



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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September 1, 2007

What an August! Sunflower is finally drying out again after the torrential storms that drenched the Midwest last month. To those of our boarders who were hit hard at home, we hope things get back to normal for you quickly. On the bright side, the horses seem thrilled to have pastures full of green grass this late in the summer!

Unfortunately, all this rain has also been good for the mosquito population. Some of our more sensitive friends have been suffering greatly from the little flying menaces, so please make sure you are fly-spraying your horses, especially on their flanks and under their bellies where mosquitoes congregate, and leave a prominently labeled bottle on your stall so the grooms can spray them before they go outside.

Our second and final show of the season took place on August 12th. We had two judges this time, since this show had even more riders than the first, and once again it was a fun day for all. Thank you so much to everyone who participated, and a special thank you to the volunteers who made it all possible.

To better accommodate our afternoon and evening riders, we have made a few changes to the managerial staff's hours. Phil, Colleen or Melissa will be on the property until 9 PM Monday through Friday.

Another thank you goes out to all of our boarders who came to the Grand Opening party. It turned out to be a beautiful day after a very soggy week, and we got to see many of our boarders as well as some other friends of the farm. Also, thanks to the boarders who sent a basket of gorgeous flowers to celebrate the event!

If anyone is interested in the barn procuring a mechanical horse walker, please contact Phil.

On September 10th, Bristol and Koehler will be doing fall vaccinations and de-worming. If you use a different vet, please arrange with them to have your fall shots done this month so we can keep everybody on the same schedule. You MUST sign the sheet or your

horse will not get done. Sign-up sheets are located on the front counter and in the tack rooms.

Bristol Horse Country will be running a tour on September 16th of barns in the Bristol area. This tour includes a wide variety of barns in the area, including Sunflower Farms. BHC will also be running a trail ride at Sunflower Farms, tentatively scheduled for September 23rd at 2pm, and an equine law seminar on October 5th. To contact BHC for these events, email Colleen Fisch at cmurphyfisch@sprintmail.com.

On October 13th the University of Wisconsin will conduct a first-aid seminar here. If interested, contact Rose Skora at rose.skora@c3es.uwex.edu. On October 6th and 7th, Sunflower will have the honor of hosting a dressage clinic with Olympian Lisa Wilcox. There are still spaces available for auditors, and sign-up sheets are located near the announcement boards. You can also contact Jan Cohen at magicqh@ameritech.net. On November 3rd and 4th, we will have an IDCTA clinic, "Your Body and Your Horse," with Jennifer Kotylo. The clinic will be free to selected IDCTA members. Visit IDCTA.org for more information.

Effective September 1st, 2007: There will be a \$35 fee applied to your bill if you have not paid your board by the last day of the month.



**That hoss wasn't built to tread the
earth,
He took natural to the air,
And every time he went aloft,
He tried to leave me there.**

**-Anonymous Tribute to an
Unmanageable Horse**