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Dear Twin Lakers:

Welcome to March!!! We can smell spring in the air and are so excited to be getting closer to riding outside again! It's been a long, cold winter for everyone; but the days are getting longer and the sun is melting the snow! We have begun our "Countdown to Camp!" and we know that summer will be here before we know it!

Our "Shamrock Show" (aka: "Twin Lakes Farm Academy Schooling Show #3") went off beautifully and Scotty was an adorable Leprechaun! Over one hundred and thirty riders participated and we had a great time watching you all! Special thanks to our esteemed judge, Sue Conley, who kept us on time all day long! Even more thanks to Tony Catalano of *The Feed Room* for keeping us fed and HUGE thanks to Carol, Julie and the teachers for putting everything together for us. Congratulations to our "Chocolate Bunny" winners, our "Stuffed Bunny" winner and one lucky kid won a FREE LESSON!!!

We love doing fun and silly things like this and it is so much fun to watch the kids- and the adults, having a good time. In fact, we think that the adults have more fun than anyone else! We have a great "Adult Swim" at Twin Lakes Farm and we love the fact that, once the kids are gone for the night, the adults can compete and have fun in their own way! We bust out the wine and things get very relaxed! ☺ Our final Academy Schooling Show date for the year will be on May 6th- where we go "On Luau!!!" Scotty is already looking forward to his grass skirt!

As most of you know, we tally up all of the points received at our four TLF schooling shows throughout the year and pin out our "Grand Champions" for each division at our *Twin Lakes Farm High Point Awards BBQ*- which will be held this year on June 26th! Come clap for our champions while Scotty burns the burgers. We will pin out places one through ten of each division, play games and, of course, watch our Drill Team perform!

What is going on with Drill Team? We will begin practice for spring on March 20th. So Email Liz if you want to put your name in the hat for this semester. Carol has a list of required practice dates, so see her if you want to make sure that you can make every practice. Drill Team is LOTS of fun and we are always so impressed with how well the kids learn the pattern and how much the horses seem to like trotting to the music! We've started letting the kids pick the songs that they will ride to- because they never like the "Old Lady" music that Liz and Kristina pick. So get your name to Liz ASAP if you would like to be put in the hat and we can't wait to get started!

Our even more exciting news is that we will be marching in the Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13th! Some of our luck riding academy kids- along with a few dubiously lucky horses, will be donning their shamrocks to march down route 22 and wave to the crowd in true "Twin Lakes" style! Wait till you see Scotty's banner! Liz thinks that it can be seen from space! So grab yerself a good spot along the parade route and shout for us and we roll by! We love a parade and Scotty loves a chance to don his Leprechaun outfit again!



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We have a rated horse-show date coming up at Twin Lakes on Sunday, April 17th. We host seven of these USEF sanctioned dates a year and they are lots of fun because it is a “real” show! Other barns come to us and compete in our classes for zone and national show points! Can academy riders participate? Yes. We have some classes for you. However, it is more involved than a schooling show and requires the whole “show outfit.” Interested? Email Maureen and she will let you know what is involved. Of course, all of our riders are invited to come and watch that day as our Show Team hosts their friends from neighboring barns and we ride for the ribbons!

Speaking of show team, they have been winning up a storm! Special congratulations to Dani Markey and “Twin Lakes Jack Frost” (aka: “Frosty”) and Sammy Kerbel and “Flashcard” (aka: “Earl”) for being champion and reserve champion of the short stirrup and short stirrup hunter at Stepping Stone Farm last month- AND it was a first horse show for BOTH of them! Way to go! Special congratulations also goes to Patrice Gordon and “Stay Gold” (aka: “Jimmy”) for taking champion in the schooling hunter at Stepping Stone and at Fairfield County Hunt Club last month- AND for winning the “Bit O Straw” Hunter at the Old Salem Farm “A” show! Get em’ Patrice! Our very own Amanda Picciotto and “Grand Slam” (aka: “Den”) have hit the circuit with a vengeance and won the Bit O Straw at both Fairfield and Stepping Stone and they were low hunter champ both times! Kaitlyn Weiss and “Moonlighter” (aka: “Seanie”) were champs of the Children’s Equitation at Stepping Stone and Maggie McKelvy and “Ribbons and Roses” were reserve champs of the schooling hunter that day! Special congratulations to Lilly O’Toole and “California Dreamin’” (aka: “Monty”) for winning their first blue ribbon together at their very first away show! Go Lilly!!! Casey Stern and “Bedazzled” have taken winning to a whole new level!!! They have been champion of the Large Children’s Hunter Ponies at Stepping Stone, Fairfield and the Old Salem “A” show and have won the Marshall and Sterling Classic each time! Go Casey and Dazzy!!! This month, we head to Boulderbrook, Stepping Stone, Old Salem and Gardnertown and we LOVE to win!!!

What is going on next door? We have been cleaning up and getting ready to go into “construction mode!” There’s a lot to do, but it will be unbelievable to have so much space at our disposal when we are done! We will begin riding outdoors over there in April and we have already started booking birthday parties! (You know how Scott Tarter LOVES parties!) We will be giving lessons and throwing parties over there soon and can’t wait to break ground on THE FIRST indoor ring to be erected South of 287 in years! It is going to be even BIGGER than the indoor at the South Campus and we are going to have more riding space than we know what to do with pretty soon! YAY!

Jen has also begun booking Girl Scout troops who are interested in earning their horse badges! Little known fact: Liz AND Jen were BOTH scouts when they were kids and can STILL remember the pledge! We think that Scotty would make a fantastic Girl Scout, and are considering getting him a special uniform. If you have a Girl Scout troop that is interested in either the “horse lover” of the “horse rider” badge, give Jen a shout and she can tell you all about it!

The really great news is: CALL OFF THE SEARCH!!!! Maureen has found a wedding dress!!! Wait till ya see a picture! It’s GORGEOUS! We are so excited for this wedding and we are having so much fun pouring through bridal magazines! We are having a great time telling Reenie what she needs to have at her wedding and putting in our two cents! Weddings are even more fun when one is NOT the bride! ☺



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Get excited! Summer camp slots are filling up FAST and we think that we are in for a wonderful summer! As always, “Aunty” Kristina Anderson will be our camp director and “Mamma Bucch” will be back to be our Arts n Crafts guru! Woo-HOO!!! Everyone loves Mommy B and her hot glue gun!

We are taking reservations for “whole summer” summer leases NOW and will open up the program to “one month at a time” requests in April! So get your request in to Carol ASAP so that you can get the horse that you want! Summer leasing is a BLAST and we are so excited to see the kids coming back year after year to have fun with their favorite school horses.

Cee Cee is feeling great and, sometimes, you can see the baby move! She is still trotting away in the flat classes- and Allison and Emily are learning to post on her steady and patient little back! Well, Allison is learning to post and Emily bangs along and yells: “FASTER PONY!! YOU TOO SLOW!!!”

Trixie and Miffy are still getting turned out together every day and Miffy is still annoying her big sister! It is almost time to think about breaking Trixie to ride! We can’t wait!!!!

And so we keep a movin’ at Twin Lakes Farm. Happy Spring to all of you and let’s pray to the gods of good weather so that we can get outside to enjoy the fresh air SOON!

Sincerely,

Your Fearless Leaders!