



Bluebear Farms

A Division of Bluebear Enterprises Inc.



September/October/November '11 Newsletter

Welcome!

Welcome to new lesson students, boarders & part-boarders

Sage
Jenaya
Vanessa
Hana
Lily
Olivia
Linda
Laurel
Amy & Charlie
Brittany & Lenny
Victoria – “Team Sprout”

It's Been a Fabulous Fall!

Weather, clinics, shows and lessons have all been wonderful over the last few months.

Clinics

Andrew Curry's clinics have been scheduled to coincide with Sheryl's business trips away and have had full participation. Andrew will be coming regularly throughout the winter for clinics and working one to one with some students.

The Charlotte Gerstenfeld clinic on October 14, 15, 16 was a terrific learning experience for everyone who participated and watched. Everyone who rode showed improvement by the end of the weekend.

Fourteen riders and nineteen horses participated in the November 14, 15, 16 clinic. Four groups rode at Bluebear Farms and one group at another barn north of the city.

Charlotte's experience and blend of American and German approaches offered everyone in the clinic a very rich and positive learning experience. Several horses showed huge improvements from day one to day three. Every rider learned new exercises or approaches to deal with position flaws or bad habits. The auditors also soaked it all up and went home with “full brains”.

For riders who were bracing and rigid with their hands, a switch to the “driving rein” (holding the reins as you do when you drive a horse) produced happier horses almost instantly.

Although everyone knows the mantra “inside leg to outside rein”, Charlotte's explanations, demonstrations and feedback had everyone riding more effectively with their horses showing increased suppleness and mental relaxation.

Some observations from our riders include:

“Highlights were learning to ride the pure canter and letting the fence come to me. I learned to use my body in a new way that took the stress off my lower back so I'm using my core and not bracing”.

“I am very thankful to have this opportunity to work with someone as great and knowledgeable as Charlotte”.

“I would recommend her clinics to any rider looking to improve”.

Elaine Banfield has been traveling the last few months and making some changes to her business but we are looking forward to getting some days with her booked.

Lindsay and Nelly spent a weekend with Bonny Bionello and gained increased engagement, collection and lightening of the forehead. Both of them worked hard and reaped the benefits. Lindsay hopes to ride in all Bonny's clinics during 2012.

Sheryl participated in an Analyzing Performance clinic for coaches on October 28 and found it a very worthwhile day with some new strategies for correcting position flaws e.g. slumped shoulders – this tip is not gender neutral but it is effective – imagine a pine cone in the back of your bra!

Shows

September 10 & 11, **Lindsay, Julia and Ann Loewen** participated in the Dressage Winnipeg Equine Canada gold and bronze shows with great results.

Judith, Barb, Nancy and Val also helped out as volunteers which the club greatly appreciated.

September 23, 24 & 25 gave **Jamie, Ashley** and Prime a weekend away in Brandon at the CCRHA Slide and Spin.

October 8 saw **Judith, Christine, Kiirsten, Katrina and Laura G.** have a great time at the Lea Bank Fun Show with Laura and Levi winning the show championship and a cooler!

And our two day show on October 22 and 23 was a great success and a ton of fun. Full results and pictures on page 3 to 8!

Brittany and Lenny had a terrific weekend at the Brandon Schooling Show, November 19 and 20, with several ribbons including wins in 3' hunters and 2'6" jumpers! Congratulations!

Year End Awards

On October 29, **Nelly** was one of the big winners at the Dressage Winnipeg Banquet. She and Lindsay won five championships for Training Level and Equitation and two Sport Manitoba Awards of Merit.

On November 12, **Kyra and Vinnie** were award winners at the MHJA Banquet receiving a Jumper Encouragement Award! **Brittany & Lenny** won 3'3 Development Hunter Champion and 3'6 Modified Hunter Reserve Champion! Most of our riders had at least one picture in the evening slide show although Kodak probably appeared the most often in a variety of shots!

Upcoming Events

Rider Level One and Two Preparation Workshops

We have many of our riders interested in getting started in the Equine Canada Rider Level Program. The program provides comprehensive learning and tangible recognition of achievement and progress. There will be prep workshops on **December 4, 11 and 18 from 11 am to 1 pm** led by Brittany.

If you'd like to get started with this and haven't confirmed your participation, please let us know as soon as possible.

Level one/two testing will be scheduled for December 28.

For those riders who have already completed some of the levels, we will offer prep and testing for higher levels next summer.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be **December 18** with games on horseback from 1:30 to 2:30 and refreshments and visiting in the lounge all afternoon.

Bluebear's 5th Annual Fall Fun Show - Results!

Open Age Walk/Trot Dressage Test – CPC Starter Level Test One

1. CL Brianna – Julia Waterer
2. Acero - Laura Goodwin
3. Hart – Katrina Myers
4. Tango – Kylie Wright
5. Tag – Judith Owens
6. Neeko – Nicole Verrier



Open Age Walk/Trot Dressage Test – CPC Starter Level Test Two

1. Tango – Kylie Wright
2. Acero – Laura Goodwin
3. CL Brianna – Julia Waterer
4. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew
5. Gumby – Nancy Sulkers

Open Age Walk/Trot/Canter Dressage Test – CPC Pre-Training Level Test One

1. Super Nova – Ann Loewen
2. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
3. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
4. Acero – Laura Goodwin
5. No Doubt about It – Ann Loewen
6. Panache – Laura Clark



Open Age Walk/Trot/Canter Dressage Test – CPC Pre-Training Level Test Two

1. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
2. Acero – Laura Goodwin
3. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
4. Panache – Laura Clark
5. Super Nova – Ann Loewen



“Tiny Trotters” Lead Line Class

1. Jenna Hudson, Alexis Feller, Tabitha Feller

Parent/Spouse Lead Line Class

1. Ian Andrew, Sonia Chabot, Barry Feller, Joanne Goodwin, Toni Hudson, Kathie May, Willa Wade

Costume Class

1. Elliott – Monique Janssen
2. Kodak Moment – Eric Chabot, Tag – Christine Budzak
3. Neeko – Nicole Verrier, Sketch – Courtney Hudson
4. Acero – Laura Goodwin, Hart – Katrina Myers, Norman – Jen Baron



Bluebear's 5th Annual Fall Fun Show - Results!

17 & Under Tortoise Race

1. Norman – Jen Baron
2. Tango – Kylie Wright
3. Elliott – Monique Janssen
4. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
5. Hart – Katrina Myers, Kodak Moment – Eric Chabot, Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew

18 & Over Tortoise Race

1. Super Nova – Ann Loewen
2. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

17 & Under Trotting Hare Race

1. Elliott – Monique Janssen
2. Norman – Jen Baron
3. Tango – Kylie Wright
4. Hart – Katrina Myers
5. Kodak Moment – Eric Chabot
6. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew, Tag – Christine Budzak



18 & Over Trotting Hare Race

1. Tag – Judith Owens
2. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

Open Age W/Jog Western Pleasure

1. Norman – Jen Baron
2. Shes Chexy Trouble – Ashley Van Wynsberghe
3. Neeko – Nicole Verrier



Open Age W/Jog/Lope Western Pleasure

1. Jacs Lady Got Tagged – Jamie Feller
2. Norman – Jen Baron
3. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

17 & Under Obstacle Course Equitation

1. Tango – Kylie Wright
2. Norman – Jen Baron
3. Acero – Laura Goodwin
4. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
5. Hart – Katrina Myers
6. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew



18 & Over Obstacle Course Equitation

1. Super Nova – Ann Loewen
2. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
3. Tag – Judith Owens
4. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

Bluebear's 5th Annual Fall Fun Show - Results!

Open Age Barrel Racing

1. Tag – Christine Budzak
2. Acero – Laura Goodwin
3. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark, Norman – Jen Baron
4. Neeko – Nicole Verrier, Sketch – Courtney Hudson, Tango – Kylie Wright
5. Elliott – Monique Janssen
6. Hart – Katrina Myers

Open Age Pole Bending

1. Tag – Christine Budzak
2. Acero – Laura Goodwin
3. Norman – Jen Baron
4. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark
5. Neeko – Nicole Verrier
6. Hart – Katrina Myers, Sketch – Courtney Hudson, Tango – Kylie Wright



Open Age Butterfly Race

1. Acero – Laura Goodwin, Tag – Christine Budzak
2. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark
3. Norman – Jen Baron, Sketch – Courtney Hudson
4. Hart – Katrina Myers
5. Tango – Kylie Wright, Tango – Kylie Wright
6. Super Nova – Ann Loewen

Open Age Five Dollar Bareback Equitation Challenge – Winner Take All!

Norman – Jen Baron

Open Age Walk/Trot Hack Class

1. Autograph – Alison Rempel
2. Onyx – Dianna Brisebois
3. CL Brianna – Julia Waterer
4. Tango – Kylie Wright
5. Panache – Laura Clark
6. Acero – Laura Goodwin



17 & Under Walk/Trot/Canter Hack Class

1. Tango – Kylie Wright
2. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
3. Acero – Laura Goodwin
4. Panache – Laura Clark
5. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew
6. Torsion – Grace Friesen



Bluebear's 5th Annual Fall Fun Show - Results!

18 & Over Walk/Trot/Canter Hack Class

1. Onyx – Dianna Brisebois
2. Autograph – Alison Rempel
3. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegem
4. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May

17 & Under Trot Ground Poles

1. Acero – Laura Goodwin
2. Tango – Kylie Wright
3. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
4. Torsion – Grace Friesen
5. Hart – Katrina Myers
6. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew

18 & Over Trot Ground Poles

1. Autograph – Alison Rempel
2. Onyx – Dianna Brisebois
3. CL Brianna – Julia Waterer
4. Tag – Judith Owens
5. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
6. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

17 & Under Canter Ground Poles

1. Acero – Laura Goodwin
2. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
3. Hart – Katrina Myers
4. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew

18 & Over Canter Ground Poles

1. Onyx – Dianna Brisebois
2. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegem
3. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
4. Autograph – Alison Rempel
5. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

17 & Under Pumpkin Jumping

1. Nexus- Alexa Borton, Torsion – Grace Friesen
2. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew
3. Hart – Katrina Myers, Sketch – Courtney Hudson
4. Tango – Kylie Wright
5. Tag – Christine Budzak



Bluebear's 5th Annual Fall Fun Show - Results!

18 & Over Pumpkin Jumping

1. Tag – Judith Owens
2. Neeko – Nicole Verrier
3. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May, Onyx – Dianna Brisebois, Shilo – Jenaya Hawkins
4. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegem
5. Tango – Tammy Nelson
6. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark

17 & Under Cross Rail Hunter

1. Acero – Laura Goodwin
2. Tango – Kylie Wright
3. Hart – Katrina Myers
4. Nexus – Alexa Borton
5. Mystic Design – Jessica Andrew
6. Mystic Design – Melissa Fowler

18 & Over Cross Rail Hunter

1. Onyx – Dianna Brisebois
2. Hart – Lauren Lansard
3. Tag – Judith Owens
4. Autograph – Alison Rempel
5. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
6. Neeko – Nicole Verrier

17 & Under 2' Hunter

1. Tango – Kylie Wright
2. Mystic Design – Melissa Fowler
3. Hart – Katrina Myers

18 & Over 2' Hunter

1. Onyx – Dianna Brisebois
2. Handsome Horizon – Kiirsten May
3. Neeko – Nicole Verrier
4. Autograph – Alison Rempel

17 & Under 2'3" Hunter

1. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
2. Acero – Laura Goodwin
3. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark
4. Hart – Katrina Myers
5. Nexus – Alexa Borton

18 & Over 2'3" Hunter

1. Tango – Tammy Nelson
2. Neeko – Nicole Verrier



Bluebear's 5th Annual Fall Fun Show - Results!

Open Age 2'6" Hunter

1. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
2. Tango – Tammy Nelson
3. Nexus – Alexa Borton
4. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark
5. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegghem
6. Tag – Christine Budzak



Open Age 2'9"/3' Hunter

1. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
2. Nexus – Alexa Borton
3. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegghem



Open Age 2'6"/2'9" Jumper

1. Torsion – Caitlin Bunkowsky
2. Catchphrase – Brittany Eliuk
3. Unbelievable – Lindsay Feller
4. Tag – Christine Budzak
5. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegghem



Open Age 3'/3'3" Jumper

1. Catchphrase – Brittany Eliuk
2. Torsion – Caitlin Bunkowsky
3. Unbelievable – Lindsay Feller

Open Age Gambler's Choice Jumper

1. Tag – Christine Budzak
2. Torsion – Caitlin Bunkowsky
3. Kodak Moment – Laura Clark
4. Catchphrase – Brittany Eliuk
5. Sketch – Courtney Hudson
6. Lignite – Regan Van Wallegghem



Fun Show pictures courtesy of Tamara Nathaniel & Nicole Verrier

Rest in Peace Rick Payne

Rick was a good friend to our family and to Bluebear Farms. He was Jamie's mentor and Jamie recalls:

Rick taught me all the rules of running a proper stable – rules I still follow today such as: a loaded shovel has the right of way in a shed row. There were a few times when Rick would forget his own rule about this and he would come down the shed row wearing a suit on his way to a meeting, not saying a word. I'd be happily digging along and would plaster him with a wet, sloppy shovel full.

Also, now, twenty years later, I understand why I had to sweep the dirt – very confusing to a teenager, the concept of sweeping dirt!

I enjoyed all of my grueling lessons with Rick in the Vic Bennett cutting saddle he had won. It was like trying to ride on a 2 by 8. Back then I had a 12" butt and there seemed to be an endless amount of space in that saddle!

I thank Rick for all the rules and lessons that will use daily. He put me on the road to be the cowboy I am today.



**Rick Payne
1947 – 2011**



**Rick (left) and Hermann Schweizer
(right) problem solving at a horse show!**