

# AIKEN HORSE REALTOR

Your best bet for finding the perfect home or farm in Aiken, SC

Suzy Haslup

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## MEET FRANK STARCHER

Frank Starcher, an avid fox hunter and ex-MFH has recently joined Eulalie Salley and will be working with Suzy as a licensed assistant. Frank brings with him over 30 years of experience managing horse farms in Middleburg, VA., and in St. Louis, MO. His knowledge of horse properties and his understanding of what the discriminating buyer wants should be a great asset to our organization.



## SMART CHANCE WINS AT SARATOGA

A little bit of bragging is in order when one of Suzy's graduates wins his first time out, and at Saratoga no less! Smart Chance, a two year old by **AMERICAN CHANCE**, trained by Dave Donk, did just that on August 22nd.

Suzy broke and trained this colt this past winter for owners Michael and Patricia Palenscar before being sent to Dave Donk, and was present for his remarkable debut where he paid out a phenomenal \$71.50 to his backers!

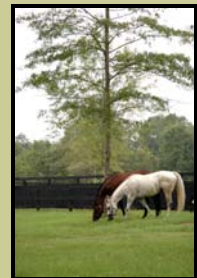


## AIKEN'S LAND RUSH?

Property is selling at a fast clip in Aiken County. Suzy's clients are coming from as far away as California, Australia, and England. An increasing amount of people from South Florida looking to relocate North as well as the continued influx of clients from the Mid-Atlantic States has not lessened. Sometimes it's overwhelming the amount of people who want to call Aiken home. Maybe it is the friendliness of the local population, climate, or the small town flavor with the modern conveniences of the Southside that is appealing. And the existence of educated horsepeople, veterinarians and farriers are attractive to the equestrians purchasing property. Whatever the reason or combination of factors, it has kept Frank and Suzy busy.

To better serve you, Suzy is studying to be an Accredited Land Consultant with the Realtors Land Institute. She has recently completed the Land 101 class in Asheville, the first step in the intensive 120 hours required for this designation.

**Fox Hollow** is Suzy's latest equestrian development located in the ever popular Southside area of Aiken. Known for its rolling terrain, less sandy soil, and abundance of hardwoods, this area has become home to many new equestrian subdivisions.



Shelly Schmidt

The benefits of Fox Hollow are many. First, it is unique in that it is a gated community of horse lots ranging from 7 to 28 acres with three riding rings (hunter, jumper and dressage), a cross country course and perimeter bridle trails. The paved roads are in place and several of the (Continued on next page)



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## THREE DAY CLINIC

Heidi White will be conducting a clinic at Johannah Glass's Sporting Days Farm on October 29th & 30th. Heidi finished tenth in the recent FEI Eventing World Cup Final\*\*\* in Malmo, Sweden and tenth at the Badminton CCI\*\*\*\* in May. Heidi was also our reserve rider for the 2004 Athens Olympics and has been training with the USET for three years.

Heidi doubles as one of Suzy's gallop riders in the Winter Months she's in Aiken. Her Thoroughbred pupils consistently win the first time they race. Smart Chance, Suzy's \$71.50 winner at Saratoga was her regular ride early each morning before her eventing duties.

Novice through Advanced levels will be offered over the two days. Book early by calling Gretchen White at (803) 315-1253.

(Continued from previous page) properties have been cleared and construction is underway on barns and houses. The views are spectacular and the drive to Fox Hollow is pleasing. A membership to a private Country Club is included with the purchase price of \$12,500-\$15,000 per acre.

Only three lots remain in **Oakridge Farm** and four remain in **Windsor Trace**. A variety of horse enthusiasts have purchased lots at both of these Windsor developments including driving, polo, foxhunters, and pleasure riders. The grass is up at Oakridge and Windsor Trace will be sprigged in March. Lots are \$7500-\$8500 per acre and remaining lots are eleven to seventeen acres.

Click on [www.aikenhorserealtor.com](http://www.aikenhorserealtor.com) to view any of the above listings.



## USC Aiken Ranked Number One by U.S. News & World Report As the Top Public Comprehensive College (Bachelor's) in the South

The University of South Carolina Aiken was ranked first as the top public comprehensive college in the South in the year 2006 edition of U.S. News & World Report's guide, America's Best Colleges. This marks the eighth time USC Aiken has been ranked in the top three of public comprehensive colleges in the South by U.S. News & World Report. USC Aiken was also ranked first in the 2002 and 2003 editions.

"We are very pleased to once again celebrate this news and even more excited to be ranked number one this year. USC Aiken has enjoyed being continuously ranked in the top three since the publication first began ranking our category of institutions eight years ago. USC Aiken is also the only institution to be ranked in the top three for all eight of those years," said Dr. Thomas L. Hallman, USCA chancellor. "This is a tribute to the faculty and staff of this campus, to have maintained USC Aiken's reputation for high quality through one of the most difficult financial periods in our history. This is not only great news for the USC Aiken campus community, but for our alumni and friends in the Aiken community as well. We pledge to continue to give our best each and every day to provide the very best educational experience for all of our students."

The method that U.S. News uses to rank colleges and universities is available on the U.S. News & World Report web site at <http://www.usnews.com>



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## **EXPERIENCE AIKEN**

### **USPA Gold Cup**

September 11-October 2 New Bridge Polo and Country Club  
Sunday, September 11 is Finals of Warm Up Tournament.  
Sunday, September 18 is First USPA Gold Cup Sunday.  
Sunday, September 25 is Second USPA Gold Cup Sunday and SPCA Day.  
Sunday, October 2 is USPA Gold Cup Finals. Gates Open 2 pm.  
Polo Pavilion opens 3 pm. For more information, visit  
[www.newbridgepolo.com](http://www.newbridgepolo.com)



### **Aiken Polo Pony Sale**

Saturday, October 1, 2005 at Highfields Show Grounds  
Sale Begins 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch Buffet - Noon  
Sale Resumes 1:00 p.m.  
Call 803-641-1624 for more information

### **Bluegrass Minifest**

Saturday, October 1, 2005 at the Whitney Polo Field.  
Admission will be free but donations may be made at the gate. All profits will benefit the Aiken Bluegrass Festival which runs for the benefit of STAR Riding and Driving. Visit [www.aikenbluegrassfestival.org](http://www.aikenbluegrassfestival.org)

### **Western Carolina State Fair**

October 20-29 at the Aiken Fairgrounds  
Visit [www.westerncarolinastatefair.com](http://www.westerncarolinastatefair.com) for more information

### **USCA Baseball Pro Rodeo**

October 27-29 at the Jaycee Fairgrounds  
Call 803-641-3486 for more information

### **Oyster Roast Benefit for STAR Riding & Driving**

Friday October 21 from 6-9 p.m. The annual Oyster Roast at Black Forest Farm on Banks Mill Road.  
Call 803-642-8800 for more information.

### **Aiken Fall Steeplechase**

Friday, October 28, 2005 Fall into the Woods Fete, Playing in the Pines Steeplechase Dinner Dance.

Saturday, October 29, 2005 15th annual Fall Steeplechase at Ford Conger Field, Powderhouse Road. Gates open at 9:30 a.m. Post time is 1 p.m. Call 803-648-9641 for more information or visit  
[www.aikensteeplechase.com](http://www.aikensteeplechase.com)



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## FOX HUNTING

Fox Hunting began in Aiken in the early 1900's and has always been an important part of the culture here. The mild weather and the sandy soil allows for hunting with few interruptions throughout the Winter. As the weather turns cold and the ground freezes in the North, horsemen begin arriving. There are numerous hunts that welcome visitors and invited guests to participate. The informal season usually begins in October and the opening meet in mid to late November. A few of the local hunts are:

### Aiken Hounds

Meet: Tuesday and Saturday  
Call 803-643-DRAG for more information  
or visit [www.aikenhounds.com](http://www.aikenhounds.com)

### Belle Meade Hunt

Meet: Wednesday and Saturday  
Call 706-595-4830 for more information  
or visit [www.bellemeadehunt.com](http://www.bellemeadehunt.com)

### Whiskey Road Fox Hounds

Meet: Thursday and Sunday  
Call 803-644-7650 for more information  
or visit [www.whiskeyroadfoxhounds.com](http://www.whiskeyroadfoxhounds.com)

### Why Worry Hounds

Meet: Friday and Sunday  
Call 803-641-0471 for more information  
or visit [www.whyworryhounds.com](http://www.whyworryhounds.com)



Alex Pacheco

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