Carmen in quite awhile and they finished in 7th in the Novice E division. Talia and her horse Foxy finished 10th in the Novice D division and Taylor and Noodle finished their first Training together for 10th place!! Way to go ladies!

Course Brook competed in the team competition at Riga with Abby Niles from Long Run

Farm also in Sherborn rounding out the team. They came in 2nd with a score of 32.2!



Taylor and Talia Freundlich with Zoe and Sara Michas at Riga Meadows!



Zoe and Carmen XC at Riga Meadows.

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On July 8th Maddie Haney with Dublin, Janet Sinclair with Vini, Jen Harrison with Cherokee and Nici Hornblower with Kirby competed at the Scarlet Apple Horse Trails in Groton, Massachusetts. All riders placed and had a great time!!

The weekend of July 17th – 19th was Fitch's Corner in Millbrook, New York. Stephie, Erika, Elizabeth Gill and Janet Mitchell headed west for what proved to be a very hot but very fun weekend!

Erika and Wiley competed in the Training Horse division, which included riders such as Allison Springer and Ferial Johnson. With only a few time penalties XC, they finished in 6th and enjoyed a victory gallop with some pretty fancy company!

Janet and Pogue competed in the Training Rider-A division. With Jamie, she finished 3rd in the Novice Rider-A division.

Elizabeth and Quizz had their best dressage score to date with a 27.3 but a loss of focus XC meant one refusal and they finished in 7th.

Regardless of results, both the groups who went to Riga and those who went to Fitch's agreed they were great events in beautiful venues and they would all love to go back again.



Summer Schooling HT Thursday, August 20th

Next up on the Course Brook schedule – the rescheduled Summer Schooling HT!! We hope you can join us either as a competitor or as a volunteer! To volunteer, please contact Janet Sinclair at janetsinclair1@live.com.

The HT is a qualifier for the Area I Schooling HT Championship to take place at Apple Knoll Farm on August 30th.

Amanda Sylvia will be back taking photos of the event!



Erika walking the Beginner Novice course with Elizabeth at Fitch's Corner.



Elizabeth and Quizz XC at Fitch's Corner.



Thank you to our volunteers!

We are so grateful to the wonderful community that supports our shows! Our Derby Cross on July 20th was small but super fun and wouldn't have happened without the help of several awesome volunteers.

Thank you Heather Maytham for helping your mom (Nici Hornblower) judge the show jumping. Thank you to Sue McNally, Dacia Callen, Elizabeth Gill, Ann Geoghegan, Karen Whitney, Erika and Stephe for an awesome show!

If you would like to volunteer for our upcoming Summer Schooling HT on August 20th, please contact Janet Sinclair at janetsinclair1@live.com.



Derby Cross a Success!

For the Derby Cross held on June 20th, Nici, Erika and Stephe came up with a great game. Each rider started with a score equal to 4 points per jump on their stadium course. A rail down or jump refusal would lose a rider 4 points. They could gain 5 points by jumping clear over a bonus jump at the end of their round. Stadium rounds were timed in case of a tie.

From stadium, competitors proceeded to XC and a clear round kept their score in tact, a refusal lost 20 points and a clear attempt at a bonus jump gained them 20 points.

It may sound confusing but there was definitely a strategy to playing the game and everyone had fun doing it.

We had competitors at Preliminary through Elementary including boarder Thea Callen, Talia and Taylor Freundlich, Nicole Gaenzler, Maddie Haney and Janet Menn. We had such a great time and hope to repeat this format next year!



Course Brook BBQ August 16th 3-5pm

All boarders should have received an evite invitation for a bar-b-cue on August 16th. Families are welcome. The Mayos will provide burgers, hot dogs and drinks. We look forward to seeing all of you celebrating a fantastic summer season of shows and riding.

Boarder News

- Welcome to new boarder Brett Piercey and her horse Blue!
- Janet Sinclair, Nici Hornblower, Jen Harrison and Maddie Haney all competed at Scarlet Hill on July 8th!
- Talia and Taylor Freundlich and Zoe Michas competed at Riga Meadows on July 13th!
- Erika Hendricks, Janet Mitchell and Elizabeth Gill competed at Fitch's Corner July 17 – 19.
- Erin Johnson competed at Stoneleigh Burnham July 26.
- Jen Chong, Rica Truljillo, Nicole Gaenzler rode in a dressage clinic with Eiren Crawford at Willow Tree Farm. Karen Whitney and Sue McNally audited.
- Best wishes to Jennifer Carson and Aurabella as they head to Virginia for college in August!

Karen Whitney, Resident Trail Guide

As boarders at Course Brook, everyone knows Karen Whitney and her Cheval Canadien, Raydar. Karen and Raydar are the go to team when anyone wants to a guide for a trail ride near the farm. They know the trails better than anyone and keep the rest of us from getting lost!

Karen began boarding in Sherborn in 2007 when she brought her horse, Bobby, to a barn on Prospect Street which abutted the Tow Forest Trail, also known as the "gas pipeline". This trail runs from Rt. 27 to the cell tower.

One day, out on the trail, Karen met long time Course Brook boarder Janet Sinclair who was galloping up the cell tower road preceded by her Border Collie Bear. She met another Course Brook Janet, Janet Mitchell, on the trail as well. Janet Mitchell assured Karen that the bridges on the trail to Perry Road were safe to traverse with Bobby, allowing Karen to ride over to visit her friends at Course Brook – Erika, Alice and Roberta.

Upon arrival in Sherborn, Karen visited the library and procured maps for all the Sherborn Town Trails. She learned her way around and has never gotten lost. When she bought Raydar in 2009 and brought him to Course Brook, she broadened her horizons visiting new locations such as the McGregor and the Barber. Without maps for these new destinations Karen adopted the trick of always turning the same direction at each intersection so that if she did this in reverse, she should find herself back where she started.

Karen and Raydar try to hit the trail at least once a week and their favorite destination is the McGregor because of the hills. The pipeline is also great because you can go such a good distance. Raydar is an excellent trail horse. He doesn't react too much to anything they find out there. As for Karen, her upbringing in New Hampshire, where her mother often took the family walking trails through the woods, contributes to her sense of direction and ability to follow streams and creeks, knowing which streets they cross and how to exit the woods and follow the street home.



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