



Introduction

Old Field Farm is an historic equestrian parkland that was built in 1930. For over half a century Old Field Farm was home to some of the most prestigious equestrian competitions in the Nation that even today, are well remembered by some of the our finest riders. The untimely death of owner, well respected professional horseman Hugh J. B. Cassidy, left facility vacant which led to its severe deterioration and need for restoration. Official designation as Suffolk County Parkland protected Old Field Farm from potential subdivision and development. After an extensive period of time Suffolk County officials awarded an exclusive license to Old Field Farm, Ltd., a non profit organization created specifically to restore and operate this unique parkland. The restoration is well underway and several creative and educational events, both equestrian and community related are held each season.

Mission Statement

The mission of Old Field Farm, Ltd is to reinstate Old Field Farm as an important center on Long Island for equestrian and community activities. The Farm will respect its long standing heritage by maintaining the environmental and historical integrity of its extraordinary site and, at the same time, continue its tradition of philanthropy by partnering with local not-for-profit organizations.

Historical Background

Long Island philanthropist Ward Melville built Old Field Farm, originally known as the North Shore Horse Show Grounds, in 1930. Melville commissioned architect Richard Haviland Smythe to create a unique equestrian facility located on a distinctive waterfront setting on Long Island's North Shore. The stable complex is composed a Main Barn and courtyard, numerous free standing stables and a large Old Fashioned wooden grandstand designed in the Colonial Revival style. The Farm is located on 13 scenic acres in the historic Three Village area adjoining 88 acres of protected wetlands overlooking Long Island Sound on the north and the West Meadow Creek wetlands to the south - an area which has been designated "outstanding natural coastal area" (ONCA) by New York State. Long Island artists have found inspiration for their award-winning works in the Farm's remarkable combination of man-made and natural beauty.

Old Field Farm Today

Suffolk County awarded the exclusive license to restore and operate Old Field Farm to Old Field Farm, Ltd., a non-profit organization established to restore and operate the Farm. Old Field Farm, Ltd. is recognized as 501(c) (3) under IRS law. The Farm now hosts United States Equestrian Federation Horse Shows for hunter jumpers as well as dressage, a summer vintage films series, educational events regarding the role of the horse in our culture-past, present and future and well as other community events. The Farm has recently been listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. To learn more about our restoration work, equestrian events and community activities or to be added to the Old Field Farm, Ltd mailing list or make a contribution to the project to restore Old Field Farm please contact: oldfarm@optonline.net or: 631-246-8983 longislandhorseshow.com

Seaside Hunter Derby

June 20, 2026

Old Field Farm County Parkland



\$1,000–2' Rosalind Schaefer Hunter Derby
\$2,500–2'6" Junior/Amateur Hunter Derby
\$5,000–3' Open Hunter Derby



Grooms Award for Best Turned Out Horse For Each Class

Tables of 4 seats for purchase for \$30

Food & libations may be purchased á la carte from our caterer Level Up Kitchen

Please join us for a nostalgic afternoon of classic competition

For information: Carolyn Vincent: (516) 297-1539



Seaside Hunter Derby

Manager: Old Field Farm, Ltd.

Course Designer: Katharine Griffiths

Hunter Derby: Two round format to be judged on style and performance. To be scored under the open numerical system. First round to be over a classic hunter course of 10-12 fences. The top 12 horses, if available, will return to jump a second round. The second round will be a handy hunter course with a minimum of 6 fences which will include handy type elements such as roll backs, hand galloping, and trotting a fence. Order of go will be posted ringside. Scores will be added to determine the winners.

\$1,000 Rosalind Schaefer 2' Class

Sponsored by: Diane Schaefer Ampagoumian

Open to junior and amateur riders • Entry fee: \$80 • Start time: 8:30 AM

Prize Money:

1st \$300, 2nd \$220, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, 5th \$80, 6th \$70, 7th \$50, 8th \$30

Schooling in Derby Ring: Derby Ring open to hand walk at 7:00 to 8:00 AM. 8:00 AM - Ring closed for dragging. 8:30 AM first horse on course in 2' group. Times are our best estimate and subject to change.

\$2,500 Junior/Amateur 2'6" Class

Sponsored by: Darren Charles Sternlieb

Open to junior and amateur riders • Entry fee: \$125 • Start time: 11:30 AM

Prize Money:

1st \$900, 2nd \$450, 3rd \$300, 4th \$250, 5th \$200, 6th \$150, 7th \$125, 8th \$125

Schooling in Derby Ring: Derby Ring open to hand walk at 10:30 to 11:00 AM. 11:00 AM - Ring closed for dragging. 11:30 AM first horse on course in 2'6" group. Times are our best estimate and subject to change.

\$5,000 Open 3' Class

Sponsored by: Silver Oak Stable

Open to professionals, junior, & amateur riders • Entry fee: \$225

Start time: 2:30 PM

Prize money: 1st \$1,800, 2nd \$1,000, 3rd \$600, 4th \$500, 5th \$400, 6th \$250, 7th \$225, 8th \$225

Schooling in Derby Ring: Derby Ring open to hand walk at 1:30 to 2:00 PM. 2:00 PM - Ring closed for dragging. 2:30 PM first horse on course in 3' group. Times are our best estimate and subject to change.

\$100 Grooms Award

for best turned out horse in each class

NOTE: Riders may ride multiple horses in each class but horses may NOT cross enter into multiple derby classes.

Food & Libations

Food will be available for purchase á la carte from **Level Up Kitchen** on site (menu will be posted on our website when available).

Seating

To reserve a table in the Grandstand for your guests: \$30 per table seating 4 people. Seating will be limited.



Table Seating: \$30 per table seating 4 people

Reservations required by June 14th

Make check payable to: Old Field Farm, Ltd.

Send to: Old Field Farm, Ltd.

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