

The Blackstone Farm Report - October/November



Who?



What?



Where?

Congratulations to Caroline Delehanty on the lease of Lorando from Meredith Laughlin. These two are working out to be a great pair and hopefully Caroline will get a chance to do some equitation and jumpers at the shows. Thanks to Meredith for letting us lease Lorando.

October Highlights

October 3 -4 PCHA sponsored Francie Steinwedell clinic.

This was a great clinic that was free and at the Woodside Horsepark. How convenient! We were able to get lots of horses in among them were:

Nikki Falkenberg and Amulet
Vanessa Wells and Paint Misbehavin'
Nick Wells and Shaquille and Simon Says
Avery Corley and Heartbreaker
Lindsay Corley and Comena
Lori Corley and A La Carte
Lisa Steiny and La Dolce Vita

Franice did a great job. At first it seemed like she just might be too nice to everyone, but in the end she had riders riding incredibly precise tracks to the jumps which I have to say I am not sure I was following even as an observer. She had these cool orange Frisbee things that she threw on the ground to give you an idea of where your track was supposed to be.

Thanks to Sarah Jorgensen for organizing the whole thing. Thanks to Gail Morey for having everyone over for dinner Saturday night. It was nice to have a local event like this and I am glad we were able to be involved.

October 24 -25 Bernie Traurig Clinic

Participants in this clinic were:

Caroline Delehanty and Lorando
Nick Wells and Shaquille and Simon Says
Vanessa Wells and Paint Misbehavin'

Unfortunately, since I had to take off to the USHJA Trainers Symposium, I was only able to watch the first session the first day. I did have some play by play via texting from on site journalists Lori Corley and Jan Pearce.

Vanessa and Junior were big stars at the clinic because Bernie wants riders to ride forward and be brave. That is hard for a lot of people but not Vanessa so she got lots of praise.

Caroline rode Lorando who was a bit wild the first day. The second day he pulled it together and Caroline ended up riding some really fun courses which included the liverpool and a big triple bar. Bernie was very complimentary and I think it was a fun experience for her.

Nick rode both Simon and Shaq as well as hopping on Lorando for some test jumps. Nick seems to be riding great so he must have learned something!

Well, that is it for awhile. December is coming up, not a big horse event month. I attended a trainers symposium during the Bernie clinic and there was a Joe Fargis clinic December 2nd and 3rd to report on next time. Until then, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!