



Sunnyside Stock Farm

Fall 2016 Newsletter

Our Charter: Sunnyside Stock Farm (SSF) seeks to provide a quality environment for you and your horse(s) and is dedicated to serving each customer as if their animal were our own. We are a place where the love of horses draws people of like minds together. If you love horses as we do and if you love horse people as we seek too, then SSF may be an option for your boarding needs.

Sunnyside Communication: The new Sunnyside Stock Farm, LLC mailing address is P.O. Box 768 Bonita, California 91908-0768. You may send checks to the post office box or make payment electronically. Contact Jennifer Dawson at SSFinvoices@gmail.com or jennifer@sunnysidestockfarm.com to setup electronic payments. If you are making your payments by check you can also place them in the mail slot at Alan Seacord's tack room, adjacent to the block barn.

Mauricio Paz: Please welcome to the SSF staff Mr. Mauricio Paz who began his work on September 12th. Mauricio is married, his wife's name is Susanna. They have five children including Mauricio Jr., Marcos, Susana, Samuel and David. They have made 5692 Sweetwater Road their home and you will likely see them about the property at various times. Mauricio has worked on horse ranches for the last eighteen years so he brings extensive experience in maintenance and basic horse care and handling. Please make welcome Mauricio and extend to him the same courtesy and friendliness which you have done with our other staff.

New Boarders: Please welcome our new boarders at Sunnyside Stock Farm, including Jenna Angus and her Quarter Horse "Cowboy," Judy Benscoter and her Quarter Horse "Dallas" and Jeanette Stellflug and her Quarter Horse "Moke." Jenna, and her husband Brandon, have also made Sunnyside their home, moving into the old ranch office duplex. Let each of us make their transition to Sunnyside an easy one by showing warmth and friendship.

Our new boarders, and we old “salts,” should make ourselves aware of the rules governing SSF, the *Rules & Covenants*, which you will find posted about the ranch, or available on-line at our website or as hard-copy at Alan Seacord’s tack room beside the block barn. These are basic common-sense requirements demanded of each boarder by SSF management for your safety and to protect the ranch and its boarders from liability issues. The rules and regulations also stress plain courtesy and consideration for each other, a fundamental principle that every boarder must accept if they are to be happy and content at SSF. Gossip and back-biting is not condoned and you will be asked to vacate the ranch should you be practicing such.

SSF also stresses grounds maintenance and cleanliness and as such does not allow personal items to be left on display or about the grounds. This includes photographs, letters or hand-made paper identification tags on your horse’s corral, stalls or tack rooms. Folding chairs or personal possessions must be stored in your tack room when you are not on the grounds. Feed cans are to be stored in areas designated for such use and not next to your tack rooms. Please ask Felipe or Mauricio to move feed cans or buckets to the appropriate storage area(s). Toys or balls must be tied to the corral railing and limit these to one per corral.

Safety is first-and-foremost at SSF. Please tie your horses only at designated tie racks; never to corral panels, round pens or arena fencing. Additionally, never leave your horse loose outside of their corral or the provided pens and arena. There is a legal liability and a loose horse could result in injury to your animal or to your neighbors.

Lastly, remember to practice courtesy to your neighbors by cleaning up after our four-footed friends at the shoeing areas, wash racks and tie-racks. Manure buckets and rakes are available throughout the ranch so if your animal leaves “presents,” let’s clean them up so that your neighbor doesn’t have too. Use the available muck buckets if you clean out your corrals or stalls, placing an empty bucket to cover the filled bucket to reduce fly infestation.

Changes or Request for Services: If you desire to change the feeding schedule or have additional requirements for your horse then complete an *Additional Services* form and place in Alan Seacord’s tack room mail, slot adjacent to the block barn. The changes to services will be noted in your accounting and Laurie will confirm that the desired services are implemented by Felipe and Mauricio. Remember, even if you verbally request a change with Felipe, Laurie or Mauricio you must confirm those changes in writing so as to assure the proper accounting and implementation of the service.

Sunnyside Stock Farm Website: The Sunnyside Stock Farm website has the past and current newsletters, forms and general information on the ranch. Visit the website if you need to download forms for change of services, limited liability releases and other. You can also contact the farm management through the website mail box or emails noted above.

Reminder to Update Emergency Contact Information: If your contact information has changed or if there is a change to your attending veterinarian please notify the SSF office via email or through the Stock Farm website. Hard copies of the necessary forms are placed in bins on Alan Seacord’s tack room, adjacent to the block barn.

Trail Etiquette: Please remember that we share the valley trails with hikers, runners and bicyclists as well as our fellow horsemen. Always be diligent to practice courtesy and safety when others approach you while on horseback. Do not assume that fellow trail users are knowledgeable about horses or safe horsemanship. Rather, assume that the other individual(s) is ignorant of common-sense, safety and devoid of trail etiquette. Give over trail right-of-way, smilingly, rather than engage in an altercation. We are representatives of horses and the horse community and as such we should put on the best face possible, at all times. Further, by your business association with SSF you become representatives of the farm. SSF management expects that you always practice courtesy towards one-another, while on the ranch as well as out on the trails. If your actions endanger yourself, your fellow SSF boarder or another horseman you will be asked to find a new home for your horse(s).

From The Desk of Dave Phair: Dave Phair, who founded and spent nearly every day at his second home, Sunnyside Stock Farm, kept in a small leather bound pouch years of collected poems, letters he wrote or which were written to him, wisdom insights and prayers. Following is an excerpt of one of those sayings;

“A soft answer turns away the wrath of another,
But harsh words stir up anger.
The tongue of the wise person dispenses knowledge,
But the mouths of fools pour out folly (Prov. 15:1).”

Alan, Jennifer, Laurie, Felipe and Mauricio.

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