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Message from the President

What a year it has been! Beautiful weather showed the Park at its very best for Spring Bay Horse Trials, where the recently renovated novice water jump and preliminary bank were put to use for the first time. April also brought a huge turnout for the annual Hunter/Jumper Show and cross-country schooling day.

Pony Club camps, the Tetrathlon Rally, a couple of successful clinics hosted by the UK Eventing team, the Summer Sizzle mini trial, dressage shows, Sayre Horse Show, Horse Aid Live Show—lots of events took place this year. And yet, there was ample downtime for the casual rider to enjoy the beautiful facilities, for the eventers to do their trot sets, the polo players to get their ponies fit, and the dressage riders to practice their tests.

We've been busy this year. With the generous support of some local equestrian groups and businesses, we added eight new stadium fences to our inventory; we repaired quite a few cross-country fences, and removed some that were no longer serviceable. We

continued to drag the dressage and hunter rings to maintain the footing, and we lobbied to have the indoor arena open for public use during the winter months. Our annual workday in September was well attended, and lots of projects were completed. Thanks to all our sponsors and supporters.

We are extremely fortunate to have Masterson Station Park. We are learning to share the facilities with state track

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Masterson Equestrian Trust Foundation is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to the preservation of Masterson Station Park for use by all equestrian enthusiasts and to the improvement and enhancement of facilities and services available to the equestrian public. MET acts as an advocate for all MSP equine enthusiasts, thus strengthening Lexington's distinction as the Horse Capital of the World.



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meets, the Extreme Mudder race, cycling groups. We can and we must continue to do so. The more local groups that use the Park, the more support we will generate to protect it. Green space is a valuable resource—let's make sure we keep it! Talk it up, boast about it with your friends, take pictures of the Park and post them online, write a letter to the local paper, lobby your local council members for continued support for the equestrian facilities, and most importantly, use the Park, support the events held out there, attend the workdays, and stay involved!

Several of our board members leave us this year: Jane Winegardner after six years, Nina Hahn and Deb Balliet after three. Heartfelt thanks to them for their hard work, support, and dedication to the Park, and also a sincere thank-you to Arie van der Heiden, who took on the mammoth task of running our annual show in 2012, and to Kathryn Wong, who did so much for us over the past four years. ■

Save the Date

Spring Bay Horse Trials
April 6-7, 2013

**MET Benefit
Hunter/Jumper Show**
April 13-14, 2013

**MET Cross-Country
Schooling Day**
April 14, 2013

Annual Sayre Horse Show
May 11, 2013

Midsouth Tetrathlon Rally
June 15-16, 2013

*Watch our Facebook page and
website for more details.*

MET Website Gets Makeover

The MET Communications Committee is working diligently on a new website for our Masterson Equestrian Trust fans. This new site will be very user-friendly with maps of the Park, information on riding rings/areas, trailer parking, and the many other features that Masterson Station Park (MSP) has to offer. Fans will be able to keep up with what projects MET is currently working on to enhance and improve the equine facilities at MSP. This site will host information that will be useful to longtime supporters, as well as to equestrians who are just learning about MET and the Park. It will include a ton of information for individuals who want to get involved in supporting MET. The board's main objective is to make this site a "go to" for our enthusiasts who love the Park as much as we do. Our mission is to have a beautiful easy-to-navigate site that will showcase what Masterson brings to every equestrian by spring of 2013.

Look for it at www.mastersonquestrian.org ■



New website homepage under construction.

**“Had an absolute
blast schooling at
Masterson today. The
new water jump was
full of water and just
fantastic to school.”
—Kathryn Krische**

Many Hands Make Light Work!

On Saturday, September 22, 2012, a group of volunteers 50-plus strong descended upon Masterson Station Park ready to go to work. During the MET Annual Work Day, volunteers formed crews. Some headed off to gather their tools from the tool trailer provided by the Kentucky Back Country Horsemen, while others loaded up with cleaning and painting supplies provided by Masterson Equestrian Trust (MET). It wasn't long before the crews were spread out across the park, weeding, trimming, scraping, painting and repairing.

Volunteers representing the UK Dressage and Eventing team, Midway College Equestrians, Equine Land Conservation Resource, and Tiffany's all chipped in. Many individuals who love and appreciate Masterson Station Park came to help as well. Photographers Jennifer Mayberry and Christine Hansen roamed the park documenting the transformation. McCauley Bros. feed company donated drinks and snacks that were distributed to the busy volunteers from the back of a pickup truck.

In just four short hours, the hunter ring fence and gates were repaired and painted. The dressage rings were weeded and the trees surrounding them were trimmed to facilitate mowing. Cross-country jumps were treated and repaired. Weeds were whacked and brush was trimmed. The judge's stand stood gleaming from a fresh coat of paint.

"An amazing amount of work was completed! The volunteers were so into it," said MET Annual Work Day coordinator Deb Balliet.

At the end of the afternoon all the volunteers gathered around the snack table while MET board members set about drawing names from a hat for the large stack of volunteer appreciation gifts donated by many of MET's generous sponsors.

As the afternoon drew to a close and the last vehicle pulled out of the parking lot, the equine facilities at Masterson Station Park looked a great deal better because a group of people took the time out of their day to show just how much they cared. Thanks to all those volunteers who gave of their time and the sponsors that supported them in their efforts. We couldn't have done it without you! ■

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Masterson Indoor Is Open

Now that the days are shorter and the weather is colder, LFUCG has agreed to open the indoor for rental use (some restrictions apply; see below). The cost is \$15 per hour for a single rider, \$25 per hour for two or more riders. Payment must be made at the time of use. Reservations are required. The ring should be left as it is found, and manure needs to be picked up. ■

WHEN IS THE INDOOR AVAILABLE?

- Every Monday - Friday, during the public hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Every Tuesday and Thursday evening until 8 p.m. with a prior reservation of 24-hour notice.
- Weekend days, depending on availability; please call Ms. Ockerman.

WHAT ARE THE RESTRICTIONS?

Tuesdays are reserved for MSP Associates and their students.

HOW DO YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS?

Please call Georgia Ockerman at Parks & Recreation, 859-253-0328 or 859-559-6056, or email her at gockerma@lexingtonky.gov. In the case of questionably inclement weather, please call the park or Georgia, for possible closing of the indoor.

WHO ARE ASSOCIATES?

LFUCG encourages anyone using Masterson for their financial gain (e.g., giving lessons at the Park) donate \$100 to MET annually. If you are interested in becoming an MSP Associate, please contact Sally Lockhart at sallyire@aol.com or 859-621-6522.

CURRENT ASSOCIATES:

Antebellum Farm, Wendy Brodhead (Shylah Farm), Julie Congleton, Keeneland Pony Club, Megan Moore, Jorge Montalvo.



Megan and Howard Moore

“Huge thanks to MET for offering the indoor for rental this winter! Several of us have been enjoying it...so nice to be warm and dry! And it’s been great for the young horses to become accustomed to the road trip. Thanks so much!”

–Megan Moore

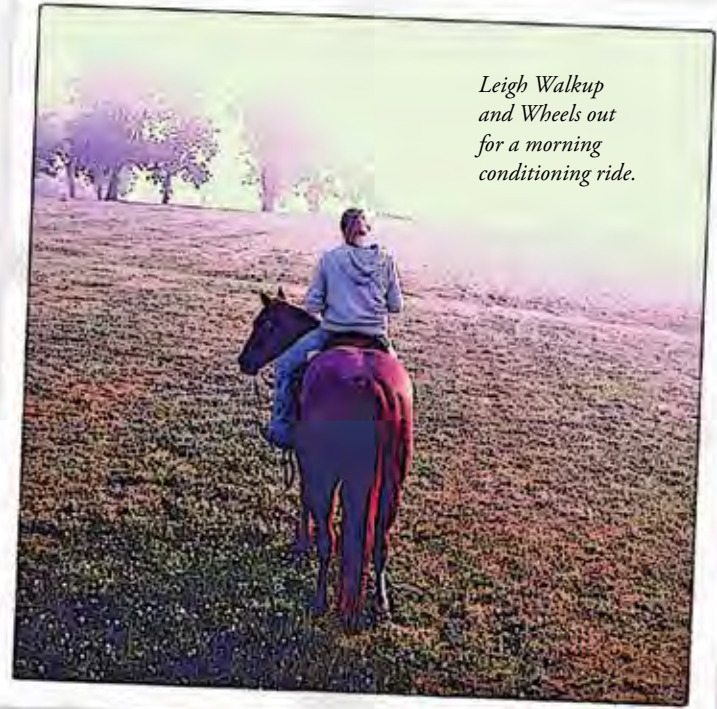


Local Professionals Support MET by Becoming Associate Members

Instructors and coaches are not charged when they use the Masterson Station Park facilities for their lessons, but LFUCG does ask that such professionals make a \$100 annual donation, to Masterson Equestrian Trust Foundation (MET). MET greatly appreciates these donations, which are used to support the upkeep and improvement of the Park's equine facilities.

A list of contributors is posted at the hunter ring. If you are a professional who uses the park, please consider making this donation and becoming an MSP Associate member. It also entitles you to the use of the indoor ring on Tuesday nights during the winter months. ■

For more information, please contact Sally Lockhart: sallyire@aol.com or 859-621-6522.



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and Wheels out
for a morning
conditioning ride.*

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MET Hunter Classic Winner

Something Rush, ridden by Maddie Flesher, captured first place in the inaugural annual MET Hunter Classic presented by Kentucky Performance Products, LLC and Scheffelridge Farm. MET president Sally Lockhart and Karen Isberg, president of Kentucky Performance Products, LLC presented the trophy and cooler to the winner during the awards ceremony at the MET Benefit Hunter/ Jumper Horse Show held April 14 and 15, 2012. ■

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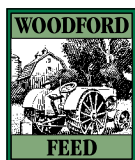
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Something Rush*

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