



CBF Boarder Maddie Haney aboard My Irish Dream a.k.a. "Dublin" taking 2nd place in the Pre-elementary Junior division at the Course Brook Farm 2-Phase May 23rd. Photo Credit: Doug Haney

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Another Great XC Clinic with Stephie Baer!

Memorial Day at Course Brook Farm wouldn't be complete without Stephie's fantastic clinic!

Stephie's clinic filled early this year. Her day began at 8am with a group of Novice/ Training Level riders and finished after 6pm with her final group of Beginner Novice Level riders with Beginner Novice, Novice and Training Level groups in between.

Boarders who rode in the clinic included Janet Mitchell, who rode two horses, Elizabeth Gill, Jen Harrison, Janet Menn, Erika Hendricks, Nici

Hornblower and Caroline Ellervik.

Stephie took full advantage of our cross country course setting



Stephie near the drop in the woods.

Boarder News:

Have you competed off property recently? Attended a clinic or camp? Gotten a new horse? We want to hear your news!! Share your updates and photos for the monthly newsletter with Kristie Gill at kcgill@outlook.com



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up combinations over the drop in the woods above the jump ring, a coffin in the upper field and jumps in and out of the water.

Several people who came were new to cross country, other were moving up a level. Our first group included a mother and daughter and two sisters! About half our riders are regular clients of Stephie's.

Stephie started her Memorial Day clinic seven years ago to help the farm raise money to buy more cross-country jumps. She continues to support Course Brook and especially enjoys seeing students she teaches regularly, some she has seen a few times and people she's never met before come together for the clinic and have a great time learning. Her hope is that everyone will leave the day ready for the season ahead and with a bit more confidence than when they started.

There was a great audience cheering the riders on throughout the day enjoying the gorgeous weather. Thank you so much for the great clinic, Stephie!!



June 21st Summer Schooling HT, Open House and Tack Sale

We hope you will join us on June 21st as a competitor in our schooling show, a volunteer at the show or to participate in our tack sale and open house!

With all the improvements around the farm we want to open the barn doors to share our wonderful home with the community.

We are cleaning out the barns and selling the things left behind as well as any other tack or show clothing you might hope to sell. Contact Lydia for more information about the tack sale.



Janet Mitchell aboard Poque in the Training group.



Caroline Ellervik and Shitan in the water.



May 23rd 2-Phase

We had another great day of showing at Course Brook Farm! Boarders Taylor and Talia Freunlich, Jen Harrison, Janet Sinclair, Caroline Ellervik, Abigail Klenk and Maddie Haney all participated with Caroline, Janet and Taylor winning their divisions! We had over 30 competitors, many of whom went cross country schooling after the show.

Thank you to our volunteers!

None of the shows at Course Brook Farm would be possible without our wonderful volunteers. Karen Whitney again spent her day scoring dressage tests sent in by Janet Menn who scribed for Gretchen. Bob Sinclair kept the parking organized. Sue McNally, Kim Eagan, Mireille Manzone, Victoria Klenk and Elizabeth Gill all helped make the day a huge success. Thank you to Erika, Stephie, Nici and Kristie for setting up the rings and to Stephie for designing an excellent course.

We hope you will consider volunteering again this season!

Thank you for the pictures!

To the left is a rare photo of Abigail Klenk who is more frequently found behind the camera. You may notice her around the property with her white bodied camera with the super long lense. Her photos are beautiful and she generously shares them with the barn and the other boarders. We are grateful to her sister, Victoria, for snapping this photo of Abigail aboard Max at the recent 2-phase show where they finished in 3rd place and had a great time competing!



Taylor Freundlich and Noodle won the training division!

Let's Keep the Barn Tidy!

With our open house and tack sale just around the corner on June 21st, now is a great time to look through your tack areas and clean them out!

Please be sure any blankets still hanging in the barn have your horse's name on them.

Remember to clean up after you ride. Put brushes away, sweep the aisles and hang blankets on blanket bars. If you need saddle racks, bridle hooks or blanket bars hung, please let Lydia know.

Boarder News

During the month of May:

- Welcome to new boarder Lauren Uzdienski and her gelding Oscar!
- Congratulations to Kristie Gill on her new horse Crafty Breeze!
- Elizabeth Gill, Janet Mitchell and Erika Hendricks competed at King Oak May 9th and 10th.
- Karen Whitney, Janet Menn, Elizabeth Gill, Talia Freundlich, Janet Sinclair and Jen Harrison all competed at CRDA on May 17th.
- Elizabeth Gill and Anna Creonte participated in Pony Club Dressage Rally with Quizz and Cherokee.

Working with Beth DiCicco

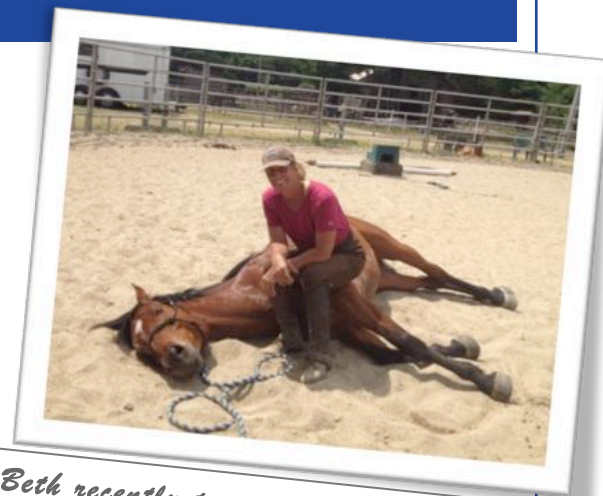
Beth has been coming to Course Brook Farm for about three years helping our boarders better understand the importance of personal space – the bubble – and improving our relationships with our horses.

Beth has competed in numerous disciplines including eventing and dressage. She began her journey in natural horsemanship through a need to understand certain aggressive, un-rideable horses. Beth often speaks of the resentment of horses towards humans who abandon the concept of pecking order.

Beth can often be seen working in the round pen with boarders teaching them to establish a pecking order, put themselves in charge of where all four of their horse's feet are at all times and encouraging students at all levels to keep working.

At her clinic in late May Beth had two new students in Kristie Gill with Crafty and Maddie Haney with Dublin. Maddie quickly became an expert at the twirl. Later in the day it was exciting to watch Linda York with Tailor. They have been working with Beth for some time and were definitely a bit more advanced in what they could do, increasing and decreasing the speed of the trot on the lunge line with hand signals.

For anyone interested in working with Beth, she will be at Course Brook on June 12th and 19th. Please contact Erika to get on her schedule.



Beth recently trained her own horse to lay down, demonstrating deep trust.



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