

The Saddle Club Gazette

The Letter From the Editor

By Zeus (Lyla)



Hi, Zeus is in the barn again! Thanksgiving will soon be with us! Make sure to be good so the Great Turkey can give you presents! #greatTurkey2k15! This month's competition is to create your very own, original obstacle course; it may have a small jump. Create a fun course with poles and hazards and I'll publish it in the January issue! Have you heard of the Equine Affair? It's the coolest, biggest, craziest horse fair ever! Gallop on over! Enjoy this issue of the Saddle Club Gazette.

Toot-a-loo! ~Zeus

Upcoming Events

Zeus

Hey there everyone! December is the Holiday season for merriment and cheer, cheer, cheer! Next month will be filled with lots of activity and yuletide at the barn. On the 5th there's a showmanship clinic that will be lots of fun. Also, that weekend is Sinterklaas is Rhinebeck and the Winter Walk in Hudson, go and have some fun! On the 13th is the **HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!** Please sign up for your classes and RESERVE your horse! There's a costume class too, so make sure you get your pony! Hanukkah is the 6th through the 14th. Christmas, as you know is the 25th, so get a gift for your special some-horse! And Happy New Year! Celebrate a year of TSCG!

The Scoop

By Lula Langdon

This month I will be talking about my trip to Europe and seeing the Spanish riding school with all of the Lipizzaner stallions.

When you entered the ring I could see why people said that it was so beautiful. Huge chandeliers hung from the ceiling, marble covered the walls. There was enough seating for hundreds of people.

The show was an amazement in itself. Horses did musical freestyles while they pulled carts and were ridden.

Rebel: The Story of a True Heart

By Lyla Andrick

The two colts watched from atop the hill. Eight horses thundered towards a brush jump. Each one with more power than the other.

"That's what I'm going to do," Rebel said.

"Me too."

Rebel was surprised to see that Blue wasn't standing beside him. Instead, the grey filly was. Blue was standing on the other side of her.

"Oh, hello Phoenix. I, um...didn't see you standing there," Rebel stuttered.

"They're beautiful, look at them...just the way they soar over those jumps, the speed, the agility, how I envy them. That's my sire," Phoenix said, pointing to a large silver grey stallion.

"Someday that will be us," Rebel said.

"It's looks like so much fun, at least it would be...if we didn't have two-leggeds sitting on our backs and smacking us with their whips," Blue added.

"So, um, Phoenix, what are you doing here?" Rebel asked.

"Oh, just escaping from my brother, he's crazy...but I love him," Phoenix replied.

"I can't stand Lexington...he's so arrogant and rude," Blue said.

"Am I?"

"Yes." Blue trotted down the hill where Lexington was standing at the base.

"Phea, what did I tell you about hanging out with that crossbreed?" Lexington said.

"Chill out Lex, I can hang out with whoever I want to."

"Not on my watch you won't," Lexington said.

"Lex, I'm just watching the race. I'll leave when this one is over," Phoenix said.

"Fine, come back when it's over Phea," Lexington trotted away.

"Sorry about Lexington...I don't know what his problem is," Phoenix said.

"So, Phea..." Rebel said.

"That's the nickname that my sire calls me...but I hate it when Lex uses it," Phoenix said.

"Oh."

"You can call me Phea if you want."

To Be Continued!

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TSCG Top Ten

By Misty

I really do hate it when my rider get's on and totally forgets to put on my light blue boots! I mean, seriously, it's crazy. And then when they forget something, two minutes before their ride time at a show and get all panicky and drive me crazy!

So, here are the top ten things you need to know before you show! (or ride for fun ☺)

- 1) Your helmet. DON'T try to ride without a helmet
- 2) Boots or polos, if needed
- 3) Gloves
- 4) Fly spray, especially in the summer
- 5) Water
- 6) Put the girth through the strap on the saddle pad
- 7) Groom you horse. ALL of it.
- 8) Make sure to wear proper attire and boots
- 9) A quarter sheet for the cold times
- 10) Whip or crop if you need one

Please try to bring everything to your ride before you mount; trainers hate to wander all over kingdom come to find your stuff!

Vaarwel, mijn paardvrienden (Dutch)

Competition Winner: Erin

Erin, our only contestant, created this apple treat:

Ingredients: Apple

Directions: Apply under horse's mouth. Chew for five minutes in said horse's mouth. The final product should be lots of gooey slime and a happy equine!

The Story of a Legend

By Erin Feiner

I turn around and I see a big chestnut mare staring down at me.

"Um... hello," I say

"Hello," she said. "I'm Rags to Riches. What's your name?" she says

"I'm Legacy," I say. "I'm sorry, I never heard of you. Excuse me," I turn away.

"It's ok, you know, I used to be like you."

"What?" I say

"I used to be like you. Colts would make fun of me for wanting to race but you know, I never gave up."

"What happened after that?" I ask cocking my head.

"I won the Belmont stakes!" Rags says while doing a little rear in the air.

"Wow I wish I could be like you," I say while doing a little hop but I quickly remember I couldn't so I put my head down sadly.

"Well, I can teach you everything I know and try to get the owners to race you if your up for it!"

I couldn't believe it, a famous race legend wanted to train me-I almost let out a squeal, but I played it cool.

"Ok, I would love to do it!" I say.

"Good, now there is one thing that may be a problem..."

"What?" I ask cocking my head again.

"You're not a thoroughbred, your a Morgan," she said.

"What's wrong with that? I ask.

"Morgan's don't race," Rags says!!

TSCG Photo Gallery



Erin, you bombed a perfectly good photo! ☺



Pics from the Halloween Parade! So fun!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Hay-py Thanksgiving! ☺