



RIVER SAGE STABLES

FEBRUARY 2018

Let's Talk:

Arena Etiquette!

NOTES AND INFORMATION

- ◆ We've had clients ask about alternatives to the wood fiber that we put in the horses' sheds and/or paddocks when requested. We can now also provide sand in your horses' sheds and/or paddock for their comfort. As always, you can provide your own stall mats or bagged shavings or anything else you'd like in your horses's shed, stall, or paddock. Each material has its own pros and cons such as: price, length of time each lasts, warmth, drainage factors, etc. Just let us know if you'd like sand or wood fiber and we're happy to discuss these options with you!
- ◆ The month of February is once again busy as both Trudy and Sarah offer activities each Saturday. Please check the on-line calendar or the white board for up-to-date scheduling.
- ◆ Trudy will host a Roping Clinic on Sat Feb 3rd and a Sorting on Sat Feb 10th. Contact her for more information about these activities. The next sorting will be sometime in March with some nice, juicy, new cows!!
- ◆ Sarah will host the last Test of Choice Dressage Show for the season on Sat Feb 17th and a jumping clinic with an outside clinician on Sat Feb 24th. Auditing is always welcome so come and join us!



Arena etiquette and safety go hand in hand. Learn what you can do to make riding with others enjoyable and safe!

- ◆ *Pass left shoulder to left shoulder if you encounter someone going the opposite direction and when passing someone going the same direction, pass on the inside rather than the outside.*
- ◆ *Riders in lessons, on course, or doing a pattern have the right of way and lungers should make way for riders.*
- ◆ *Be careful not to crowd other riders. Keep one or MORE horse's length between you and the horse in front of you and do not run up behind another horse. Some horses are very sensitive about other horses near them so please be cautious and never pin a horse too close to the rail.*
- ◆ *Riders doing slow work including lateral work or circling should stay to the inside while riders cantering, loping, or doing laps should stay on the rail.*
- ◆ *Announce your intentions such as "circling" or "quarterline" or "passing on your outside."*
- ◆ *Keeping your eyes up and making eye contact with other riders can help avoid confusion and collisions!*
- ◆ *Be careful not to impede the flow of traffic. Do not stop abruptly if another horse is following closely and when dismounting or stopping to chat or adjust tack, clearly stay out of the way of other riders.*
- ◆ *Cue your horse quietly. While riding or lungeing, keep whip or voice cues quiet so as not to disturb, spook, or influence other horses in the arena.*
- ◆ *Keep loose horses from escaping by closing and latching all gates when you enter or exit the arenas.*