



MID-YEAR UPDATES



Dear Friends,

Bruce's Field is far too quiet for this time of year. The grass is green, the rings are poised for competition, and Bruce, Kim's Song, and Chummy are calmly watching over, awaiting your return.

Last week, we quietly celebrated Earth Day by feeding and trimming our budding live oaks. It was a beautiful "Aiken Day" the sky was blue and a slight breeze ruffled leaves and swayed branches. I, like many people truly believe that Mother Nature is enjoying this pause!



While we wait for the appropriate time to reopen for horse shows we are taking this unforeseen downtime to plan and look ahead in our calendar. By the way, its pretty exciting!



Much needed pressure washing in progress!



We truly hope that conditions will be favorable for the Classic Company to run their Aiken Summer Classics I & II June 10 -

21. Please visit their website for more information
[The Classic Company Ltd.](#)
tel. 843-768-1479
email info@classiccompany.com

**DRESSAGE IN THE SPRING AT BRUCE'S FIELD
USEF/USDF Level 3 May 16-17, 2020**

Has been rescheduled, new date is **July 22 & 23, 2020**. Mark your calendars and come show with us. For more information please contact our show manager **Teresa Uddo**

Equus Events' **Fall Festivals** are scheduled for

September 2 - 13, 2020, this year both shows will be held at the Premier AA level. For more information on those shows please visit their website **Equus Events Inc.** tel. 803-643-5698 email info@equusevents.com



DECEMBER CLASSIC I
December 3 - 6, 2020
USEF National

SPLITROCK
JUMPING TOUR

SPLIT ROCK JUMPING TOUR IS COMING TO AIKEN!

November 4 - 8, 2020.

Bruce's Field will be the site of Aiken's very first FEI Show Jumping event featuring a **\$100,000 Grand-Prix**. We are very excited to be hosting this competition with Derek Braun and his crew at SRJT. We hope to entice many exhibitors heading south for the winter with the warm days and cool nights so prevalent in a South Carolina November.

FOR ALL YOUR **SPLIT ROCK JUMPING TOUR** INFORMATION please visit their website: **Aiken International CSI2***
tel 859-252-3247 Email info@splitrockjumpingtour.com

Whatever time of year you plan to visit Aiken, there are a variety of different lodging options. The official hotels of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation are the **Fairfield Inn and Suites**, and the **Townplace**

Suites. We are so appreciative of their ongoing support of Bruce's Field, and we hope you will consider patronizing them when booking your next stay in Aiken.

If your taste prefers luxury boutique hotel experiences there are two wonderful local properties from which to choose:

The Wilcox Hotel and **The Carriage House Inn**

AirBNB's and VRBO's are also especially popular options as well as private house rentals for visitors to Aiken. Take a look at Aiken's newest offering: 419Hayne



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**GRAND-PRIX EVENTING AT BRUCE'S FIELD
MARCH 5 & 6, 2021**

We are excited to announce that **Joannie Morris** has assumed the role as event director. She will oversee the overall "spectacular" and assist **Shelley Page** with the running of the competition. We have formed a number of sub-committees enlisting the expertise and help of volunteers keen to roll up their sleeves to help make this event an even more memorable experience for everyone. We will be solidifying plans throughout the spring and summer so please look for updates on our website on how you can get involved and contribute to next winter's event.

SAVE THE DATE!

**AIKEN CHARITY HORSE SHOW I
USEF PREMIER**

MAY 5-9, 2021

AIKEN CHARITY HORSE SHOW II
USEF PREMIER
MAY 12-16, 2021



Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Bruce, knew immediately that he was a kind and generous guy. He was a passionate advocate for animals and a loyal and generous friend. His legacy shines through in everything we do, and is the driving force in all of our decisions as we continue to honor his memory. Last week, board member Bobby Hottensen saw the enormous need to find support for members of the Aiken community that were suffering as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke with Mayor Rick Osbon to see how individuals and organizations could possibly help. The mayor identified several organizations who were pretty much on the front lines serving the most needy and could truly benefit from additional funds. Thanks to his and Mayor Osbon's initiative, we received word that **The Duchossois Family Foundation** awarded \$50,000 in grant money to two Aiken County organizations. **The United Way of Aiken County** received \$25,000 with a portion designated to the **Meals on Wheels** program and the remainder of the funds to their COVID-19 Emergency Fund, and another \$25,000 grant was sent to **The Salvation Army of Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, and Edgefield counties**. Both organizations have taken huge leadership roles to help Aiken's most vulnerable citizens.

Ashley Duchossois Joyce, President of The Duchossois Family Foundation said - *We are delighted to support the Aiken community in this time of need. Aiken is truly a beautiful place, and holds a warm place in all of our hearts. Aiken was so meaningful to Bruce in his lifetime and still to his partner Jack.*

President of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation, **Jack Wetzel** summed up all of our sentiments by saying - *All of us at The Aiken Horse Park Foundation are delighted with The Duchossois Family Foundation's thoughtful initiative to help make a difference to those in Aiken most in need. We hope their efforts stimulate others in the community to support these and other similar activities.*

Bruce's Legacy of Paying it forward remains strong. If you are in a position to give to an organization that is supporting individuals affected by COVID-19 please consider making a gift, every dollar makes a difference...

COVID-19 has undoubtedly turned all of our lives upside down. This health and economic crisis has caused a great deal of uncertainty and strife not just in the equine industry but throughout every economic sector in the world. We find that putting our energy into planning for future events is therapeutic, reassuring, and productive. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Bruce's Field before too long. In the meantime, stay well. #embracethespace #inthistogogether #stayhome #staysafe



Established in 2013 by the late R. Bruce Duchossois, the Aiken Horse Park Foundation received its IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status in November 2014, with a mission to promote Aiken's equestrian way of life and to encourage the community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors

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