



Fall is upon us in Massachusetts.

Course Brook Farm

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Preparing for Our Big Day: October 10th

It's all hands on deck as get the farm prepares to host our annual USEA recognized HT!

2015 marks the 6th time Course Brook has run a recognized horse trials. The show is the final event of the season in Area I – the USEA designated geographical area, which includes Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Every year Course Brook makes improvements in advance of the show which we enjoy year round. The new trailer parking area is making things much easier, eliminating the need to move all the trailers to temporary quarters for show day. And we are very

excited about the brand new grass in the paddock used for jump warm up! This area had serious drainage



A new and permanent home for our show secretary.



One of several painting parties!

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Issues in the past. The paddock had to be completely dug up and resurfaced with layers of rock and soil to improve drainage. It took nearly a full year but is looking great for show time!

So much goes into preparing the farm for any horse show but this show requires everyone to go above and beyond. Thank you to all the boarders who came out to help paint stadium poles. They look amazing! Sue McNally, Abigail and Vic Klenk, Nicole Gaenzler and the Gills all helped Nici, Erika and Stephe get the stripes painted! Rogelio has been hard at work repairing fences. There has been constant mowing, weed whacking, and ring dragging.

We will have 3 dressage rings set up for this show. Thank you to Dacia Callen for cleaning them up for us!

The Mayos have done an amazing job improving the footing in the newest sand area, which was very deep last year and is now absolutely wonderful. They also did some fantastic work on the footing in the woods.

And thank you to the boarders who support this event with your time and your patience. We hope you enjoy the sense of community we strive for during show week as compensation for a bit of extra commotion! Looking forward to working with all of you on October 10th!



Plantation: Best Event Ever

Stephie Baer and Talia Freundlich travelled to Pennsylvania September 17 – 20 to support Kathleen Fenn, a boarder at Willow Tree Farm in Sherborn, in her first one star. Talia groomed. Stephie coached. Everyone had a great time!

The event's tagline really is Best. Event. Ever. And it does indeed sound pretty great. Perhaps next year Course Brook can send a whole contingent down to enjoy the excitement of competition and watch the three star cross country day!



Nici, Erika and Stephe set up a dressage ring in what was previously a warm up area.



Course Designer Jim Gonnall spends several days moving jumps for the XC course.



Norfolk Hunt Pony Club

Course Brook has a long history of supporting Pony Club and lately, there has been quite a bit of Pony Club activity!

On Sunday, September 13th, Madison Haney and Dublin were joined by Analise SanClemente who rode Carmen to achieve their first Pony Club certifications. Both girls are now D2's!

On September 16th, Elizabeth Gill and Emma Stiller had a prep lesson with a Pony Club national examiner to evaluate their readiness for their upcoming C1 certification which will take place in October at Apple Knoll Farm.

On September 27th, Stephie taught a Pony Club meeting where members jumped grids with several members jumping with no hands and no stirrups!

Currently, 7 members of the Norfolk Hunt Pony Club ride at Course Brook - Anna Creonte, Meredith Ehrenzeller, Elizabeth Gill, Madison Haney, Analise SanClamente and Emma Stiller. Caroline Twining is away at College but is still a member of NHPC.

King Oak: a great weekend for CBF Boarders!

Course Brook had six boarders participate in the September 12th and 13th show at King Oak in South Hampton, Massachusetts. Several moved up a level at the show and everyone came home with a ribbon!

On Saturday, Talia and Taylor Freundlich both had successful runs at Training level, the second Training for Taylor and Noodle and the first for Talia and Foxy. Erin Johnson and Aztec had a great time at Training as well!

On Sunday Thea Callen, Elizabeth Gill and Janet Sinclair all competed at Novice. Janet brought home a red ribbon in her first Novice with Veni. Thea was the only rider in her division to go double clear stadium and cross country and giving her a third place finish.



New Wash Stall

Our much anticipated new wash stall behind the three stall barn next to the little office is now fully operational! No more overcrowding on hot days and before shows!



Boarder News

- Welcome Meredith Ehrenzeller and her pony Lacey!
- Madison Haney and Dublin had a great day at the Scarlet Apple Horse Trials on September 7th!
- Thea Callen, Talia Freundlich, Taylor Freundlich, Elizabeth Gill, Erin Johnson and Janet Sinclair all competed at King Oak September 12 – 13!
- Karen Whitney and Marian Neutra participated in the Sherborn Trail Association trail clearing day on September 13th.
- Madison Haney and Analise San Clemente achieved their Pony Club D2 certifications on Septmeber 13th!
- Nici Hornblower and Janet Sinclair brought Kirby and Veni to the Groton House Fall Classic on September 20th!

Rogelio Garcia...

Rogelio has been working at Course Brook for less than three years but he is an indispensable part of the team that keeps the farm running. A native of Mexico, Rogelio came to the United States about 15 years ago and currently lives in Framingham with his wife, Elvia, and their two sons, Rodrigo (age 6) and Fernando (age 2).

Growing up, Rogelio's father owned a couple of horses. As a young boy, it was Rogelio's responsibility to feed and water the horses and clean up after them. He enjoyed sitting on them bareback while they grazed but he never took up riding.

A few years ago a friend introduced Rogelio to a woman who owned a farm in Franklin where he then worked for a year, learning a great deal about horses and horse care.

When he's not at Course Brook repairing woodwork, taking wonderful care of our horses, fencing, barns and everything else at the farm, Rogelio enjoys painting. He only started painting about 6 years ago and is quite accomplished. Horses feature in much of the work he does. While painting is primarily a hobby, he has sold several of his paintings.



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