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Newsletter: May 2007

# SDTRHR

SDTRHR's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
Saturday, June 16  
Shamrock Par 3-Milton

SDTRHR is holding its 1<sup>st</sup> Golf Tournament at Sharmrock Par 3 in Milton. Registration & Golf Games start at 8:30 a.m. and tee off is at 9:30 a.m. Cost per player is \$25. There will be lots of games and prizes. Delicious lunch provided by Miltonian Pizzeria. Please come out and support SDTRHR and have a great time. To register please call Kelly at 381-0009 by June 11.

## Mark Your Calendars

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Redden Ride & Walk

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Redden Ride and Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 (raindate: Sunday, October 21). SDTRHR is seeking sponsors to help cover the cost of food which will be provided by Jimmy's Grille-brought back by popular demand! The cost of food is \$750---we really need help to cover this cost!

## **SDTRHR's Board Update**

After serving as President of SDTRHR for five years, Kerri Shelly has stepped down as president. SDTRHR held a board meeting on May 4 at which time new by-laws were adopted and the following officers were elected: Georgia Truitt, President; Kelly Smith, Vice-President and Victoria Homan, Treasurer. At this time, SDTRHR is seeking dedicated, hard-working individuals to serve on the board and on board committees.

If you or someone you know feels passionate about SDTRHR's mission and have 2-3 hours per month to work on SDTRHR's behalf, please complete a board member application. Applications are available on SDTRHR's website ([www.sdtrhr.com](http://www.sdtrhr.com)).

# UPDATE

## DID YOU KNOW...

- SDTRHR is the only-NARHA affiliated therapeutic riding program in Sussex and Kent Counties. One of over 700 NARHA centers!
- SDTRHR's greatest expense is horse care, presently, monthly horse costs are (are you sitting down???) \$1,600 a month.
- 17 percent of SDTRHR's participants are on partial scholarships and 21 percent are on full scholarships.
- Georgia, Kelly and Kerri are NARHA-certified instructors. Meaning, they had to complete extensive testing and maintain continuing education, as well as, CPR and First Aid.
- Georgia is NARHA's state representative and will be judging applications for rider, volunteer and horse of the year for one of the 11 NARHA regions.

## SDTRHR's New Addition

Champ is a handsome 20-year old Quarter Horse that has been donated to SDTRHR. We are trying him out for one month to determine if he has the temperament, stamina and desire to be a therapy horse. When you are at the barn, make sure you say hello to this kind gentleman.

As most of you know Cimieron is 32 years old, which is about the equivalent of a person being 95 years old. She is on a few different medications daily and she is hanging in there...but we are taking day by day. So, please stop by and say hi to Cimmi and feed her an apple-- *her favorite!*

## Donation Boxes

SDTRHR has 10 donation boxes at various locations in the area including: Best Equipment, Rehoboth & Milford locations of Concord Pet, Donut Connection and Java Beach. We will be placing boxes in NAPA auto parts' seven stores. If you can think of any other business locations to place donation boxes, please let us know.

## Autism Panel

Kelly Smith attended an Autism Panel composed of all types of professionals who are experts in the perplexing condition of Autism. Presently, six of SDTRHR's participants have some form of Autism.

## Grants

SDTRHR has recently applied for two grants. One was from the Georgetown/Millsboro Rotary and requested funds for four participant scholarships. The other was from the American Quarter Horse Association Horse Cares which requested a one year sponsorship for Cimmeron. We should hear about the Rotary grant by mid-June and the AQHA grant by November. Please keep your fingers crossed!

## Slogan for SDTRHR

So far, we have not received any suggestions for slogans. Please think about a catchy slogan that represents SDTRHR's mission, participants, instructors, horses and volunteers. We will use this slogan on our website, fundraising efforts, and on items to sell (shirts, hats, etc).

## Speaking Engagements

On Friday, April 20, Kelly spoke at the Rehoboth/Lewes Sunrise Rotary meeting held at King's Creek Country Club. It was a very positive experience and the audience seemed very moved by what SDTRHR does.

Kelly will be speaking to the Georgetown/Millsboro Rotary on May 15 and we hope to hear about our grant at that time.

Hugh, the father of one of our participants, is scheduled to speak to the Lioness Club at the end of this month.

## United Way & Food Lion Reminders

Just a reminder if your employer is a member of United Way, you can designate SDTRHR as the organization you want your United Way contribution applied to. SDTRHR's United Way code is 9415.

Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase can be donated to SDTRHR. In order to register your MVP card, please go on our website or ask Kelly for written directions.

### Poems from Aly... *SDTRHR Participant*

#### *Ponies*

*Ponies to ride on trails  
Sometime you hear the hoof beats  
Riding and Jumping  
You can groom and care for them  
The funnest thing to do ever.*

#### *Horses*

*Shiny, fast  
Hearing of hoof beats  
Can't wait to ride Niska*