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SFTRs New Board

Left to right secretary Helve Longoria, director Belinda Hebert, director Dennys Cabrera, vice president Mike Maldonado, president Lisa Morgan, treasurer Michele Wright, director Michelle Goosetree, director Susie Randolph, not present director Ciro Fonseca and alternates Tyra Phillips and Gina Milhet.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

All activities under social distancing & wear a mask protocols.

Tues 6- SFTR Gen. Meeting,
Homestead VFW. Dinner
Special guest speaker: Renee Reynolds -
SFTR Camping Trip!

Sat 10- Desensitizing Clinic - Obstacles
& Parading Practice TB Lisa Morgan.

Location: Bonny & Sonny George Jr's
farm.

Sat 17-Tree Tops Father's Day Ride,
Tree Tops Park, Davie. TBs Joel
Goldmacher & Mike DaCunha.

See more inside...

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These are the two closest equine hospitals:

Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital **561-383-5437**
5320 South Shore Blvd. Wellington, Fla.

Palm Beach Equine Clinic **561-793-1599**
13125 Southfields Rd. Wellington, Fla.

HORSE CHARITIES

The SFTR donates to these charities once a year. These charities are badly in need of donations. Please try to send what you can to help them. Thanks from the SFTR.

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www.helpthehorses.com

P.O. Box 924088

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www.HPAF.org

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

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www.eiahorses.org

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TRAIL MANNERS

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

- **18 & UNDER MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-riders' 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 AT ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

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



2023

Dates and Places

Call the Hot-line for any cancellations
(305) 4-HORSES 446-7737

2023



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

June 2023

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Sat 10- Desensitizing Clinic - Obstacles & Parading Practice, TB Lisa Morgan. Location: Bonny & Sonny George Jr's farm. Arr. 9am, ride 10am, lunch 11:30am.

Mon 12- SFTR Board Meeting; Lisa Morgan's home, 7:30pm.

Sat 17- Tree Tops Father's Day Ride, Tree Tops Park, Davie. TBs Joel Goldmacher & Mike DaCunha. Arr. 9:30am, ride 10:30, burgers & dogs lunch 12noon.

July 2023

Tues 4- 4th of July Parade, TB Lisa Morgan; Key Biscayne

TBA - SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dinner 7pm, meeting 7:30

Mon 10- SFTR Board Meeting; Deda & Mike Maldonado's home, 7:30pm.

Sat 22- Day of the American Cowboy Ride, TB Mike Maldonado; Larry & Penny Thompson Park. Arr. 9am, Cowboy outfit contest 9:30, ride 10am, lunch 12noon.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE: Heavy duty Polyethelene 70gal. rectangular water tank. 41"L, 17.5"W, 17.5" H. Great shape, all fittings, \$150. Bonny 305-233-1897

FOR SALE: Craftsman Radial Arm Saw, 10", 2.5hp. Stand has wheels. \$125. Bonny 305-233-1897

FOR SALE: Farm fresh free-range chicken eggs. \$3doz. Room for 3 more customers on the egg route! Bonny 305-233-1897

Between newsletters you can follow all SFTR activities on our Facebook Page. "South Florida Trail Riders" and our website sftrmiamidade.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

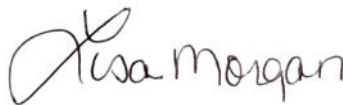
Hello Trail Riders,

I am humbled for this opportunity to be your President. I want you all to know I will do my very best to continue the great legacy of the SFTR. This is such an awesome club, with great people and a variety of different horses. I started out as a volunteer years ago and really enjoyed the people, as well as the events. I am hoping for more participation this year in our events. Remember without you, the member, we are nothing. Come join us at our monthly meetings – the first Tuesday of the month, so our next will be Tues. June 6. If you have concerns, questions and suggestions, please come to a Board meeting and voice them. Board meetings are open to all SFTR members to attend. Each voice counts in making this club better. I hope to see you at one of the meetings.

Thank you again for entrusting me with this job.

Thank you,

Lisa Morgan
President
South Florida Trail Riders



Lisa Morgan

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Amaris Hess-Garneau
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Sheila Schlafly
Sophia Petri



The Membership Has Spoken

The SFTR 2023-2024 election officially ended with no mailed in ballots, and only 9 in-person ballots received. Election Runner had 115 participants out of 404 potential voters, which is in the same count range for the past two years of participation.

The SFTR 2023-2024 Election results were:

President: Lisa Morgan
Vice President: Mike Maldonado
Treasurer: Michele Wright
Secretary: Helve Longoria

New Board members are: (in alphabetical order)

Dennys Cabrera
Ciro Fonseca
Michelle Goostree

Belinda Herbert
Susie Randolph

New Alternate Board members are:

Gina Milhet
Tyra Phillips

As Chris and I recently completed our move to Marysville, Tenn., I just wanted to mention to you all that I am very thankful to have been part of the club these past years. I intend to remain a member and I will keep helping with the club's social media and elections.

Thank you, and take care!

~Megan Rego

We have 280 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year.

Welcome New Members

WE WILL E-MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS.

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Viviana Gomez
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and Maria Panedes
Hialeah, Fl. 33015

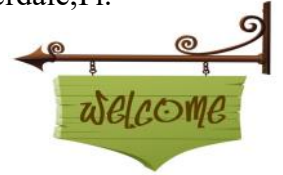
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You Are Getting a Discount . . . So Please be Nice

We greatly appreciate our sponsors & community businesses who not only contribute financially to our benefits (Autism Ride, St. Jude Ride, & others), but they also give our members a discount on a variety of goods & services sold by their business. Many of these businesses are family owned & operated, and employ locals – all of which bolsters the economy & quality of life for our community. That said, an issue has been brought to the attention of Board members, & we need to alert our membership.

Although most of us in the SFTR appreciate the discounts given by our supporting stores, some members have not acted in an appreciative manner. We have been told that SFTRs have raised their voices, yelled & openly acted irate to the salespeople at these establishments. Reason cited: no discount applied as the customer's name is not on a membership list. The list is not checked until an employee has been alerted that a discount is expected before the sale is being charged, tell the clerk that you are a SFTR member and expect the discount when you go to check out.

The bottom line: **NO member has the right to yell at, demean, or verbally abuse a store worker!** Often speaking in low tones & being nice solves a situation

faster, & without ill feelings on either side.

The local stores access a monthly member list & do their best to stay up-to-date. When their business is full of customers all wanting speedy service, it is difficult to halt the line to use a computer to verify membership, & then do the discounting. Members are mailed a membership card when they join/renew. It is the **responsibility** of the **member** to **carry the member card**, & to show it at local stores when desiring a discount. If a member does not have a card, please contact Membership (inside front of this newsletter) for a card. Problem solved!

Again, this only applies to a few members who frequent local businesses, but news of the confrontations has reached the Board & Officers – and we ask everyone to be patient & do their part to carry a card. The Board has its first meeting for the new season at Lisa Morgan's home, June 12, 7:30pm. All members are welcome to attend to voice suggestions & hear what the Board will plan for our new season. The issue of member verification in a manner convenient for our supporting businesses **will** be discussed. Come give your opinions on how we all can better work together!

~Your Board

DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount that applies.

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10750 SW 188 Street. Miami 252-1256

Future Events

SFTR General Meeting - Tues. June 6

Although we just ended our 2022-2023 season, our club is already gearing up for an even better new season starting now in June! With Covid and Strangles hopefully staying a distant memory, many are looking forward to getting back out on the trail and having interesting clinics & events. Come meet with good friends & hear what's already in the works from our new President, Lisa Morgan, join us at our **SFTR General Meeting, on Tues. June 6.**

We also have a special guest speaker to start off our new season. Camping Chairwoman, Renee Reynolds, will tell us all about the recent camping trip, which highlighted the Biltmore Estate in NC! Renee will detail the amazing trip & will have photos of their

many ride locations along the trip! She even has dates already set for camping trips this October, to let everyone know what adventures await the Trail Riders for the fall.

We meet at the **Homestead VFW post**, where we park for the Veteran's parade: 601 N.E. 2 Rd. (Campbell Dr./312 St. & then go south at the light at 1st Rd.; east of Krome, just west of US1). Dine **7pm**, meeting **7:30pm**. This meeting will be about you voicing your interests for activities for this new season. So come and participate, the room is spacious, the food is good & reasonable. Bring your friends & family! See you there.

~Your New Board

Summer Celebration of the American Cowboy

Relive & commemorate the history of the American cowboy! Dress in your best cowgirl/cowboy or little cowpoke attire & join in the Day of the American Cowboy Ride on **Sat. July 23**. Mike Maldonado will Trail Boss this annual event at Larry & Penny Thompson Park (Eureka Dr/184 St & 127 Ave- enter & park at the mango grove). **Arrive 9am**, cowboy attire **contest 9:30am**, **ride 10am** for about 1.5hrs. Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet.

Carry your favorite western gear on your saddle (even if you ride English!). Dress in authentic cowboy/cowgirl attire & bring along the little cowpokes for the contest too! You can join in the fun even if you're horseless. Open to **all SFTR** members, there are several great awards for best dressed, so prep your outfit now for the big event! Day rider passes

(\$5) to cover insurance, & club T-shirts will be on sale. You can also renew your club membership for the coming year at the same time.

Mike will make his famous chili for lunch at 12noon for **ALL SFTR** members to enjoy. Everyone please bring a side dish to share: chips, dips, fruit salad, cut veggies/cheeses, desserts, etc. Water & sodas will also be provided. Restrooms in the park.

We encourage **all SFTR** to ride, even if you don't dress up. So bring your chair to sit at lunch & a dish to share – it is a short, easy fun ride with a feast after! Great for juniors and newbie horses too! Please RSVP to Mike 305-331-7599 or on Facebook, in case of rain issues.

~Mike Maldonado

Desensitizing – Test Your Skills & See What Your Horse Can Learn

All SFTR are invited to bring their horse to a desensitizing activity. You may work in-hand or ride. The activities will be geared to introduce the horses to each other (socialization) & to distractions: noise, music, bicycles, flags, etc. The aim of the clinic is to prepare you & your horse to parade with the SFTR – and represent our club out in the community at local parades & walks. But also to expose your horse to these situations in a calm format, so your horse can be a more tolerant equine on the trail!

Lisa Morgan will Trail Boss the event at Bonny and Sonny George, Jr.'s farm, on **Sat. June 10**. **Arrive 10am** & start as soon as you are tacked up. The activity will be held in a fenced field area, so no fear of your horse getting away. There may be a very short off-property ride after the activities are over. A sandwich lunch will be provided, & water/sodas.

Please bring your favorite chips, dips, snack platter, fruit, dessert, & ALL SFTR are invited for the **lunch at 12noon!**

This is for newbie horses, old mules, mini ponies, seasoned trail horses, giant drafts, buggies, & show horses. The more diverse the group the better! Parade Team members please attend to refresh your equine and help newcomers as well. Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet when mounted – due to the unpredictable nature of horses mixing together with such distractions. So bring your equine, walk them or ride, bring your junior to lead-line or ride solo...and see what your horse can learn. Afterward, have your chair & a side dish to share as we all will sit for some social time. Watch your email for more info the week before the event.

~Lisa Morgan

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs ... Tree Tops Father's Day Ride

A great ride is planned at Tree Tops Park, in Davie, for Sat. June 17, and will be a Father's Day celebration complete with a huge hamburger & hot dog BBQ!! Joel Goldmacher (dual Dade/Broward member) & Mike DaCunha (Dade) will co-Trail Boss an easy ride through Tree Tops Park. The trails are almost all shaded by big oaks, & dotted with burrowing owl nests! Acres to ride & a playgrounds for the little ones too. Plenty of parking space for big rigs & extra family cars, and shade trees for the picnic.

Arrival set for 9:30 to give all us southerners time to drive north, so let's have a big turn-out! Ride 10:30. This is a good place for newbie horses & riders, and juniors too! Juniors 18-under must wear a helmet. After the ride Mike & Joel will host a big hamburger

& hot dog BBQ in honor of all our dads. The dogs/ burgers & water/sodas provided. Everyone please bring a side dish to make a huge feast! Salads, baked beans, fruit, chips/dip, guacamole, your favorite casserole or dessert. It will be to show our dads how much we appreciate them! The ride **and** lunch are for **ALL** Dade & Broward SFTR (whether you ride or not), so come enjoy old friends & meet new ones in both our clubs!

Please RSVP to Joel Goldmacher (Broward): 305-331-0985 or to Mike DaCunha (Dade): 786-308-8082 so adequate burgers/dogs can be on hand. Your RSVP number is also important in case of a rain event. Save the date and see you there!

~Mike DaCunha

Start Camping With the SFTR This October

Oct. 6-18 East Fork, Tenn. Ray Gonzalez, a dual member with Dade & Broward, will Trail Boss this trip. Join-up at any point on the trip, or meet at the first stop & caravan the entire trip – ride when the fall leaf colors are the best! **First stop: Fri. Oct. 6** - Perry, Ga. Or Unadilla, Ga. **Saturday, Oct. 7**- Unadilla, Ga. to Jamestown, Tenn., approx. 336 miles. Then to East Fork stables, Tenn. with over 120 mi. of beautiful trails. The campground has water, electric & some have sewer. All stalls are covered. Ride East Fork Oct 8-11. **Thurs., Oct. 12**- East Fork to Big South Fork National River & Rec. Area, Bandy Creek Campground; distance 37 mi. Big So. Fork has over 200 mi. of gorgeous trails. Bandy Creek campground has water/electric & a dump station. Ride Big So. Fork Oct 13-17. **Thurs. Oct. 18**- Big South Fork to Perry, Ga. Contact Ray Gonzalez 954-707-2917 or dreamcatcher3721@yahoo.com.

Oct. 19-23 Hardee Lake County Park, Fla. Wayne & Carrie Hershberger will TB a nice event in mid-Fla. The camping area has primitive sites (no water/elec) & a limited number of electric+water hook-up sites for trailers (your choice), priced approx. \$15- \$23 per night, plus tax. Additional fee for addl. cars or guests. There are high tie posts for the horses (bring your own high line & tree protectors) or use your own portable corrals (no paddocks or stalls avail); plenty of water for horses, picnic tables, bath house & you can ride in the lake! Pack out Mon. Oct. 23 by 1pm. Address: 5502 Ollie Roberts Rd, Bowling Green, Fla. 33834 (NW of Sebring). Call/text Carrie or Wayne for info: 305-206-1698.

NOTE: Renee Reynolds, our Camping Chairperson, is asking for any families who might be going camping on their own this fall, to please consider being a Trail Boss & having other SFTR members ride with you as you camp! Please call her asap so we can promo your event! Renee: 305-338-8192.



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June Starts Our Hurricane Season – are You Ready?

Hurricane season is almost here, so it's time to prepare & plan for the worst, while we hope for the best. This includes a plan for yourself, your family & home, & also for your four legged friends. If you are **not** going to get Hurricane stalls (see separate article in this newsletter), then here's a guideline:

Be sure your horse is current for vaccinations: tetanus & encephalitis viruses (Rabies, Eastern, Western, & West Nile) & have a current negative Coggins, in case of trailering/transport. Ask your vet now for the docs, don't wait for a hurricane to be coming!

Be sure to store the record for the microchip number (i.e., E.I.A. or Coggins) in an accessible location (keep a second copy with a family member/friend in a distant location, but where it is easily accessed).

Be sure your horse has two forms of identification: (1) **Permanent Id.**- a microchip, tattoo/brand, & (2) **Luggage-type tag** secured to the tail & halter (be sure to use a leather halter for break-away purposes). Fetlock tags are useful & can be acquired on-line or from a local farm supply store; or use non-toxic paint stick/spray paint. Place your name, address & phone number (phone # of someone out of state is best in the event of phone outages) legibly on the tags.

If you plan to evacuate (ALWAYS do this if possible) in the event of a storm, have a destination & route(s) mapped out & your Coggins docs well in advance. Evacuate your horses a sufficient distance from the coast & plan to leave a minimum of 72 hours before the arrival of the storm. The worst thing that can happen is to be stuck in traffic with a trailer full of horses & a hurricane approaching. Provide your neighbors with your evacuation contact information.

Make a waterproof emergency animal care kit with all normally used items, including medications, salves/ointments, vet wrap, bandages, tape, etc. Put the kit in a safe place where you can easily access it after a storm.

If you plan to weather the storm at home (not usually recommended), here are some guidelines:

Start early to clean up your property & remove all debris that may be tossed around by storm & hurricane force winds. Be careful of down power lines that can be "live" & are a danger to people & animals.

The choice of keeping your horse in a barn or an open field is up to you. Use common sense & consider barn structure, trees, power lines, condition of surrounding properties & the likelihood of the property/structure to flood. Farms subject to storm surge or flash flooding should turn their horses out so horses are not trapped & thus drown.

Remove all items from the barn aisle & walls, & store in a safe place.

Have at least 2-3 weeks of hay (wrapped in plastic/waterproof tarp) & feed (stored in plastic water-tight containers, secure the seams with duct tape). Place in the highest (out of reach of flood waters) & driest area possible.

Fill clean plastic garbage cans with water, secure the tops, & place them inside for use after the storm.

Have an emergency repair kit containing a chain saw & fuel, hammer(s), saw, nails, screws & fencing materials. Place the kit in a secure area before the storm, so it is easily accessible after the storm.

Be sure to have an ample supply of flashlights, batteries & other non-perishable items.

Listen to local radio stations in your area or access state-run internet sites having accurate updates.

We all enjoy our horses, but their health & safety are a concern. Plan now, make a contact list of SFTR so you can help each other, & let's hope we have an uneventful summer!

~Belinda Hebert

The “Almost” Fechtel Camp-out

Being the Trail Boss, I was on the road early with the evening's hors d'oeuvres & turkey for Saturday night's main dish. Excitedly pulling up to Fechtel's gate, I found it - LOCKED! After multiple phone calls pleading for the combination, I was told their reservation system was down & unless a reservation was made a month in advance, no one was allowed in. No exceptions! I immediately reached out to my fellow camping buddies who scrambled to find another venue! Fortunately, our sister club, SFTR Broward, was camping at Colt Creek. Perfect! However, I felt HORRIBLE!! I love being a TB & will I ever be trusted with this honor again?! I considered heading to Colt Creek, but sitting in 6:00pm, Interstate-4 Disney traffic changed my mind, and I headed home. Having contacted the all campers on my list, I was surprised to get a call from Leo Perez later that evening ... he was asking why he was the ONLY person in Fechtel's entire campground?? Beginning to feel sick again, I apologized profusely. Being the kind person that Leo is, he promised to enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of having an entire campground to himself & headed to Colt Creek in the morning. I heard that the weekend at Colt Creek was a success, despite its rough start. I hope to be asked to Trail Boss next year's Fechtel Campout & promise to follow-through and fill-in all the particulars when my camping buddies are depending on me!! Happy Trails!

~Donna Hakanson

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "Broadcast Time"



Broadcast Time
Breed Thoroughbred

Sex Gelding
Year of Birth 2015
Height 16 hands
Arrival to Farm March 24, 2021

Broadcast Time, AKA as BT, is a Bay colored Off Track Thoroughbred. He was born in April 2015 and arrived at the ranch in March of 2021. He stands almost 16 hands tall.

BT is a very smart horse, who is confident and not spooky. He stands well at the mounting block, and he knows some "tricks", (such as "Yes, and "No" and " take a bow"), that he was taught while he was rehabilitating and waiting for his retraining to begin. His favorite gate is a walk. He is best suited for light work and trail riding.

He is not suitable for a beginner. He gets along well with other horses when turned out in a group. He is familiar with clicker training and loves to learn new behaviors. He would make a great movie horse.

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

Nina, last month's horse,
is still available.



PARADE TEAM NEWS

It's that time again ... to get ready for PARADES !!!!!
Everyone please check you uniform and tack. If you need something, please, this is the time to let us know.



Parades this year are July 4th, Veterans, Santa's Parade of Elves and, last but not least, the big Jr. Orange Bowl Parade! I will send out an email at end of this month with parade dates and times, so you can mark your calendar accordingly.

I am hoping to have a little desensitizing event on **Sat. June 10**. Parades or not, ALL SFTR are welcome. Seasoned Parade Team members, new SFTR wanting to join the group AND every SFTR who just wants to desensitize their horse and do something different in a pasture-safe environment!

Please let us know if you would like to join the parade team. Remember, this is the only way we can let people from all over the community to see us, get to know us and/or become a new member. You don't have to have a horse to be part of the parades. We always need walkers, drivers, a poop-scoop team, and of course, people to help set up.

It was great to see so many of you at the banquet and hope to see you on June 10.

~Lisa Morgan

SFTR MERCHANDISE FOR SALE:

All anniversary T-shirts \$10 each
45th anniversary T-shirt 3XL
40th anniversary T-shirts
1 Size Small
1 Size Medium
1 Size Large
2 Size XL
30th Anniversary neckerchiefs \$1.00
45th anniversary coffee mugs 2 for \$5.00,
or \$3.00 each

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Celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Horseback

The Cinco de Mayo ride was hosted at Country Oaks Farm, where five riders cheerfully set out with Michelle Goostree as their Trail Boss. Kim Cates, a new rider joined us; & Bonny George Jr. helped as ground support. The weather was overcast at the start of the ride, which made it very nice. But thank goodness we had plenty of cover at the barn after the ride, because a cool, hard rain came down. This allowed our horses to be cleaned the natural way! Lunch was provided

by Michelle & Country Oaks Farm. After the ride, Phyllis McGrath & daughter, Lynn Stine; and Sonny George Jr. all arrived a little before Megan Rego. We all had a great lunch—sandwiches, sodas & a beautiful going away cake for Megan. After all these years riding with us & helping the club in so many events, it was hard to say goodbye. Tennessee claims yet another great SFTR! It was a great time had by all!

~Michelle Goostree





SUNSHINE REPORT



We were saddened to hear of the passing of Wendy Stamatyades' father, Walter Cotgreave. May memories of good times well spent be remembered always. And condolences to the family of Hanna Serfass, a junior rider on a splendid jump run who was tragically killed on course, as her horse fell on her, at a Fox Lea Farm competition. Those desiring more information may contact Sam Torcise or Charla Liford, or others. Another long time SFTR member, Donna Forman, passed away recently. She used to ride Peaches on the trail & on many camping trips. Battling a series of severe health issues these last years, we were fortunate to have her join us this past year for meetings, local events where she helped out, & at the Spice Park. Remembering her light personality, she will be missed.

Debby Fries-Furton is healing from 2 eye surgeries this year so far, to insert gas bubbles to repair retinal membranes. Hope the world becomes clearer over the summer. Meanwhile, Jessica Klumb had a mysterious health drop that landed her in the hospital, taking a battery of tests for a few days, & is now recovering at home. We are sending well-wishes to Holly Thommes husband, Bill, as he recuperates from an extended hospital stay for leg circulation issues.

Also sending well-wishes to both of Cathy Rosenberg's parents. Both have been far under the weather & dad was hospitalized for a bit. Hope June finds everyone in the family back in good health!

Sadly, Jennifer Law said goodbye to Bear, her big black & tan canine with the soft kind eyes she had for 17 yrs. But now 4 mo. old Maggie – an Anatolian Shepherd, walked into Jennifer's life, & is doing her working-dog job on the farm.

Congratulations to Andrea Sante, & husband, Jack, for their 40th Anniversary; and to Natalie Oudin who just tied the knot in Tenn. with her love, Alex Stauber. Mom, Ann-louise Oudin, has shared their family's other great news, as she is a grandmother to Lily Brooke. Congratulations! And a different kind of grandmother, Ashley Leonard has had some more baby sheep! Way to go GrandBahahahahaha!

If you have some news to share so we may spread a little Sunshine on fellow members, please let any Board member know. And if there is a member who would like to volunteer to gather the news for us, you will be helped to make this monthly Sunshine article. It's easy & you'll be flowing with the pulse of the SFTR – as we are all family.

~Your Board

Around the Paddock – So Many Members and So Much Activity!

School is drawing to a close and the summer heat is already in the wind. Despite our rainy season being in full swing, there has been a lot going on.

On the school scene: Graduating seniors Kamili Fernandez, Tiffany Daly, & Brianna Burgos from the Varela Vet. Science FFAs, won our SFTR-FFA Scholarships for community service. Kamili also earned numerous academic awards & simultaneously completed a year of classes with Cornell Univ. Olivia Kardol was taking college level engineering classes her freshman yr. & each year after and now graduated in Tenn. with high honors & an Assoc. of Applied Sci. in Industrial Systems Tech. (Mechatronics). She also won Rookie of the Year for making it to the St. finals her first year. Locally, Jaylyn Dorado received the Coaches Award at school, while Colin Dunleavy graduated Christopher Columbus Sr. Laura Micali's son, Jonathan, graduated U of Fla. Suma Cum Laude in Civil Engineering; while Emma & Hector Bardino's son, Hector, graduated as a St. of Fla. Probationary Officer from the academy. On the younger scene: 8yr. old Andres Lopez finished 2nd gr. & had a great year with his baseball team & BMX events; and 9 yr. old Jason McDaniel completed 3rd gr. & played the intro. song to Willie Wonka in a solo piano performance at Pinecrest Gardens. Such talents!

In equine sports: Robin Anderson has been

improving her barrel runs on Katy, and Lynn Vina is back to cutting on Boogie. Janelis Egozcue won a 4th over-all buckle in pole bending & dad Alex's team buckled in steer roping. In the All Fla. Jr. Rodeo finals Janelis won 1st in 3D poles & 3rd in 2D barrels. Meanwhile, Barbara Ruiz-Gonzalez won the Novice Amateur award at the Mom's Day event in Ocala, on Piney! The Swamp Donkey Drill Team are off to their 2nd Fla. St. qualifier competition in Ocala this June – good luck to Wendy & Sofia Stamatyades; Samantha, Susannah & Sarah Rotella; & Stephany Lores! Locally, we saw that Carlos Galo received a trophy at the San Jose Equestrian Club for Outstanding Performance. Congratulations!

In other activities, Lynn Stine completed the Girls Mud Run 5k & the Pelican Bird Rescue 5k. Lots of stamina there! Another star is born... Rachel Shearing will have her new 5mo old Golden Retriever, Sunny, in a commercial for PGT Custom Windows – watch for it on TV! Those who follow her rescue dog & agility champion, Salsa, can see the pup in her movie debut “Space Pups” now on Amazon!

Give us a shout-out on activities you do – there may be other SFTR who would like to learn & try also. Family & friends sharing good times together makes everyone's life richer! ‘

~Bonny George, Jr.

Bicycle Racers Couldn't Deter Us From the Beach Ride

Well, our April 1 Beach Ride was canceled due to an equine Strangles virus scare, so the April 23 Beach Ride became even more anticipated & exciting. That morning, the powers that be allowed the bicycle riders to exclusively occupy the outgoing lanes of the Rickenbacker Causeway & bridge, and block all turn-offs toward Virginia Key beach for two hours. From 8:am to 9:30am we stacked up nearly a dozen horse trailers on the grass median across from the marina & waited.

Now for the good part, I counted on one helper to set up; Mike DaCunha joined me at 8:am to help, but by the time we finally got in & parked, many of our members were present & I had much more help! In an effort to help get the beach prepared in record time, Bernie Cruz & Leo Perez joined Mike D. & me and we were done by 10:am. Thank you so much guys, for coming to my rescue! As usual, Bonny kept the

trailers in neat rows & Helve kept our count of trailers, horses & members for our records - what dedicated members, always there to help!!!

The whole ride went great after that delay. The weather was perfect, there were no major incidents & everyone had lots of fun!! Even Stan Gregoire who was flipped off Blue into the sand & Natalie Perlin who was sent for a solo swim off Incognito, both had a great time at their first beach ride! Mike D. had a family engagement so he left early, but my morning team stayed until the last trailer was gone & helped pick up the row of huge orange cones, all the sticks & signs, 300' of hose & loaded everything into my trailer. Neither Bernie or Leo left until the place looked like we were never there. You guys are amazing friends & great additions to our club! Thank you again!!!

~Mike Maldonado





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