

# NEWS 2008 & 2007

- **DECEMBER 15, 2008:** - Darlene and Rose went (without their trainer) to the Twin Rivers Saddle Club Schooling Show and did an excellent job. Check on **Results 2008**.
  - **NOVEMBER 21, 2008:** - A big and warm hug for Jeffrey Lord for the difficult times he is living this week.
- THANKS SOOOOOO MUCH to AURORA BOYINGTON of WELLINGTON PHOTO for the great pictures she took during the weekend!
- I did the first schooling at the show grounds in Wellington with MARCO THE MAGNIFICENT Pat Bennett's horse on November 15. HE WAS GREAT!
- Wednesday Nov. 12 Pat, Rose, Barbara, Darlene and Juan surprised me with a delicious AJIACO and some traditional colombian desserts for lunch to celebrate my birthday! Absolutely GREAT! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!
- The Twin Rivers Saddle Club Show Season started for us on November 8, 2008. Please go to **RESULTS 2008** to see the scores and placings. It was very nice to have Chuck Miller and Pat Bennett supporting us.
- **OCTOBER 7, 2008:** - We had a great start of the 2008 - 2009 Show Season with the highlight that TACOMA MOVED TO SECOND LEVEL!!!! There are not enough words to describe how proud and happy I feel for the work done with him and Rose. And I have to thank them for believe that a good training program can lead to unbelievable achievements. Please check the **RESULTS 2008** page for the scores and placings. See some pictures of the Parkland Show at [www.hassilphotography.com](http://www.hassilphotography.com)
- **WELLINGTON DRESSAGE CLASSIC SHOWS** and **MDC CORPORATION** gave me a very nice pair of MDC ULTIMATE STIRRUPS for my support of their show series. BIG THANK YOU to Mr. John Flanagan, Mrs. Noreen O'Sullivan and Mr. Martin Cohen.



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- SEPTEMBER 22, 2008: - Just came back from my short vacation at home with my parents. IT WAS GREAT!

- After two successful Year End Awards Banquets for my students, it was time to go for my awards. The Gold Coast Dressage Association held their Banquet on Sept. 13 and it was a great night for me. You can see the awards listed in my HOME page. The most special: the Lund Animal Hospital Sportmanship Award. Here are some pictures taken by Ralph Singer.



- SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 - **CONGRATULATIONS** to:  
ROSE MILLER and TACOMA: **RESERVE CHAMPION IN FIRST LEVEL** in the PARKLAND YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET. September 6, 2008.



ANDREA AND JIM PETERSON: Special award for their support to the Parkland Dressage Shows.

- AUGUST 10, 2008 - My younger sister was here with her family visiting.



- And José María (Juan's son) was here too



- The list of clients has changed, I had to say good bye to two very nice mares...

-We had the Twin Rivers Saddle Club Year End Awards Ceremony July 17. **CONGRATULATIONS** to :

DARLENE MOREE - **Grand Champion** in Second Level Test 1

DR. JANET HIBEL AND VALENTINES N' ROSES - **Grand Champion** in First Level Test 2

ROSE MILLER AND TACOMA - **Reserve Champion** in First Level 2 and 3



- The Clinic we did July 11 and 12 in Caloosa was very good. Thanks to Pat Bennett for letting us use her house for the theory/video session! Check out the pictures in **PICTURES 2008**. Taking the clinic were: Pat Bennett, Rose Miller, Darlene Moree, Barbara Acimovic, Lisa Oliver, Dr. Janet Hibel, Ashley Bennett and Penny Madden.

- **JUNE 11, 2008** - A big THANK YOU to Aurora Boyington of Wellington Photo for the beautiful picture of Sacusca at the May show!

- **MAY 27, 2008** - Many news, some good, some bad...

- I finished my show season with Sacusca and Vandaloo in a very good way. Special thanks to Debbie, Caroline, Juaner, Rose, Pam and Jimmy for all the support! Go to **RESULTS 2008** to see the scores and placings. There are some pictures with Sacusca in **www.wellingtonphoto.com** click on "Dressage Galleries", then click on the May 24 show and go to picture 118

- Welcome back to Lisa Oliver and Lank. Lisa is not only one of my first students in Florida but also a very good friend. It's very nice to have her around again.

- And Anita lost another horse... FIRST VALENTINE changed to Debbie's ownership today!



*FIRST VALENTINE in our first show in Caloosa*

- The bad news: CLAUDIA TÉLLEZ, my very best friend from Colombia, lost her stallion ROCK 'N ROLL on Friday. He was the sire of many good horses I rode for the Téllez family: Romanov, Ramses, Rolex, Rossini. I even trained him for a month. It's very sad to think he is not around any more but he lived a very good life and left many, many, many GOOD sport horses.

- **MAY 12, 2008 - I received the BRONZE and SILVER MEDALS from the USDF!**

- I forgot to tell you that Kristin and Anja Rietbrock (my German family/ trainers) were visiting at the beginning of March. Here is a picture at the Challenge of the Americas with Debbie and Juan.



- **APRIL 23, 2008** - I'm sorry for the long period of time without updating the web page! Many things happened this month:

- Pat Bennett has a new horse named Marco, she got him in Ocala at Juan Ledgard's stable. After a couple of weeks at Rose's barn she moved him to Debbie's so that we can work together for a month and get to know him well. We

have had very nice moments with him and wish Pat all the fun with her new project! Brandy is recuperating very good from her surgery and is starting to walk under tack.



- Gidget is also walking under tack. Barbara got an OK from Dr. Schachter after the last check.
- Debbie got new mirrors at her place and a set of 4 cavalletti. The arena looks beautiful and very professional!
- Debbie has a new barn manager: Jimmy Martinez. FUN TO WORK WITH HIM AND IS GREAT AROUND THE HORSES! We hope he stays for a loooooooooooooong time!
- Check out the **RESULTS 2008** page. Special remark on Debbie's first show with Sacusca and I showed First Valentine also for the first time!
- And talking about the shows: I had the nice opportunity to work with a group of Diane Cohon's students to help them prepare for their first Dressage Show. It was an unbelievable experience and I hope they had as much fun as I did!
- We wish Amy Baker good luck at her new job in Indiantown!
- I promise pictures coming in the next weeks...
  - **MARCH 10, 2008** - We are very sorry with the sad news: Felina, Barbara's partner for more than 25 years left us after a very nice and long life (she was 34!).
  - **FEBRUARY 29, 2009** - Brandy, Pat's mare, had surgery today. She is recovering very well.
  - **FEBRUARY 18, 2008** - Thanks to the results of the last shows with Evita Rubin in Third and Fourth Level, with Westyn in Second Level and Sacusca and Vandalo Interagro in First Level I am going to be able to get the Bronze and Silver Medals from the USDF!
  - **FEBRUARY 16, 2008** - A big **THANK YOU!** to all my Caloosa clients that gave me the banner for the shows as a Christmas present!



- **FEBRUARY 12, 2008** - The last Twin Rivers show was very good for Rose, Darlene and Janet. They all had nice scores showing a lot of improvement. It was the first time for Darlene in Second Level Test 2. Thank you Barbara for being there!
- **JANUARY 28, 2008** - SACUSCA is the new star on the shows: Four classes ridden with her and each one with a 10! The judges love her. The comments are: *"It was a privilege to judge such a wonderful test"*; *"Can I have her? I'll be very good to her"* from Barbara Marks and *"Fun ride to watch"* from Marlene Schneider
- **JANUARY 28, 2008** - It was very nice to have my parents here! Thank you all for understanding I needed time with them! And now: BACK TO WORK...



- **JANUARY 14, 2008** - We had another successful weekend. Vandalo was back in a show with me and it was really fun to ride. Evita shows a lot of progress and we had good placings in big classes. Westyn is moving up on the levels and that makes all of us very proud. The star was Sacusca: what a pleasure!
- **JANUARY 13, 2008** - It is always nice when you get news from your students about good results in shows. Darlene, Janet and Rose did a good job without me in the Twin Rivers show. I promise I will be there in February!
- **DECEMBER 20, 2007** - We were yesterday in the Newspaper! In the Wellington Forum of the Sun-Sentinel Palm Beach County edition. **Click here** to read the article. Pictures to come.
- **DECEMBER 19, 2007** - Anita has one horse less: Debbie bought Sacusca.  
CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK!
- **DECEMBER 16, 2007** - First time with Evita in a show and was a big success! She behaved like a real show horse. Debbie is VERY HAPPY and I'm even more. Thanks to Debbie, Karen, Ruth and Jimmy for being there and help. And, as always, a big kiss for Juan for the support!
- **DECEMBER 9, 2007** - We participated in another Twin Rivers Saddle Club Show. This time we had new rides (See **Results**) and there was improvement from the previous shows. The scoring was low but the judge's comments on the tests were very clear and educating.
- **DECEMBER 6, 2007** - Gidget is back to her stall after the surgery. She is doing well!
- **DECEMBER 4, 2007** - Today is Gidget's surgery. We all hope for the best!