



Photo taken by Doug Haney, one beautiful June evening at Course Brook.

Course Brook Farm

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Course Brook Boarders Head North for GMHA

7 horses, 6 riders, 2 trainers and 6 supporters from Course Brook had a great time in Vermont!

The Green Mountain Horse Association is a very special place. Located on some 60 acres adjacent to public and private land opened to GMHA for use during horse trials and a 10 minute drive from the quaint village of Woodstock, Vermont, GHMA hosts two day Horse Trials twice a year.

On June 5th, several members of the Course Brook community headed North to compete and cheer. Stephie and Erika both went to coach multiple riders. Erika also competed in the Training Division on Wiley. Janet Mitchell rode Pogue in the Training Division and Jamie in the Novice Division



Erika and Wiley over the Training Squirrel!



Team Course Brook walking the course!

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where he dared anyone to consider his age an impediment. Noodle and Taylor competed in the Junior Novice Division and survived the scary corner of the stadium ring despite a spectator walking past at the wrong moment. Janet Sinclair on Vinni and Elizabeth Gill on Quizz represented the Beginner Novice contingent and both came home with ribbons.

The best part of going to GMHA is the camaraderie. All the Course Brook horses were stabled together in C-Barn, Roadside. We had our own grazing area and sun to keep us warm on what was an unseasonably cool weekend. The entire group went to dinner together Saturday night.

And none of it would be possible without the support team! Thank you to Jerry Mitchell, Kristen Freundlich, Talia Freundlich, Kristie Gill and Sue McNally for all the support and a special thanks to Bob Sinclair who did double duty grooming for Janet and rescuing Nici and Erika when Nici's truck broke down just 20 minutes from the event. Fortunately, the Freundlichs were right behind them with room in their trailer for the horses! It took a village to get everyone through GMHA and we had a wonderful time!



July 21st Derby Cross

Get excited for our upcoming show! A Derby Cross is similar to a Combined Test or 2-Phase but instead of Dressage and Show Jumping we have Dressage and a jumping phase on our cross country course with a combination of stadium and cross country fences.

Last year we had a huge turnout and we are hoping for the same this year. The show is on a Tuesday. Please let us know if you would like to compete or participate as a volunteer!



Bob and Jerry take a well deserved break.



Elizabeth and Taylor grazing Quizz and Noodle near the Course Brook annex!



Thank you to our volunteers!

Since we cancelled our June Summer Schooling HT due to rain, we didn't have as many volunteers this month. However, a special thanks goes out to two boarders who made a big difference.

Thank you Sue McNally for clearing weeds from around – and in – the water jump! Sue came back a second day with gloves and boots so she could wade in deeper and get rid of those pesky weeds. Thank you Sue!

Thank you Dacia Callen for cleaning the dressage rings! Dacia helped pull out extra rails and boxes from the viewing room and cleaned them as well as the pieces already set up out in the dressage arenas. Thank you for making our rings look great!

If you would like to volunteer for our upcoming Derby Cross on July 21st or for our rescheduled Summer Schooling HT on August 20th, please contact Janet Sinclair at janetsinclair1@live.com.

Norfolk Hunt Pony Club

Three members of our Course Brook Farm community are also members of the Norfolk Hunt Pony Club. Anna Creonte, Elizabeth Gill and Madison Haney, all joined pony club shortly after coming to Course Brook.

In October, when Course Brook hosts its annual Halloween Schooling HT, the Southeastern New England Region of Pony Club will join the fun and host their annual eventing rally in conjunction with our show.

Can you guess who among our adult riders at Course Brook are graduate Pony Clubbers? In addition to Erika and Stephanie, Jennifer Chong (Julliard) and Jennifer Harrison (Cherokee) grew up in Pony Club.



Order Your Course Brook Farm Logo Wear

We are working to update our Course Brook Farm Logo Wear Catalog and recently posted new prices on the website. We offer shirts, jackets, hats and even saddle pads and saddle covers. We plan to add some different shirt styles soon. If there is an item of interest you don't see available, let Kristie Gill know and we will see what we can do!

Boarder News

- Welcome to new boarder MaryJane Ehrenzeller and her gelding Paris!
- Janet Menn got first place in Frist Level at CRDA!
- Caroline Ellervik and Thea Callen competed at Larkin Hill in New York!
- Taylor Freundlich, Erika Hendricks and Janet Mitchell all went to Groton House Farm for the 3-Day!
- Stephie and Erika participated in a Lucinda Green Clinic at Ledyard Farm in Hamilton, MA and Stephie participated in a Sharon White Clinic at Scarlet Hill Farm in Groton, MA.
- Karen Whitney participated in a dressage clinic with Lynne Kimball-Davis.
- Elizabeth Gill and Maddie Haney went to Scarlet Hill for XC Schooling with the Norfolk Hunt Pony Club.
- Anna Creonte and Cherokee earned their Pony Club D2 certification at Course Brook Farm on June 12th



Sherborn Forest and Trail Association (SFTA)

The Sherborn Forest and Trail Association (SFTA) is a family oriented volunteer organization dedicated to the enjoyment, protection and maintenance of our natural resources and open spaces. To that end, SFTA sponsors many outdoor events through the seasons: guided walks through public lands, a hunter pace for equestrians, a bicycle pace for cyclists, trail maintenance and construction work days, and occasional social gatherings for everyone interested in conservation of the beautiful natural environment of Sherborn. SFTA raises funds through special events and donates funds to assist in the purchase and maintenance of open spaces and to invest in improvement and expansion of Sherborn's trail system.

Learn about the SFTA and all upcoming events at the SFTA website: <http://sherbornforestandtrail.org>

You can reach the SFTA any time at info@sherbornforestandtrail.org

For more information you can also contact Course Brook Farm rider Marian Neutra: neutramr@gmail.com.

Attention riders!

The 2015 SFTA Hunter Pace will be held on **Sunday November 8th**. We have a new area of town to explore this year, with some new public trails as well as private land that is open only for this great event. Average Pace riders will be rewarded with ribbons and prizes. Watch the website for details.

Join us!

You are welcome to join the SFTA as a member, an occasional participant, or both.

Please let us know if you can participate any of our upcoming events. The SFTA is always in need of volunteers on our "trail maintenance" days, when small teams go out to clear and improve trails. You can also help the SFTA by keeping an eye on your favorite trails and alerting the SFTA to problems such as downed trees or overgrowth. Please email us at trails@sherbornforestandtrail.org to report fallen trees or any obstructed trails. Or even better, you can volunteer to help with trail maintenance or an SFTA-sponsored event.

You can join the SFTA on line by paying a modest membership fee or making a donation to Sherborn Forest and Trail Association at mkt.com/sfta. **(Both are tax-deductible!)**



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