

The Saddle Club Gazette

The Letter From the Editor

By Zeus (Lyla)



WASSUP GUYS! Hey it's me Zeus, happy St. Patrick's Day to you all! The luck of the horse they say is the promise of eternal lunch, endless grazing, a warm shed, and the freedom of random napping on the job! Oh I wish. Cross my hooves. So let me tell you a little story. I was standing in my run-in box staring at a fascinating nothing when POOF the sun came out, BAM the temperature goes up and BWOING there is a wee little flower. I bend down to sniff it and then FUMP! Snow comes crashing down on the flower and me. What happened to spring guys? I object to that stupid groundhog that claimed an early spring. Well, have yourself some fun reading these great stories...and pray for spring to come about soon! Spring training will come sooner than you expect!

Upcoming Events/ News

By Zeus

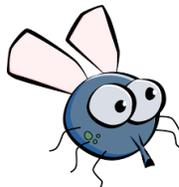
Hi there, everyone! Saddle Club will continue as usual next month, unmounted classes this month tell about horse nutrition and feed care! April 1st is April fools day, also, there is a Summer Show meeting at noon, followed by a camp meeting at 1 pm. Saturday 7-9th is a centered riding clinic. On Saturday 15th there is the annual egg hunt at noon. Sunday the 23rd is the Spring Show at CHF; it is a LYDF QUALIFIER! If you want to go to LYDF, you must have a qualifying score of 55 or above on your test! The 29th-30th is a Shelley Francis clinic at CHF. Then there is a tentative Ronnybrook Farm tour on Saturday 29th. What a busy month!

Do You Speak Fly?

By Elizabeth K. Arelo

Michaela Arleo Thompson would like to know—and not because she is an old lady who swallowed one. Au contraire. On the far other end of the spectrum, 5-year-old Michaela is probably one of the youngest riders at Cricket Hill. During a recent lesson, she had the following question: Michaela (M): Why do flies go in horses' eyes?

Kira (K): Good question: to get a drink of water.
 M: Really? (Pause) There must be another reason.
 K: How could we find out?
 M: (pause) Do you speak fly?
 K: (pause) I don't.



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After the lesson, while leading Bailey out of the ring....
 M: Claire, do you speak fly?
 Claire: (pause) Just dragonfly.
 M: That won't work.

So if anyone in the Cricket Hill Community speaks fly, please email Michaela c/o her mother Elizabeth @ ekarleo@gmail.com

Rebel: The Story of a True Heart

By Lyla Andrick

Previously on Rebel:

"He might not be that bad," Regina said.
 "I don't know..." Rebel said.
 "Okay, let's make a plan," Lexington said.

"We try this thing for two weeks...then we have a meeting and discuss what we think okay? For both dressage *and* Remington. We only just met the guy...he might *not* be so bad," Lex said.

"I agree, everyone for the Lexington Plan, stamp your hoof!" Rebel said.

Seven hooves stamped all at once.

"I have an idea," Blue said.

"What's this?" Rebel asked.

"The boys will have a jump off...Lexington, Rebel, me...and Remington," Blue said.

"I like it, us mares will go and judge!" Phea said.

"I like it, let's go right now," Dawn said.

The seven horses cantered in a V formation to where Remington was grazing in the front of the paddock, showing off for Amelia and Will who were sitting on the fence. Phea took the front tip of the V, with Aphrodite and Rebel on either side of her. Lexington and Regina followed next and Blue and Dawn brought up the rear. A few yards away from Remington, the horses all stopped and stared. Phea cocked her hock.

"Hey Remy!" Rebel said. "Up for a challenge?"

"What's this kiddie?" Remington asked.

"Three things: A you never call me kiddie again. B you get out from under your high human. C you come and have a jump off with the stallions and me. When? Where? Now. And at our natural course," Rebel said.

"You want me to stoop to some stupid little jump course where you jump over dead branches and trees? What are they, like, six inches high?" Remington teased.

"Okay fine, if you're not up to a "petite" course...why not a fence break?" Phea suggested.

"Phea...are you sure?" Rebel hissed, remembering the tragic accident that Phea had when she didn't make it over the fence only two seasons ago. A Jump Paddock seemed too dangerous.

"Positive, besides, it's just the guys," Phea hissed back.

"No. I'm not jumping against you," Remington said.

"Oh really, why not?" Lexington asked. After a lot of practice, Lexington was able to clear the full size fence. Rebel and Blue were also very capable of making the leap.

"Just no," he said. "You guys are so pathetic." Remington turned tail and trotted off towards the fence rail where the humans sat admiring him for no reason.

To Be Continued!

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TSCG Top Ten

By Misty (an imaginary horse)

So I've been thinking, I've done 23 Top Tens and I fear I am running out of topics! Perhaps you can send me some suggestions to HorseDoctor25@iCloud.com! In honor of St. Patrick's Day here is a compilation of seldom-heard horse words beginning with the letter "P."

- 1) Pace: 2 beat lateral gait, much like a bear walk also the "flying pace" of the Icelandic horse
- 2) Pedigree: the document lineage of a horse
- 3) Parrot mouth: a malformation of the upper jaw where upper incisor teeth protrude below lower jaw
- 4) Pigroot or Pigjump: the British term for "buck"
- 5) Pinhooking: practice of buying horses for purpose of resale (UK mostly)
- 6) Place: first place in racehorse lingo
- 7) Prix St. Georges: the first of the international competitive dressage levels in FEI competition
- 8) Pulling: trimming of the mane with a comb
- 9) Point: term for eternal horse anatomy
- 10) Phalanx: the name for a series of bones in a horse's leg below the cannon

I hope you all enjoyed these random words with the letter "P," I know I sure did! I hope you guys let me know some topics of interest you want in TSCG

Madison's Book Reviews

By Lulu Levy

Review on "*Criticizing Food*"

Ahh, I have read this book many times and I use its lovely views on food in my daily life.

1. There can never be too much food
2. Hay is never good enough
3. Never, ever, ever eat slowly!

So, I loved "*Criticizing Food*" by Apples the Lendon's Pony. It was a truly ground-pawing read.

By Sir Madison the Stallion

The Scoop

By Lula Langdon

This month on the scoop I will be showing you one of my favorite horse cookie recipes.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Mix oats, water, and honey or molasses in a bowl. Microwave for two minutes.

Add chopped apple and carrots, brown sugar, crushed peppermints, and flour to the mixture.

Microwave for two minutes again.

Put mixture in mini muffin pan, and bake for about 15 minutes.

TSCG Photo Gallery



Giordana Arleo Thompson meets her first pony



Mare's congregating in the cold



So we put on Ray's blanket this time...