



# NEWSLETTER

October 2020

## EVENTS 2020

- Oct 10** Meadowlark
- Oct 12** Meadowlarke North
- Nov 8** Meadowlarke North
- Nov 14** Greg Kuti Clinic
- Dec 13** Meadowlarke North
- Jan 10** Meadowlarke North
- Jan 19** Iron Horse
- March 1** Iron Horse
- March 21** Meadowlarke North

... and more to come! Keep your eyes peeled for more events



## COVID RULES

1. Apply hand sanitizer when entering the barn
2. Do not touch anything you do not need to
3. Clean tack/brushes/etc after use
4. **MUST** wear a mask if not on a horse

*See page 2 for more details.*

## SUMMER 2020 AT A GLANCE

This may come as a shock to some, but this year has not gone as planned. Everything was put on hold for a couple months; everything from showing to just spending time with horses was made to wait while the world attempted to settle the COVID-19 situation.

While students and boarders were not permitted to be on property the McCahon/Mueller family stepped up to the plate and ensured that all the horses were kept in shape so that once lessons could begin again it would not be too strenuous on the horses. Now that we have passed that hurdle we are now able to reflect on the shows that were able to happen as a result of their hard work.

This summer our show team was tiny, yet mighty. Youngest show team member, Sophia Naylor (Moody Blue) rocked in in 0.9m as well as pony jumpers, bringing home several ribbons from Angelstone. Ellie Ratclif (Hero) was champion in 1.0m at the last show and brought home several ribbons. Hayden McCahon (Don't Let Anything Stop You) excelled in 0.9m and also brought home many ribbons, including a reserve champion or two!

Showing aside, we've also had the typical summer camps which were run by Dannika Brown and Hailie Smith. The lesson schedule has been booming, and between showing, practice rides, and lessons, the barn has been socially distantly busy!

We have also been so fortunate to have Mike bringing in fresh, quality hay for all the horses. The endless days and sleepless nights have paid off in more than one way.

While this year has been a drastic departure from previous summers we are thankful for what it has brought us and we look forward to starting another season with the Rushmount Family.

## KEEP YOUR EDGE FOR NEXT SHOW SEASON!

Greg Kuti is coming back! Our favourite clinician will be back to keep us in tip top equestrian shape. Greg specializes in the development of upcoming hunters and jumpers and has competed successfully at the Grand Prix level. Don't miss out on this opportunity with an amazing clinician!

## COVID PROTOCOL

Fortunately we are all able to be back at the barn again, but there are some changes. Please use the provided hand sanitizer on the grey table under the white board upon entry of the barn. Grooming brushes, schooling helmets and tack must be cleaned after each ride. There is a bottle of Virkon by the brush box for this purpose. There will be absolutely no crowding of any sort; you must stay 6 feet minimum away from anyone you do not live with. We are not encouraging any spectators at this time to assist with social distancing.

We know this is a huge change but we are relying on everyone to help us combat COVID-19. We do not want to have to close the doors again!

## BREAK OUT THE COOLER SHEETS!

It's getting chilly out! Make sure your horse stays comfortable by bringing a cooler sheet to the barn. This not only keeps them warm while you are tacking up and grooming, but also when you are done your ride. The cooler sheet works by soaking up all the sweat on their body, allowing them to dry faster.

Quarter sheets are also a good idea; these smaller sheets cover only the horse's bum and it appropriate to use during exercise, especially if they are clipped, which many will be in the next month or so!

## RUSHMOUNT ONLINE

We are in the process of updating our website. We will be keeping events and info current.

If anyone has kind words to say about our facility please send them in. We are especially looking for testimonials.

Many things have been updated, but it is a work in progress so we still have a lot to get through!

If you have anything you would really like to see on the website or have a testimonial to add please send them to [rushmount.soc@gmail.com](mailto:rushmount.soc@gmail.com)

## NOW HIRING

If you are a reliable, hard working, and equine obsessed individual please let us know! We are looking to expand our crew and add more friendly faces.

Contact Heidi to discuss employment opportunities in further detail.



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