



South Florida Horse Show Association



Newsletter

September/October 2009

2009 - 2010 Show Circuit at Tropical Park Equestrian Center

September 19th
October 3rd - AQHA Introductory Show
January 9th
February 27th
April 3rd
May 15th (tentative)
June 12th

Membership Has Benefits

SFHA members can now enjoy discounts at local tack & feed stores with the new 2009-2010 membership card. Renew your membership to start your savings. Thanks to **Vet Brands, Sunset Feed & Supply, Robbie's, Cowboy Center, and HorseN'Things** for providing these benefits. Visit SFHA's website, SouthFloridaHorseShow.com for more information on details.

Win a Saddle Carrier and Help Stop Horse Slaughter!

Join SFHA on September 12 at Sunset Feed and Supply, 7650 SW 117 Avenue, Miami, for a Rally to Stop Horse Slaughter. Sunset Feed will provide 20% off the purchase of tack, equine supplies and supplements, and 50 cents off of feed and hay. A portion of every purchase will be donated to the Reward Fund. Renew your SFHA membership, or apply for a new membership at the Rally, and your name will be entered into a drawing to win your choice of an English or western saddle carrier embroidered with SFHA's logo. Make a donation of \$5 or more to the Reward fund and receive an additional raffle ticket.

Did You Know?

Did you know that SFHA members may enter any regular class to school your horse? Just pay your entry fee, turn your number upside down, and begin riding. You can show in any age division, or discipline to school. Just make sure that your schooling does not interfere with the exhibitors in the class.

President's Message

Your opinion matters to the South Florida Horse Show Association. SFHA would like to hear from both SFHA members and non-members on how to improve SFHA schooling show to better serve you and the local equine community.

Please take a few minutes to go on-line to let us know what events and activities you want during the 2009-2010 SFHA show season. Just click on the link below to begin the survey.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=T7dZ7xTwgDJAi0wInGdGQ_3d_3d

See you at the show!

Donna Fries

Sponsorships That Keep Giving

Thanks to **Reliable Shavings and Silver Palm Feed & Consignment**, two new SFHA sponsors who have both committed to providing ongoing contributions to SFHA. Reliable Shavings will make a \$50.00 contribution to the SFHA, with a first-time purchase of bulk shavings by all SFHA member and SFHA-affiliated barns. Contact Reliable Shavings at 786-336-9756.

Silver Palm Feed and Consignment, located at 15585 SW 232 Street, Miami, is donating 2% of SFHA member purchases of select equine supplies, to the South Florida Horse Show Association. Just present your membership card and SFHA will reap the rewards at the end of each month.

If you are interested in a regular or unique sponsorship, please visit the SFHA website and download the 2009-2010 Sponsorship form.

AQHA Introductory Show

SFHA has been approved by AQHA to hold a second AQHA Introductory show in combination with a SFHA schooling show. The joint show, which will be held on October 3rd, will allow AQHA members to compete in a friendly atmosphere, while having the opportunity to earn AQHA Novice Amateur and Novice Youth points. AQHA Judge Heidi Cecil will also be providing a Friday night clinic on Mastering the Equitation and Horsemanship Pattern. The joint SFHA/AQHA show bill is available on SFHA's website. Read more about the AQHA Introductory show concept at:

www.aqha.com/news/2008PressReleases/04202008openshowclasses.html

Over Fences Course

SFHA's fantastic set-up crew will have the OF course set-up in Arena A by mid-afternoon Friday for over fences practice. Additionally, 2 jumps will be available for use in the covered arena Friday night. Over fences competitors are encouraged to adjust heights to maximize performance time. The course will remain set-up for warm-up Saturday morning. Using Arena A for over fences practice and warm-up ensures that all SFHA exhibitors and trainers have a safe riding environment.

Get Stall Watch!

Do you worry about your horse on Friday night? Although the Park has barn security checks every 30-60 minutes and you are encouraged to spend the night at Tropical, we know that not everyone can spend the night. Because of this, SFHA is now offering Stall Watch. For a \$10/horse donation, stall watchers will check on your horse every 30 minutes from 10 pm Friday to 6 am Saturday. For an additional \$10/horse donation, stall watchers will also throw feed that you have set-up. During their patrols stall watchers will document your horse's behavior, and they will report any unusual behavior to you and/or your vet. Although SFHA can not guarantee your horse's safety, stall watchers are there to assist. All funds raised will be used for Year-End awards.

October Means Costume Class

Enter Your Pet in the SFHA Photo Costume Class. For \$5 per entry you can have photos of your dressed-up pet displayed for viewing and voting. The entry that receives the most donations will win a special prize. E-mail entries to President@SouthFloridaHorseShow.com

Fridays Are Fabulous

Make the most of your SFHA show experience by participating in SFHA activities on the Friday before the show. Tropical's gates open at noon, so get settled in early. Visit SFHA's new entry table, located outside of the show trailer under the covered arena, to present your Coggins and complete your entry form. Then get your practice time in and work up an appetite for the Friday night social.

Enjoy a free dinner and listen to the featured dinner speaker in the company of your SFHA friends at 6 pm, under the covered arena. The September 18th speaker will be Dr. Dee Mills, who will discuss the importance of DNA typing and an accessible DNA database should your horse be stolen or slaughtered.

At 7 pm move to the SW corner of the arena to improve your horsemanship skills with SFHA's free Friday night clinics. Participants will gain proficiency in a variety of skills that they can use at Saturday's show and beyond. Check the web for details on the September and October clinics.

Spectacular Saturdays

There are lots of new features to enjoy on show Saturdays. SFHA has added 13 & under divisions in English and Western for our younger members to provide a safer environment for them to compete.

To improve skills and encourage SFHA members to try new classes, SFHA has added "Try-It" classes. In "Try-It" classes, you can try a new class regardless of riding style or tack. Just "Try-It" in upcoming "Try-It" Trail & Command classes. Additionally, W/T and W/J division exhibitors may canter or lope in "Try-It" classes. For a mere \$5 you can just "Try-It" and have fun with competitors from other divisions.

To further encourage W/T and W/J division exhibitors to upgrade their skills, exhibitors will also be allowed to canter or lope in GAYP classes, without impacting their W/T or W/J division status.

SFHA regular shows will also have a demonstration during the morning or lunch break. September's show will feature a roping demonstration. Visit the ropers after their morning demo to throw a rope and get a free t-shirt.

For those that like to shop, look for lots of new vendors at the October show. You can also participate in SFHA's silent auction, have immediate purchasing satisfaction with the SFHA garage sale, or have fun in the Kiss a Pig fundraiser. There's something for everyone!

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