



# Silver Spar Riders Club



February Newsletter

## 2009 Officers

PRESIDENT-Michelle Seaman  
VICE-PRESIDENT-Renee Jordan  
SECRETARY-Charlotte Martin  
TREASURER-Kay Hailey  
PARLIMENTARIAN-Tara Best  
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## Show Dates & Locations

March 28- DeRidder Arena,  
April 11- West Cal Arena,  
May 23- DeRidder Arena,  
June 27- DeRidder Arena,  
July 18- West Cal Arena,  
August 15- West Cal Arena,  
September 26- West Cal Arena  
October 24- DeRidder Arena,  
November 14- West Cal Are

## IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:

Our 2008 SSRC Awards Banquet has been **RESCHEDULED AGAIN.**

The new date is:

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 NOON

**BARBE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

2200 West McNeese St., Lake Charles, LA

**FOOD!!! ON THE MENU:**

**Jim Kennedy's famous gumbo!!!**

**BRING A DISH from the SSRC COOKBOOK!!!! Be sure to label it and you may get something special!**

*Members: Please invite your Sponsor to be our guest.*

**BRING YOUR DISH according to your last name initial:**

**A – C...Bread and Casserole**

**D – H...Dessert and Casserole**

**I – M...Vegetable and Casserole**

**N – T...Salad and Casserole**

**U – Z...Drinks and Casserole**

**ADULT OFFICERS**

**RICE & ICE**

**Your DISH, napkins & Cups & cutlery**

**2008 and 2009 YOUTH OFFICERS:**

**A - H: Gumbo spoons and drinks**

**I - Z; Drink cups and drinks**

Directions to Barbe High School: Going into LC via I-10 take the 2-10 Bypass south, exit #4 Nelson Road, head south on Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> red light (Cameron State Bank on right) turn right on McNeese Street, go to the end and you will see Barbe. The Cafeteria is on the south side of campus.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As I sit down to write this letter, it's 29 degrees outside. It's hard to believe that our first show of the 2009 season is right around the corner! We had a super general membership meeting on Jan 10th. Thirty families were represented...we enjoyed good food, fellowship, and of course a lot of business was taken care of! There are notes from that meeting included in the newsletter, along with a 2009 membership email out vote on class fees and the go-ahead to seek saddle sponsors from the area casinos.

February brings our 2008 awards banquet! No matter what state you live in, high-stakes educational testing runs the show, and the LEAP test affected our initial date for the banquet. We were blessed that Dan was able to secure the Sunday following the original date. So, be sure to make that change on your calendar! FEBRUARY 8, 2009 at Noon!! Bring your best casseroles and come hungry! We'll see you there for some fabulous gumbo prepared by Jim Kennedy!! Also, if you purchased your own awards for 2008 year end, be sure to bring the awards for everyone to see and the receipts for reimbursement purposes. Families can pay 2009 memberships and turn in sponsors for 2009 as well.

Now for 2009 news.....the website has been updated. Same look, new information. All our 2009 forms are online except the show bill and rule book. Officers are proof-reading those as I write this...and then they'll be published as well. Also, please be sure and work on getting your sponsors lined up early! Be sure to read the meeting notes regarding the new rules for 2009!

We will need to line up ring steward(s) for the 2009 show season. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please email me at [jandmseaman@msn.com](mailto:jandmseaman@msn.com). The ring steward job will be from the start of the show to the end. It pays \$100 per show. It does not have to be a commitment for the whole show season, I don't mind a different person at each show. Email me and I'll reserve your month.

.....HEY, there's someone's sponsor money waiting to be earned!

...see you February 8th for the AWARDS BANQUET!

God bless,

*Michelle Seaman*



**Welcome back all, we have a great 2009 ahead of us and plan on it being one of the best show seasons ever. If you were unable to attend the membership meeting earlier this month, here is a run down on what we discussed.**

**First off several items that we currently do were discussed and unchanged so I will not relist those. Here are items of interest:**

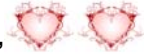
1. No dogs in the bleachers they must be on a leash at your trailer or inside of your trailer.
2. Publicity Officer will notify the members on a monthly basis, via newsletter where SSRC was advertised.
3. Detailed expense report will be given by Treasurer and sent to members, via newsletter.
4. Judges do not have to be carded with breed associations, judges will be chosen
5. No practice show in February, discussion of this will be tabled for a later date.
6. Receipts will be given to all members upon paying their membership dues.
7. Publicity will use free resources for advertising.
8. Show starts at 8AM promptly.
9. All day fees and class fees will be sent to members through a ballot.
10. Add NSF check policy to the 2009 rule book.
11. SSRC will have no credit or debit card.
12. It was brought up to limit what could be spent on supplies and awards, this was voted to stay as it has been.
13. It was brought up to limit the number of helpers being paid and to ask for volunteers to work the shows. It was voted to keep as it has been in the past.
14. **Sponsors will be \$100 and all members riding for awards will acquire a sponsor. \$50. donations will no longer be accepted. Sponsorships can be paid on a monthly basis.**
15. **Sponsorships from the members will be due May 1<sup>st</sup> in order for their points to count. New members that join in the middle of the year, have three months to acquire a sponsor.**
16. Sponsors will be listed on the back of the SSRC Summer T-shirt if sponsors are turned in on time.
17. 2010 move all shows to Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles upon its completion.
18. Add Yearling Geldings/Stallions
19. Add English Discipline Rail for PW, both W/T and W/T/L.
20. It was suggested to change the age divisions, but it will remain as is.
21. Novice HUS will be W/T/L.
22. Speed removed.
23. Jr Horse W/T Western and English will remain.
24. Specialty classes are removed.
25. Pony/Mini Halter Classes will be added: Mare and Stallions/Geldings
26. Open Reining Added
27. Open Western Riding will remain as is.
28. Hunter Hack W/T and Open Added.
29. Change Lounge-line rules to coincide with NSBA rules, these will be in the rule-book.
30. It was asked to change Jr. Horse HUS and WP back to Open, but this was unchanged.
31. Grand/Reserve Champion will be added.  
The overall Year End winners will be Champion of Champions.
32. Monthly Hi-Points will be removed.
33. It was decided to leave PW Showmanship as a class with no W/T-W/T/L division.
34. A \$25.00 fee will be accessed to anyone wanting to ride for the Over all All-Around awards in the various age divisions. If a member chooses to ride they must pay the fee, points will not be counted for All-Around until the fee is paid.
35. The judge has the discretion to combine classes.
36. It was suggested to have double judged shows, this was tabled and would be discussed if the need arises, due to cancellations of shows.
37. It was approved to research the possibility of having AQHA classes at one show, a \$50. fee will be sent to AQHA and the judge must be an approved AQHA judge. Information on this will be sent to the members via the newsletter once finalization is made.
38. Halter, English and Western class order will be left as is.
39. The ground fees will remain the same.
40. It was suggested to have Payback classes, this was tabled until a later date, once we find out if our tax classification will be effected.
41. It was suggested to advertise SSRC 09 shows as being Saddle Series shows. This idea was tabled and a committee is beginning to research possible sponsors for the saddles. Info will be emailed to the members once this is finalized.
42. Hobby Horse classes will be held if the members can come up with the required number of email addresses needed to send to Hobby Horse for catalogue mailings.
43. The Youth Show idea is being tabled until a later date.
44. It was discussed to rework the novice rules.

# HOBBY HORSE CLASSES

*In order to continue the Hobby Horse class we have to have names/addresses/emails to submit.*

*We have extinguished our supply. If members would submit info, then we can continue the classes. It takes 50 contacts per show. The contacts can come from other clubs, family, friends, work, etc. They will be sent a Hobby Horse magazine.*

*If you did not receive a Hobby Horse magazine last year, please submit your contact information as well.*



**Attention: Any members that participated in the Hobby Horse Class in 08' please bring a Thank You note to HH for their support and any photos that you may have for their website. Only 131 Open Show Clubs participated in this Class, and SSRC was one.**

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## OCAP INFO

Attention Members that participate in OCAP, here is a link that will allow you fill in you OCAP papers using this form. This is much easier to prepare.

[http://www.pinto.org/information/ocap\\_general.pdf](http://www.pinto.org/information/ocap_general.pdf)

**ATTENTION**...If you plan to participate in the OCAP, PAC and OEIP Incentive Programs with your breed associations, please, copies of your registration papers and cards to give to Charlotte **AHEAD OF TIME**, that way Charlotte can have them in time prior to the first show. **BRING** them to the Banquet it you can..



**HEY KIDS....** Do you have any model horses just hanging out on your display shelves? Well here is the perfect opportunity for you to show them off. An All **YOUTH Model Horse Show** will be held in conjunction with the Awards Presentation.

The various categories that you can show you horses in are:  
Halter: Stock Breeds, Light Breeds, Other Breeds  
Performance: English and Western  
Costume: Breed Costumes, Holiday Costumes, Any Costumes

**Champion of Champions will be given**  
**Color Champion will be given**

This is FREE, just for the fun of it..  
Mardi Gras Prizes will be given.

A **SALE RING** will be set up also, bring yours to sell or your money to buy models...



## RESULTS OF THE MEMBER VOTE:

All Day Ride Fee - \$60.00

Per Class Entry Fee - \$10.00

Contact Casinos for Saddle Sponsors – Yes

### **W.T. BURTON COLISEUM UPDATE**

Here is the progress as of Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009



#### **\*\*\*\*\*SPONSORSHIPS\*\*\*\*\***

**New in 09' Sponsorships are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sponsors turned in by this date will be listed on the back of our 09'**  
**SSRC club T-shirt.**

#### SSRC Financial Report – Jan 2009

##### 2009 MONIES ONLY

01.10.09	Deposit	<b>\$1110.00</b>
{ MEMBERSHIPS: Jenkins, Martin, Duncan, Davis, Hart, Froemming, Best, Seaman, Jordan, Porche, LeBlanc, Morgan, Hailey, Beaugh, Canty, Cooley, Pauley, Hughes, Vincent, B., Bertrand, Collins, Ford, Vincent, W., Landry, LeJeune, Wade, Thibodeaux, Ward, Martin; SPONSORS: Morgan(3); COOKBOOK: Janes/Morgan (1) }		
01.27.09	Withdrawal {SSRC Website for 2009}	<b>&lt;\$385.00&gt;</b>
01.31.09	Balance	<b>\$725.00</b>

#### NEW IN 09' ALL-AROUND FEE

**Don't miss out on getting your AA points.. SSRC will be charging a one time \$25 fee if you plan on going for the AA in 09'. Please, do this early. Points for you will start counting once the fee is paid. PLEASE, review you rulebook concerning this.**