

MANE STREET NEWS



JANUARY 1, 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back everyone! I hope you enjoyed your holiday and had a very Happy New Year! I know many of you probably made some New Year's Resolutions for 2012 and I'm sure one of them was to spend more time at the barn! :)

2011 was a fantastic year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member and their families for their dedication, support and continued business throughout the year. Some members have been here for many years and I am grateful and lucky to have such loyal customers. I also

appreciate all the new members that have joined the club and become part of the Silver Meadows Family.

Moving forward into 2012 we are excited about our upcoming programs, show teams, clinics, activities and Pay it Forward events. We encourage all our Members, Learn to Ride students and KidsClubber's to participate and take advantage of everything the club has to offer. This is YOUR club! We welcome your ideas and comments about what you would like to see on this year's calendar.

Silver Meadows prides itself on continuously developing new and unique programs and events for not only Silver Meadows members, but for all our equestrian friends to enjoy.

There is not another facility around that has personally designed such a distinctive array of activities. In fact our programs are so original other equestrian facilities have begun to imitate them. :)



PAY IT FORWARD

I am extremely proud of our "Pay it Forward Program". In 2011 this program has helped and supported many local charities. Together, Silver Meadows members along with our generous sponsors helped the following

organizations; The Salvation Army, Merrickville Food Cupboard, The Canadian Cancer Society, The Snowsuit Fund and many more. Congratulations to all who participated! Together we are making a difference.



KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR...



KinderPony Jan 12

KidsClub Jan 28

Mexican Fiesta Jan 29

March in Motion Jan 31

"A dog looks up to a man, a cat looks down on a man, but a horse looks a man straight in the eye and sees him as equal"

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Ride and Dine

Silver Meadows would like to thank all of the ladies that participated in the "Christmas Ride and Dine" on December 18th! It was a beautiful afternoon!

We hope everyone will join us again for our first Ride and Dine of 2012!



**"Mexican Fiesta"
Ride and Dine!
January 29th, 2012**

Bring a friend and enjoy gifts, food and a whole lot of fun! All for a good cause. Part proceeds to LAWS!

"There is no stronger bond then between a woman & her horse. No matter what is going on in your life, your horse is always there for you. No words need to be spoken"



Pizza &
Movie Night
February 24
6p.m. - 8:30p.m.
\$5.00

KIDSCLUB AND LEARN TO RIDE



KidsClub is back in full force in 2012! This is a super program for young horse enthusiasts! Riding, crafts and games. Gift certificates available! **Next session Jan 28.**

Welcome, to all our new **Learn to Ride** students! I hope you're enjoying your program and learning all the basics of riding and caring for your equine partner! Keep your eyes open for our NEW "Whoa! The Buck Stops Here" corner. We hope this area will make it easier for you to display your accomplishments and

for you and your coach to access your folders.

Have Fun!

Sessions are on going and personalized gift certificates are available.

"A horse doesn't care how much you know until he knows how much you care"

KINDERPONY

****New**

Come join us for our NEW **KinderPony** program. This unique program was designed for those toddlers and kindergarteners who have shown a fascination and love for ponies and horses! Silver Meadows welcomes children between the ages



of 2 and 6 to enjoy some fun, hands on pony activities and a safe and exciting Kinder Pony ride! After our ride we will hustle on up to our heated clinic room for a "horsey" craft and some "barn yard storey time"! Gift certificates available.

Next session January 12, 2012.



"STABLE STARS"

****New**

This program is designed specifically for horse enthusiasts ages 10 - 15. We meet one Saturday a month from 1:00p.m.- 3:00p.m. Bring a friend and/or meet new friends! Everyone Welcome! No experience necessary! **First session February 4, 2012—\$30.00**

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Dressage: New**

“March to Music”

Join up for “**March to Music**”. A freestyle dressage program to music!

This program consists of six 1 hour coaching sessions with the maximum of three students. You will learn, choreograph, practice and perform a dressage free-style routine to music.

Cost: \$150.00

Sessions run on Tuesday evenings starting from 6:00p.m. and two Sundays starting at noon.

January 31, 2012

February 7, 2012

February 14, 2012

February 21, 2012

March 4th, 2012 (Sunday starting at noon)

March 11, 2012 (Sunday starting at noon)

“March to Music” Performance

March 18, 2012



“YOU CANNOT TRAIN A HORSE WITH SHOUTS AND EXPECT IT TO OBEY A WHISPER”

Ron King

Next Session February 5, 2012



Dressage Show Team Meeting



Come join us for our first dressage show team meeting. We will review the show schedule and discuss what is involved with competing at a dressage show. Everyone is welcome.

February 26, 2012 @ 12:00p.m.

Private with Angie

Angie is now available for private lessons on Sunday's. Anyone interested should book at lessons@silvermeadows.com



FOUR CORNERS

Benefits of the Shoulder-in

Being one of the early 'movements' introduced to a horse, the shoulder-in teaches the horse to improve his self-carriage while suppling his joints, back, and muscles. Even if the horse is introduced to it later in his training, the shoulder-in can form the first building block to collection. To be

concise, the benefits of the shoulder-in are explained below:

- *Deepens the hindquarters and elevates the forehand - because the horse has to engage his hindquarters to perform the movement, the weight is lifted off his forehand, which supples both hindlegs and haunches.
- *Strengthens the horse's back -

the shift of weight to the hindquarters strengthens the back and loins, giving the horse the physical capacity to achieve higher collection and perform more complex moves. Gradually, the horse will begin to develop a rounded appearance as he becomes stronger and more flexible.



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Just a few reminders moving forward into 2012 to keep the club running smoothly.

*24 hours notice is required for a missed lesson if you wish to reschedule

*please arrive 20 min's to ½ hour before your lesson to ensure proper grooming and care of the horse you're riding

*please make sure your horse is properly cooled out and cared for after each ride

*please sweep your spot before and after riding

*please make sure lights and heaters are off when you leave the lounge, tack rooms and clinic room

*postdated checks are mandatory to continue riding in the club

*all membership fees are due on the 1st of every month

Thanks and have a great month!

Happy Riding.

*Privates are available with Marli or Taylor on Saturday afternoons.
Polish up your skills, get ready for show season or just treat yourself to a one on one private lesson! Book at lessons@silvermeadowsfarm.com



Silver Meadows "New Beginnings" Winter In House Show Series

Let's have some fun and get ready for show season or just test our skills!

Classes for all levels in both Hunter/Jumper and Dressage.

February 11, 2012

March 25, 2012

April 22, 2012

Cost is \$30.00 per show or \$75.00 for all three

(must be pre paid to receive discount)

Hunter/Jumper Show Team Meeting

Fun, Bronze, Silver and Gold

Everyone's welcome to join us for a conversation about what is involved in participating on any of our show teams.

March 3, 2012 @ 1:00p.m.



The Winning Circle



Show hunters are well groomed for show, clean with a shiny coat. They carry a bit more weight than an eventing horse or racehorse. The horse is bathed before the competition, with special attention paid to white markings. The hooves are polished before the horse enters the show ring.

The horse's head is trimmed, focusing on the whiskers around the muzzle, the hair of the ears, the bridle path, and lower jaw. The legs are also trimmed, removing all fetlock hair and feathering, and trimming the pasterns and coronet. In the winter, show hunters are often given a full clip, removing all the body hair, to give them a neater appearance in the show ring. The mane and forelock are braided, usually using yarn matching the color of the mane.