



Seasons Greetings

Some Changes Around The Grounds

The changes began right after the Harvest Show and well before our first serious snowfall. Trees were planted along the fence line and perimeter of the new grass jumper ring which is located east of the grand prix ring. These trees will become a nice barrier to the elements as time goes on.

The outdoor sand ring was graded and resurfaced in preparation for the 2014 Spring season.

In addition, the indoor arena footing will be changed in the near future to GGT footing.

GGT is a polypropylene fibre that is blended with sand to help bind the footing providing cushion, traction and shear support. We are excited about the changes and look forward to the improvements they will bring to your horses.



2013 Harvest Show

This was a great weekend as the weather really co-operated and the entries were up from the previous year, making this show **one of Amberlea's more popular shows**. It felt as if everyone was really enjoying the way we Albertans try to squeeze yet another great weekend out of our short summer months. Congratulations to everyone that competed at this show!!

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Changes in Coaches....Brings Fresh New Beginnings



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This year saw a change in our coaches with Nicole Herreros and Monique Hubbs-Michiel moving on. We wish Nicole & Monique the best in their new endeavours and look forward to seeing them at our events. We would like to welcome Decia Machinski on board to coach our students.

Decia will be available on Wednesday and Friday evenings. Please contact her or the office to book your lesson. Ellen will continue to teach lessons and spearhead the lesson horse program and to assist riders on their own horses. If you have any questions about your horse or your training program, you can also contact Ellen through the office or her email. We will for now continue with the excellent lesson programs that we have and by Spring arrival we hope to bring aboard yet another full time coach and be able to offer more lessons and trainer services.

Every winter Amberlea Meadows offers you a wonderful opportunity to test you competition skills in either Hunter, Jumper or Dressage.

These shows help to keep yourself and your horse in competition mode ready for the first outdoor show in the Spring. Our Spring Welcome show is April 25th-27th, 2014. Here are the other important schooling show dates!

- Feb.8- 9 Amberlea Meadows Hunter/Jumper Tournament I
- March 2-3 Amberlea Meadows Beginner Hunter Show
- March 8-9 Amberlea Meadows Dressage Schooling Show I
- April 5- 6 Amberlea Meadows Hunter/ Jumper Tournament II
- April 12-13 Amberlea Meadows Dressage Schooling Show II

Indoor Schooling Show Series....Begins Feb 8th 2014



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Glossary of Horse Terms We can all relate to some of these

1. Hock: Financial condition of all horse owners.
2. Stall: What your rig does at rush hour in an unfamiliar city on the way to a big trail ride.
3. A Bit: What you have left in your pocket after you've been to your favourite tack shop.
4. Fence: Decorative structure built to provide your horse with something to chew on.
5. Horse Auction: What you think of having after your horse bucks you off.
6. Pinto: Green coat pattern found on freshly washed light coloured horses left unattended for 2 minutes.
7. Well Mannered: Hasn't stepped on, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week.
8. Rasp: Abrasive metal tool used to remove excess skin from ones knuckles.
9. Lunging: Popular training method in which a horse exercises their owner by spinning them in circles until dizzy.
10. Gallop: Customary gait a horse chooses when returning back to the barn.
11. Nicely Started: Lunges, but not enough health insurance to even think about riding him.
12. Colic: Gastro-intestinal result of eating at horse fair food stands.
13. Colt: What your mare gives you when you want a filly.
14. Easy to Load: Only takes 3 hours, 4 men, a 50lb bag of oats, and a tractor with loader.
15. Easy to Catch: In a 10x10 stall.
16. Easy Rider: Rides good in a trailer; not to be confused with "ride-able".
17. Endurance Ride: End result when your horse spooks and runs away with you.
18. Hives: What you get when receive the vet bill for your 6 horses, 3 dogs, 4 cats, and 1 donkey.
19. Hobbles: Walking gait of a horse owner after their foot has been stepped on by their horse.
20. Feed: Expensive substance used to manufacture manure.
21. Dog House: What you are in when you spend too much money on grooming supplies and pretty halters.
22. Light Cribber: We can't afford to build anymore fencing or box stalls for this buzz saw on four legs.
23. Three Gaited Horse: A horse that. 1) trips, 2) stumbles, 3) falls



A Message from Gerald and Ellen:

This was a very interesting year at Amberlea Meadows. One filled with some amazing success stories and some disappointments. Congratulations to everyone that showed this year. We hope you had a successful show season and that you were able to achieve your expected goals. At this time we would also like to thank our boarders for staying with us during these past few months during these changing times.

Amberlea Meadows Christmas Party December 15 2-6p.m. Come and join us for a potluck and visit the artisans & vendors in our "winter wonderland" that will be selling last minute Christmas gifts. Sign up for "Secret Santa" by the arena. Limit \$20 gift, names will be drawn Dec 8 and everyone will be notified.

Ellen Gerald

Congratulations to Christina Popescu & Elexis Ortlieb for their 8th place finish at the NAJYRC this year in Lexington, Kentucky USA. Way to go!

