

# *Straight Forward News*

*California Dressage Society, Marin Chapter Dec 04/Jan 05*

## December Meeting

The December holiday meeting will be at Cacti Restaurant, 1200 Grant Ave, Novato (415 898-2234) on Tuesday, December 7, at 7:00 pm. To find Cacti, take Hwy 101 to the DeLong Ave exit in Novato and go West (toward town) to Redwood Blvd. (the 2<sup>nd</sup> stoplight). Turn right on Redwood, go one block, and turn left on Grant Ave. Cacti is just a few blocks up on the right. We ask that you bring an unwrapped toy to donate for the Toys for Tots program. RSVP to Jeannette Derammelaere 415 892-6819.

## **PLEASE NOTE !!!**

The monthly Marin Chapter CDS meetings are being moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Wednesday** of the month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tuesday** of the month starting in December. Mark your calendars accordingly!

Straight Forward News is published bi-monthly and sent out to all CDS Marin Chapter Members. Contributions to this newsletter are welcome and encouraged. Please contact your editor with anything of interest. Dick Evans, 4200 Green Valley School Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472-9712, 707 829-8721, [2horseym@mindspring.com](mailto:2horseym@mindspring.com). Thanks to Virginia Chatham at Bits and Bridles our website is up and running at <http://www.marindressage.org>

## Schooling Show

(Thanks to Mary Schrader who worked the whole day, we have the following report on our schooling show)

The Marin Chapter embarked on its second annual schooling show on November 7, 2004, at Riverside Equestrian Center. Riverside graciously donated their facility to us for the day, and Gail McGuffey was kind enough to allow us to use her barn as the show office and the site for coffee and goodies in the AM, and lunch goodies throughout the day. Kathy Goldstein made many loaves of highly lauded bread, chocolate included, to accompany the coffee, tea and cocoa.

Kathy Goldstein and Mary Schrader shared the secretarial duties, and Kathy may be in line to continue this function in the future. We had about 60 rides, a real dilemma to schedule after the time change, so we started at 7:15 am and finished up at 4:40 pm. We did our best to get the participants off before it really got dark.

The weather God didn't exactly shine on us, but didn't rain on us either. Although it was a bit chilly, it was dry. Parking was not a problem after we figured it out,

thanks to Dick Evans. Riverside worked out well for this type of event.

There have been suggestions that we may do another schooling show at Riverside sometime in the spring. Let the chapter Board know your thoughts, and we can look into the possibilities of another event. The show netted the chapter about \$1500.

Many thanks to our volunteers, Jeannette Derammelaere, Dick & Wendy Evans, Kathy Goldstein, Kathy Goldstone, Monica Brett, Marsha Hayden, Clare Long, Leslie Ungerman, Judy Frye, Sandy Sherman, Jennifer Schmidt, Mary Schrader, Dana Strauss and Janet Winegarner. Hope we didn't leave anyone out. We thank everyone.

Seven of our Chapter Members participated: Julie Dobbs/Chase 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tr Level, Christine Mudge/Indiana Darla Vuelta-3<sup>rd</sup>-Tr Level, Caitlin Evans/Kiwi 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> First Level, Camille Kusin/Little Joe 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>-First Level, Margo Hoog/Neopolitina Daniella-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-First Level, Jennifer Schmidt/Galliano-1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Second Level and Linda Zanko/Whittier-3<sup>rd</sup>-Second Level.

#### For Your Information:

Just a few bits of information for the 2005 show season. Beginning Jan 1, 2005, the Calif. State Drug fee will become \$5.00 no longer \$3.00. This fee was increased due to the projected increase of the Drug Testing Program to a level that the \$3.00 fee will no longer support. There has been no increase in this fee for over 20 years.

The CDS Travel Grand fee was increased as of October 1, 2004, from \$1.00 to \$2.00. per horse per show. Any person hoping to attend an International event or training session may apply. The type of

event would be: NAYRC competition (Young Riders), USET National Championships, Paraolympics, World Cup, Olympic Trials, PanAm Trials, FEI Junior Team Competition. A letter of intent to compete in one of these events must be received in the Central Office by April 30, 2005 to be considered for one of these Competition Grants. Applications may be obtained from the CDS Central Office or downloaded from the CDS website-[www.california-dressage.org](http://www.california-dressage.org).

(Thanks, Mary, for your report, and thanks to you, to Riverside Equestrian Center, Gail McGuffey and all the volunteers who made the schooling show such a success)

## JUNIORS STUFF

The Board of Directors continues to look for ways to increase participation of the Juniors in chapter activities. This is proving to be an elusive goal due to many factors. Our Juniors are scattered all the way from Sausalito to Sebastopol. Many are too young to drive, and the demands of homework and riding time make meeting attendance on evenings or weekends problematic. Working at chapter shows is also impractical, since most Juniors are riding in the shows and have to attend to their horses when they're not on them. What to do?

One idea is to have the Juniors tell us a little bit about themselves in this newsletter by writing a short article about themselves, their horse, how they got into riding, what their goals are, what especially good or bad experiences they've had while riding, whatever.

So...your fearless, quixotic editor will be sending a letter out to the Juniors asking which of them would be willing to participate. We have about 15 Juniors in our chapter, so if everybody joined in, we'd have two years worth of articles, and a chance to get to know ours Juniors a little better. I'll let you know who will be submitting article in the next newsletter.

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