



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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January 1, 2010

Happy New Year! And happy new decade! Hopefully all of our boarders had a lovely holiday season. It's a bit cold outside, but on the bright side the days are getting longer now, and we certainly don't have to worry about mud this month!

Welcome to our two new horses in B barn, Becky Lince's Robin and Daisy. We also have two new horses in D Barn, Melissa's horse Ollie and an Anglo-Arab named Sage. Sue Coriden of G barn also has a new mare named Bella.

We want to send out a very special thanks to all who participated in the Laura Amandis Clinic! It was a complete success, and we couldn't have done it without all of you! Laura worked with nine very different horses in one day, and the auditors included visitors from many other farms in the area.

Bristol and Dr. Koehler will be out to de-worm on Monday, Jan 18th. As usual, Koehler will be out in the morning and Bristol should arrive after lunch. They will be treating with Anthelcide, an oxbendazole product.

Please remember, if you de-worm your horse yourself, to bring the box with your horse's name on it to the office. Treating all horses at the same time helps to keep our pastures safer for all the horses that use them.

Also, thank you to our boarders and trainers for helping us to keep costs down by closing tack room doors and turning off unused lights. Please remember, when you leave a barn, to turn off the lights - people can always turn them back on if they need them!

Arena 2 will be closed on Monday, January 18 so we can remove and replace the footing.

Please say hi to our new staff member. Chris McGowan is joining us from Bell as the new assistant controller. He will be here 2 days a week. Please direct any billing questions to him, either by calling the office or by emailing him directly at: cmcgowan@bellfuels.com

Finally, we now have an email list for sending out Sunflower Seeds! If you received this by email, you don't have to do anything! If you are reading this in the barn wondering where your copy is, just send a blank email to

SunflowerSeeds-subscribe@sunflowerfarms.info



We quickly learned that Max [Uncle Max, Shapiro's show jumper] possessed several serious quirks that we would need to iron out. My number one problem was mounting. As soon as Max knew I was aiming for the saddle, he would be off and running. We decided that the element of surprise would be our only hope. It was not uncommon to see me leaping onto the saddle from the hood of a car, a bale of hay or even a rooftop.

*-Olympic show-jumper
Neal Shapiro, "From Uncle Max to a Medal"*