



TATTLE TRAILS

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From the Editor:

Wow – Hopefully you all have dried out from Hurricane Irene and weathered the storm safely. We just got power back up in Green Village after 7 days in the dark. Our barn and barnyard fell victim to a few toppled trees but we've finally gotten them chopped up and removed. Now the fence & roof repairs can begin. We expected our barn to flood (which it did), so we evacuated our horses before the storm so they were dry and safe thru it all (thanks so much to Joanna Bligh & Crewe Hill for housing my 3 refugees for the weekend). Which brings up my question to you – Are **YOU** prepared? Now is the time to think about and plan an evacuation should you have the need. Do you have somewhere to go, and a way to get there? Can you quickly pack grain and hay for your horses for several days? Do you have tags that you can easily put on their halters to identify them? Do you have cards made up with emergency contacts? These are the kinds of things to think about *before* the need arises. Once the event is upon you, time may be of the essence. I was very proud of my horses for marching on & off the trailer and being on their best behavior in strange, new surroundings separated from each other. But our plan was thought out well in advance and only took a few phone calls to put into action. Once we were able to come home, everyone arrived safe and sound. Join us on **Oct 15** for a not-to-be-missed seminar on Equine Rescue to help avoid and to prepare for accidents.

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Membership time is right around the corner. Do think about rejoining again this year – we really need all of you. Membership forms may be found on our website (www.bridlepath.org) or contact any of the officers for a hard copy.



Unfortunately our Summer Picnic, planned for August 27, was cancelled due to Hurricane Irene. What a time it would have been – good food compliments of the New Vernon Deli, good friends, and good stories! We'll have to look for a new date to reschedule and will keep you all posted.

Hurricane Irene was no match for our dedicated drivers though! Joanna Bligh and 3 other brave drivers were not deterred by the forecast and impending storm and came out to benefit from the experience of **Amie Bauman**, one of the premier carriage driving instructors in New Jersey on August 27. Amie showed them how to use ground driving and long lining as an important training option to improve their horse's obedience. A step-up from lunging, ground driving improves a horse's obedience and balance and is a great way to train or exercise your horse out of the saddle. Everyone had smiles on their faces at the end of their lessons and all got safely home before the rains started.

Don't forget about our **Dressage for All Disciplines Clinic with Peggy Hipple**, to be held at the Showgrounds on Sunday, **October 9**. Every horse young and old in every riding discipline from eventing to western to trail riding needs the kind of training, development of balance, and discipline provided by dressage. Does your horse bend equally in both directions? Do you find it difficult to relax your horse when performing 20-meter circles? How many strides are there in a 20-meter circle? How adept is your horse at striking off in a canter when prompted at dressage marker "A"? All this and more can be improved with dressage training with Peggy Hipple. **COME LEARN THE BASICS AND MORE!** Western riders, trail riders, and all riding disciplines are welcomed! Hard hat required. You'll need to pre-register so we can schedule everyone, so don't procrastinate – get your entries in!! (See the Bridle Path Website or contact Joanna Bligh for details and registration form).



Rescue 911:

Join us on **Oct 15** at the showgrounds for an all day exciting educational and invaluable session on **equine rescue**. Our Bridle Path is sponsoring a clinic for our local first responders from New Vernon, Green Village and neighboring fire & rescue to provide them with the knowledge, skills, and hands on practice on the proper ways to perform equine rescue. From being trapped in a ditch, to falling in a pool, to trailer accidents and fence impalements, all sorts of troubles our horses may get themselves into. Auditors are welcome and all local horse owners are encouraged to attend for a cost of \$35. Given by Days End Farm, a Maryland-based organization that is nationally recognized for responding to calls for help when a horse is in trouble, they help Animal Control remove horses from situations of abuse and neglect, provide shelter for abused/neglected horses, and offer rescue services during disasters. No preregistration is required – please contact Mare Olsen at 973 765 0337 for more information.

Member **Dan Somers** welcomed a new addition to his barn this spring:

Lily

On Easter Sunday, I loaded You Bet Lily, a six year-old thoroughbred mare onto my trailer from a rescue barn in Moorestown. She had been retired after her last race in March at Philadelphia Park and put up for adoption.

My goal was two-fold. One was to bring along another hunt horse. My mares Ruby and Jane are approaching senior status and Whiskey had sustained a torn suspensory at Cheshire during one of the season's best and fastest runs. The second was to adopt a horse that otherwise might have found herself at a horse auction such as Camelot in South Jersey en route to slaughterhouse in Canada. The plight of thoroughbreds at the conclusion of their racing careers has received much attention of late, particularly through the efforts of organizations such as ReRun, Inc. operating out of Monmouth Park and Turning for Home at Philadelphia Par, two of the region's racetracks.

Lily is an affectionate, chatty and intelligent mare with a lovely gait who could have made the transition from racing to foxhunting with relative ease. She stands about 16 hands and is quite fast, having been in the money in most of her races, winning eight of her 25 starts. Whether she arrived with a latent injury or just had a freak accident in our paddock, she is currently on full stall rest recuperating from an apparent muscle tear in her hindquarters. She probably will not be able to hunt, but in time should make a quiet trail horse. Fortunately, I have no need to push her. Jane and Ruby show little sign of not having another wonderful foxhunting campaign in them and Whiskey is recovering ahead of schedule.

I have few regrets about acquiring Lily – even if it requires the construction of another stall and appearing before the Township's Board of Adjustment. Her joyful greeting in the morning and evening is the most vociferous of my equines. In the future, however, when looking for a young hunt prospect, I may not confine my search to the rescues. The lot of a young thoroughbred on a racecourse is a tough one. Some like Jane and Whiskey shrug it off; others like Lily are less able to do so.

Our **new dressage ring** has arrived and will soon be set up in the stone ring at the showgrounds!! All are welcome to practice with it, but please use your judgment if your horse is uncertain about it

We also have lovely jumps set up in the big field. Please jump safely and ALWAYS with protective headgear (and a buddy if possible).

– **and remember** – use of the showgrounds is for Bridle Path Members only, so make sure your membership is up to date ☺





HARDING TOWNSHIP/GREEN VILLAGE BRIDLE PATH ASSOCIATION

Our Crewe Hill / HTGV Bridle Path Horse Show was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Kelsey Lund aboard Alisal Wins the Edith H. Reynolds Perpetual Cup for Horsemanship



**Kelsey Lund aboard Alisal receiving the
Edith H. Reynolds Perpetual Cup**

Emma Brown Wins the \$500 Crewe Hill Jumper Special on Adorado SLT

Honoring Harding Township's tradition of equestrian culture, the Crewe Hill Horse Show was held on Sunday, June 19th, at the Spring Valley Showgrounds in New Vernon, New Jersey, sponsored by volunteers from Crewe Hill Stable and the Harding Township/Green Village Bridle Path Association. This hunter/jumper event began just after 8 AM and had a wide range of equitation, hunter, and jumper classes for all ages and abilities. The 12 divisions drawing more than 150 class entries were capped off with cash prizes for the final jumping competition. For complete results, see the following listing. Highlights of the show include rider *Hannah Fuller* who won the Children's Hunter Pony Division on 2 separate ponies: Champion—Hannah Fuller (Partner in Crime); Reserve Champion—Hannah Fuller (We There Yet), and the Edith H. Reynolds Memorial Trophy for Horsemanship was awarded to *Kelsey Lund* aboard Alisal. The \$500 Crewe Hill Jumper Special was won by *Emma Brown* riding Adorado SLT. Individual classes were sponsored by the Peapack Gladstone Bank and the following generous patrons: the Thomas and Susan Fuller Family, the Timothy and Erika Brown Family, Jeanne Rogalin, the Michael Jeffries Living Trust, and the Weber Family. Catering was provided by the New Village Market, New Vernon, New Jersey, and ensured that plenty of good food and cold drinks were available. Funds raised from the horse show will be used to maintain the Spring Valley Showgrounds and the Harding Township bridle trails, which are an extensive system of bridle trails winding throughout Harding Township. Centered at the Spring Valley Showgrounds, these trails provide a unique equestrian opportunity to the residents and friends of the Township. For more information and a list of additional events held in 2011 at the Showgrounds, please visit Bridle Path Web site at www.bridlepath.org.

Congratulations to ALL the riders on a job well done!!



Among the winners:

HUNTER CLASSES

Schooling Hunter Division: 1. Schooling Hunter Over Fences: 1st-Lauren Gould on Alexander the Great); 2. Schooling Hunter Over Fences: 1st-Lauren Gould on Alexander the Great; 3. Schooling Hunter Under Saddle: 1st-Elena Buchsbaum on Luster

Division Champion–Lauren Gould on Alexander the Great; **Reserve Champion**–Elena Buchsbaum on Luster.

Pre-Adult Equitation Division: 4. Pre-Adult Equitation Over Fences: 1st–Susan Fuller on Schmoopie; 5. Adult Medal Over Fences: 1st–Mary-Ann Musal on Bold Endeavor

Division Champion–Mary-Ann Musal on Bold Endeavor; **Reserve Champion**–Susan Fuller on Schmoopie.

Children’s Hunter Division: 7. Children’s Equitation: 1st–Kelsey Lund on Alisal

Edith H. Reynolds Memorial Trophy for Horsemanship: Kelsey Lund on Alisal.

Pony Division: 8a. Children’s Hunter Over Fences: 1st–Hannah Fuller on Partner in Crime; 9a. Children’s Hunter Over Fences: 1st–Hannah Fuller on We There Yet; 10a. Children’s Hunter Under Saddle: 1st–Hannah Fuller on Partner in Crime
Division Champion–Hannah Fuller on Partner in Crime; **Reserve Champion**–Hannah Fuller on We There Yet.

Horse Division: 8b. Children’s Hunter Over Fences: 1st–Hannah Toohey on Or De Vy; 9b. Children’s Hunter Over Fences: 1st–Zoe Pappas on Watch Me; 10b. Children’s Hunter Under Saddle: 1st–Hannah Toohey on Or De Vy

Division Champion–Hannah Toohey on Or De Vy; **Reserve Champion**–Zoe Pappas on Watch Me

Mini-Stirrup Division: 20. Mini-Stirrup Walk/Trot:1st–Anna Burnes on Noteworthy; 21. Mini-Stirrup Walk/Trot Pleasure: 1st–Belle Pellchina on Liam; 22. Mini-Stirrup Walk/Trot/Figure 8: 1st–Madeline McNamara on Lucky Charm; 23. Mini-Stirrup (4 crossrails): 1st–Belle Pellchina on Liam

Division Champion–Belle Pellchina on Liam; **Reserve Champion**–Madeline McNamara on Lucky Charm.

Beginner Equitation Division: 24. Beginner Equitation Walk/Trot: 1st–Molly Ben-Menachern on Friar Tuck; 25. Beginner Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: 1st–Courtney Maier on Gift of Gab; 26. Beginner Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter/Crossrails: 1st–Jill Contelimo on Showtime Caliber; 27. Beginner Equitation Over Fences: 1st–Miriam Scully on Lucky Times

Division Champion–Julie Miller on Champ; **Reserve Champion**–Miriam Scully on Lucky Times.

Pleasure Horse or Pony Division: 28. Bridle Path Hack: 1st–Abby Fuller on Rio; 29. Cross Country Pleasure: 1st–Abby Fuller on Rio

Division Champion–Abby Fuller on Rio; **Reserve Champion**–Julie Miller on Champ.

Lead Line Division: 32. Lead Line Walk Only: 1st–Juliet Jones on Partner in Crime

Short Stirrup Equitation Division: 34. Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot: 1st–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round; 35. Short Stirrup Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter: 1st–Ashley Manning on Ben; 36. Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences: 1st–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round; 37. Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences: 1st–Ashley Manning on Ben

Division Champion–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round; **Reserve Champion**–Ashley Manning on Ben.

Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences Division: 38. Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences: 1st–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round; 39. Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences: 1st–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round; 40. Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle Walk/Trot/Canter: 1st–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round

Division Champion–Ashleigh Scully on Willie Go Round; **Reserve Champion**–Jessica Ward on Farnely First Fish.

Pre-Children’s Equitation Division: 41. Pre-Children’s Equitation Over Fences: 1st–Elizabeth Audino on Showtime Caliber; 42. Pre-Children’s Equitation Over Fences: 1st–Nicole Wuss on Liam; 43. Pre-Children’s Equitation on the Flat: 1st–Nicole Wuss on Liam

Division Champion–Nicole Wuss on Liam; **Reserve Champion**–Elizabeth Audino on Showtime Caliber.

JUMPER CLASSES

Itty-Bitty Jumper Division: 15. Itty-Bitty Jumper (2’6”): 1st–Jen Burns on Queen; 16. Itty-Bitty Jumper (2’6”): 1st–Jen Burns on Queen

Division Champion–Jen Burns on Queen; **Reserve Champion**–Kaitlyn Strada on Talentino.

High Jumper Division: 17. High Jumper (3’0”): 1st–Charris Lahey on Chit Chat; 18. High Jumper (3’0”): 1st–Carolyn McBrady on Vadoctro

Division Champion–Charris Lahey on Chit Chat; **Reserve Champion**–Carolyn McBrady (on Vadoctro.

\$500 Crewe Hill Jumper Special: 19. 1st for \$250–Emma Brown on Adorado SLT; 2nd for \$150–Kaitlyn Timblin on Invincible; 3rd for \$75– Julia Toohey on Or De Vy; 4th for \$25–Sarah Mennen on Cobain

(For full results listing, please see the Bridle Path Website- bridlepath.org)



Dear Allie

Dear Allie, People do the strangest things. My person keeps putting me in the wrong pasture. Can't they see that the grass is always better over there? Why do they insist on rotating me from one to the other? They don't seem to have the ability to pick the best grass, because clearly it is greener on the other side. How do I teach them higher grass selection standards?

Signed *Green on Glen Alpin*

Dear Green,

It's all a matter of perspective. Remember that humans have a less evolved sense of taste than horses do and that horses have a less evolved cognitive function than humans do. Rotating pastures is a good way to keep grass from getting too short and overgrazed, keeping you on good forage longer. I'm sure that your person does her best to select the greenest pasture for you to peruse and snack on the foliage. Your person may also mow regularly, which may look to you like they are cutting your options short, but the reality is that this is an excellent way to reduce weeds and undesirable appetizers from crowding out the good stuff. Remember it's not having what you want, but wanting what you have.

Bon appetit! Allie.

If you have a question for Allie, please send it to ucky_oliver@yahoo.com

Are YOU looking for something or do YOU have a unique service or specialty that you'd like our members to know about? We're starting a WANT AD (for those of you who are looking for something or want something) and a SERVICES section for those of you who have services or items for sale. Please send your ad to Ingrid Johnston at ucky_oliver@yahoo.com and we'll get it in the next edition of the newsletter.



FOR SALE:

For sale: Serviceable two-horse bumper pull/tagalong white trailer. New tires, axles, brakes, ramp/tailgate and flooring. \$2,200 or best offer. Daniel Somers (973) 966-1671.

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