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2008 Show Dates

May 24

May 31-Jun 1 (Ragin Cajun Clinic/Show)

June 21

July 19

August 23*

September 20

October 18

November 22

Banquet TBA

*General Membership Meeting At Show

COGGINS TEST:

**CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS
CERTIFICATES MANDATORY AT
ALL SILVER SPUR RIDERS CLUB
SHOWS**

...NO EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED...

President's Corral:

Howdy! I am very pleased with our shows this year! They are moving along nicely with hardly a hitch! Our April Judge, Doug Saunders, commented that our shows were very organized and a lot of fun to judge. This was his first time to judge a SSRC show and he said he would love to come back. This says a lot about us, and I am proud!

COOKBOOKS! Please continue to support SSRC by purchasing our really cool cookbooks! If you buy 5 cookbooks, you get a FREE one! These are great gifts.

SSRC 2008 SHIRTS! The SSRC Polo shirts will be available for order again at our May show. This will be the last time you can place your order. Charlotte will have some sample shirts for you to try on if you wish. If you have emailed me about ordering a shirt, you will still need to fill out the order form. You may do this at the May show, or by looking on our website at www.silverspurridersclub.com for a pdf file. At our membership meeting, it was voted on to ALLOW the Youth Clinic shirts to be worn in ADDITION to the SSRC Polo shirts!

STALLS: The DeRidder staff will be taking care of stall and RV rentals once again. To reserve yours, call MIKE BANKS at: 337-396-5217.

YOUTH SHOW and CLINIC! Please let Renee know if you want to volunteer to help with the show! We need as many of you as we can get to help out with this great opportunity for SSRC to teach kids about showing and horses as well as promote our wonderful club!

PENS: There are still members putting horses in pens in the arena. You will no longer be allowed to do this! The DeRidder staff will be locking all pens and only gates designated for entering and exiting the ring will be left unlocked. You MUST tie your horse to your trailer or RENT a stall from the DeRidder arena. This is in the SSRC rulebook!

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NEW! NEW! NEW! Kay will be taking entry forms and fees EARLY! For those of you that show up on Friday evening, Kay will be registering early if you want. This makes it a lot easier for Kay, PLUS you won't have to wait in line when you could be warming up your horse.... or sleeping late... HAHA.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we promote our club as FUN for the ENTIRE FAMILY! There are members of all ages, from 5 to 70+ at our shows. Please remember to always use good sportsmanship! Fowl language or harshly correcting horses is not setting a good example, nor is it good for those doing it. Remember... little eyes are always watching you!

As I have said before, the Silver Spur Rider's Club would not exist without YOU, it's members! Thanks so much for all of your support and kind words of encouragement to me and my fellow 2008 officers! It is very appreciated! Until the May show...

Happy Trails & God Bless...
Dan Morgan
2008 SSRC President

NEW DeRidder Information

*****Stalls and RV spots*****

MIKE BANKS at: 337-396-5217

Area Motels:

Country Inn:
337-462-3450

Say you are with SSRC for group rate

Stage Coach Inn
337-462-0022

2008 SSRC Shirt :
See website for colors !

SPONSORS!!!! Sponsors will be getting a LOT MORE this year! Please send me your Sponsor information as soon as you get it. This year, they will get listed in our newsletters, linked to our web site, get a small ad on the arena fence AND they will get a 30 second announcement before each class that they sponsor! I can build their ad for them, or you can email it to me at: kjanes@xspedius.net. Get them early so they can benefit more for their Sponsorship!

Feel free to ask me any questions.

Thanks!

Kim Morgan
2008 Publicity

YOUTH REPORT

Our fundraiser this show will be "Goat Ribbon race". A goat will be tied at the end of the arena with a ribbon on its tail. You go down and pull the ribbon off! I think that everyone will have fun and get exercise while catching the goat. The fee will be \$8 dollars per entry.

Congratulations to Rayni Wiggins for her winning in the boot race. This was a very exciting thing to watch and participate in.

I hope that you all will participate in our fundraiser this show. We still have our SSRC cookbooks for sale. Good luck and God bless.

Jesus loves you!!

Danae Best,
Youth secretary

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ATTENTION PtHA Members!



Pinto Horse Association of America

If you are interested in helping to start a LA-Tex PINTO Charter for next year, there will be a sign up sheet at the table at the May show. You can email me your information if you can't attend the May show. Each membership number counts.... We will need at least 25 names of existing Pinto members and membership numbers, so have your number ready and give us as many names as you can! Pass the info along to any PtHA members that may not be SSRC members, too!

Thanks!

Kim Morgan

kjanes@xspedius.net

- EMAIL:** Name
 Address
 City
 State
 Zip
 Phone
 email address
 Pinto Member number
 How many pintos do you own?

NEW CLASS:

Hobby Horse Rookie Rewards

March - Jenette Seal

April - Danae Best

ANYONE WHO HAS NOT WON A 1ST
PLACE IN A MOUNTED EVENT IS
ELIGIBLE!!!!

MAY Judges Bio

By: Michala Seaman, youth reporter



Name?

Michaelle Blake

Where were you born?

Nacogdoches, Texas

Where do you live?

College Station, Texas and
Nacogdoches, Texas

What college did you go to and what did you major in?

I graduated from Texas A&M University in December 2007 with a degree in Animal Science with an Equine Production Option and a double minor in Chemistry and Biology. I am currently working on a Masters of Science in Equine Reproduction with an emphasis on Equine Nutrition and plan on graduating in May 2009 from Texas A&M University.

What is your favorite food?

That is a hard one. I cannot cook, so I would have to say anything my Mom cooks when I come and visit my parents for the weekend. But, if I had to pick it would have to be my Mom's Mexican Casserole.

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What is your favorite movie?

I have no idea, I have so many!!!!
But, if I had to narrow it down, it would be all the Rocky movies, Braveheart, and Tombstone.

How long have you ridden horses?

My entire life!!! I "rode" my first horse when I was two weeks old and have been showing since I was six and competing in Rodeo Queen's Contest since I was nine.

How long have you judged horse shows?

Until, I got done with my collegiate judging career with Texas A&M in 2005 I could not judge any shows, so since then.

Are you carded in any Associations?

No, but just because I am not old enough yet! But, it has always been a goal of mine.

What show has been the most fun for you to judge in your career?

I don't really have a favorite show; each one that I have judged has been special in its own way.

Is there anything you don't like to see in a show ring?

The one thing that I cannot stand to see in a show ring is a bad attitude and someone who looks like they are not trying to perform at their best.

Is there anything you like to see in a show ring?

I like to see someone who is professional, trying hard, and having fun!

Do you have a favorite quote?

"There are some days that even my lucky rocket ship underpants can't save me." Calvin and Hobbes

"If I have been able to see farther than others, it was because I stood on the shoulders of giants" – Sir Isaac Newton

SILENT AUCTION

There will be a silent auction on May 31 and June 1 in conjunction with the "RAGIN CAJUN" Youth Clinic and Show. Be sure to gather your items and bring them to the clinic and show !

EMAIL ADDRESSES

There will be a paper available at the show for updating email addresses. Please check to see if your email address is correct. You can email jandmseaman@msn.com to update or add to your addresses or if you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletter.

Classifieds:

We will begin to offer a classified section in our newsletter. Please click below to email your ad: jandmseaman@msn.com

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"RAGIN CAJUN" Youth Clinic and Show MAY 31 – JUNE 1

Hi SSRC Youth and Parents,

Our SSRC "RAGIN CAJUN" Youth Clinic and Show will soon be here, please download the flyer and show bill from the website to see the fun that we are going to have.

You don't have to pre-register to participate, just come the day of the show or clinic. Stalls, RV Hook Ups and Shavings will be available at the normal costs.

IF YOU SHOW IN BOTH THE CLINIC AND SHOW FOR \$75 YOUR STALL FEE WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR TAB.

PARENTS: We still need food and snacks for the HOT DOG cook-out, please sign up at the May show.

Here as an agenda for the day:

Agenda:

- 9:00-10:00- Hunter Under Saddle-All-Around Training Center Staff
- 10:00-10:30- Grooming-Annie Wiggins
- 10:30-11:30-Showmanship- SHSU Judging Team
- 11:30-12:30-Lunch on your own
- 12:30-2:00-Western Pleasure-Jerry Martin
- 2:00-3:00-Horsemanship-SHSU Judging Team
- 3:00-4:30-Trail-SHSU Judging Team
- 4:30-6:30-FREE Ride in the Arena/Adult Ride Time/Question & Answer Session with SHSU Judging Team

7PM Hot Dog Cook Out around the FIRE PIT
Hot Dogs and the FIXIN's for all clinic participants and their parents and guests...

Happy Riding,

Renee Jordan

PAC, OCAP & OEIP

1. Fill out forms completely !
2. Provide envelopes and stamps !

Thanks for understanding,
Charlotte D. Martin
2008 SSRC Secretary

YOUTH FUNDRAISER MONIES: MAY FUNDRAISER:

GOAT RIBBON PULL

Please support the youth of SSRC and ride in the monthly fundraisers. **If there is a fundraiser that you really enjoyed, or if you have an idea for one, please let Michelle know at the announcer's table.**
Thanks again for your support in 2007!

APRIL SHOW ALL AROUNDS

**PeeWee Highpoint - Madison Jenkins
Reserve - Dani Ward**

**Junior Highpoint - Hannah Landry –
tie breaker with 4 - 1st places
Reserve - Sarah Seaman –
tie breaker with 3 - 1st places**

**Senior Highpoint - Ashley Williams
Reserve - LeAnne Elliott**

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Thanks to each and every sponsor !

- **Classes in red are sponsored**
- **Classes in black are not sponsored at this time.**

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 Senior Horse Hunter Under Saddle
 WTL-
 Junior Horse Hunter Under Saddle
 WTL-
**PeeWee Hunter Under Saddle WT -
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**PW Hunter Under Saddle WTL -
 Branding Iron Western**
 Junior Hunter Under Saddle WTL -
 Senior Hunter Under Saddle WTL -
 English Pleasure-PLeasure/Saddle
 Types -
**Novice Hunter Under Saddle WT -
 Triple E Feed LLC**
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 Senior English Disciplined Rail WTL -
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 PeeWee Hunt Seat Equitation WTL -
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**Junior Horse Western Pleasure WTL-
 Sherry Froemming**
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**Novice Western Pleasure WTL- Neches
 Hardwood Management**
**West Pleas-Pleasure/Saddle Type WTL
 - Margaret Callesto**
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 Senior Disciplined Rail WTL -
 Pee Wee Western Horsemanship WT -
 Pee Wee Western Horsemanship WTL -
 Junior Western Horsemanship WTL -
 Senior Western Horsemanship WTL -
**Pee Wee Trail WT - Fabrication
 Construction Services**
 Pee Wee Trail WTL -
 Junior Trail WTL -
Senior Trail WTL – Vinton Feed
 Open Western Riding -
 Reining-
**Pee Wee Barrels - O'Brien Flying
 Service**
 Junior Barrels-
 Senior Barrels -
 Pee Wee Poles-
 Junior Poles -
 Senior Poles -
 Pee Wee Stakes -
 Junior Stakes-
 Senior Stakes



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A Fantastic Pony

Meet Molly. She's a gray speckled pony who was abandoned by her owners when Katrina hit southern Louisiana, USA. She spent weeks on her own before finally being rescued and taken to a farm where abandoned animals were stockpiled. While there, she was attacked by a pit bull terrier, and almost died. Her gnawed right front leg became infected and her vet went to LSU for help. But LSU was overwhelmed, and this pony was a welfare case. You know how that goes.

But after surgeon Rustin Moore met Molly, he changed his mind. He saw how the pony was careful to lie down on different sides so she didn't seem to get sores, and how she allowed people to handle her. She protected her injured leg. She constantly shifted her weight, and didn't overload her good leg. She was a smart pony with a serious survival ethic.

Moore agreed to remove her leg below the knee and a temporary artificial limb was built. Molly walked out of the clinic and her story really begins there.

"This was the right horse and the right owner," Moore insists. Molly happened to be a one-in-a-million patient. She's tough as nails, but sweet, and she was willing to cope with pain. She made it obvious she understood (that) she was in trouble. The other important factor, according to Moore, is having a truly committed and compliant owner who is dedicated to providing the daily care required over the lifetime of the horse.

Molly's story turns into a parable for life in post-Katrina Louisiana. The little pony gained weight, her mane felt a comb. A human prosthesis designer built her a leg.

The prosthetic has given Molly a whole new life, Allison Barca DVM, Molly's regular vet, reports. And she asks for it! She will put her little limb out, and come to you and let you know that she wants you to put it on.

Sometimes she wants you to take it off too." And sometimes, Molly gets away from Barca. "It can be pretty bad when you can't catch a three-legged horse", she laughs.

Most important of all, Molly has a job now. Kay, the rescue farm owner, started taking Molly to shelters, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers. Anywhere she thought that people needed hope. Wherever Molly went, she showed people her pluck. She inspired people. And she had a good time doing it.

"It's obvious to me that Molly had a bigger role to play in life", Moore said, "She survived the hurricane, she survived a horrible injury, and now she is giving hope to others." "She's not back to normal," Barca concluded, "but she's going to be better. To me, she could be a symbol for New Orleans itself."

This is Molly's most recent prosthesis. The bottom photo shows the ground surface that she stands on, which has a smiley face embossed in it. Wherever Molly goes, she leaves a smiley hoof print behind!

