



Welcome to

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Welcome to our New E-Newsletter

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It's been a few years since I posted a newsletter on our website. Since the winter weather has curtailed my riding and outdoor activities, I thought now would be a good time to revive the newsletter. In addition to posting the newsletter on line I am e-mailing it to those who have participated in competitions and/or clinics at SGF. In this first issue I would like to reflect a little on '08 and share some of our plans for the future.

We're planning our usual calendar of events. The season will get off on a positive note with the USEA Instructors Certification Program Workshops. And if you're interested in riding with Lucinda in June, get your registration form and deposit in as we are already filling up! More information for clinics and events can be found on our website, www.stonegatefarm.org

We realize that the current economic times are a little tough for some of you. We have a couple of new programs that might help just a little. We have added a coupon and gift certificate section to our website where families and friends can purchase credits to competitions and/or clinics and give them as gifts. In addition, we will be adding a 'ride/room share section' on our website. For those who are willing to share or looking to share a ride and or room; we will try to get you together. We hope to see many of you at Stone Gate Farm in 2009.

Jackie & Dave

USEA Instructor Certification Program Workshops

ICP Workshop - Dressage March 21-23, 2009 / Jumping June 12-14, 2009

Capable instructors are essential to the training of riders and their horses for humane, safe and skilled participation in the sport of eventing. The USEA Instructors' Certification Program (ICP) seeks to help event instructors at all levels acquire a knowledge base, both theoretical & practical, upon which they can continue to build throughout their teaching lifetime. For USEA certified instructors, this knowledge base will support not only the teaching of event riding and training, but also care of the horse & development of effective & safe teaching methods

Jim Graham will be teaching the dressage workshop and Robin Walker will be teaching the jumping workshop. Demo riders are needed and auditors are encouraged to attend. There is a discount for those who are in equestrian college programs as well as Pony Club members and their instructors. For more information and applications go to:

<http://www.stonegatefarm.org/clinics/index.htm>



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Hagyard CCI * & USEF National Jr/YR Team Championships



Kyle & Stunt Pilot aka Jethro



Wow who would have thought that in less than a year's time Kyle and his new partner 'Jethro' would have developed their partnership to the point of competing in the Hagyard CCI*. Not only did they compete, they did well. With an impressive cross country ride he was named USEF's Amateur Rider Reserve Champion. Additionally, along with team members Melissa Miller, Helen Morris, and Alison Wilaby they won the USEF National Junior/Young Rider CCI* Team Championship (pictured below left). The award donated by Penny and Brian Ross is a lovely picture frame with pictures by Brant Gamma that depict a "traditional" CCI. She had pictures of Young Riders from previous NAJYRC's from each phase: dressage, steeplechase, cross country and show jumping. It was a poignant moment when Kyle realized that the picture representing the steeplechase was that of his former partner and friend Summer's Gift that he had lost in the summer of '07. He is honored that 'Gus' has been chosen to depict the 'essence' of the Traditional Three Day Event and that the award and Gus' picture will be on display at the USEF office for all perpetuity.

For the complete story on Kyle's experience and a description of the 4 phases of a traditional three day event go to: <http://useventing.com/blog/?p=1659#more-1659>



Are you Game?

Kevin has been bitten by the 'mounted games bug'. After competing in the Mounted Games World Championships in Belgium in '07 he has his sights on making the team again to compete in 'Worlds' as they call it which will be held late this summer in England. If he should earn a spot on the team he's going to have to earn the money to pay his way this time :) He a teammate Laura Crowl who was on the US Team that went to Australia last Oct. started off the season with an impressive win recently at the KY Horse Park.

Mounted Games is a branch of equestrian sport in which very fast races, exciting for participants and spectators alike, are performed by excellent riders on well-trained ponies.



Kevin & Cocoa flying during the 'Joust' race

They require a high degree of athletic ability, good riding skills, hand-to-eye coordination, general determination to see things through to the end no matter what, and a competitive spirit which nevertheless requires an ability to work together with other riders and a willingness to help one another.

Mounted Games were the inspiration of H.R.H. Prince Philip. When Col. Sir Mike Ansell was Director of the Horse of the Year Show, Prince Philip asked if he could devise a competition for children who could not afford an expensive, well-bred pony, and in 1957 the Horse of the Year Show, then at Harringay Arena in North London, England, staged the first

Mounted Games Championship for the Prince Philip Cup - it was an immediate box office success.

The sport of Mounted Games as it exists today was founded by Norman Patrick. His aim was to extend the sport, previously age-restricted by Pony Club, for wider participation, and for this reason, in 1984, he established the Mounted Games Association of Great Britain. In the years which followed this landmark his continued support and patronage ensured that the sport spread across Great Britain and beyond. The sport has been enjoyed by countless riders on four continents across the world, and the [International Mounted Games Association](http://www.mountedgames.org) now has members in 20 countries.

The USEA Annual Meeting Awards Banquet saw both Kyle and Jackie getting awards this year. Kyle was the recipient of the Worth the Trust Scholarship. Through this scholarship, which is donated by Joan Goswell,, Kyle will have the opportunity to participate in ICP Workshops and spend the summer training with Sarah and Eric Dierks @ their Overlook Farm in VA.

Jackie received a Governor's Cup in recognition of years of dedication to the USEA and the sport of eventing through the following positions: Area VIII Chair, 2 term member of the BOG, Chair of the Organizers' Committee, member of the USEF Eventing and Technical Committee, member of the Young Event Horse and Competitions Committees, Area VIII Young Rider Coordinator, horse trials organizer for nearly 25 years, organizer of ICP Workshops, camps and clinics, and a USEF licensed dressage judge, eventing judge, technical delegate and course designer.



Jackie with USEA President
Kevin Baumgardner

Check out the Stone Gate Farm Google Map

The Stone Gate Farm Google Map shows you exactly where the farm is located and what it looks like. Copy and paste the link below to get directly to the SGF Map <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=113076952379685697796.000445d28344a419d9158&t=h&z=11>

Tips for Navigating the SGF Google Map:

- The location menu will be located on the left side of the page
- Click on the location that you are interested. The horse icons show SGF and stabling locations. The other icons are local motels
- After clicking on an icon a dialog box will open on the map at that location where you can get more information, directions, restaurants, gas stations and more. SGF is outlined in blue on the satellite view.
- The size of the map can be controlled by the by the bar on the left of the map or by the mouse.
- The map can be moved north, south, east or west by using the arrows in the circle in the upper left hand corner of the map or hold down the left mouse button and move the mouse. The 'hand' icon in the circle will take the user back to the previous view.
- To change from satellite to map view and vice versa, click on the appropriate button on the upper right hand side of the map.
- To enlarge the map; click on the arrow button in the blue bar above the white pan circle



Winona Horse Trials Celebrates 25 Years!!!



As the snow continues to pile up in northeast OH, plans are being made for the 25th running of the Winona Horse Trials; the oldest horse trials in the state of Ohio. Dave and Jackie Smith are the epitome of the 'mom & pop' organizers in that they do about 95% of the work themselves on private farms. But what is unusual about Winona is that the owners of the farm where the cross country is held are not eventers; they are not even horse people! Yet Bill and Virginia Huffman not only welcome competitors and their horses year after year, they take great pride in the meticulous preparation of their farm much like grounds keepers tend to their golf courses. Dave and Jackie hope that many of you will be able to come to Winona and share in the celebration with them.

Bill Huffman, Gen. Burton
& Volunteers @ the 20
year celebration

Stone Gate Farm ~ a great weekend get-away for you and your horse

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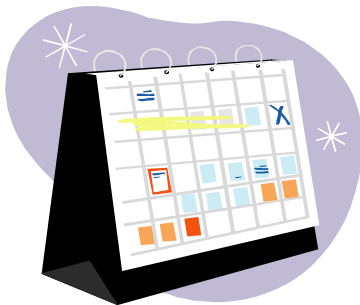
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Dave and Jackie Smith moved to Stone Gate Farm in 1986. Over the years and countless hours of hard work they have turned corn fields and overgrown useless land into hay fields and pasture that now includes 11 ponds of various sizes and shapes. Dave a large animal veterinarian, Jackie a professional equestrian (rider, trainer, coach & USEF licensed official) and their two sons Kyle and Kevin call SGF home. Several times a year they open their 'home' to numerous equestrian enthusiasts to two USEA recognized events, an unrecognized event, two hunter paces, a dressage show, annual clinics with Lucinda Green and more.

Tractor (Only) For Sale
John Deere 2955, 85 HP



Mark Your Calendars



2009 Calendar of Events

March 21-23 ~ ICP Teaching of Dressage Workshop
April 18 ~ Dressage Show and Test Clinic
May 8 ~ Young Event Horse & OTTB Classes
May 9-10 ~ USAE/USEF Winona Horse Trials
May 25 (Memorial Day) Spring Hunter Pace
June 5-6 ~ Lucinda Green Clinic
June 12-14 ~ ICP Teaching of Jumping Workshop
June 27 ~ XC Schooling & Stadium schooling rounds
June 28 ~ SGF Mini Trials
Sept. 19-20 ~ USEA/USEF Stone Gate Horse Trials
Sept. 27 ~ Fall Hunter Pace followed by the volunteer
'pot luck' thank you dinner