



CHELSEA MEADOWS EQUESTRIAN CENTER

*Welcomes
Kelly Freeman*



Kelly Freeman and Reedann's Whispering Leaves winning the Three-Year-Old Five-Gaited Mare World Championship in 2002.

Minnesota's newest Saddlebred training facility along with owner Blair Cox-Townsend are thrilled to have Kelly Freeman on board as their head trainer. Kelly comes to Chelsea Meadows with a background in the industry since growing up in Illinois where her mother, Ann Freeman had a successful training and lesson barn called ANRA Farms in Newark, Illinois. Kelly learned a lot as a kid from not only her own mother, but they also had Scott Matton do some training for them when Kelly was still a junior exhibitor. It was while Kelly was still a junior exhibitor that she showed at Louisville for the first time. From there Kelly worked under such great horsemen as Jimmy B. Robertson, Rick Wallen, Paul Priebe and Dr. Alan Raun. Besides working for some really great horsemen, she has worked a few private jobs included most recently at Creekridge Farm in Cleveland, Tennessee and Cazam Farms in New Mexico. While working under some of these great trainers she has helped train and/or show well known horses like WCC Callaway's Arbitrator, WCC CH Havana Cabana, CH Maximos, Willie Bracket, WCC The L.A. Times, WC Duke Of Troy, Aurora Borealis, Callaway's Beautiful Music, WC Reedann's Whispering Leaves and of course CH Heirreverent whom the barn is named after. CH Havana Cabana was the first ever WCC Country Pleasure horse at Louisville to have won both under saddle ('94) with Beth Bidon under Hollow Haven's banner and in harness ('95) with Barb Hendrickson under the Hollow Haven banner and then twice more driving ('96, '97) with Barb while Kelly worked at Priebe Stock Farms.

In addition to her training expertise, Kelly brings to Chelsea Meadows the ability of preparing the amateur rider for the show ring. Her vast



Proud owner Blair Cox Townsend shown here with her late mother, Linda Cox-Townsend.

work experience while at Priebe Stock Farm and Reedannland has taught her well with young horses and also pairing up new teams.

The Cox-Townsend's worked closely with Kelly to plan and design the new state of the art



facility which is located on 35 acres just 10 minutes north of Rochester, Minnesota on Hwy. 52. Between the Cox-Townsend' experiences in various training barns as customers and Kelly's experiences working at different barns, throughout the country, they've come up with the best for everyone. There are (34) 12 x 12 stalls, a 75 x 280 indoor full heated and insulate arena with a 5ft walkway along side and seating areas in the corners. The large round pen at the end also serves as a small ring for beginner lessons in addition to starting young colts.

Kelly and Blair have a history together going back to the early '90s when Blair first started riding at Priebe Stock Farm in Rochester, MN. Kelly was a trainer/instructor there at the time. It did not take long for Blair's mother, Linda Cox-Townsend to purchase Touch The Wind Ps as Blair's first show horse. Soon after, they upgraded to My Sweet William. Kelly was involved in the training and instruction as well as finding horses for the clients. Blair's mother, Linda had started driving and riding as well and had taken My Sweet William to a Wisconsin show in 1996. By the time she headed for home, the Linda was the new owner of a new three-year-old named Heirreverent. She had seen the mare win the UPHA Park Pleasure Classic and had to have her. Well, as they say, the rest is history. Blair and Linda both loved and showed Heirreverent, achieved her CH status while showing her and have now built a beautiful stable named after her barn name, Chelsea.

Chelsea Meadows Equestrian Center is open and ready for business, offering complete training and lesson packages from beginner through advanced and now accepting outside horses for training.