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Hello!

We have definitely been busy this summer as we are preparing to start some major renovations at the Miami Stables. The horses and staff have settled into their new temporary homes and the coaching staff is looking forward to you all joining us soon. Lori Cramer has been working hard to put the finishing touches on the facility plans and can't wait to share all of the exciting details.

You can follow the progress on the blog at <http://miamiuniversityequestrian.wordpress.com/>

This is an exciting time for the facility and all of you as you will have a chance to see it all come together. We will be doing all of our riding at our satellite facilities this semester and will hope to return home for the second half of the spring semester. We are looking forward to continuing our momentum from last year and having another successful show season.

To kick off the year, we would like to invite you and your parents to join us for a welcome continental breakfast on the patio at the Recreational Sports Center on Sunday August 19, 2012 from 10:00am-12:00pm. We are looking forward to a great season, see you soon.

Sincerely,

Heather Pinnick
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Hello! I have had a busy summer of teaching and judging and can't wait to see you back for another great year. I am also excited to meet our new members and welcome you to our team. This year looks to be a great one built on the foundations of the last few years. I have enjoyed hearing about your riding successes over the summer and am certain that we will enter the ring this year as the team to be beat. Looking forward to another year of great riding and great teamwork!

MU.....ET!

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Hello, and welcome to a new school year. I am so looking forward to seeing everyone again and getting the opportunity to work with our incoming students. The Dressage team has a great year ahead building from where we left off at the conclusion of last year. I am looking forward to horse shows as well as extra team opportunities that develop. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the Dressage team, looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Regards,
Lindsey Carmack
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Hello everyone!

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer vacation whether it has been abroad, at home, or on horseback. For the newcomers, my name is Tom Schoen and I am the president for the Miami University Equestrian Team (MUET) this upcoming season. I love every bit of the team and can't wait to delve into another year. Going on my fourth year on the team, I couldn't imagine my semesters at Miami without MUET. You will all soon realize why the returning members and I love it so much. We are one giant family and cannot wait to welcome you in.

Last season provided many laughs and reasons to lose your voices cheering. Let's recap. The MUET nation was busy hosting their second dressage show and worked the ring like champs. The western spurred their way to the reserve champion spot in the region, showing no mercy. The hunt seat team continued their streak placing first in the region, first at Zones and riding to the 8th spot at Nationals down in Raleigh, NC. I cannot wait to continue where we all left off.

We are all very excited about the upcoming facility changes. The team, community members, and MU KNH students will all enjoy the new facilities in the upcoming seasons.

Can't wait to see you all soon,

Tom Schoen

RedHawks Flying High at Summer Horse Shows



The Miami horses and riders stayed busy this summer both in the hunter jumper rings as well as the local dressage circuit. Lindsey and Lexus started off the summer with a bang at the MODA show in Delaware, Ohio. The day began early for Lindsey and Lexus with a successful ride in First Level Test 3 receiving a 65% and finishing off the day with a 70% in First Level Test 2. Lexus and Lindsey received the high point ribbon for the weekend as well.

The hunter jumper group traveled down to Lexington Kentucky to compete at the Robert Murphy horse show held at the Horse Park during one of the hottest weeks of the summer. The heat didn't stop our riders from showing off! Kitty Sarosy riding her horse Lui was Reserve Champion in the Amateur Owner Hunters and was 4th out of 20 in the C.B Lovell Memorial Trophy Class. Katie Jordan on Miami's Skeeter received a 6th in the Non-Pro Schooling Hunters out of 15 and an 8th out of 30 in the Intermediate Hunters demonstrating Skeeter's newly learned lead change. Kelsey Williamson and her horse Bo made their debut in the big hunter ring. Bo is a green horse project for Kelsey and they had a very good performance.

For the second show of the summer the dressage girls headed back to Delaware for the New Vocations Charity horse show. Carrie Salmon showed her horse Sarge in Training 1 with a 74%, Training 3 with a 67%, and in First Level Test 1 with a score of 64%. Lexus once again was a superstar, ending up with a 65% in First Level Test 3, and really surprising me with a 76% in First Level Test 2. Once again, Lexus got to bring home the High Point Ribbon for Miami.

For the third show of the summer Kelly Herdman and her horse Gideon traveled to the Starry Nights Dressage Schooling Series. With a lovely ride in Training Level Test 3 that received a great score of a 70% they then received a great score of 65% in First Level Test 1! These two great scores snagged Kelly a second and third place ribbon, as well as First Level bragging rights.

Another busy weekend July 21st and 22nd, Heather took a group to Windfall Horse Show in Goshen, Ohio. Katie Jordan and Miami owned Skeeter received a first and two thirds in the Baby Green hunter over fences and a third in the hack. Katie and Skeeter also showed in the Intermediate Adults receiving a first, third, and fifth over fences and a fifth in the hack. Taylor Laatsch showed her horse Ramiah in the Baby Green hunters, this was Ramiah's first show of the season and they received a third and fourth over fences and a fourth in the hack. Taylor also showed in the Intermediate Adult Equitation on the flat receiving a sixth place. Megan Chadwick and Miami owned Jack and made her debut in the Limit Rider division. Megan and Jack received a third and fifth place over fences and a third in the limit hack. Miami alumni, Sloane Schottenheimer showed Miami owned Tanner and won the Combined Equitation over fences. They also received two thirds in the Low hunter and finished out the weekend winning both adult over fence rounds on Sunday.

Interested in riding at Miami University?

When is the first meeting to discuss riding opportunities?

The first meeting will be held on the evening of Monday August 20, 9:00 pm in PSY 125. This meeting is for new and returning members in western, dressage, and hunt seat, and will give you the opportunity to meet the coaching staff as well as the intercollegiate team officers.

Riding Programs:

Intercollegiate Riding Team (MUET) *Miami University Equestrian Team*

This team is comprised of hunt seat, dressage, and western riders that compete against other colleges in reining, horsemanship, equitation on the flat and over fences. The respective teams show in an equitation format on horses provided by the host college. The Intercollegiate riding team allows for all levels of riders, from beginners to advanced, to participate. Riders are placed in divisions and compete to accumulate points within their division that determine their qualifying status for competitions at Regional through National levels.

Who decides what division I am in for the IHSA and/or IDA?

Returning members will try-out for the division in which they competed in, or were originally placed. New members will fill out a placement form based on previous riding and showing experience. For more information on the IHSA and its divisions please visit www.ihsa-inc.com but please do not join as a member yet. We will help you in the weeks to come with placement and membership. Dressage riders can also check out the IDA website at www.teamdressage.com.

Expectations:

In addition to practices, all team members are required to attend meetings. As the team's schedule permits, outside practices and activities are often added for the benefit of all members. The team is a big time commitment. Please do not accept an invitation if you are unable to meet the requirements. You will be asked to step down if you do not meet the expectations.

Can I try-out for the jumping team?

There are limited spots available on the jumping team as most horse shows limit the jumping entries to 6-8 riders. If your placement form places you in novice fences or above and you have at least 6 months continuous jumping instruction you may try-out.

Can I try-out for western reining?

Only those interested riders who qualify for the open western division as filled out on your placement form.

When are try-outs and how do they work?

Your try-out will take place during a riding lesson. The available lesson times will be posted in advance, please attend **Monday August 20** meeting for try-out sign-ups and information. Please come to try-outs in **boots, breeches, and a polo shirt for hunt seat and dressage or jeans, boots, and a polo shirt for western**. If you are missing items you can inform the coaching staff at your tryout and we can discuss your intentions of acquiring these items. Horse equipment will be provided. Try-outs are for western, dressage, and hunt seat, if you are interested in more than one discipline you must try-out for each discipline. **Tryout locations will be discussed at the meeting.**

Lesson formatted tryouts for returning team members will begin on August 22-24, 2012. New team members tryouts will begin August 27-29. Callbacks will be scheduled for August 30-31, 2012. Please sign up for one tryout time, additional times may be available, please check your emails for updates. Each tryout will cost \$20.00 to be made to Miami University to cover the instructor and horse cost.

How many times a week will I lesson and how do I sign up for lesson times?

Regular lessons are scheduled weekly and will occur at our satellite locations. The coaching staff will be contacting you various times throughout the semester for scheduling. Weather permitting the team will be taught a minimum of once a week. See calendar for all sign-up dates. Practices are mandatory and absences must be excused. Each member should be prepared to arrive early for their practice to groom and tack up and plan to stay ½ hour after to properly cool down, groom, and clean your horse's equipment.

What is the cost of riding on the intercollegiate team?

The semester fee is \$850.00 and all billing will be done at the beginning of the semester through the bursar office. All billing forms will be filled during your tryout.

IHSA/IDA Horse Shows:

Each team competes in 8-10 horse shows per year. Each team usually competes at least twice a semester. Due to limited entries not all members will be eligible to compete at each show. The coaches will decide which members are eligible and will announce their decisions at least a week prior to the show. We travel to different cities and states for horse shows. Miami hosts a hunt seat and western horse show in the fall semester and a dressage show in the spring. These horse shows are mandatory events for all members of each team division. In order for these shows to be successful each team member must pitch in to help the show run successfully.

Cost for IHSA/IDA team dues:

IHSA Dues (1x per year)	\$30.00 for one discipline \$40.00 for two disciplines
USHJA Membership (Hunt Seat Only, 1x per year)	\$15.00
IDA Dues (1x per year)	\$30.00
MUET Team Dues (2x a year)	\$40.00

Cost for IHSA/IDA horse showing:

IHSA Class Entry Fee (1 class)	\$28.00 (up to 4 classes a weekend)
IDA Class Entry Fee	\$35.00 (up to 2 classes a weekend)
Travel Fee	\$10.00-\$30.00
MUET Apparel (optional but encouraged)	Varies

Other Opportunities Available to Team Members:

Lesson Packages, KNH classes, Boarding at Miami and Open Horse Shows

What Riding opportunities are available to me if I don't make the IHSA team?

The coaching staff would like all those interested to have an opportunity to ride at Miami. Riders may be asked to join the team at any point during the academic season. The best way to be ready for this opportunity is to stay riding. Please read below for suggested riding opportunities.

Lesson Packages:

Individual lessons as well as lesson packages will be offered in both hunt seat and western.

- Cost:**
- Group Lesson-\$25.00 per lesson, must be purchased in a block of 4 lessons
 - Private Lesson-\$45.00 per lesson (if space is available)
 - Lessons can be paid by check, cash, or put on our bursar account
 - Lesson packages will expire one year from the date of purchase.
 - Scheduled lessons not cancelled 24hrs in advanced will be charged

KNH Classes:

*****Due to the renovations at the Equestrian Center and living offsite for the semester only limited Intermediate and Advanced sections of KNH will be offered. We look forward to full programming in the spring.*****

KNH 150.E – Introduction to Horseback Riding

Designed for the student who has never ridden, has not ridden frequently or recently. Students learn the basics of equine history, anatomy, colors, breeds and markings. Riding focuses on acquiring basic skills on the horse and in the barn. Students will learn to ride at the walk, trot, and canter. All students will learn in western tack.

KNH 150.F – Intermediate Horseback Riding

This course builds on the basic skills learned in 150.E and is also designed for those students who have had significant riding experience and are able to groom, saddle, and tack their horse independently. Students may ride either western, dressage or hunt seat disciplines with instructor approval. Students will focus on developing communication between horse and rider by performing maneuvers of increased difficulty.

KNH 150.H – Advanced Horseback Riding

Students may enroll in this course with instructor approval. Content may vary based on enrollment and instructor. Course focuses on the developing individual skills of horse and rider. Significant prior riding experience is required as well as good basic horsemanship. Students will enjoy ample individual instruction and independent application of skills learned. Students may ride in hunt seat, dressage or western tack.

Specialty KNH Offerings:

KNH 150.H- Advanced Horseback Riding- Jumping

In this class students will learn the fundamentals of jumping utilizing poles, cavalettis, and gymnastic work to solidify their jumping position. Students may enroll in this class with instructor approval.

KNH 150.H Advanced Horseback Riding-Working with the Green Horse over Fences

In this class students will continue to confirm green horse flat work and introduce horse to cavaletti and gymnastic work. Students may enroll in this class with instructor approval.

KNH 150. H - Advanced Horseback Riding - Western

This course is designed to further individual riding skills and focuses on strengthening individual weaknesses of the rider and the horse. Students will be assigned a regular ride and will focus on reaching a common goal with the horse. Outside class work includes a journal which will log the daily activities and plans for the next ride. Students must come prepared to work hard, experience both frustration and success, and to have fun. Students may enroll with instructor permission.

Open Horse Showing:

We would like to offer open horse showing opportunities for those students interested in attending local shows. You may lease a school horse if you do not own your own.

Fees for outside horse showing include:

- Instructional Fee: \$55.00 per day
- Horse Rental Fee: \$30.00 per day
- Trailering Fee: \$1.15 per mile (\$20.00 minimum trailer fee)
- Stabling and Entry fees: Vary depending on horse show

Attire for Team Members:

What you will need to participate in riding?

Horse equipment is provided to include grooming supplies, bathing supplies, bridle, saddle, girth, boots, and saddle pads. You will need to utilize our bridles, girths, pads, boots and grooming supplies, if you choose to use your own saddle keep in mind we switch horses during the lessons sometimes and others may need to utilize your saddle.

Weekly lesson attire: The attire listed below is for your safety.

- ASTM approved helmet that fits securely with your hair secured in hairnets up under the helmet or in the case of short hair is pulled back.
- A shirt that meets your shoulder and is tucked into your pants.
- Jeans and half chaps or full chaps with paddock boots, or breeches and boots.
- Western may wear jeans and a western boot
- Boots must be worn at all times when working around the horses.

If you are uncertain about your clothing or are going to purchase new or have existing items tailored, please ask the coaching staff for assistance and a shopping trip can be arranged.

Horse Show Attire- Hunt Seat:

- ASTM approved helmet, the look you are going for is the GPA or Charles Owens, hair secured in hairnets up under the helmet or in the case of short hair is pulled back.
- A long sleeved hunt shirt in a conservative color and or pattern with choker, a monogram is nice but not a show pin. Ties for men, to compliment shirt. Shirt color and pattern should compliment hunt coat.
- A hunt coat of quality fabric in a conservative color, navy for finals, coat must be tailored to fit you.
- Tailored sportsman breeches or of similar quality, fabric, fit and color. Very few others compare please check before investing. The tailored sportsman are the better investment because they last.
- A belt with shirt tucked in
- Field boots are preferable in some cases dress boots will work, they must be snug fitting and tall enough.
- Black gloves
- Conservative jewelry if any and same with make-up

Horse Show Attire- Western:

- Felt hat of 5X or higher quality in black, silver or tan. Hat should be shaped to you and kept in a hat container. Preferably quarter horse crease.
- Women should wear a fitted, long sleeve horsemanship shirt or jacket to compliment chaps and hat.
- Men need to wear a nice higher end western shirt and scarf tie that compliments chaps and hat.
- Chaps need to be black or tan made of leather (rough out/smooth) or ultra suede. They need to be tailored to you.
- Pants under chaps should match chaps and also be fitted.
- Must have belt with appropriate buckle
- Western boots that match outfit, preferably not lacers
- Make-up and Jewelry to compliment attire
- Hair should be in bun or styled appropriately
- Gloves that match shirt

Western show shirts are available for rent. Contact Beth for details.

Horse Show Attire- Dressage:

- ASTM approved helmet, the look you are going for is the GPA or Charles Owens. Hair secured in hairnets up under the helmet.
- A dressage or hunt coat of quality fabric in black or navy. Dressage coat preferred. Coat must be tailored to fit you.
- White competition shirt and stock tie with pin. "False" stock ties are acceptable and can be an economical alternative.
- White breeches, full seat preferred. Please confer with coaching staff before purchase of new show breeches.
- Black or dark brown belt with shirt tucked in.
- Black tall boots.
- Black or white gloves (black preferred).
- Conservative jewelry if any and same with make-up.

MUET 2012-2013 Fall Calendar

Aug 19	Welcome Back Brunch @ Recreational Sports Center Patio 10:00-12:00
Aug 20	Miami University Classes Begin
Aug 20	Mandatory Team Meeting: Prospective and Returning Members 9:00PM PSY 125 -Must bring a copy of your class/work schedule to meeting
Aug 23	Club Fair Rec Center 4:00-7:00
Aug 22-24	Tryouts for Returning Members
Aug 25	Mega Fair at Millett
Aug 27-29	Tryouts for New Members
Aug 30-31	Team Callbacks-TBD
Aug 31	Final Roster: to be posted
Sept 3	Labor Day: No Classes
Sept 4	Fall 2012 Semester Lessons Begin
Sept 8-9	Open Hunter Jumper Show- Robert Murphy Fall Classic, Lexington, Kentucky
Sept 10	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 7:30 -Bring checkbook, a pen, banner ID number, & money on MULAA card
Sept 15	Rods Western Wear Shopping Trip
Sept 20-23	NCEA Willis Invitational @ Baylor University Hunt Seat
Sept 26	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 9:00PM
Sept 29-30	Hunt Seat @ Ohio State University
Oct 12-14	Fall Break: No Classes
Oct 13-14	Open Hunter Jumper Show-David Beisel Farm, Goshen, Ohio
Oct 24	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 9:00 pm
Oct 26	Mandatory Work Day @ Longworth Farm
Oct 27-28	Hunt Seat Horse Show hosted by Miami University @ Longworth Farm
Oct 26-28	Parent's Weekend
Nov 3	Mandatory Work Day @ Longworth Farm
Nov 4	Western Double Header hosted by Miami University @ Longworth Farm
Nov 9-11	Open Hunter Jumper Show-Roberts Arena, Wilmington, Ohio
Nov 9	NCEA Scrimmage @ UTM Hunt Seat and Western
Nov 11	Western Double Header @OUS
Nov 17-18	Hunt Seat @ Wilmington College
Nov 14	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 9:00PM
Nov 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 7	Classes End
Dec 8	Team Christmas/Holiday Party
Dec 10-14	Finals Week

****IDA dates-TBD**, usually 3-4 in the fall and 3-4 shows in the spring ****denotes check date/TBD**

MUET 2012-2013 Spring Calendar

Jan 14	Classes Resume
Jan 21	MLK Day: No Classes
Jan 23	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 9:00PM, 1st round of exec board elections
Feb 6	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 9:00PM, 2nd round of exec board elections
Feb *	Western Double Header @ Ohio University
Feb 16-17	Hunt Seat Horse Show @ Ohio University
Mar 2-3	Hunt Seat @ Otterbein
Mar 3	Western Double Header @OSU
March 10	Regionals hosted at OSU Western in AM, Hunt Seat in PM (approximately 1:00 pm)
Mar 11-17	Spring Break
Mar 20	Mandatory Team Meeting @ 9:00PM
March 23-24	Western Semi-Finals- Cal Poly Pomona
April 6	Hunt Seat Zones –West Virginia University
April 20	MUET Gala
April 21	Open Show at Miami
May 2-5	Nationals in Harrisburg, PA
May 3	Last day of Classes
May 6-10	Exam Week

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