

# Back Bay Farm Newsletter July 2008

## First News

Welcome to the first edition of BBF News! We hope to catch everybody up on show news/results, farm rules and other useful information. If you have any suggestions, please talk to Holly.

## New Partners

A very successful shopping trip to Wellington, FL brought two new horses to Back Bay this spring. Little Black Book, a 9 year-old Westphalian gelding for Carolyn Attenborough to show in the Children's hunters and Portillo, a 9 year-old Mexican Hanoverian that Alanna Fagan will point toward the equitation ranks. "Booker" and "Ivan" already seem settled in their new homes and going well at their first shows. Many thanks extended to James Lala for his help in finding these mounts.

## Clinic Homework

June 1<sup>st</sup> Back Bay Farm hosted a successful and useful clinic with rider/trainer James Lala who put everyone through his lengthening and shortening exercises to teach adjustability on the flat and between fences.

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**July Shows:** Westbrook, CT 10-13<sup>th</sup>, Cornerstone 20<sup>th</sup>,\*\*Grazing Fields 28<sup>th</sup>-Aug.1st.

Plans for another clinic in August will help prep riders before finals.

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## Almost Famous

Ali Cotreau and Jackson won USEF 4<sup>th</sup> Zone I and USHJA 3<sup>rd</sup> year-end honors for amateur adult hunters for 2007.

## Ariat Riders

Ali Cotreau, Louisa Attenborough and Sarah Wanger are diligently working on Ariat points, a great 3-foot adult class to test and hone precision riding skills. Top point earners in each zone get an invite to the National Finals held at the Capital Challenge in MD early Oct.

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## Well-Matched

Congrats to adult rider Heather Reid for finding a classy lease partner in Logan aka Dignitary. And to junior rider, Haley Cirello, who takes the reins on Nando. Both pairs already look great together!

## Spotted on the Farm

Joy's wonderful former jumper "Spot" has returned to hopefully join the school lesson program. You can't miss him.

**\*\*Geoff Teall** is giving free critiques of any riders' warm-ups at Grazing Fields on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Great opportunity for a top judge's insight & tips.