



Stone Ledge Farm Newsletter

November 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Lesson Schedule: Lessons will continue running with our regular hours during Winter Break; with exceptions during the following closures due to the Holidays:

Wednesday, November 27th
Thursday, November 28th
Friday, November 29th
Tuesday, December 24th
Wednesday, December 25th
Thursday, December 26th
Wednesday, January 1st



Preferred Contact Method: The best method of communication regarding scheduling, cancellations, billing, programming, etc. is via email at stoneledgeacademy@gmail.com. Please reserve communications via text to emergencies only (last minute cancellations, running late).

Winter Weather Reminder! With Winter steadily taking shape, please keep in mind that lessons will continue to run normal hours unless otherwise stated. Please check for email updates from Christie during periods of inclement weather, as that will be the first place updates will be sent should the weather turn sour and lessons need to be cancelled/rescheduled.

UPCOMING EVENTS



January Stable Show: January 25th, Stone Ledge Farm. Join us for the 3rd edition of our 2019/2020 Stable Show series and potluck! Fun and educational!

Winter Warm-Up: February 22nd*, Woodstock, IL. Open and Academy show with a low-key and fun atmosphere!

March Stable Show & High Point Award Ceremony: March 14th, Stone Ledge Farm. The final installment of our 2019/2020 Stable Show Series that will end with the presentation of the High Point Awards to riders who have accumulated the most points throughout the entire series that started in September 2019!

2019 MORGAN GRAND NATIONAL & WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



Hunter Pleasure: Grace and Corey had a phenomenal show, starting off with Grace winning the GN Hunter Seat Adult 18-35 Finals, and getting 2nd place in GN Hunt PI Ladies Am Mare, another 2nd place in the GN Hunt PI Ladies Mare, and a well-earned 5th place in the call back WC Hunt PI Ladies Am! Jess had great rides on both Roxie and Mateo, earning 4th place in the GN Hunt PI Ladies Am Mare, 4th place in the GN Hunt PI Youth Mare, 7th place in the WC Hun

PI Youth, and 9th place in a call back ride for the WC Hunt PI Ladies Am. Jess and Mateo earned a stunning 2nd place finish in their GN Road Hack Hunt Seat Finals! Nicole and Rillo had several very strong rides, earning a 7th place finish in the GN Hunt PI Ladies Am Gelding! Emily and Mr. Peeps had their debut performance at Nationals together, putting in several very strong rides in a deep field of Walk-Trot Hunters. Congrats, Em, on your first GN! Abigail and Mateo won the GN Hunt PI Jr Exc 12 & Under, and ended with a strong 5th place finish in the WC Hunt PI Jr Exh 13 & Under! Becky and Freya put in two spectacular rides, earning 3rd place in the GN Hunt PI 4-YR Mare, and Reserve World Champion in the WC Hunt PI 4-YR!



English Pleasure: Jess took on her very first Saddle Seat Equitation class, earning 4th place with Nate in the GNSaddle Seat Adult 18-35 Finals and also earned 9th place in the GN Eng PI Youth, and an 8th place finish in the WC Eng PI Youth! Kacy took Match Box into the ribbons with a 7th place in the GN CI PI Saddle Ladies Gelding, 9th in the GN CI PI Saddle Youth Finals and a top ten finish at 9th in the WC CI PI Saddle Ladies! Cameron and Dave took on GN CI PI Saddle Jr Exh 13 & Under, earning a 5th place ribbon. They also landed in the top ten with a 7th place WC CI PI Saddle Jr Exh 13 & Under class, 3rd place in the GN Classic Saddle Seat 13 & Under, and 6th place in the WC Classic Saddle Seat 13 & Under. Kit and Hannah also had their Nationals debut together, earning top ten finishes, with an 8th place in the GN CI PI Saddle 4 YR, and 7th place in the WC CI PI Saddle Jr Horse!

Driving: Bonnie and Murphy earned several top ten finishes, with an 8th in the GN CI PI Driving Masters, and 6th place in the WC CI PI Driving Masters!
Western: Becky rode Mila in a competitive field of Western horses, earning top ten finishes with a 7th place in the GN West PI Ladies Mare, and 10th place in the GN West PI Mare!

FALL IASPHA SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

Sierra and Rocky had a stunning show at this year's Fall IASPHA Horse Show, earning a second place ribbon in the Open Western Pleasure qualifier, then coming back to win the Championship! Holly and Tori had a similarly exceptional show, landing a second place ribbon in the Open Hunter Pleasure qualifier, and winning the Championship!



The Academy sessions at IASPHA were HUGE this year! Allie took Clarence into a 2nd place finish in the WTC 14-17 Horsemanship class, 7th in Equitation and 3rd in the Championship. Aisy had her debut ride with Clarence, earning 2nd place in the WT 9-10 Yr Old Horsemanship, 3rd in Equitation, and a 5th place ribbon in the Championship.



LEARNING CORNER: What is the history of the

Morgan Horse? “Justin Morgan was a teacher, composer, businessman, and horseman who had moved to Randolph, Vermont, from Springfield, Massachusetts. He acquired a bay colt, born in 1789, giving him the name Figure. As was the practice of the day, Figure became known by his owner's name, the Justin Morgan horse. This colt was the founding sire of the Morgan breed... After Justin Morgan's death, Figure moved on to other owners and spent a life working on farms, hauling freight, and as a parade mount at militia trainings...The offspring of Justin Morgan's sons and daughters worked alongside their owners clearing



fields and forests. When the week's work was done, they provided transportation to Saturday market and Sunday meeting... By the mid-1850s, Morgans were selling for high prices and were widely distributed across the United States. Morgans set world trotting records when the sport of harness racing was in its infancy...They were highly regarded as general-purpose horses capable of performing a wide variety of tasks. During the Civil War, Morgans served as cavalry mounts and artillery horses... Today, Morgans can be found in all 50 states and in more than 20 foreign countries. Individuals generally range from 14.1 to 15.2 hands, with exceptions under and over. Colors within the breed include chestnut, black, bay, brown, palomino, buckskin, smoky black, cremello, perlino and smoky cream...Morgans are equally well known for their loving, kind dispositions. Those who buy a Morgan often say they have not only purchased a horse, but have welcomed a new family member.” (https://www.morganhorse.com/about_morgan/history/)