

## **STABLE VIEW UPDATE FROM BARRY AND CYNDY**

As many of you know, a new arena doesn't just happen.

Over the past few years, we've created six, this will be our seventh.

Each one is different. Each time we say this is the last lol!

Different shapes, different drainage, some with different footing and each of them designed to provide a different horse and rider experience.

Cooky-cutter is not what Stable View represents and we'll continue to learn and improve the facilities to meet the increasing demands of our discerning clientele.

Growing organically presents so many opportunities to add value to the core offering, take advantage of the latest technology, while also continuing to provide a friendly environment that's sympathetic to riders and horse's needs.

While the finished product will be designed into the Stable View collection of different arenas, this note is more about the details that we can all follow along with over the next few weeks - while the

arena is built.

First, in the design phase, we decided what the arena was going to be used for, the size, access and exit points. VIP considerations were also an area of focus.

Where would judges be positioned? How would it be irrigated where would the Big Guns go? External water control is also an issue in Aiken. Stable View works to make the best designed arenas that are least likely to flood.

Next were the trees.....Being nature lovers, removal of trees is never an easy decision....

We, along with the help of Farmer John, took down twenty, but this was after Cyndy had gone around and thanked each of them for providing homes for the animals, shade for the humans and explained that their next job would be to continue to bring joy to animals and humans as cross-country jumps. The trunks have all been cut into 12' lengths for potential repurposing into cross country jumps.

After removal, and after tap roots, fallen branches, pinecones and straw had been removed, disturbed surfaces were recompacted and chained.

Next will be the removal of the topsoil which will be replaced with six inches of clay from GL Williams and Daughter.

This will be the seventh arena that Stable View has worked with Attwood to build. Each arena features unique shapes, tailored drainage systems, and specialized Attwood Equestrian footing to provide diverse experiences for both horse and rider.

Once the clay has been leveled and compacted, an impermeable plastic membrane will be laid. This will be glued so that it forms a surface that can contain and remove water, keeping it separate from the surrounding barrier.

After the impermeable plastic membrane, 6" of washed stone will be spread and covered with geofabric. Subsequently, four inches of Attwood Eurotex footing will be applied. Stable View will construct the irrigation via the use of Big Guns. Drainage, the surround, and the fence will be a part of the project. The arena should be finished in time for the March HJ show and the Stable View April 4\*.

We're looking forward to using this arena for our Hunter/Jumpers, Dressage, and Event riders alike.