

Straight Forward News

California Dressage Society, Marin Chapter

April/May 2004

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, at Volpi's Restaurant, 122 Washington St. in Petaluma. No host cocktails at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 pm. To find Volpi's, take the Washington St. exit off Hwy 101 and go West (toward downtown Petaluma) about 2 miles to the stoplight at Petaluma Blvd. Go straight. The next cross street is Kentucky. The next is Keller. Volpi's is on the near right corner of Keller and Washington. You can park in the Westamerica Bank parking lot or the lot across the street. Dinner will be about \$20-\$25. We will have the drawing for the Amateur Clinic at the dinner and you must be present to win. RSVP to Jeannette Derammelaere (415 892-6819).

ANNUAL SHOW

The Marin Chapter Annual Show will be on Sunday, May 23, at Fairwind Farm. We need help with the show and the silent auction (as always). Contact Marsha Haden (415 892-3868) if you can help with the show. This year we're asking the

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Juniors and each professional barn to put together a basket for the silent auction. This is a major source of income for the chapter each year, and it is a place where everyone can help out. Maybe you can't help with your time and participation at the show, but anyone can stick 5 bucks in an envelope and send it to Jeannette Derrammelaere (1310 7th Street, Novato, CA 94945) or to their local barn to support the cause. An alternative is to keep an eye out for something to buy to put in the basket. Year after year a very few people pull the freight for the whole chapter (6 people contributed to the basket for the Annual CDS meeting). Let's give the chapter some more support this year.

AMATEUR CLINIC

Take Note! The winner of the Amateur Clinic Award will be required to perform 4 hours of "volunteer" work for the chapter. This could include help with the annual show (make coffee, run errands, set up, clean up, paddock steward, whatever), silent auction, telephone tree, etc. Be creative, but be ready to help.

NEW WEB SITE

Thanks to Virginia Chatham at Bits And Bridles, our new website is up and running. Check it out at: <http://www.marindressage.org>.

WHO KNEW?

Last week I was in an advanced vegetative state flipping through the TV channels and there on RFDTV was Lilo Fore teaching canter pirouettes on a show called Dressage Connection! I've seen some interesting horse stuff on RFDTV (9409 on Dish TV and 379 on Direct TV or check your local cable company) from time to time, so I looked a little closer at the weekly schedule. In just one week's schedule there was Monty Roberts Horsemanship, Dennis Rei's Universal Horsemanship, Downunder Horsemanship, Horse-N-Around (where I learned more about Paso Finos than I could have imagined), Parelli Natural Horse*man*ship, Show Jumping Unplugged (covering the Rancho Mirage competition on the Winter Desert Circuit), Richard Shrake-A Winning Way (training trail horses), Palm Partnership Training (longevity training), Dressage Today, Horshoe'n Time, Rural Heritage (Friesians at the Fair and Early Oxen Training) and a show on training mules and donkeys. And that was just one week! So if you have Dish or Direct TV or are lucky enough to get it on your cable and you want a horse hit sometime, check out RFDTV (No, I'm not on their payroll...).

OUCH! OUCH!

As many of you know, gastric ulcers are a common problem in horses. Up to 93% of racehorses and 60% of other performance horses have been shown to have them, and they may account for a variety of undesirable behaviors in your horse (not to mention the ongoing pain suffered by your horse). This means that over half of the horses in the dressage show ring probably have ulcers, and they would perform better and be ever so much happier if they received treatment. Unfortunately the standard treatment for ulcers is expensive as is a definitive diagnosis via gastric endoscopy. Now, thanks to Mary Schrader's thoughtfulness in forwarding the article, there may be a less expensive way that you can effectively treat your horse.

Cynthia Collins has written an article detailing her approach to the treatment for gastric ulcers using less expensive drugs, cimetidine (Tagamet) or ranitidine (Zantac) instead of omeprazole (GastroGard, Prilosec), and antacids. As Ms Collins points out in her article, she's not a veterinarian (and neither am I), so you should run this past your vet if you have questions or concerns. But it worked for her, and it may well work for you as well. Having treated my ex-racehorse last year (\$800 just for three weeks of GastroGard plus more \$ for three more weeks of ranitidine), I can tell you that my horse is a happier guy for the care he got. It would have been nice if it wouldn't have cost so much. Maybe Ms Collins' article offers that choice.

Ms Collins can be contacted at her web site (www.LunaTunesFreestyles.com) or send \$1.00 and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mary Schrader, 85 Mt. Lassen Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903 and she'll make a copy for you.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Echoman (*Oman x Echo Daal), 12 yr, 15.3h grey Shagya Arabian gelding. This breed, originated in Hungary, developed from Arabians crossbred with Warmbloods to develop a horse with the athleticism and stamina of the Arabian, but the size and temperament of a Warmblood. Echo has been trained in dressage for the past 6 years, but his true love and talents lie in jumping. He is wonderful on the trail and he would make an exceptional 3 day eventer. He has a great mind, is always sound, and is an easy keeper. Echo has personality plus! He loves people and will win your heart. \$15,000. Contact Bobbie Head, 415 925-5002 days, 415 454-2676 eves.

5 YR OLD HANOVARIAN MARE, 15.3 with 4 white stockings and white blaze. Training in eventing at Oakridge Stables with 2nd place in Beginning Novice Class at Rancho Murieta in Sept '03, 5th in Novice Class in October and tied for 6th at Training Level in November, both at Ram Tap where she was shown by a Junior. She is currently

being sponsored by a 13 yr old Junior Rider. For Sale, \$18,000. Call Pam Osborn, 415 663-1910.

6 YR OLD OLDENBERG MARE, imported, bay, very pretty, huge walk, beautiful trot and lovely canter, training level dressage, fabulous temperament, can jump 3'6" easily, has been shown hunter and is currently in dressage training. This is a very sweet horse, safe and willing in everything she does, would be a great horse for a junior or amateur. \$35K. Marion Shippey 415 488-0196.

18.5" Schleese CLB dressage saddle, blk, med wide tree, deep seat, long flaps, used but in good condition \$1000. Marion Shippey 415 488-0196

16.5" Schleese CLB dressage saddle, blk, narrow tree, deep seat, long flaps, \$1500. Marion Shippey 415 488-0196.

17" Passier A Tempe Dressage saddle. Model only available in Germany. List price \$2500. For Sale at \$2200 OBO. Contact Jeannette Derammelaere 415 725-2195.

Logo wine glasses & coffee mugs for sale. Etched with the Marin Chapter logo, \$7.00 each. Contact Kathy Goldstein at 415 892-4560.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*April 3, Sat. Flying Cloud Farm Spring Dressage (Petaluma). Judge TBA. Contact Jeannette Bell 707 765-4433.

***April 8-11, Thurs-Sun. Golden State Dressage Festival and CDI. Rancho Murieta. Judges: Multiple-Check *Dressage Letters*). Contact Connie Davenport 530 265-0950.

***May 1, Sat. Flying Cloud Farm Spring Dressage (Petaluma). Judge TBA. Contact Jeannette Bell 707 765-4433.

May 1, Sat. Golden Gate AHA Dressage Show, All Breed Dressage Show, Arabian and Open Classes,

Chris Beck Arena, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA. Judge, Sonya Vracko. For entry information, contact Margaret Shepherd, Show Secretary, phone 707 792-1990, eMail MargaretSh@aol.com or Marylisa Walsh, Show Manager, phone 707 769-4474, email mwalsh@petshawk.net.

***May 22, Sat. Fairwind Farm (Santa Rosa). Judge M Creswick. Contact Mary Schrader 415 479-3104.

***May 23, Sun. Marin Chapter CDS, Fairwind Farm (Santa Rosa). Judge M. Creswick Contact Kathy Goldstein 415 892-4560.

***June 19-20, Sat-Sun. Fairwind Farm (Santa Rosa). Judge P. Nelson (Sat), MG Davidson (Sun). Contact Mary Schrader 415 479-3104.

June 19-20, Sat-Sun. Hoofbeat Park (Healdsburg). Judges: Paula Lacy "S" Sat and Creeky Routson "S" Sun. Closing date June 5. Contact Judy McHerron 707 431-2920.

***July 3, Sat. Flying Cloud Dressage (Petaluma). Judge TBA. Contact Jeannette Bell 707 765-4433.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to those of you who gave money or goods to the silent auction basket that went to the CDS Annual Show. It's a short list, but one that I hope will grow over time. We **really** appreciate your contributions: Jeannette Derammelaere, Roberta DiPrete, Dick & Wendy Evans, Janet Winegarner and Linda Zanko.

CONGRATULATIONS!

are in order for the Marin CDS riders at the schooling show at Flying Cloud, February 28. Anil Bedi, Julie Dodd, Caitlin Evans, and Camille Kusin, all finished in the ribbons. Anil, on Galliano, was

riding in his first show ever and got a blue ribbon at Training Level with 65%+.

Straight From the Horse's Mouth

Due to a combination of brain fade and a lack of good questions (those may be the same thing), SFTHM won't appear this month. So...you're all off the hook. No questions to answer. I would, however, love some ideas on what questions, if any, to ask. I welcome any thoughts that you would care to pass on.

Last issue's questions broke down like this: 14 of you responded, including 2 Juniors. If there aren't 14 responses to some questions, it's because some of you didn't answer all the questions.

- 1) meetings? Yes=10, No=4 (both Juniors said yes)
- 2) If "yes" on #1, should the board be present Always=2, By invitation=8 (Juniors split on this).
- 3) Juniors interested in spending an hour at a show learning how to assist? Both said, "Yes".
- 4) Any interest in a book, video, CD swap? Yes=6, No=3.

Trial lawyers say you shouldn't ask a question unless you already know the answer. Maybe editors shouldn't ask a question unless they know what they're going to do with the answer. What should be done with these answers?

Should Juniors have their own

The majority said the Juniors should have their own meetings with Board members there by invitation only. Is there enough interest out there (Let's hear it Juniors) to take some leadership in setting this up? One suggestion was for Juniors to exchange eMail addresses. Would this be a good way to communicate/organize/stay in touch? We'll need some leadership from the Juniors and some support

(transportation & such) from us old folk to make this happen.

Regarding Junior participation & volunteer stuff, it can get a bit complicated. Juniors (or anyone else for that matter) can't be involved in scoring a show that they are participating in, and can't volunteer as scribes until they are done competing. Being a paddock steward, bit checker, runner, etc. is fine before or after you compete. Parents can substitute for their kids by making coffee, trips to Costco, picking up donuts, set up, clean up, contributions for the baskets, telephone trees or whatever. Just let somebody know what you did and who is to get the credit. There is usually a person to call before the show to say you're available to help (see page 1). Give them a call so they can sleep nights and organize things properly.

Your thoughts and feedback on all of this are much appreciated. I'm reachable in a variety of ways- eMail, phone, open the window and yell, whatever. This is your organization. Be involved.
