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P.O.Box 924946 Princeton, Florida 33092

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MARCH BEACH RIDE



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Tues 1- SFTR General Meeting, Home-
stead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Sat 5- Ride to Celebrate Life,
TB Luis Valdeon.

Tues 15-29 – SFTR Camping Trip,
TBs Andres Prida & Leo Perez; Bryson,
NC & Jamestown, Tenn.

Sat 19 - Autism Ride.
TB Robin Bramson. Location TBA,

Sat 26- Beach Ride #2, Va. Key,
TB Mike Maldonado.

See more inside...

OFFICERS

ALL AREA CODES ARE 305 UNLESS STATED

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SFSPCA: Laurie Waggoner 825-8826

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.

South Fla. SPCA

www.helpthehorses.com

P.O. Box 924088

Homestead, Fl. 33092

Horse Protection Association of Florida

www.HPAF.org

20690 NW 130 Ave.

Micanopy, Fl. 32667

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.

www.eiahorses.org

1840 NE 65 Ct.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33308

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.



2025

Dates and Places

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

2025



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

APRIL 2025

- Tues 1- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30pm.
- Sat 5- Ride to Celebrate Life, TB Luis Valdeon. Arrive 9am, ride 10am.
- Mon 7- SFTR Board Meeting- Zoom, 7:30pm
Includes Varela In-Person Interviews for SFTR Scholarship! 7:45pm
- Tues 15-29 – SFTR Camping Trip, TBs Andres Prida & Leo Perez;
Bryson, NC & Jamestown, Tenn.
- Sat 19 - Autism Ride. TB Robin Bramson. Location TBA, arrive 9am, ride 10am,
for 1.5 hrs
- Sat 26- Beach Ride #2, Va. Key, TB Mike Maldonado. Arrive 10am, out 3pm.
(see article)

MAY 2025

- Sat 3- Junior's End-of-Year Obstacle Challenge. (see article)
TBs Bonny & Sonny George Jr., their farm. Arrive 9am, start 9:30-10am.
Lunch & awards 12noon.
- Sun 4- TBA Varela Scholarship docs due by Midnight.
- Tues 6- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.
- Mon 12- SFTR Board Meeting- Zoom 7:30pm.
- Sun 18- SFTR Banquet- Olga's Banquet Hall, 2500 SW 107 Ave., un.#9.
6:30pm -10:30pm. Must register on-line, no walk-ins!! (see article)
- Sat 31- SFTR Yard and Tack Sale, TB Sonni Peles. 9am-2pm.
New Life Sanctuary Church - 22755 SW 177 Ave.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hey Trail Riders,

The year is coming to an end & we have had some great events! I want to thank everyone who came to participate in our rides, parades, fundraisers & awareness events that we have had this year! I especially want to thank those who worked so diligently behind the scenes, in so many aspects of the club, that many members don't even realize are happening. They are the unsung hero's of keeping the club alive so to speak!

As we move into the final months of the year before it resets, we have a few more fun events to join in together. The Autism ride, our last beach ride, the Junior Obstacle event, and our end of the year banquet - to name a few! I hope to see as many members old & new come join us for these events along with all the other rides in between.

The organization as a whole needs participation, not just in coming to events but helping with the logistics overall: whether it be helping coordinate the event, help cleaning up or anything that would help our activities run smoothly. Without the help of the members (and not just a handful of active members) we have the potential to lose our focus & the success of the club as a whole. Many benefit from the "perks" of the organization like the beach rides, and hurricane stalls, but don't realize the amount of effort put in by those who are keeping it alive - be it the officers, board members or the small group of members who participate in putting events together, so we can offer these perks.

Imagine what we could do in the community if ALL members were as involved? Think of it as if it's your paycheck for membership. If you only get what you put into it, how fat (or not) would that paycheck be?

I really hope to see the old & new faces of our members come join in, not only to participate, but bring in new members and join the fun, to create an even bigger, better upcoming year! See you on the trail!

Thank you,
Michelle Goostree
President
South Florida Trail Riders



Michelle Goostree

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

NEED: 4 mini horse surcingles, any condition/can fix. Newer at reasonable price please. These are for the SFTR/FFA students' minis that parade with us. Bonny George Jr 305-431-1431

FOR SALE: Used farm supplies - Telephone pole gate posts, 10Ft security gates and corral panels with/ without gates. Everything for sale 50% off of new purchase price. Contact Amaris 786-226-3963

Stalls for rent half board \$235.00 per month in Homestead. No stallions. Contact Carol 305-498-6278

Classified ads are free for SFTR members, Rules: 2—3 lines, no photos, will be published in 2 consecutive newsletters, must have members phone number to contact.

We have 210 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.

Miranda Boyle and
Levi Boyle
Homestead, Fl. 33030

Guadalupe and
Joe Collins
Miami, Fl. 33172

Christie and
Sam Hurley
Davie, Fl. 33330

Jacelyn Sanchez and
Michael Valdes
Miami, Fl. 33125

Tracy Bravo
Miami, Fl. 33196

Lily Corrieri and
Veronica Lopez
Homestead, Fl. 33032

Deborah Klem
Pinecrest, Fl. 33156



Emma Brower
Homestead, Fl. 33030

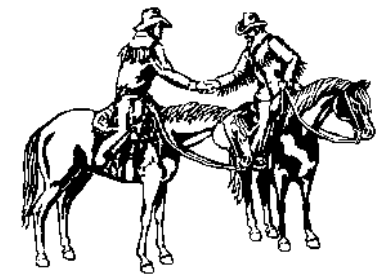
Aniel Gomez and
Annie Capero-Gomez
Homestead, Fl. 33030

Janett Morales and
Arian Hernandez
Miami, Fl. 33125

Amy Cepero
Moorehaven, Fl. 33471

Margaret and
Lavinia Gonzalez
Homestead, Fl. 33034

Amber Rodriguez
Miami, Fl. 33196



Carlos Collado and
Yanelis Avila
Miami, Fl. 33187

Sheila Romero
Miami Shores, Fl. 33150

PRICES FOR ADS ON OUR NEWSLETTER

Camera Ready Material

-Business Card size
\$60.00 per year

-Full page Ad \$80.00 per issue
-1/2 Page Ad \$40.00 per issue
-1/4 Page Ad \$30.00 per issue

DISCOUNTS ARE OFFERED TO SFTR MEMBERS BY THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES.

Always ask Proprietor for amount of discount & availability.

Robbie's Feed and Supply
The VetteSmith Inc. Body shop

22390 SW 177th Ave. (Krome) Miami
10750 SW 188 Street. Miami

247-1256
252-1256

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Abbygail Gregoire
Abigail Goostree
Alma Moss
Amy McGarry
Carin Harper
Elio Vazquez
Ivette Unlo
Ivette Vallejo

Janett Morales
Jim Stroemer
Joanna Weber
Karen Galipeault
Karen Crowley
Kathy Cox
Laurie Waggoner
Lily De La Paz

Linda B. Rose
Megan Acosta
Mia B. Moreno
Michelle Goostree
Mike Maldonado
Nelson Rodriguez
Patricia Acosta
Ramon (Ray) Gonzalez

Raul del Portillo
Sandra Reyna
Vicki LeMaster
Walter Anon



Future Events

LAST VIRGINIA KEY BEACH RIDE THIS SEASON – GENERAL INFO

Each year we have the privilege of being the only horse club to ride & swim at Virginia Key beach. Why? Because we conduct ourselves in a safe & friendly manner, clean up after ourselves, we take care around native plants and trees & respect the rules of the park. Our first beach event went well, & our last beach ride of this season will be **Sat. Apr. 26**. You **MUST** be a **SFTR member** to **enter & participate** in this event. Club members already on our member list get first dibs, anyone joining now just do do the beach event will be added at the end of the list. An email notice will be sent a week prior to the event, to all members, to register. Do **NOT** call or email at this time – the sign up window is **NOT** open yet. There are **NO early sign-ups!!!**

To have a nice, safe day, there are rules to follow. Some are for insurance reasons, and **MOST** are the **PARK RULES!** Break the rules & you will not be allowed to participate in the future! So please respect the rules or we will have to ask you to leave the park.

Stay inside our area. Do not go out to the public or give rides to non-members.

Do not go past the caution tape/signs.

Do not use the large pavilions. We have a small pavilion that can be used by our parking.

No riding double.

State law requires that Helmets MUST be used for children 16yrs & under.

NO DOGS PLEASE –Besides PARK RULE, your horse may be good with your dog, but

others' not so much.

Clean up any trash or manure around your trailer, whether it is yours or not.

Board Members have the final say! Listen to them.

Your trailer & horses **MUST** be pre-registered and pre-paid as you cannot get thru the front gate without your name on the list (everyone in your car must be a SFTR). You must stop at the guard shack to get your parking pass. If you are going in a separate vehicle than the trailer, they will charge you their regular entrance fee at the gate. Again, members only.

The beach ride times will be 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You need to arrive by 10:00 AM at the guard gate, as they have other events going on in the front and there will be a lot of traffic after 10:00 AM.

Once you arrive at the guard shack you will continue driving to the back of the property staying on the road you entered on and bear to the left at the end. We will have signs posted as you get to the back of the property.

Everyone must be cleaning up and preparing to leave by 2pm and LEAVE by 3:00 PM. The park wants our entire area empty by 4pm so their park staff can close the area. All areas need to be spotless when you trailer out. We want this place cleaner than when we got there. Thanks!

~Your Board

CALLING ALL JUNIORS - COME TO AN OBSTACLE EVENT ESPECIALLY FOR YOU! ON SATURDAY, MAY 3

Come to an obstacle course designed for all levels & all ages of juniors, we will have: noodles, tarps, poles, ramps, bridges, & water to cross. Also weave cones, pole bending & cloverleaf barrels. The obstacles are safe for mini horses & drafts alike, so bring what you have & let your junior equine enthusiast participate!

The event will start with everyone doing **in-hand Showmanship**, so regardless of age, ability, or disability each junior can lead their equine, stand it for the judge to grade & do a simple leading pattern. There may be questions about: breed/color identification, anatomy horse/h hoof parts, horsemanship, etc. Each participant is to **bring your own hoof pick** to show technique!! Yes, we will have kind judges on more than 15 obstacles! The second stage will be **In-Hand Obstacles** – the junior walks & leads their equine through the course (horse can be saddled). The last stage is the **Riding** portion, where riders maneuver their equine again through the course. **All juniors** are to enter the Showmanship with their groomed horse (no tack, halter & lead only, hoof pick in pocket, whip/crop permitted). Then juniors are encouraged to do the In-Hand **AND**

Riding classes!

Note: For the **youngest** age group in **all 3 stages**, a parent **may** walk with the junior to **assist** (but not “do” the obstacles). A parent may **walk beside** their junior in the **older age groups** (on lead line permitted), for **safety** purposes. We want everyone safe & having fun! Ribbons will be awarded for each age group, in many obstacle categories – to make it fair & fun for all the juniors.

The event will be at Sonny & Bonny George Jr.'s farm, **Arrive 9am & sign in. Judges Meeting 9:30am, Welcome Everyone Meeting 9:50am, & start at 10am.** Restroom avail. Please plan to trailer pool if possible. Parents are encouraged to come to this **Junior Year-End Obstacle Challenge**, & take lots of pics! SFTR members & their families/juniors are free (insur. covered by your membership). Non-SFTR participants must pay **\$5 per whole family** (includes the juniors) to cover insurance. A **lunch** with water/sodas will be provided. An email the week prior to the event will be sent with address, etc. Please RSVP asap: 305-431-1431.

~Bonny George, Jr.

SFTR MAY 18 BANQUET – BE THERE FOR THE FUN!

In giving back to our members, your Board has voted to offer this year's Banquet free to members. You **MUST** sign up **before April 11**. Those members **registering later** will pay a **\$31** per meal - with a **deadline** of **April 18**. There are 80 meal tickets available. You must register on-line (NO extra entries at the door).

Register your dinner choice of Chicken Marsala or Palomilla Steak. Sides will be: yellow rice, sweet plantains, a vegetable, salad & dessert. There will also be an open bar & great dancing music!

The location is the same as last year, across from the Youth Fair off Coral Way: 2500 SW 107 Ave., Miami, at Olga's Banquet Hall. Date: **Sunday, May**

18. Arrive 6:30pm, dinner & awards 7:00pm, dancing 8:30pm, RAFFLES start 9pm. Attire can be casual dressy to cowboy/cowgirl – be comfortable & be sure to wear your dancing shoes or boots, it's going to be fun! There will also be great RAFFLES, generously collected and set up by Deborah Brunson. Please **call** Deborah (786-916-9422) **to donate items now**, so she has time to prepare the display, bags, signs, etc.

Remember the deadlines, so see your email blasts & go on line now to register: <https://sftr.wegothorses.com/banquet-before-april11.html>

Come for the fun & friendship as we close out our 47th year.

~Your Board

SFTR AUTISM RIDE TO BENEFIT WHISPERING MANES EQUINE THERAPY FACILITY

Each year the SFTR rallies our riders for two benefit rides, helping our community in different ways. Although our club mission involves keeping our trails & green spaces open, it has long been felt that nurturing worthy local groups helps develop those venues, which in turn have a positive effect on the children involved.

Our annual **Autism Ride** is scheduled for **Sat. April 19**. The donations brought in from this event go to Whispering Manes in the Redlands – for therapeutic riding lessons for children with Autism & other challenges. This will be our 14th yr. sponsoring this ride, so please plan on participating.

Robin Bramson will be our site Trail Boss. At a local farm in the Redlands, we will **meet at 9am**, which gives everyone time to sign in & register their

collected donations. All donations are tax deductible. Tack up & be ready to **ride at 10am**, for approx.

1.5hrs. This is a local **open event**, in which **anyone** in the community may ride with us! Tell your horse riding & cart driving friends what we are doing, & have them help us with this great fund raising event! Because we want **every** rider in the area to join us, the ride will be an easy 1.5 hrs in a quiet area. The ride is also suitable for junior riders (18-under **must** wear a helmet, Fla. law) – so bring them along for the experience. Water will be provided, & a light lunch with sodas at the end of the ride.

Help the local children with Autism & other challenges enjoy horses, as they ride to improve their well-being! Your donations help each one change their life for the better. Mark your calendar, & see you there!

~ Your Board

SFTR GENERAL MEETING - TUES. APR. 1

Come to our General Meeting, Tues. April 1, to begin voting for next year's Board & officers, & to hear about the events for the rest of our season. We will have info on the Ride to Celebrate Life, the Autism Ride, our last beach ride, the end-of-season Junior Obstacle Challenge, and the Banquet!!!

Remember, we meet on the **first Tuesday** of each month, so our next **General Meeting** will be **Tues. Apr. 1**, at the **Homestead VFW** post. The VFW is

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**- the room is spacious, the food is good & very reasonable. Bring your friends, we welcome them to come meet our great club members, hear about our recent events & up-coming calendar of activities. Come support your club & get involved – see you there!

SFTR YARD and TACK SALE - May 31

Trail Boss Sonni Peles has organized a great location for our members-only Yard & Tack sale.

Date: **Sat. May 31**, from **9am to 2pm**. Location: New Life Sanctuary Church - **22755 SW 177 Ave.** (across Krome Ave. from Robbie's). Across Krome Ave. from Robbie's there is a big grass yard, & the church is graciously allowing us to **set up** about **8am**, & leave as you wish, but we must all be **out by 2pm**. There is **no** fee charged for the space.

Each member will have space for their vehicle & tables/ground tarps, etc **you** bring. Small trailers will fit, if you have a lot to sell. Sonni & others will help you park. Restroom available; bring your own water, snacks, chairs, etc.

You **KEEP** all the **MONEY** you make - so bring all your clothing, books, toys, tools, jewelry, kitchen wares, furniture, electronics, sports equipment, games, bikes, decorations, etc. **It is also a TACK SALE!** Bring those saddles, bridles, buckets, brushes, show clothing, etc. that you never use. Turn everything into cash for the holidays.

You **must be** a current **SFTR member** to participate – so be sure to renew now so you don't miss important emails & newsletter info! Membership forms will be avail. on site. For more info, call Sonni Peles at 305-978-1274. **RSVP** please, as soon as you can, in case of rain or other changes for this event. Tell your friends & neighbors to stop & shop our big yard sale. See you there!

~Your Board

SAVE THE DATES !

So you can join friends in the club for a variety of activities already on-board for our next season, mark these dates on your calendar. If you have an event, ride or party you would like to host (lots of open Sat/Sun dates avail., please contact Bonny George Jr. 305-431-1431.

June 2025

Tues 3- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Thurs 5- *Last Day of School!*

Sun 8- *Native American Day!*

Mon 9- SFTR Board Meeting- Dine 7, meeting to start new season 7:30pm.

Sat 14- Father's Day Ride, TB Mike DaCunha.

Sun 15- *Father's Day!*

Thurs 19- *Juneteenth Holiday*

July 2025

Tues 1- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Fri 4- July 4th Parade, Key Biscayne. TB Lisa Morgan.

Mon 7- SFTR Board Meeting- 7:30pm.

Sat 26- Day of the American Cowboy Ride, TB Mike Maldonado

August 2025

Tues 5- SFTR General Meeting, Homestead VFW. Dine 7pm, meeting 7:30.

Mon 11- SFTR Board Meeting- Zoom 7:30pm.

Thurs 14- *First Day of School!*

SFTR 2024-2025 Camping Calendar

Please RSVP/Call/Text as soon as you can to reserve your spot for this camp out. It is critical to be able to confirm SFTR participation at these sites. Sign up now & call the Trail Boss.

April 16th thru 30th- Trail Bosses Andres Prida (813-601-9778) & Leo Perez (561-628-5465) will lead an excursion into the wild mountains of No. Carolina & Tenn. **Deep Creek, in Bryson City, NC has a limited number of sites.** Imperative you reserve **now**. The owner requires a deposit, but if you reserve & then change your mind, you should be able to find someone from our club looking for a space. For more info, contact Camping Chair. Renee Reynolds [Coconut ldy@hotmail.com](mailto:Coconutldy@hotmail.com)

Itinerary: **April 2025:**

16th, Wednesday - drive to a layover spot - TBD

17th, Thursday-drive to Hard Labor Creek, Ga.

18th, Friday- ride

19th, Saturday -drive to Deep Creek

20th, Sunday -Ride, Easter Dinner TBD

21st, Monday-Ride & 22nd, Tuesday -Ride

23rd, Wednesday-drive to Timber Ridge

24th, Thursday-Ride - 25th, Friday-Ride & 26th, Saturday-Ride

27th, Sunday Drive to TBD

Hard Labor Creek, 5 Hard Labor Creek Rd.; Rutledge, Ga. 30663

(706) 557-3001 or (706) 557-3002

Reservations: Hard Labor Creek State Park, Reserve America (800) 864-7275.

reserveamerica@reserveamerica.com

Deep Creek, Bryson City, NC

(828) 736-1270 or (828) 488-6961

<http://deepcreekhorsecamp.com> or

james28713@aol.com

Timber Ridge Horse Campground, 1426 Darrow Ridge Rd.; Jamestown, Tenn. 38556

Ride the Big South Fork National Recreation Area
Timber Ridge Horse Campground & Cabin Rentals
931-310-1530 Office (reserve by phone)

www.timberidgehorsecampground.com

Vote - While There is Still Time

If you vote, more of your ideas will be heard. Your Board works for the whole club, not individuals – so everyone (13yrs or older) needs to vote so the SFTR can represent all our diverse members.

You can vote **only once** – and voting runs from **Apr. 1st to May 6th**. You may either use this ballot at a General Meeting, **or** at a local ride/event, **or** you can mail it in (**deadline for posted mail Sat. May 1st**). Email reminders have been sent out with the vote-on-line link, using the same Election runner process as previous years.

SFTR Ballot for 2025-2026 Officers & Board

You can vote **only once** – and voting runs from **April 1st to May 6th by 8:00 pm**. You may either use this ballot at a General Meeting, **or** at a local ride/event, **or** you can mail it in (**deadline for posted mail Sat. May 1st**). An email will be sent soon so you may also vote on-line, using the same Election runner process as previous years.

Names are in alphabetical order.

PresidentMichelle Goostree
Vice PresidentLydia Michelle McDaniel

TreasurerMichele Wright
SecretaryHelve Longoria

Board: Vote for 7 for the Board. Place an **X** next to the name; in alphabetical order:

Kim Cates
 Henry Choren
 Michael Da Cunha
 Mike Maldonado
 Lisa Morgan
 Adrian Paredes
 Cristal Schnebly
 Adrian Sixto
 Wendy Stamatyades
 Holly Thommes

Vote ONLINE will be anonymously. You will receive an email with a link.
If you prefer to mail your BALLOT deadline for posted mail is **Sat. May 1st**.
Print and mail this BALLOT to: SFTR P.O. Box 924946 Princeton, Fl. 33092

Signature:.....

Print Name:.....

If Family Membership; list primary member's name

THE FROG POND – A GREAT RIDE

We were very fortunate to have Augie Saavedra join us as our Trail Boss, after a long respite for he and Bud. The Frog Pond is a designated equestrian area off the Ingraham Highway just west of Fla. City, with a large fenced grass parking lot (also shared by bicyclists & hunting enthusiasts.) Our band of intrepid SFTR rode out into the glades grasses on a clear bright morning, feeling a hint of a breeze at our backs. Augie took us out west along a well marked trail, and described the alternate trails we encountered – each clear for use & all eventually looping back “home”.

The drought provided a wide open view of the glades, dotted with some wildflowers & an occasional water fowl. The raised trails made for easy riding & boots were not really needed if you stayed on the grass edges

or center. The low terrain as viewed within the far reaching levy system were actually old farmed areas – which one should NOT ride through, as there are hidden well holes & sink holes lurking under the surface brush & weeds! At one point where the levy-like trails criss-crossed & culverts maintained water flow, we stopped as Augie explained which trails would actually take us into civilization. Those rides would be 4+ hrs, and our adventure was headed back on a shorter route, so horses Bud & Brandy could get in their horse-miles without being overly taxed. Reliable BB, & floppy-eared Zelda took it all in stride.

Many thanks to our happy band of friends & especially to Augie for the history & orienting lessons he related! We made it before the monsoons, yay!

~Bonny George, Jr.



HORSE EQUIP/YARD SALE

Household/Clothes/Farm Equip.

New Life Sanctuary

22755 SW 177 Ave. 33170

Saturday May 31 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM



BEACH RIDE

We had a last minute change in our scheduled Beach ride which was planned for March 30 but a very big weekend event caused us to have to change the date to March 23rd. This last minute change caused a lower

than normal turnout but the weather was great and those that were able to make it had a great time!!

~Mike Maldonado
TB Beach Ride



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Youth & Adult Tee's & Tank Tops**

**Many Colors
Available**



**Contact Deda Maldonado
(305) 331-7599
Or order online at sftmiamidade.org**

SFSPCA Horse of the Month "GAMBLER"



Gambler

Breed Quarter Horse
Sex Gelding
Year of Birth 2005
Height 15.2 hands
Arrival to Farm June 11, 2024

Gambler is an older, kind gelding. He is somewhat let down in his rear pasterns. He is a gentle soul who needs a life that is not too demanding and where he will be appreciated for his sweet soul.



Contact Laurie at Laurie@helpthehorses.com for adoption info.
Donations can be made at www.helpthehorses.com
ODELL, last month's horse, still not adopted.

PARADE TEAM NEWS

As we are in the slack-time between parade seasons, it is a great time to check your parade gear for our first parade on July 4th, on Key Biscayne. ALL SFTR are invited to join the Parade Team, and share your love of horses as you walk, lead-line, or ride. Juniors are very welcome to parade also – either on the parent's lead line or solo. It is a thrill for them to wave at the cheering crowds, and share their enthusiasm with the kids in the crowds.



We have parade tack: saddle pad, breast collar, bridle & reins. We wear a uniform: our long sleeved white western shirt with pearl buttons (free to those signing up to parade), & your black pants & belt, dark/black boots, and our parade hat (avail. From us at a discount price). The hat band, bandana & slide are also for sale for a minimal fee. In this way, we all look the same & very professional. Horses with no rider can be lead-lined (black) in halter only (all black nylon), to gain experience. Juniors 18-under MUST wear a helmet (Fla. Law), black cover please; otherwise their uniform is the same. If you need any spare parts or want to join the Parade Team & need to be outfitted, please call Lisa Morgan (786-271-4933) or Bonny George Jr. (305-431-1431).

We are fortunate to have had on board, Miami Medical Consultants, who for many years has been our Parade Team sponsor! We are grateful for their generous support & encouragement in maintaining our equine presence in the community. We have also had the FFA students from the Varela High School Vet Tech program parade with us for years. We sincerely thank them for their service & hope they too will return next season! Hope everyone comes to the banquet to share the accolades the SFTR Parade Team has earned for our club.

~Lisa Morgan

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