

Fox River Valley Plans Big Changes in 2008 and Beyond

The Fox River Valley Horse Trials is gearing up for a fantastic event in 2008, and laying the foundation for continuous improvements to courses and facilities well into the future.

Big news for riders and trainers in 2008 include:

1. Return to the more trainer/student friendly format of holding all of the divisions over the three days – no more “move in, move out” halfway through the weekend. Plenty of stabling to accommodate riders from throughout the region and beyond.
2. **Two New Divisions Added:** Beginner Novice and “IP” (Intermediate Preliminary).
3. All courses are being re-evaluated with the purpose of creating better galloping lanes and flow at all levels.
4. Reinstatement of the popular Competitors’ Party on Saturday night.

This Horse Trials is run by the Fox River Pony Club and is a source of funding for Pony Club activities. The HT committee, HT advisory board and FRVPC are hard at work seeking both private and corporate funding for the event to ensure continued development as the premiere event in the mid-west. Local Olympic hopeful Allison Springer has graciously agreed to assist in that effort by donating a clinic to every \$5000 and \$10,000 sponsor. We are pleased to report that it looks like we will be keeping Allison very busy! Many sponsorship opportunities at every level are available; please contact Monica Gully at 847-277-0053 or Gullyhomestead@aol.com if you would like to help support the event through either tax-deductible donation or program advertising.

URGENT REQUEST TO LOCAL RIDERS FROM THE FOX VALLEY HT COMMITTEE

Attention local riders: Please, help us retain the wonderful benefits that two years of aeration have provided to our footing by refraining from schooling the course until the tracks are thoroughly and completely dried out. Because the course is held over Forest Preserve property we cannot prevent schooling, but ask for the equestrian community’s assistance in using great caution when deciding when the footing is dry enough to withstand schooling. Thanks!