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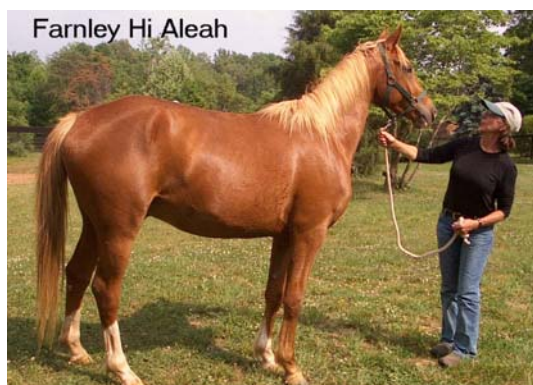
2004 High-Point Pony – Uptown Girl



We've had an incredible summer with camp and our field trips, and meeting new friends.

New Horses...

We have our new Farnley horses up and going. Enya von Schill's Farnley Magnum ("Max") is now in the lesson program with his owner and they're both doing well. He is a Dartmoor/Thoroughbred cross by the Farnley stallion Hannibal. Max was three on May 16th so he is just learning the basics of staying straight and listening to his rider. Enya rides with Rebekah on Wednesdays and Max will start jumping sometime in the spring. We will have a lot of fun starting this with him.



Our horse – Fairhunt's – is Farnley Hi Aleah ("Bernstein" for short) and he is a half-brother to Schemer and Salem owned by the Morse family. Bernstein was three on May 4th. Teddie Lee and Bayard have done very well on their Farnleys this season, by the way. Balarina has really taken to the two new horses and they are always together in the pasture.

On Monday, September 13th, we got another new horse ("Jigger") and Melinda, Enya and Tristen had an opportunity to ride him. Jigger is a four year old Hanovarian/Thoroughbred cross. He was purchased from Ashley Adams, who works with Kim Severson, Olympic Medalist in Athens. Kim has agreed to come and talk to our riders at some point in the Fall. I think the banquet (October 10th) will be a nice time for her to see everyone and perhaps answer questions when she shows her lovely medal. We will see...



New Faces at the Barn...Jane Morely is here with her candy-loving little Percheron cross mare "Fanny". Fanny is a great addition to our lesson program while her mistress recovers from a broken foot. Several of you have had the opportunity to ride the neat, quiet and steady horse: Joey Merrill, Lyndsey Martin, Enya von Schill, Tristen McCain, and Chelsea Meynig, as well as Sam Tocci and Jenna Brownlee. One of our newest riders,

Teresa Haynes, is enjoying Fanny on Wednesday afternoons. Teresa shares a group spot with her daughter Sarah and her son, Andrew.

Chelsea Meynig has recently begun riding in our group lesson on Thursdays.

Amanda Volts is back riding again on Sundays, along with Anne Echoles and Liz Beardsley.

Cindy Adams and her daughter Brittney are riding on Sundays also.

Teri Lee Raby, one of our students from camp who rides on Monday, has a new baby brother, Peyton. Congratulations.

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2004 Easy Hunt Show Series:

Pre Short Stirrup Division

Teddie Lee Morse, Champion on Farnley Salem
Isabelle Joseph, Reserve Champion on Curious George
Rachel Wade, Third Place on Mytez
Melinda Critzer, Fourth on Fanny
Melinda Critzer, Fifth on Willow
Sam Tocci, 6th on Uptown Girl

Short Stirrup Division

Enya von Schill, Champion on Uptown Girl
Jenna Brownlee, Reserve Champion on Curious George
Bayard Morse, Third on Farnley Schemer

Pleasure

Esther Lozano & Faith Johnson, Reserve Champion on Balarina (horse)
Rebecca Barber, Champion on Uptown Girl (pony)
Tristen McCain, 3rd on Fanny (horse)

Walk/Trot Fences

Rebecca Barber, Champion on Uptown Girl
Rebecca Barber, Reserve Champion on Farnley Salem
Tristen McCain, 3rd on Sterling Mark
Joey Merrill, 4th on Susuddio
Enya von Schill, 5th on Curious George

Low Hunter

Joey Merrill, Reserve Champion on Susuddio



While thinking about the show series, it occurred to me that there are certain protocols that should be mentioned now that so many of you are showing or thinking about it for next season (all the shows will be at Speakeasy Farm next year – bigger ring and better parking, plus the great indoor arena!).

Girls, please: hair up and in a hairnet, so no loose ends peek out while you are riding. Braids with bows are good, too.

It is standard practice that if you show a pony, you are responsible for that pony. Please do not hand it over to someone else because you have to leave or some other reason. Showing is a commitment and good for learning responsibility. I cannot help because I am coaching. (When Rebekah was young, she would hire out as a groom to do the holding, etc. for people at shows). Many of you have been wonderful and I appreciate your efforts very much. Some of you even come back to the barn with me to unload and put tack away. Real troopers! That is what it's all about...



*Riding can do more for us than we think. The mental focusing and awareness to improve how you ride is a good way to improve how you live. "...mastery begins the moment you realize that learning to ride is learning how to live. Balance on a horse, for example, teaches us balance in all things. When you recognize that riding is not an end in itself but a means to a greater goal, you gain perspective and become more relaxed, because you are basing your sense of worth not only on how well you do in your next competition, but on what you are learning. Even a tough day can bring invaluable lessons that may change your approach to life."**

We are planning an addition of four stalls to our barn. Chris Walsh, our family friend who built our six-stall barn, will do the construction. This will be occurring over the winter.

The last week of October is our Dressage event at Grayson Farm. I will get the date so we can start to prepare.

*The 2004 Banquet will be held at Fairhunt this year:
October 10th at 1:00pm.*

* Practical Horseman