

# Course Brook Farm Newsletter



Course Brook Farm's commitment to excellence continues with a new Newsletter highlighting all the experiences offered at the barn.



## Improvements at the barn

Matt, Kim, Amy, Talia, Taylor, Rigo and John continue to work hard to maintain a top ranked full service equine facility for us. Recent updates include:

- New windows and tack room in the back barn.
- Charge staff member for the day, posted on both the boarder calendar and Facebook for boarder's convenience.
- Farm steering Committee and Open Door Policy for boarder input.
- Weekly Staff meetings to ensure smooth and efficient daily operations.
- Daily rounds by the charge staff to keep horses happy, healthy and well cared for.
- Equine First Aid Kit available for all to use in an emergency.





**New Employees:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to some new faces at Course Brook.

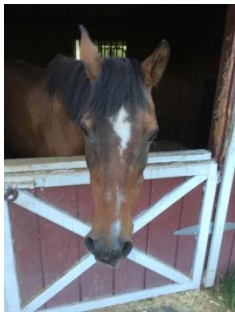
**Amanda Pender (Part-Time Barn Staff):** Amanda has been riding and working with horses for almost 18 years now. She owns a 13-year-old QH mare named Fancy who she events with. They have dabbled in other disciplines, but eventing is what they love. Amanda has also worked with many different breeds at all stages of life over the years. She is also a 2018-2019 C4 Belt Ambassador and can get discounts for boarders. Amanda looks forward to being a part of the team.

**Laura Clancy (Full-Time Working Student):** Laura is a coming senior in the UNH Equine Industry and Management program. She has been riding for 14 years, competing for 12. Laura specializes as a hunter/jumper rider, but riding and running horse trials at UNH have piqued her interest in eventing. Laura has worked at many different farms, both big and small, including Touchstone Farm, Apple Knoll Farm, and the therapeutic riding facility at Pappas Rehabilitation Hospital to name a few. Fun Fact: Other than riding, Laura's favorite sport is broomball!

**Caitlin McManus (Part-Time Working Student):** Caitlin McManus is a sophomore at Bridgewater State University studying biology (and a graduate of Norfolk Aggie) as a vet major! After working and riding with Smithlynd Equine for about 5 years, Caitlin was thrilled to hear about our move to Course Brook! Caitlin has been able to ride for the equestrian team at her college, and she looks forward to meeting everyone!

### **New Boarders**

Jeanne Horner  
with Maly



Cerredwyn and Brigid Horrigan  
with Belle



Carly  
with Mac



Judith Zozzaro  
with Taz

## **Smithlynd Equine**

Our lesson program is in full swing! We are hosting some fun events like a kid's summer program and adult "Camp" days. And save the date!! August 19 we are hosting a Dressage Show!!

Junior Rider Summer Program Weeks: 7/9 – 7/13 7/23 – 7/27 8/6 - 8/10 8/13 - 8/17

Adult "Camp" Days are for those adults who missed out on Pony Camp when they were young! We start our day at 9 with a ride and then will have educational lectures and hands on demonstrations about horse care, tack care, equine nutrition & conditioning, body work and with occasional guest speakers to talk about body work, shoeing, and veterinary care. Unlike kids camp however, we get wine, cheese, and crackers at the end of the day instead of crafts!! (Also Advil!!) Adult Camp Dates: June 24, July 22, September 16, October 21, and November 11 Cost: \$125 for SLE Horse \$100 BYOH 9AM - 4PM

Smithlynd Equine is very excited to be hosting an on farm Dressage Schooling show in conjunction with Course Brook!! We have many students who are not quite ready to do an off farm show. This will give them "real" show experience and help them prepare for competitions off farm when they are ready, and remind the rest of the equine community that CBF does Dressage too!! Sunday August 19 is the date of the show, opening date is July 15 and closing date is August 6. We will have more details soon!

Speaking of shows – Brigid Horrigan and Shadow have been having a wonderful season with some very good scores and lots of ribbons, placing Second in most of her classes, with a Third thrown in for good measure. We have hit the CRDA circuit and plan to head to NEDA Summer show for some fun with our favorite Quarter Horse school horse!!

## **Shows:**

### **April:**



This season began with our own two phase and Open House on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Stephe Baer led a group of volunteers to help Matt Mayo with clearing trails of winter debris in preparation for the event. Volunteers included Sue McNally, Kristin Freundlich, Brett and Dev Piercy, Ken Siegal and Bruce and Kate Klenk. The barn was cleaned and polished and bakers sent in baked goodies. The weather did not cooperate but we surged ahead and had a very successful day.

Erika Hendricks and Maddie Haney started their season at Valinor in April. Erika won Training and Maddie won Novice.

Stephe Baer headed to UNH Spring Horse Trials on April 28-29 with Vanslimar, the 5 year old Hick's horse Stephe has had since the end of September. They competed at Novice level for the first time together enjoying a good outing.

## May:

May 7 CRDA – Erika Hendricks, Maddie Haney and Sue McNally all enjoyed a good outing at CRDA

May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> found Stephe Baer holding Cross Country Clinics for both Young Riders and the general public. The clinic was a benefit for Course Brook Farm. Over 20 riders joined Stephe on another chilly weekend including Course Brook's own Maddie Haney and Brett Piercy. Stephe was pleased with the turn out and had a lot of fun teaching.

May 18-21 Stephe and Vanslimar headed off to participate in the Sharon White three day clinic at Scarlett Hill.



May 27<sup>th</sup> was the Course brook Spring Schooling three phase event. As always Janet Sinclair headed up a small army of volunteers, over 60 in all, both experienced and beginners which helped the event run smoothly. We thank them all for their hard work and time. While not exactly warm we stayed dry as over 80 participants enjoyed the smooth running event. Coarse Brook eventers included Taylor Freundlich riding Vanslimar at Novice taking 7<sup>th</sup>, Taylor Freundlich riding My MSPCA Special Gift at Advanced Elementary taking 4<sup>th</sup>, Carly Stiller riding Streaker's Story at Advanced Elementary and Ruth Goldstein riding Commendable Queen at Beginner Novice.

## June:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> CRDA- Several Course Brook boarders attended CRDA at Apple Knoll Farm. Erika rode Wiley in a Second Level test 1 and received first place in the Open Division. Maddie Haney took Noah and did First Level test 1 and for the first time First Level test 2. She received the blue ribbon in both tests and was reserve Jr. champion for the show. Jen Harrison took Cherokee and placed first in the Event Test of Choice, Sue McNally



took Nugget and got a well-deserved third place in a large Training Level 1 class. Lara San Pietro also joined the group on Trillium and rode in Training test 1. Brigid rode Linda Smith's horse, Shadow, winning two seconds in Training 1 and 2. Janet Sinclair and Vinni were unable to compete as Vinni is lame but Janet and Bob were there to support everyone and provide transportation between the two farms.



June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Stephe Baer headed to the GMHA Horse Trials in Vermont where she rode Vanslimar in her first Training level event. They placed 8<sup>th</sup>, Stephe was very pleased with "V". Stephe also helped 14 other riders at the horse trials, many from the Sherborn area although none from Course Brook Farm.

Erin Johnson also competed at GMHA in the Training rider division.



June 10 – Valinor Farm Horse Trials. Erika Hendricks came in second at Training, Maddie Haney came in eleventh after leading dressage, time penalties were not her friend and Emma Stiller competed at Novice and came in first.



### **Upcoming Shows and Events:**

June 16-17	Buck Davidson Clinic at Course Brook Farm
June 29 – July 1	Groton House Farm Horse Trials
July 13	Course Brook Farm and Smithlynd Equine Summer Social
July 29	Course Brook Summer Schooling Show
August 19	Schooling Dressage Show at Course Brook Farm
September 8	USEA Recognized Horse Trials at Course Brook Farm
October 7	Course Brook Fall Schooling Show

### **Coming Soon:**

- A new and improved website!
- Winter Lecture Series – Guest speakers would offer a series of lectures on a variety of topics, any suggestions welcome, to help you stay excited and engaged through the winter. Please send suggestions for topics to [info@coursebrookfarm.com](mailto:info@coursebrookfarm.com)

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