

Back Bay Farm *Newsletter* March 2010



Name That Saddle

With our large inventory of Devoucoux saddles, tacking up at shows will be a true nightmare! Everyone with an anonymous saddle, please get nameplates now. I.D. for bridles & martingales would be appreciated too.

Card Copies

Show riders organize! Please pass in a photo copy of your 2010 memberships to Robin so entries can be faxed ahead. Links are on the web site for: USEF/USHJA (you must join both), NEHC & MHC (add your horse/pony) & North Shore.

Show Biz

All riders please look over the show calendar (online) & meet with Robin to outline your goals/shows on your list. This really helps planning for the summer.

*Show kids - reminder to parents: try on show jackets, pants and boots to see if clothing still fits!

Beware the Air

This is a great time of year to use your wools or Irish knits. With horses shedding & temperature changes, take extra time to walk & warm up cold, tight muscles. Take special care to cool down horses using wools or knits and hand walking if horses are damp, sweaty or steamy. Walking around the barn or ring cools them much faster than standing on the cross ties. Replace damp covers with dry ones until your steed dries completely.

Halters and Boots

Mud season has arrived early! Please hose off boots & clean halters regularly. It's a great idea to have a spare pair of horse boots just for riding.

Also, feel along hairy legs for bumps, especially on the back pasterns & heels for scratches, crud & check hooves for thrush. We will do our best to keep turnout blankets clean & dried.

Welcome Home!

To commuter snowbirds Ali & Jackson, Carolyn & Obi who gained some great experience training & showing in Florida this season.



Upcoming: Evenstride 3/21, Sandy Point 3/28, Indian Meadow 4/10