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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Jul. 4 Tue. - Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade.
Parade Team - Lisa Morgan

Jul. 8 Sat. - Wolf Lake Salad Ride
TB: Bonny George, Jr. & Michelle McDaniel

Jul. 10 Mon. - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St. 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Speaker: Dr. Franklin, "Creeping Indigo".

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TB: Deda & Mike Maldonado. Fruit and Spice Park at 24801 SW 187th Ave.



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TRAIL MANNERS

Good manners is the grease that helps people get along with each other avoiding friction.

- **UNDER 16 MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-rider's horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance... don't crowd others.
- **STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER**
- Respect the property of others. (ie: lawns, farm fields, crops, groves, livestock, etc.)
- Leave gates as you found them: Open gates should remain open. Closed gates should remain closed.
- **DO NOT PASS THE TRAIL BOSS or drop behind the drag rider.**
- Stay with the trail boss on the same side of the road. Do not split the road.
- Clean up after your horse. Pick up manure or spread it depending on where you are. Do not clean your trailers out when you unload.
- **NO PROFANITY ON ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



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Dates and Places

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Guest Passes are available for local trail rides. Each pass is \$5.00 One pass per person per trailride is required for non-members. This pass is not available for any beach rides, Team Penning or Parades. All area codes are (305) unless otherwise stated. TB=Trail Boss

- Jul 4 Tuesday - Key Biscayne 4th of July Parade.** Be at Calusa Park by 9:30 AM. Parade starts at 11:00 AM. Stage at 10:30 AM. This parade is for experienced Team members only in full parade uniform. Directions: Rickenbacker Causeway to Key Biscayne past Seaquarium. Parking is at Calusa Park on right. Turn right at the first street past the old fire station. Don't pass it as it is very difficult to turn around. Lisa 786-271-4933.
- Jul 6 Thursday - Board Meeting at Nelson & Carolina Rodriguez' s home.** at 24011 SW 212 Av. 7:00 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting. RSVP to Carolina at 305-342-3156.
- Jul 8 Saturday-Wolf Lake Salad Ride- TB Bonny George, Jr. & Michelle McDaniel rsvp** Bonny 305 -233-1897.
- Jul 10 Monday - General Meeting at Latin Mix Rest. 11368 SW 184 St.** 7:00 PM dinner, 8:00 PM meeting. Speaker: **Dr. Franklin speaker, "Creeping Indigo"**.
- Jul 15 Saturday - Krazy Kone Tack and Yard Sale-**Katherine, Max Ottesen. 4800 SW 193 Av. At 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. To buy or sell call 786-376-9180. (not SFTR event).
- Jul 22 Saturday - National Day of the American Cowboy. Ride and Quilt Show.** TB: Deda & Mike Maldonado. Ride will take place at the Fruit and Spice Park at 24801 SW 187th Ave. Meet at 9:00 AM, dress our cowboy best. No shorts, sneakers or caps. It is a celebration of COWBOYS. We will judge our best cowboy, cowgirl and cowpoke (Jr). The Cowboy Attire competition will be judged at 9:30 AM, ride out at 10:00 AM. **New policy no repeat winners so you all have a chance wear your best duds.** Cowboy Art Display all day in the adjacent classroom, stop in and see it. All will be welcome to join us for lunch in Mango's Cafe (bring lunch money). SFTR will provide cold drinks for this event. Call Mike 305-331-7599.



BEAT THE HEAT – COME TO THE WOLF LAKE SALAD RIDE !

Join old friends & new, as we host our annual Dade-Broward Wolf Lake Salad Ride, Sat. July 8. Trailer in your donkey, horse, pony, mule, or other equine at 9am and ride as you will, 10am- 2pm. Michelle McDaniel & I will TB for Dade, & Tina West will TB for Broward – everyone please RSVP accordingly! The south will provide an array of cold salads for lunch at noon, & the north will generously bring the chips & desserts (maybe Tina will bring her signature cream puffs?) Each club will have sodas/water for their members/guests. Remember to have your Coggins with you, & bring a chair for lunch under the pavilion – where we will share stories & laughs between the clubs. Juniors must wear a helmet (water & trail); and are encouraged to attend this calm & easy water event & short ride on a shaded trail. It is a good place to lead-line, start a rider or a new horse in the fun of swimming an equine! New member/renewal forms avail.- bring a check; \$5 per day-member/guest to cover insur. Our new season has begun, so renew on-line now or at the Lake! For info & to RSVP so we know how much salad & dessert to bring, please contact Bonny George, Jr. 305-233-1897, Michelle McDaniel 305-562-0961 or Tina West 954-319-1203.



Wolf Lake:<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Wolf+Lake+Park/>

From Homestead, west side: Krome Ave. north, US 27 North, east on Griffin Rd. into Davie. Cross University Dr & look on your right for SW 76 Ave (Anapua)...turn right. Lake is about a mile down the road, on the left.

From I-75, go east on Griffin...see above info.

From the Turnpike- U-turn involved ... Exit on Griffin heading west. Go to University Dr and make a U-Turn & proceed east on Griffin – turn right on 76 Ave, etc. See you there!

~Bonny George, Jr..

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Happy fourth of July, independence day. Summer is in full swing, the heat is on. This time of year rides are fewer due to the heat but we can get together for non-horse events to catchup with friends. Come join us on our annual 4th of July parade in Key Biscayne, be sure to bring some water. This is our most popular and grandest parade, definitely one to see. I would like to personally

thank Dean Aviation Flight School for their generous contribution. Just a reminder to renew your memberships to keep updated with club events. You can take advantage of our flyers to advertise your business. Enjoy your fireworks and stay safe, God Bless this wonderful country of ours.

Sincerely your President ,



Nelson Rodriguez
President

NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY **July 22nd, 2017**

For years now we have been holding a ride to celebrate the National Day of the American Cowboy. It is that time again, Saturday, July 22nd.

We'll meet at the Fruit & Spice Park at 24801 SW 187th Ave at 9:00 AM .

Deda will have her Cowboy Quilt Exhibit all day in the adjacent classroom, stop in and see it.

We will judge our best cowboy, cowgirl and cowpoke (Jr). The Cowboy Attire competition will be judged at 9:30 AM, ride out at 10:00 AM.

NEW New policy no repeat winners so you all have a chance wear your best duds.

Then we will ride out for a short ride (it's hot in July). I'll have water and drinks. Many of us have lunch after the ride at Mango's Cafe. All will be welcome to join us (bring lunch money) .

Let's make a good show and dress our cowboy best. No shorts, sneakers or caps.

It is a celebration of COWBOYS.



Meet at 9:00 AM, Judge at 9:30 AM and ride at 10:00 AM.
Call 305-331-7599 for more information.

~ Mike Maldonado

Save these dates: July 28, 2018 - July 27, 2019 - July 25th, 2020

We have 276 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year. Thank you very much!

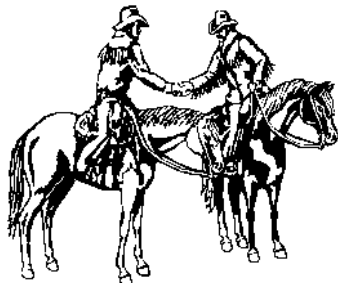
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SUNSHINE REPORT

Smiles abound for Tina West, who became an Auntie. Congratulations, and we welcome your niece & future rider, Dalyson!

The baby-watch is finally over for Tyra Phillips, as her mare Oriana finally delivered a beautiful healthy filly, Zareen (means golden, in Persian). Mom, baby, & grandma Tyra are all well.

Happy Anniversary to Mark & Ginger Krenz – may their next 30+ years now celebrated at their new farm, be as adventurous as the past.

Get well wishes for Carrie & Wayne Hershberger's grandson- his youthful health will help him recover from surgery & see him out enjoying his summer in no time.

Three cheers for Celine d'Arbellas as she welcomes her horse, Jesus, to her forever home. Happy are two hearts that can share their lives & trails together.

Our positive thoughts are with Eva Marie Tracy, as she embarked on her oncology surgery & protocols. Life presents challenges, and we are glad you are back home – you'll conquer this one!

We also wish Debra Davis a swift recovery from her surgery. She'll be back watching Aeryn & Raven parade with us, as she recuperates.

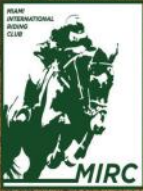
Our profound condolences to Carol Weng, for the passing of her brother Bobby. May you smile as you remember all the joys and family times you shared – that is his legacy to you.

Our sympathies are also with Wayne Hershberger for the recent loss of his Uncle Jay. May the warm stories your family must have recently shared help carry his memory forward.

We are looking for someone to handle the Sunshine column for this year. Please, if you could volunteer a few minutes on the computer to our club, once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact any Board member to volunteer, & spread a little joy & Sunshine to our members! Thank you.



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BONNY GEORGE JR. SELECTED MEMBER OF THE YEAR

At the recent SFTR Annual Banquet Bonny George Jr, received the SFTR Member of the Year Award for membership year 2016-2017. In presenting the award, President Nelson Rodriguez spoke about her energetic participation in just about every activity in the Club.

She has been a driving force behind the Juniors' Program, encouraging a new generation of members. She has also been active in Funnel Cakes Sales at the Homestead Rodeo, is the coordinator for the Redland 100 series, served as co-chair of the Parade of Horse Breeds, was a member of the Christmas Toy Drive Committee, assisted with the Autism Ride, serves also in the Newsletter Editing Team, coordinates all the FFA volunteers and assisted with the new SFTR Scholarship Awards, served as coordinator for the banquet program as well as many other activities and rides she has been involved with.

This is the second time Bonny has earned this distinction, About 10 years ago during one of my stints as president, she was also my choice for Member of the Year.

Bonny, on behalf all the entire membership we thank you for your dedication and hard work for so many years. You are raising the bar for all those who want to see the Club prosper and maintain its tradition of quality and professionalism.

~ Manny Alvarez



SFTR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

For the first time ever the South Florida Trail Riders awarded three \$500 scholarships to graduating high school students at the Annual Banquet. The SFTR Scholarship Fund was created this year to reward students who have contributed community hours in the many civic projects the club embraces. The students had to be active members of the Future Farmers of America Chapter at Felix Varela Senior High. This chapter has participated in our SFTR Parade Team, and many other activities in the past few years. Furthermore, the students must have shown intent in pursuing studies and a career in any of the animal sciences, including the horse industry and livestock production.

The winners for the 2016-2017 school year were **Marcela Alvaro, Jillian Penabella, and Bradley Swigert.** (see photo: Left to right: Jillian, Marcela and Bradley, looking sharp at the Annual SFTR Banquet.) Each one of them is a good scholar and good civic minded young person totally dedicated to using our lands and forests in a responsible manner, ethical and humane treatment of their livestock, and involvement in community service. They earned these scholarships.

Besides their interest in horses, they are also active in cattle production, goats, and other livestock; and dog rescue/training. They all worked many hours in many of our charity fundraisers for Autism, Christmas toys, parades, and other events.

We wish them Godspeed in the college years ahead and hope they will remain part of the SFTR Family for life.

I want to thank FFA Chapter Advisor Yleana Escobar. From the first day I met with her to go over the Club's decision to award scholarships she was on board 100% and provided a lot of assistance. I also want to thank Bonny George Jr. for her valuable assistance with this project. Bonny has been our liaison with the FFA chapter and works closely with the student volunteers. A big thanks also to the SFTR Board of Directors for their unanimous support in creating the Scholarship Fund.

We will continue to award these scholarships. The number of scholarships, and the amounts will vary every year depending on how much money we have in the bank, so feel free to contribute to the scholarship fund. One hundred per cent of the money you donate will go to a deserving student. Contact me if you would like to make a donation or discuss a Matching Funds program with your business.

~Manny Alvarez



SFTR BANQUET 2017



RIDING ACTIVITIES

for 2017-2018 SFTR Year
(Must be an SFTR member)

1. Regular **REDLAND 100** - Do 12 rides of 10-15 miles each, receive a pin when completing 100 miles within one year. (Rides must be done within the Redlands and must be a Club ride.)
2. **20 MILES x 5 RIDES = 100 MILES** - 5 consecutive rides on the weekends of 20 miles each with one make up ride. Earn a patch for completing the 100 miles. (Must be Club rides and within the Redlands.) Dates available: Saturday, October 21st; Sunday, October 29th; Saturday, November 4th; Sunday, November 12th, and Saturday, November 18th - make up ride December 2nd.
3. **500 MILES RIDE - "A Club Member Personal Achievement Riding Award"** - All your riding counts - each member turns in their riding miles on a monthly basis and when they reach 500 miles, they will qualify and earn a patch at the next banquet. (Does not have to be a Club Sponsored ride, personal riding, even when camping, counts towards the miles.)

CONDITION YOUR HORSE FOR THE UPCOMING LONG RIDES

Now is the time to start conditioning your horse, and yourself, if you have any hopes of participating in the five 20 mile trail rides we will be having in November and December. You have four months to prepare; July, August, September and October.

I will be trail bossing the first of the 20 mile rides on Saturday November 18. I will trail boss another ride on Saturday December 2.

Prepare to be on the saddle for about 6 to 8 hours. We will stop one hour for lunch. Bring a saddle lunch and snacks and plenty of water. At the starting point we will have pick-up truck to carry your horse's water and bucket to the halfway stop. Mark them to make sure no else grabs it by mistake. My two rides will start and finish at the barn where I board. We will not be shuttling riders.

By beginning your conditioning program now you will not have to push your horse, especially since it's so hot in the summer. The conditioning will also prepare you and your mount for the Osceola Ride, The Cattle Drive Reunion Ride, and the Cracker Trail Ride. Plan your shoeing schedule so that your horse gets shod about a week before the November ride. That should get you through the 100 miles of riding in five saddlings.

Augie Saavedra is coordinating these rides. Contact him for more information. You can also contact the individual trail bosses if you have any questions regarding the route and footing. More details as we get closer. Right now concentrate on riding, riding, and riding some more.

~Manny Alvarez

AWARDS FOR A SPECIAL GROUP OF STUDENTS

Their faces beamed with wide smiles as Gina Milhet, Manny Alvarez, Luisa Escudero Benitez and I presented the students of United Cerebral Palsy/United Community Options their certificates of participation in the Youth Fair Parade of Breeds event. A highlight of their spring activities, more than a dozen young adults studied facts about their assigned breed, visited a farm, practiced walking a lead-line horse, and then spoke at the Youth Fair Breeds event hosted by the SFTR. Applause, photos, hugs, and cheerful conversation shared later over lunch – what a wonderful morning spent with such good people!

We wish to thank the Youth Fair administration & Gina Milhet, Lisa White & the UCP/UCO staff, and all the SFTR who joined forces to help the participants engage in such a special community activity. It is hoped that with exposure to guided equine events, some of the students will find their career path and become self-sufficient adults. For this, we shall rally again next year when the UCP/UCO program reaches out to repeat this foundation-year curriculum. We hope more SFTR members will see the great value to the students and the personal enjoyment to be gained through participation in these events, and will join us in even greater numbers next year!

~Bonny George, Jr.



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CAREER DAY AT DANTE FASCELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN KENDALL

After an educational and entertaining presentation by the SFTR at last year's Career Day at Dante Fascell Elementary, in Kendall we were invited to return this year.

Bonny George Jr., Augie Saavedra, and I were there from 9am to 12:30PM. During that time over 100 students from grades 1 through 3 saw, touched, and learned about horses. For the vast majority this was a first close encounter with a horse. Because of the young age of the students this year, we concentrated our presentation on basic information and did not cover the career options that are of interest to older students. We spoke briefly, on a "one on one" basis, to each individual student while they stood next to one of the horses and were able to touch and pet them. Topics included basic horse anatomy, diet, some behaviors, coat colors, and basic safety when standing near a horse.

Before leaving I left a list of equine related fields for those interested in working with horses and other equines when they grow up. Next year we will probably deal with higher grades and students who are starting to think about careers. I singled out some of the fastest growing sectors in horse related occupations. Among them: **genetics** (as it pertains to identifying many diseases and propensity to many ailments through DNA studies, in-vitro fertilization, embryo transfers, etc.), **biology** as applied to study of viruses, fungi, and bacteria responsible for equine epidemics, vaccines, **nutritionists** working with feed companies, **pharmaceutical** products both controlled and over the counter, **health and beauty aids** manufacturing and development, **manufacturing** including horse trailers, horse tack and equipment, riding apparel and boots, **retail** establishments, **wholesale and distribution** of any of the above products, **teaching**, and government inspection services. In addition there also the ones everyone knows such as trainers, farriers, veterinarians and oth-

ers.

In addition to Augie and Bonny I want to thank Sylvia Cruz-Alvarez for being the liaison with the school, Miss Lian Barazal who is the School Counselor at Dante Fascell Elementary and our contact at the school, as well as the person who first reached out to us to be part of their annual event. Miss Barazal also made sure that our stay would be very pleasant by providing a cooler full of refreshments and sandwiches. It was a long four hours standing mostly in the sun.

We are looking forward to going back next year and it would be a big help for the students if we could have at least five or six horses in attendance. That would enable us to spend more time with each individual child. Please keep this in mind when you see our email blast asking for helpers.

~Manny Alvarez



DR. FRANKLIN'S PPID SEMINAR

Dr. Zachary Franklin, DVM, recently held a seminar at Woodrose Ranch, at which one guest speaker, Dr. Scott Hancock, related that the most common of all equine endocrine abnormalities is PPID – Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction/Cushings. No longer the “old pony” disease, approx. 15-30% of horses/ponies 15 yrs. & older exhibit the clinical signs of PPID; even found now in mules & donkeys.

Early signs of this disease include decreased performance, lethargy, delayed shedding, initial top line muscle atrophy, recurrent laminitis, etc. Advanced cases exhibit lethargy, lack of seasonal coat shedding, neurologic deficit/blindness/seizures, hay belly, abnormal sweating (increase or decrease), skeletal muscle atrophy (hip muscles seem to be dissolving away), regional fat deposits (including over the eyes), etc. Pasture indicator: Excessive flies on urine pools (dumping of sugar) is another sign.

There are diagnostic tests: ACTH, insulin & glucose levels, body condition scores which your vet can administer to know for sure. Early detection & proper lifetime care can keep your equine healthier & happier, and delay the advancement of debilitation.

The second speaker was Ms. Kelly Graber, an equine nutritionist, who covered Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) and PPID. Of conversation were calorie choices & content, the importance of forage; soluble carbs (grain/feeds), insoluble (fiber/forage); and fats. The sugar complexes: glucose/starch, fructose/forage, hay; and fructose were also discussed. Mentioned was over-grazing pastures – as the lower 1/3 of the grass plant has the most sugar content,

which is not healthy for the equine. Non-digestible intake (rice or oat hulls) were mentioned. Nutrina rep Jeff Fausenberg was on hand to clarify feed/supplement aspects of their line aimed at addressing some of the issues above, answer questions, and offered a wide array of equine grooming tools, gifts & marvelous raffle items!

We thank Dr. Franklin for hosting such an important & well attended seminar. The information was pertinent to the health & of our stock, and much appreciated by all. The take-away? Either pay heed to what you should be feeding now, or pay the price down the road – both in decreased longevity & health of your horse; & the massive vet bills PPID/EMS treatment (meds for organ failure, laminitis,etc) precipitate, by your perpetuating a questionable diet.

Less sugar & starch (for humans & horses) is proving healthier!

~Bonny George, Jr.



KNOW YOUR HORSE - Introduction -



This will be a series of educational articles you can use to get to know your horse a little better. I am not talking about your horse's mind or personality; I mean you should know things like his weight, what the normal gastrointestinal tract sounds like, what the normal range is for temperature, heart rate and respiration. This information will help you to recognize when there may be a problem. The first thing your doctor does when you visit is to take your weight and vital signs. Your results are compared to a “normal” range (looking for anything that might be above or below what is considered normal or healthy). A record is created this becomes a historical record of what is normal for you and comparisons are made each time you visit so your doctor can watch for trends and changes that might indicate a potential health issue or concern. I believe that a horse owner can avoid some serious health issues and recognize a problem early by being proactive by keeping records and checking vital signs, comparing them to the prior normal's for their horse. This series will cover the list of items below and it will explain how to check them, and we will give you the values which are considered the normal range (note that there will be some variation in the normal values depending on age, breed, condition, etc.)

Here are some of the things you want to know about

your horse:

- body weight
- body condition
- Respiratory rate
- Heart rate
- Temperature
- color and feel of the gums plus the capillary refill time
- digital pulse on all 4 feet and hoof temperature
- gut sounds

Knowing how to obtain this information from your horse can also be a great help to you when consulting with your veterinarian if you think there may be a health problem. Providing this information during your call to set up an appointment may help him/her determine if the situation is an emergency or not.

The series will cover one item at a time so watch for the first article in next month's issue. Also, you might want to cut out and keep each article. *Written by Susan Boyd, edited by Zachary Franklin, DVM*

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "THOMAS"



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If you are interested in learning more about Thomas, please email your questions to Laurie Waggoner using the form on the sidebar of this page (only if you are 18 or older). Please remember, we only adopt within the state of Florida.

Contact Laurie at Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info. Donations can be made at www.helpthehorses.com

**UPDATE ON HORSE OF
THE LAST MONTH,
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PARADE TEAM NEWS

Happy 4th of July!

Besides being a fantastic holiday, the July 4th on Key Biscayne is the first parade of our season! Parade Team, please arrive to the Parking area 9-9:30am - Rickenbacker Causeway over to Key Biscayne, just past the fire station, then turn right to the tennis courts. Please keep trailer toll receipts with you, as the SFTR will be reimbursing the parade team members. We will be wearing our full uniform for this parade, except for the gloves.

This is also a great parade for the newbies - walking in the July parade can lead to a great start mounted in the Freedom Walk (Sept. 9) or the Homestead Veteran's Parade (Nov. 11). In addition, this new season has been sponsored by Dean International Aviation for a second year! We appreciate their continued support of our Parade Team, and of the FFA students who volunteer to help us in these great community events. Hope to see everyone there!



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AROUND THE PADDOCK...

Our season over with the recent banquet, SFTR have been afoot doing many exciting activities.

Jillian Penabella not only received her certification as a Veterinary Assist, but won the 2017 Fla. Youth Brahman Booster Assn. Scholarship. Jillian, Bradley Swigert and Marcela Alvaro were also recipients of the SFTR's first FFA/SFTR scholarship. Building the leaders of tomorrow by fostering the talents of the young adults of today – the SFTR is proud to support these fine local students of our Parade Team!

Congratulations also to Emma Brower, who was awarded the Most Improved basketball player at Island Christian School; and to Jessie Brower for her fine dance recital!

Our hats off to Kiera Fobb, Jillian Penabella, Julianne McLarney, Tony Cruz-Alvarez, Bradley Swigert, Yelani Lopez, Marcela Alvaro, and other SFTR graduating seniors. Where ever your path may lead you, remember there is no place like home...so come join us at SFTR events!

Remember Alani Lopez won 1st on Floor Exer., Vault, Beam and Bars and was #1 in Fla, winning the state All-Around competition???

Well, she went to USA Regional Champs in S.C. and won the Floor Ex & Bars events and took 2nd on Beam and in the All-Around. What an amazing young gymnast-rider we have among us! Maybe she will learn to mix the two sports...gymnastics on horseback? Celine d'Arbellas nailed down 2nd pl. in the Heritage Horse Show, in Training Jumpers – hope your next season is filled with even more excitement!

A hearty congratulations to Cathy Rosenberg & her nursing team – she lead them to win 1st place in the Leadership div. at the Natl. Assoc. of Orthopaedic Nurses conference, for their “Comprehensive Joint Replacement” project. Thank you for your skilled contribution to the health of our community & the advancement of your profession.

Have tack or yard sale items to sell? SFTR's Katherine & Max Ottesen are hosting a Tack/Yard Sale at their Krazy Kone Farm, Sat. July 15. Set-up 6:45am, sale runs 8am-3pm; \$20 per spot. 24800 SW 193 Ave (enter on 193 Ave) Although a non-SFTR event, call Katherine & Max Ottesen at 786-376-9180 to reserve.

~Bonny George, Jr.



TROPICAL PARK HURRICANE STALLS

First! Reserve your stalls with Debi Cat-Priest at 305-775-1820. When a Hurricane Watch goes into effect, the barn manager, Pablo Tejada, will attempt to reach everyone to confirm that you will take possession of your stall. If unsuccessful, he will reassign your stall for that hurricane to someone else. Do not call Pablo unless a Watch is in effect, his number is 305-554-7334 and leave a message.

Your reservation fee per stall is \$26.00. This reserves a stall for the 2017 Hurricane Season. Once a Hurricane Watch goes into effect and you take possession of your stall, on the 25th hour you will owe Miami-Dade County an additional daily fee, plus an additional \$26.00 to re-reserve your stall for the remainder of the 2017 Season.

Upon arrival, Pablo will need to see your Coggins papers. Suggested items are flashlight, buckets with clips for water, (muck buckets work), a fly mask, your name, horse's name and phone #'s taped to your stall doors, halter, written on your horse, a bale of hay to put in the stall so the horse has something to keep him busy all the hours he is there etc.

You can't leave anything but your horse at Tropical Park.

Depending on the storm's estimated arrival, Miami-Dade County will lock the park gates. Once the Hurricane Watch is lifted, you have 48 hours to remove your horse. All stalls must be cleaned before leaving or an additional charge per stall will be applied and you will be unable to reserve stalls in the future.

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