



SUNFLOWER FARMS

SUNFLOWER SEEDS

June 1, 2008

This month marks the beginning of summer! Since it is finally safe to pack away your winter blankets, we would appreciate if you could do so sometime this month to keep our aisles looking neat. If you would like us to wash something before you pack it away for the summer, bring it into the office and label it with your name and washing instructions.

With summer, unfortunately, come flies. Please make sure you keep your horses well covered in fly spray, as we have had to bring a few in early because they were so upset by the bugs. If you label a bottle with your name and leave it on your stall, the guys will spray them as they turn out.

We welcome two new horses to G barn: Ike, with Michelle, and Precious Moment with Karin Foley.

Our second show is on June 1st. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this show and our May show - you are all deeply appreciated! We have two more shows this summer. On July 20th, Aly is running a Hunter Jumper show, and August 10^h will be our third and final IDCTA show of 2008. Our show photographer Chuck Swan will be at each of those events, if you are interested in pictures of your ride. On June 7th, Michelle Lyons is sponsoring a Scott Hofstetter hunter/jumper clinic here, and our first week of horse camp begins on June 16th.

For SmartPak customers, we have signed up for the Barn Buddies program, which coordinates shipping dates to a farm to save on shipping costs. Boarders who already get their SmartPaks delivered here are added automatically. If you would like to join the program, our Barn Buddy code is *Sunflower*.

If you go out on a trail ride, we strongly

encourage you to go with a buddy. If you do go alone, please check in with the office to let us know where you're going and when you expect to be back.

Finally, congratulations to Connie Vanderweele, who got her final score for her USDF bronze medal this past weekend, and to Apolonio, who just became the proud father of a new baby girl!

Current Challenges:

- Hunter/Jumper Arena Use - The large arena behind barns E and F was created for the hunter/jumper riders. They have the right-of-way, and all other riders must yield to a jumping horse. Lately, there have been problems with other riders interfering with hunter/jumper lessons. **If this continues, the arena will be made off-limits to everyone but the hunter/jumper riders.** Please remember that the intended use of that arena is jumping, and don't let a few riders spoil it for everyone.
- Horses Outside Alone - You are welcome to turn your horse out yourself after the grooms have brought everyone in for the day, but please make sure you keep an eye on them, and when you bring them in make sure you're not leaving somebody else's horse out there alone!
- Electricity Use - Please help us keep costs down. When you leave a barn or a tack room, or even if you are walking by and notice them on, turn off the lights. You can leave them on in arenas, since those lights use more electricity to get warmed up. Especially now that it's light so late, we shouldn't need lights inside during the day.



If you act like you've only got fifteen minutes, it'll take all day. Act like you've got all day and it'll take fifteen minutes.

~ Monty Roberts