

# Aiken Ladies Aside

**Mission statement:** *Aiken Ladies Aside is an educational organization designed to promote riding side saddle and to provide opportunities to learn to ride and to learn the traditions and elegance of another era.*

## May 2009 Newsletter

The May meeting was at Helen Naylor's house. Thanks, once again, for hosting a scrumptious time.

The new By-Laws for the Club will be in your hands shortly for comment and suggestion prior to voting on the final product at our June annual meeting. They were developed using by-laws from several different riding clubs and a corporation. They are being gone over by a lawyer with a Columbia law firm who can file both the By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation for us. We do have an EIN Tax ID number. This allows us, as a non profit, to purchase items for the club without having to pay state tax. Nominations for Treasurer and Vice President will accompany the By-Laws. Paid members only can vote, either at the June meeting or by email reply.

The June meeting will be a cookout at Taylor Myer's new summer rental property on Implement Road in Hopeland Farms. Members will vote on By Laws and two club officers who serve on the board. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and cookout and enjoy the company. We will also have a raffle of something nifty. If you join that night you, too, can vote! Hers is the third horse property on the right, house sits up on the hill. Call Taylor if you get lost, cell 803-586-6229.

### **Advantages of paying \$25 and being a member of ALA:**

Voting privileges

Riding privileges (only members can go on rides due to insurance reasons)

Discounts on lessons

Chance to learn a new skill

Camaraderie

We are working on getting a new website up and running. Jo Santay had created the first Aiken Ladies Aside website – thank you Jo. It is now the

Club's turn to maintain a website. The Board members are talking to several web designers to create a site and give us the "look," Georgia member Lisa Doker will update and maintain the new website.

Linda Vanderslice did some research on ALA having a ride at The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC., the largest private residence in the U.S. Ride is scheduled for Sept. 26-27. There are many things to do for non-riding Significant Others to do—fishing, boating, bicycling, go into Asheville, visit the house, gardens, winery.

The plan is to arrive Saturday AM, have a picnic, ride in the PM. There are 80 miles of trails in five different loops, some with jumps. Stay overnight Saturday and ride AM Sunday and picnic before returning home.

Six 12x12 stalls and six paddocks have been reserved. Stalls \$25, paddock \$20 per horse, Camping on site for \$15 per person. There are 12-15 hotels close by, also Inn at Biltmore on grounds as well as a restaurant. There is a \$25 entrance fee, plus \$25 a day to ride, total for weekend \$75, plus horse costs, hotel and food. Need valid Coggins and perhaps health certificate for NC. There is running water, shavings for the stalls and porta johns.

Betty reserved all on her credit card, so if you are interested, pay Betty directly for stall or paddock. You must be an ALA member to ride. You can cancel with notice and we will maintain a waiting list if spaces fill. Contact Betty Alexander, 803-644-4882 if you want to reserve a space. They are going fast!!

There are two schooling shows coming up for side saddle -- dressage at Jasmine Farm on June 6 and at Quintynne Hill Farm June 13. These are only shows until Labor's Reward Show the last weekend in August at Highfields. Ann Lawhorne will give information to those interested, but she will not be here. So far, there are several members planning to ride. Side saddle riders will be accommodated in regular classes. These are inexpensive schooling shows as a way to lead up to August show. We can still practice at Sporting Days Farm. Ite O'Higgins is available there to give instruction.

The August show will have own Side Saddle division like last year; you can ride Test of Choice and be competing only against other side saddle riders. Ann's contact for the schooling show forms is 803-643-9263.

There is a PSJ "B" rated hunter show at Highfields 3-5 July. You could ride in a flat class. We will have more information on that by the next meeting.

The team of Betty Alexander, Lisa Doker and member Nancy Benjamin's husband, Leo, won their Hilltopper Division at the Flat Branch Hunt hunter pace last month.

Ann Lawhorne took Second at the Highfields Dressage Show Memorial Day weekend on Bally.

The April 25 trail ride saw about a half dozen riders. Linda Vanderslice led the group in Hitchcock Woods, rode past Barton Pond and Rabbit Valley. Back at the trailers to enjoy a picnic lunch.

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

A Whippy 21 x 13 with a 6 " gullet, comes with stirrup and balance girth, that is the only one reinforced for jumping.

A Beck morrow comes with balance girth, roller bar assembly, but safety stirrups can be bought at American Lady Aside for \$110

The Comal does not come with anything, but I would take \$500 for it.

Contact for more information:

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**Sidesaddle Items For Sale:**

Vintage 1930s midnight blue medium-weight cavalry twill habit. Maker is either Roberts & Carroll or Busvine. Size is ladies 14-16 petite. Excellent condition. Comes with matching britches. \$450.

22.5-23" Mayhew sidesaddle. Really lovely well-conditioned leather, wide pommels. Medium to med-wide tree. Comes with stirrup, fitting, and balance girth. \$1,600.

21" rebuilt Mayhew sidesaddle. Foam doeskin seat and pommels, so very comfortable! Outside girthing, linen bottom, med-wide pommels, medium to med-wide tree, comes with stirrup and fitting. \$2,000.

**Astride Items For Sale:**

18.5" N. Pessoa (made in Paris) saddle. Med tree, padded flaps. Professionally oiled, hardly used. \$1,100.

17" Hermes saddle. Med tree. All flat. Only used for appointments classes, excellent condition, very well balanced. \$1,250.

17.5" N. Pessoa (made in Paris) saddle. All flat. Good condition. \$350.

Ladies and Men's vintage breeches in varying weights and colors (tan, beige, canary, black, brown, rust). Some flared, some not, some with buttons by knee, some not. Sizes from 24" to 38" waists. Prices \$25 to \$75.

Several black hunt bowlers, sizes 7 to 7 1/2.

Pictures are on my website. Please email me at [dlz113@juno.com](mailto:dlz113@juno.com) if interested. Devon

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## **Calendar of Events**

June 6: Schooling Show at Jasmine Farm

June 13: Schooling Show at Quintynne Hill Farm

June 15: Comments due for By-Laws

Thursday, June 25: 7PM Annual membership meeting, Taylor Myer's house.

Thursday, July 23: ALA General Meeting

August 14, 15, 16: Camp Leaping Horn, Gladstone, NJ

Thursday, August 27: ALA General Meeting, special program brewing

August 29, 30: Labor's Reward Dressage Show, Highfields

September 26, 27: Ride at Biltmore Estate

October 31: Audubon Fall Rally

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**Fill out the form, enclose a check for \$25 for Individual  
Membership or \$50 for Family Membership and mail it to us.**

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