



Sunnyside Stock Farm

Winter 2014 Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the 1st edition of the quarterly Sunnyside Stock Farm Newsletter. The goal of the publication is to bring ranch news and updates to your attention, to tell some of the stories of the people and animals residing on the ranch and provide some history of the facility and a feel of the mind of its founder, David Phair. Tighten up your cinch, get aboard and let's begin the ride.

Capital Improvement Status:

As you are likely aware the capital improvement projects are well underway. The new corrals are in place on the location previously occupied by the circular arena in the lower ranch. The water lines will be installed and verified for operation during the week of February 23rd, and horses will be moved into their new homes during the week of March 2nd.

Horses will be corralled north to south along the river in the order of *Traveler, Sadie, Scooter* and *Scarlett*. A second perimeter property fence will separate those corrals from the river trail, reducing the potential of hikers and others from petting or handling your horses. The west side corrals, three currently, will house from north to south; *Cooper, Buck* and *Chico*.

Construction of the new tack rooms will occur over the next six weeks in groups, pods, of three or four. When a pod is completed the ranch staff will notify you of availability and position of your new tack room. It is anticipated that there will be no hurry in your move but the first tack rooms should be available by mid-April.

At the rear entrance of the ranch will be placed the new 50 foot diameter lunging/bull pen. The pen is designed to allow turn-out of your horses and training or schooling. The pen will be available in late March to mid-April.

The rear shoeing area will be covered with the 24 foot shelter formerly covering part of Cooper and Traveler's old corrals. This project should be completed in April or the first week of May.

Spring Veterinarian Clinics:

Spring is coming and with it your basic veterinary farm clinics are scheduled as follows:

Large Animal Veterinary Associates (LAVA) will conduct a clinic at Sunnyside Stock Farm on March 15th beginning at 9:00 A.M. Signup sheets are posted across from the north ranch bull pen, in the pod of tack rooms adjacent to the north farm entrance, in front of the bathroom and the ranch bulletin board in front of the maintenance shed. Services provided are defined on the signup sheet. You may also call the ranch office or email us to register you for the clinic.

Dr. Gary Amaral will be conducting his clinic on Saturday March 29th beginning at 9:00 A.M. Signup sheets will be posted across from the north ranch bull pen, in the pod of tack rooms adjacent to the north farm entrance, in front of the bathroom and the ranch bulletin board in front of the maintenance shed on Monday, February 24th. Services provided include inoculations, teeth floating/basic dentistry and deworming. You may also call the ranch office or email us to register you for the clinic.

El Cajon Large Animal Practice (ECLAP) will conduct a clinic on April 12th at 9:00 A.M. Dr. Rand will be the attending veterinarian. A signup sheet will be posted at the maintenance shed, in the rear entrance pod of tack rooms and across from the northern most bull pen. Services will include teeth floating, vaccinations and deworming. You may also call the ranch office or email us to register for the clinic.

Ranch Contacts:

You can contact Jennifer Dawson, our Book Keeper and Office Manager, Monday through Wednesday's from 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Questions regarding billing, costs of changes to services you desire for your horses, should be confirmed by filling out a services request form, on the clip board by the block barn at the ranch south end, or by contacting the office Mondays – Fridays at telephone 619-434-3812 or by email at descanso1@reagan.com or davidphair@msn.com. Kathy Eble is available on weekends if you have an immediate service need. Kathy's telephone numbers are 619-481-8018 or 619-773-7300.

Reminder of Electronic Invoicing & Payment Services: Sunnyside Stock Farm now offers electronic invoicing and payment options or you can continue payment via check, cash or money-orders. If you desire the electronic invoicing and automatic payment options then contact Jennifer Dawson at davidphair@msn.com or the office telephone, 619-434-3812.

Welcome our New Boarders: Many of you have likely met our new boarders; Mike and Robin Stromp and their dapple gray Quarter Horse *Pepper*. We welcome the Stromp's and thank them for the opportunity to care for their equine friend.

Horse Tales: Every horse has a story and we intend to feature those stories each quarter. Kathy Eble will be coming to each of you over the next months to develop a feature on horse and owner in the Horse Tales section. If you would like to be among the first to share your horse's tale please contact Kathy at maynard14@cox.net and she will set up the interview and photo shoot.

Reminder to Update Emergency Contact Information: If your contact information has changed or there is a change to your attending veterinarian please notify the office or Kathy Eble immediately. The office contact information is davidphair@msn.com or by telephone, 619-434-3812. Again, Kathy's email address is maynard14@cox.net.

Fifty Years of Sunnyside Stock Farm (SSF) Operation: This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of operation of Sunnyside Stock Farm. David Phair opened SSF at this location in 1964 but he previously leased a small four acre farm, Tyson Farm, located at the corner of Vista Way and "E" Street, just west of Interstate 805 in Chula Vista. The first Phair owned horse was a dun, named *Pepper*, given to his eldest daughter Kathleen. David bought the horse in 1959, boarded the animal at Bradley Stables, but soon found himself in the breeding business as *Pepper* gave birth to a spotted foal. The sire had been an unknown Appaloosa. Then began the sixty-five year adventure of a family ranch, a sometime breeding operation and a boarding facility.

A note of interest; the barn which had been at Tyson Farm was move across the road, block-by-block, and is still extant on the Sweetwater Farm's property. The top of the barn can be seen when driving to Plaza Bonita from Bonita Road.

From the Desk of David Phair: In Dave's desk he kept a small binder; among the sayings which were found in the binder was the following by author *Unknown*: "Your chromosomes are formed in such a unique way that among billions of people there never was, is not, and never will be another you. The greatest ruler on earth could send out all his legions to search, and they could not find your exact match."

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