

Fencelines Newsletter

*Open from October 30, 2016-May 7, 2017
Celebrating 90 Years!*

Cottage updates: the same, only better!

The six month “off season” at the Circle Z not only gives our horses a chance to relax, it also gives our carpenters a chance to fix! Last season saw some beautiful upgrades to Cottage 5, as well as the additions of the Aztec Suite and Lucia’s Suite. This summer was just as productive, as we continued our mission to preserve our historic cottages.

Cottage One, with suites 11 and 12, underwent the most ambitious remodel, and we know guests will love the changes. Each bathroom was enlarged, and completely refurbished. Adorned with colorful Mexican tile, they are bright and spacious. Soundproofing was added between the adjoining suites, along with new carpet and fresh paint. Suite 11 now has a sofa bed in the living room, making it available for small families. Both of these suites are ideal for couples wanting extra space to relax.

Our premier Cottage Two will be even more attractive and comfortable for family and friend getaways. Both bathrooms were remodeled, again using colorful Mexican tile. The bathroom on the north side of the cottage has been enlarged, making it much more user friendly! Both baths now have a shower/bathtub combination.

Hill House, our only cottage with the exposed adobe exterior, is a favorite for many families and friends vacationing together. We have remodeled the back bathroom, doubling it in size, and adding a bathtub/shower combination. Cottage three, featuring spacious rooms sharing adjoining bathrooms, has new heating and air-conditioning units. Guest room 41-42, another accommodation with shared baths, also underwent bathroom remodel.

Even with these extensive remodels, our ranch still retains the simple and historic splendor that has been our hallmark for 90 years!

Introducing An historic book of the Circle Z Ranch

Over the previous year and a half, we have been sifting through historic photos and archives of the ranch. The result of our efforts is a fascinating stroll through our history in this hardcover book titled *Images of America, Circle Z Guest Ranch*. Gail Corkhill, author and educator, put in countless hours piecing together the story of our beloved ranch, and Arcadia Publishers has done a remarkable job in publishing our story. Filled with interesting photos,

interviews, and historic information on the ranch and the town of Patagonia, this will make a great addition to your library. This hardback edition will be available for purchase in our gift shop, or call us and we will ship you a copy.

Our Z Bar Property

Our purchase of the 1100 acre Gatlin property in 2015 has opened the door for many wonderful opportunities for the Circle Z Ranch. Last winter, we built a large arena in a beautiful meadow, where we will be hosting roping events and barbeques! The location in Temporal Canyon is very peaceful, with a phenomenal view of Castle Butte. We are planning on having more of our Wednesday picnic rides here, and have already improved the space with picnic tables and a grill.

We have also been exploring new riding trails around Box Canyon, Painted Rocks, and Castle Butte, adding to our already phenomenal riding terrain. Be ready to explore new ground on your next trip to the ranch!

An historic adobe cottage sits on the property, and is now the home of Jennie and George Lorta. They spent all last winter and spring remodeling the cottage to make it their home. Not to worry, they will still be spending their days at the ranch, keeping everything in tip-top shape. Miko, Yesenia and Camila are now living at the Corral Manager's home at the corrals, a much anticipated move for them! This has opened up the manager's house, which we converted into a business office and meeting space. The main office in the lodge will still be the main staging area for guest check-ins and reservations.

News from the Corrals

The herd of Circle Z horses enjoyed some extra time on green grass this summer, due to the long and generous monsoon rains. While they were out "horsing around", improvements were being made at the corrals. Returning from the lush pastures fat and refreshed, they found a wonderful addition: two large shade ports partially filling the day arena, providing a reprieve from the intensity of the sun, as well as shelter from the storms during the winter rains. Miko and Raul also constructed two new round pens in our back paddocks. These will be very useful in the training of our young ranch-bred horses, and in working with the new horses in the herd as we introduce them to the Circle Z ways.

Part of our ongoing commitment to exceptional care of our horses is the Fodder feeding system, introduced to the herd two years ago. This self-contained system provides freshly sprouted barley for our horses, packed with nutrients and protein, not to mention fresh nibbles! This summer Miko and Tavo built an enclosure for the Fodder near the feeding paddock, making the setup, harvesting and feeding of the sprouts more efficient. If you have not seen this system, ask us for a tour!

A Note from the Nash and Lorta families

As humble stewards of this remarkable ranch, we look forward to hosting all our dear friends this coming season. Not a day goes by that we lose sight of how our guests cherish this magical place, and what it means for us to share the horses, culture, and traditions that are integral to our way of life. We are always delighted to have you to join us in creating new memories, and we look forward to welcoming you all to the ranch for our 90th season!

Our staff also looks forward to welcoming back our guests. We are thankful that most of our wonderful staff will be returning this fall! Cooks Gail and Nancy will be back in the kitchen, and serving in the dining room will be Jenna, Rosanna (who moved from housekeeping) Thelma, and Jodi. Daniel will be back as our wonderful dishwasher. Maria will be cooking on Fridays, and Heather will be keeping your accommodations spotless. Jose will be keeping the lawns immaculate. At the corrals, Miko, Tavo, Johnny, Alice, and Kelly, are all excited to get back on the trails with guests. We will have one new cook, Molly, one new housekeeper, Deborah, and a new wrangler, Maddie.

New Programs and Specials this season at the Circle Z Ranch

Horsemanship Clinic with Carlos Tabernaberrí

We are delighted to welcome Carlos Tabernaberrí, world-class horse trainer, clinician, and all around nice guy, to our ranch this December for our first horsemanship clinic! Carlos will share his remarkable insights and love of horses in this week long clinic. Participants will work with Carlos in the mornings at our Creek Ranch arena, and then ride out on the trails in the afternoons. We are currently taking names for our waiting list, as the clinic filled up quickly via word of mouth. Look for more clinics in the future with Carlos.

Old Hand week, 15 % off May 1-7, 2017

Whether you have been a guest for decades or have just visited recently, you are cordially invited to our end of season “Old hand week”! Featuring team roping at the Z Bar, cook out and all-day rides, a Cinco de Mayo party complete with Mariachis, and ending the week with a ranch sponsored trip to the Sonoita horse races. Space will be limited to 25 guests, and we are filling up quickly, so don’t miss out on this season finale spectacular!