Happy St. Patrick's Day

Stoner Ridge Farm News

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I am always glad to put February behind me. It is a month filled with erratic weather - snow then ice, then rain, then mud. In Kentucky this year, both January and February have been much colder than usual.

There were 30+ days straight with snow on the ground. This past week, however, the weather has set records



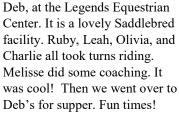
for warm temperatures with a couple of 60 + degree days that were very welcome. It would seem that March is coming in like a lamb rather than the proverbial lion. Hopefully, recordsetting cold won't be with us later in March.

Charlie has been working right on through the weather. There's been lots of ground work as well as riding. He was able to get Johnny Rose along with Tim and Marcia Spencer to certify Maverick, Aladdin, Sun-

shine, Bonnie, and Gen a few weeks ago. They all have excellent gaits and will do a good job regardless of their venue.

A couple of weeks ago, Charlie sold his mare, CGF's Diamond Star, (aka Princess) to Jessica who used to work for Mike Hartong. He was Princess' breeder. We met her years ago when we went trail riding in Vermont. It was a full circle kind of moment. Jessica is very excited about the upcoming foal. Charlie also had the opportunity to purchase a coming three year old mare, In a Blaze of Glory. He will get her certified and breed her when he can. Julie T.'s mare, Angel, was bred to Silver last year and is due in May. Charlie and Julie worked out a deal and the foal will belong to Charlie. We can't wait.

Most of the SRF team took a field trip to Cox Creek (near Bardstown) to join up with Melisse, James and their friend,



Charlie brought WOF in for training March 1st. AJ (Julie B.'s 4 year old) is also back in training. Olivia and Ruby will be

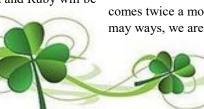
coming back to ride soon. Their responsibilities with FFA will decrease toward the end of the



school year. Ruby will have her State Indoor Track competition in Louisville on Tuesday. She has her one-mile is the 5 minute range! It won't be long before the final archery shoot and banquet. Charlie has been a coach this year and has enjoyed the kids.

Mary Kelley has been very busy at Claiborne. As a vet tech, she has so much work to do with the new foals. They are expecting about 150 babies and are only about a third of the way there! We know Mary Kelley, Olivia and Ruby are working hard, but we are looking forward to having a full staff here soon.

We don't have it scheduled yet but it will soon be time for vaccinations. If you would like anything done besides strangles and a 6-way (Eastern, Western, Rhino, Flu, tetanus, and West Nile) let Charlie know. He will be in touch with you once a date is scheduled for Dr. McVey to come out. We really appreciate Doc for being able to come on short notice when the horses need veterinary care. Phil Flynn is also a great help to the horses here. He usually comes twice a month. In so may ways, we are blessed!



Magazine Update

The RMHA Fall/Winter magazine should be arriving in your mailboxes soon. It was shipped out from the publisher last Wednesday. Cheri Pril with Stunning Steeds, is the new designer and she's done a great job. Thank you all for your support of the magazine. The ads look great! Cheri will be in KY in May (see below)



Prayers Please

Lyngle lost another aunt on Feb. 9. Lora Kaye Alexander, 76, was her mom's baby sister. Her Aunt Kaye had written over 1,000 songs. She is survived by three children as well as several grand children and great grand children. She will be greatly missed.



About a month ago, Jeff and Karen Royer lost a lovely mare due to colic.

SaRita was Karen's favorite trail horse. It is so hard to lose those who are especially close to your heart.

Larry and Brenda Watson also lost a wonderful horse on Saturday, Silver Heels Jake. He was with them for 27 of his 28 years.

They loved him dearly. Jake was the first horse Bob took in training when he started training for the public. He was a show horse as



well as a wonderful trail horse and loved by all.

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