



# Late Summer 2005 Edition

Sorry this newsletter is off schedule, it was supposed to be ready on July first but I have to admit this summer just took off and got away from me.

It certainly was a busy one here on the Farm. June had an event every weekend. Then over the rest of the summer we hosted Field Days Com-

petitions and two Summer Horsemanship Programs. In between these events the horses did enjoy their week long break.

I hope everyone had a chance to have a fun summer and we look forward to seeing everyone back this fall to ride.



Students from the August Horsemanship Program

## 2ND AAPH<sub>NE</sub> OPEN SCHOOLING HORSEMANSHIP MEET



Above: Kelley Marathas with Jet, winners of obstacles in hand class

Trailers started arriving early on a beautiful Saturday, June 4, at Spring Willow Farm in Mendon, MA for the second AAPH-NE Open Schooling

HorsemanSHIP Meet. The weather matched the spirit of everyone who attended: warm, sunny and welcome.

With a focus on the American Association for the Progression of Horsemanship Categories of Progression, the day began with a demonstration of the Groundwork I Category by Lorna Palmer and her 16 year old Andalusian mare Niña Viernes. This gave the day's evaluators, participants and spectators a review of the requirements for the category that is still new to many. Once the review was complete, the morning schedule got underway. Participating teams worked through the category in groups of three. The teams started with the orientation phase, then moved to the leading and yielding portion of this first category of progression, finishing with the round pen work at liberty.

As is typical in this new style of competition, there were multiple evaluators sharing their perspective with each horse/handler team. The three evaluators at this AAPH-NE meet in June were Nancy Adams, Danielle Rigby and Wendy Warner, assisted by their scribes Mary Creasia, Karen Laude and Reva Seybolt. Meet organizers were grateful for these horsewomen who graciously shared their views and appreciated their assistance in forging a new path. The meet format itself encourages evaluators to recognize each team's achievement, independent of horsemanship method or training discipline.

This event is called a "meet" rather than a show or competition because the hopes of the organizers are that this new format will become a meeting ground, welcoming and encouraging all natural horsemanship enthusiasts regardless of whose methodology they follow and independent of training discipline. The evaluating teams in June showed great enthusiasm for

all horse/handler teams which came from a number of farms, representing a variety of natural horsemanship methods.

During the lunch break, everyone was invited to participate and choose from a number of subjects for a roundtable discussion. The use of voice cues as an aid became the topic of the day and a vibrant discussion followed (for further details about the viewpoints expressed during the roundtable, visit [www.aaphorsemanship.org](http://www.aaphorsemanship.org)). In a continuing commitment to include all viewpoints, this sort of conversational dialogue is an important part of the meet format.

The afternoon sessions saw a conclusion of the Groundwork I category, the second category of progression Prepare to Ride I and the Freestyle class Obstacles in Hand. Upon completion, each horse/handler team in the categories of progression received comprehensive evaluation sheets from all evaluators, resulting in a percentage score. If a team achieved a qualifying score, a certificate and patch were awarded in recognition of the team's achievement. Freestyle class participants were awarded ribbons. At the June meet, the Obstacles in Hand ribbons were awarded as follows -- first place: Kelley Marathas and Soars Like Jet; second place: Madeline MacPhee and Just a Little Smidge; third place: Samantha Palmer and Fancy That; fourth place: Nikki Adams and Tonka; fifth place: Pamela Swanson and Xander.

Before the day ended, there were several raffle items drawn, generously donated by a number of sponsors (please visit the website for a full sponsor listing). The meet finished out with a barbecue dinner and more conversation with new friends.

*AAPH New England is a fledgling organization dedicated to*

*Enhancing understanding of the existence and use of the natural behavior laws of all equines.*

*Exploring how these laws can be incorporated into horsemanship for any purpose, in any discipline, at any level*

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# Working out the Fall Lesson Schedule

Our Fall schedule is already very full but we will do what we can to accommodate our regular students wherever possible.

We understand how hard it can be to schedule after school (or work) activities especially when most of us have more than one. That said; we are asking for your help to firm up our fall schedule during this last month of the third quarter (September). So if you haven't heard from us please give us a call to let us know what would be best for you.

In order to help the lesson scheduling process flow smoothly please let me explain how we schedule lessons. It's a little more than just a time that would be convenient. We take several things into consideration when scheduling lessons. First we assess

riders abilities then if forming a group lesson there needs to be compatibility and availability.

A few of thing to keep in mind;

- Once a student is scheduled into a group lesson for the quarter that is where they will progress the best because the instructor can plan their lessons better.
- For a student to join a group lesson they must be confident with riding a horse with other horses in the arena. This is very important so all students can improve and function safely.
- At times we will encourage riders to take some private lessons even after they have joined a group if they need to work through a challenge.

- Please don't over schedule on lesson day. Riding is a physical discipline and students need their focus when interacting with the horses.
- Please follow SWF policies when canceling a scheduled lesson.
- Finally remember it is the students responsibility to schedule make-ups lessons when they apply.

## DATE CHANGE

The Fall Student Horse Show date has been moved to the weekend before Thanksgiving.

**November 19th & 20th**

Please mark your calendars and keep your fingers crossed that we have good weather.;

## Barn Bulletin Board

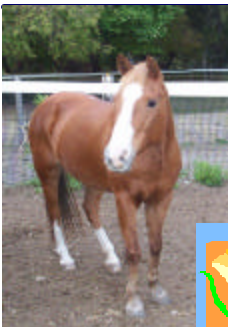
- \* 9/11/05 2nd Open Mix & Match 2-Phase Ask your instructor if you are eligible to enter.
- \* 9/25/05 5th Open Field Day Competition Ask your instructor if you are eligible to enter.
- \* 10/16/05 6th Open Field Day Competition Ask your instructor if you are eligible to enter.
- \* 10/22/05 Tag Sale & Turnout seminar.
- \* 10/29/05 Halloween Party 7:00 to 9:00pm all are welcome
- \* 11/19th & 20th/05 NEW Date for Fall Student Show

## Barn Updates/News...



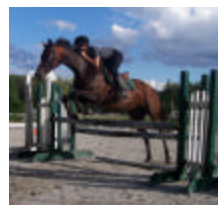
- 4/9 Jump painting party went well with several people showing up to paint some new and old jumps. Some of the colors were quite bright this year.
- 4/17 Our first Mix & Match 2-phase went well with a few competitors from other farms which gave our riders some competition.
- April School Vacation Horseplay days were cancelled due to lack of student signups.
- 5/21 Spring Tag sale & turnout seminar The tag sale helped a few of our students find some good deals.
- 5/22 6/26 7/24 8/28 Open Field Day Competitions, are slowly picking up interest with more competitors from other farms coming to them.
- 6/4 The 2nd AAPHNE Open Schooling Horsemanship Meet (read all about it on front page)
- 6/11 & 12 Spring Student Show was blessed with great weather and was a fun show for all participants.
- 7/18-22 & 8/15-19 The two summer Horsemanship Programs were a lot of fun! Each student was assigned one horse to worked with all week long and they also made a t-shirt with their pictures on it.

## Horse News & SWF Horse for sale



**Sadly on Thursday July 21, 2005 at 7:00pm Adri's beloved pony Miss Lily was laid to her final rest after experiencing a very sudden irreversible bout**

**of colic.**



For Sale:  
Tia  
\$2500

16yr old 16.2 hand TB Bay mare.  
Price negotiable to SWF student  
Call the farm for more info



For Sale:  
Beau

(reg. name Gold Ironsides)  
8 yr old 16.1 hand reg. QH Pal gld.  
Price negotiable to SWF student  
Call the farm for more info



# Jacket Order Form

Jackets \$55.00

Matching warm-up pants \$35.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Size: Children S M L Adult S M L XL

Check Color: Purple  Green  All jackets have gold logos

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name clearly the way it will appear on jacket: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*These Jackets are great to layer with during the colder months.*

**Forms must be received by October 1, 2005 for this Fall's order.**



## SWF Tag Sale

Used riding clothes



October 22, 2005 10am to 2pm

Do you have outgrown riding attire?

Do you want to sell or trade?

- ◆ All items must be labeled & dropped off at the sale before 10am sale day.
- ◆ SWF charges a 30% consignment fee on all items sold.

Any items not sold need to be picked up at 2pm.

## Turnout Seminar

**October 22, 2005 1:30 to 3:00pm**

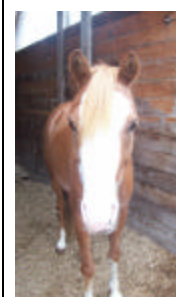
Mandatory for participating in the any SWF student show.

Once a student completes one they don't need to do it again.

## SWF Student Council Up Dates

It looks like the SWF student council is no longer. Although it was an excellent idea not enough students participated in the meetings and activities for it to continue.

Maybe we can try again in the future.



Lead line

Corner

Welcome

**Jelly Bean**

as our new

leadline pony

Adri has some lead line student openings for the Fall in the mornings.

Call farm for info



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Horsemanship!*

Still working on Website,  
coming soon 😊

## Scheduled of SWF Events in 2005 ( updated this quarter)

<p><b>More events may be added to the SWF schedule. Check the bulletin board each visit for updates.</b></p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30</li> <li>• 17th SWF open 2-phase</li> <li>• 19th-22nd School Vacation Horseplay Days</li> </ul>	<p><b>July</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30</li> <li>• 18th-22nd Summer Horsemanship Program</li> <li>• 24th Open Field Day Competition</li> </ul>	<p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11th SWF 2-Phase</li> <li>• 25th Open Field Day Competition</li> </ul>
<p><b>January</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8th Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30</li> <li>• 15th 22nd &amp; 29th Winter Lecture series (times &amp; subjects TBA)</li> </ul>	<p><b>May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7th Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30</li> <li>• 21st Tag Sale 9:00 to 2:00 /Turnout Seminar (time TBA)</li> <li>• 22nd Open Field Day Competition</li> </ul>	<p><b>7/31-8/8/05 No lessons Closed for Summer Break</b></p>	<p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16th Open Field Day Competition</li> <li>• 22nd Tag Sale 9:00 to 2:00 / Turnout Seminar (time TBA)</li> <li>• 29th Halloween Party 7:00 to 9:00pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>February</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5th Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30</li> <li>• 12th 19th &amp; 26th Winter Lecture series (times &amp; subjects TBA)</li> <li>• 22nd –25th School Vacation Horseplay Days</li> </ul>	<p><b>June</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4th &amp; 5th AAPH Open Schooling Horsemanship Meet</li> <li>• Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30</li> </ul>	<p><b>August</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15th-19th Summer Horsemanship Program</li> <li>• 28th Open Field Day Competition</li> </ul>	<p><b>November</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>19th &amp; 20th new date</b> Fall Student Horse Show</li> </ul>
<p><b>March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5th Student Council meeting 3:00 to 4:30 /Unmounted Horse Show (after SCM)</li> <li>• 13th Mock Open Schooling Horsemanship Meet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11th -12th Spring Student Show</b></li> <li>• 26th Open Field Day Competition</li> <li>• 27th -7/1 Summer Horsemanship program</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fourth quarter Updates</b> →</p>	<p><b>December</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17th Holiday Gathering 2:00 to 5:00pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>12/21/05 – 1/4/06 No lessons Closed for Holiday Break</b></p>			