

# WOOD HOLLOW ET CETERA

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## SHOWING IS FOR EVERYONE

At Wood Hollow Equestrian Center, we try to make riding accessible to all through a variety of programs and lesson package options. Many people believe that showing is reserved only for those who own or lease their own horses or those who ride at a higher level. However, this is not the case. The horse show world has a lot to offer for those just beginning through the most seasoned Grand Prix rider.

Just as those who play soccer participate in tournaments or those whose hobby is tennis attend matches, horseback riders attend horse shows as a form of competition. In addition to challenging the

rider to perform his or her best, horse shows develop confidence in riders, help establish further goals to work on in lessons and in training, as well as help establish new relationships and friendships with others who share in their sport.

There are some start-up costs. Formal show attire is preferred when showing at unrecognized events and required at rated shows. Riders are expected to purchase and have the following items: velvet helmet, show shirt (also referred to as a ratcatcher), show jacket, jodhpurs with paddock boots and garters (for those 12 and under) or breeches with field or dress boots (for older riders),

## CHRISTY VAN ERON

gloves, show crop or bat (if instructor deems necessary), and hairnet or bows.

There are also related services that are required when showing including, but not limited to, lease fees, shipping, braiding, wrapping, coaching and grooming. Prices may vary depending on type of show or number of clients attending.

Locally there are shows that are both unrecognized by USEF and USHJA, the equestrian governing bodies, as well as shows that are recognized by those organizations and locally rated.

Unrecognized shows, also referred to as  
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## CLIENT'S CORNER

I happened upon Wood Hollow Equestrian Center as I was pulling out of Waldbaum's parking lot with a car loaded down heavily with groceries and two frustrated children having their simultaneous melt-downs. I was feeling rushed, tired, and frustrated

myself. The thought of driving home and unloading twenty-five bags of grocery items while my irritated children continued with their noisy quest for my attention was a little more than I could bare. I needed a calming and engaging distraction for all of us. As I

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sat at the spotlight with my mind racing for an answer my eyes settled on the small white sign sitting across the road. "Riding Lessons" the sign read. Horses!! My heart skipped a beat. There was a horse farm right in front of me! I looked at my  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 29th 5 pm. *Informational Meeting for those interested in horse showing.*
- December 1st. *IHA Dinner Dance w/ End of Series Awards.*
- December 2nd 2-4 pm. *Holiday Portraits. Pictures with our horses and ponies. Sitting fee or pay per photo.*
- December 10th 2-4 pm. *Equine Experience. Topic: Horse Anatomy. Register by December 1st.*
- December 14th 7:30 pm. *Annual Holiday Party at the Moose Lodge. Tickets \$20—order form on page 4 of this issue.*
- December 15th. *Last day for early-bird rates for summer camp 2007! Application available online.*

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*In Recognition of our Helping Hands*

Allison Boehm & Haley Livore

for all their help at the shows grooming for and mentoring our up & coming horses & riders! We could not do it without you!

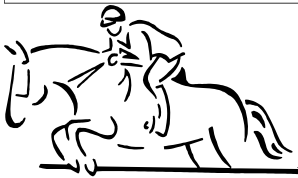
To the following students who help week in and week out with our beginner lessons & school programs, a huge thanks for making our lessons run smoothly!

Chandler Banks Liz Berkery Marie Fusaro Teresa Fusaro

Julia Hyacinthe Emily Lozito Samantha Mulhaul

with a special thanks to Victoria Figlia

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Wood Hollow

ships with Chip!

Thanks for always  
being there for us!

SHOWING IS FOR EVERYONE (CON'T)

“schooling shows”, are the perfect first step in introducing the rider to horse showing. They offer a wide variety of divisions in hunters, jumpers, and equitation that will suit just about anyone. Schooling shows not only are a great starting point for new riders but also serve as good practice for those introducing a new horse to showing or somebody looking to move up a division. These shows are often offered in small series with series end awards which serve as a great goal as well as a symbol of a job well done! The shows range in price but are typically less expensive than rated shows.

Recognized and rated shows are also offered in both our immediate local area and beyond. Wood Hollow attends both single and multi-day horse shows both on and off Long Island. The single

day shows are held weekly during the academic year and twice a week during the summer months. These shows have specific classes, uniform to most rated shows, in hunters, jumpers and equitation. The local rated shows also participate in conjunction with Long Island High Score Association, where points from specified divisions are kept track of through the association towards year end awards.

What differs significantly with recognized shows, as opposed to schooling shows that are unrecognized, is that participants must be members of USEF and USHJA in order to compete. Dues for these affiliations are annual fees. The USEF show year runs December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. These shows tend to be slightly more competitive and

riders will be among tougher company in the ring.

Anyone who would like to learn more about showing, what it involves, and if it is right for you may attend a meeting at Wood Hollow on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Contact office for details.

**Wood Hollow**

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not later than**

**December 1st.**

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## CLIENT'S CORNER (CON'T)

pathetic children wailing and crying in the back seat and I announced, "We are going to see the horsies!" I knew this would work. My young son who rides his Po-knee while watching Seabiscuit donned in his cowboy boots and hat has had a love affair with horses since he first watched Spirit.

As we pulled down the dirt road leading to the stable, my son's brooding temper quickly changed to unbridled excitement. My daughter, feeding off the electricity in the air, also stopped crying and eagerly looked out the windows. I heaved a great sign of relief as the paddocks

filled with frolicking horses came into view. My son jumped out of the car and immediately ran over to the paddock containing the tallest, most majestic-looking horse you have ever seen and announced, "Momma! I am gonna ride him just like Little Creek rides Spirit!" I smiled and nodded wondering how friendly this establishment was and what types of services they offered.

Thankfully Wood Hollow is the type of place that becomes a second home in only a few visits. The stalls and paddocks are filled with beautiful horses and ponies. The office is filled with warm and

gentle people who are always wearing a smile. My children and I spend many afternoons here each week meandering through the barn feeding carrots to the horses and ponies before and after learning the art of riding. Here times moves at a slower pace, the pressures of everyday life, and the worries of the world melt away. Here people have a time to talk to you and make you feel welcomed, valued, and loved. It is a place my children and I can't wait to come back to as we are pulling out of the driveway.



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Wood Hollow  
wishes to thank  
Barry for all of his  
support!

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the Livore family on their lease of Uno Momento (aka Linus).

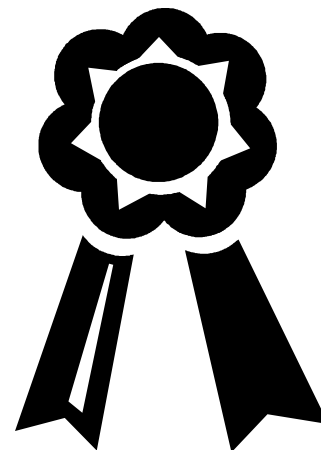
We wish you all the best!

To our I HA End of Year Award Winners:

Ariel Epstein & Primerose Rainforest	Grand Champion in the Low Hunters 4th Overall Novice Equitation
Allison Epstein & Primrose Rainforest	Grand Champion in Short Stirrup Equitation 4th Overall Junior Beginner Equitation
Victoria Figlia & Keep'em Guessing	5th Overall Special Beginner
Taylor Porfidio & Nuthin' but Trouble	Grand Champion Pre-Special Beginner
Emily Ann Van Eron & Got the Giggles	Grand Champion Children/Adult Hunters Reserve Champion Training Hunters

To Winner's Circle End of Series Award Winner

Emily Ann Van Eron & Severn Sassy Reserve Grand Champion Low Jumpers





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15th.

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rates, and  
applications  
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Wood Hollow Equestrian Center Annual Holiday Party Ticket Order Form

Thursday, December 14, 2006 7:30 pm

Moose Lodge 631 Pulaski Road Greenlawn, NY 11740

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets @ **\$20 per ticket** = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

VISA/MC/AmEx Acct # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Acct Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Return order forms to Wood Hollow office not later than December 7th.*

*Tickets available afterwards for \$25 per person including purchases the evening of the party.*