

# *Straight Forward News*

*California Dressage Society, Marin Chapter February/March 2007*

## **AWARDS DINNER !!!**

Please join us for the Marin Chapter Awards Dinner to be held at Las Guitarras Restaurant in Novato, Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
1017 Reichert Avenue  
Cross street is Grant Avenue

Choice's of 1) Azzoz con Pollo, Chicken cooked with rice, mushrooms, green onions, tomatoes, and white wine.

2) Steak Encebollado, A thinly sliced NY Steak, flat grilled to perfection and topped with sauteed onions. Side of Guacamole.

3) Vegetarian Fajitas, Grilled onions, Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Yellow & Green Peppers. Side of Pico de Gallo & Sour Cream.

All Dishes served with salad, chips, salsas Rice, Beans, and Tortillas.

Cost: \$21.00 includes tax & tip.

Drink not included.

**RSVP TO KAREN 707 338-4184, WITH YOUR CHOICE OF ENTRE!**

## **CLAIMING YOUR AWARDS**

Please note that if you are not able to attend, ask someone to pick up your award for you. If that doesn't work, you must send a self addressed stamped envelope to: Heather Pollard-Krause at 97 Rose ST, Mill Valley, 94941

If awards are not claimed by April 1<sup>st</sup> they will be sadly disposed of.

There is a large plaque available from CDS on which you can put all your horses awards as they go up through the levels.

## **Amateur Clinic Drawing at February Meeting, that's this month!!!!**

The Amateur Clinic will be held at Yarra Yarra in Pleasanton, CA on April 26th thru the 29th Every Chapter will choose a rider who would like to participate. The Clinic format starts with a required introductory lecture session the evening prior to the first day of the clinic and is followed by three days of riding sessions. Trainer to be announced at this meeting.

Last year the clinic was held at Sporthorse America in Santa Rosa. Lilo Fore taught the clinic for three very informative and fun days.

Rachel Saavedra and Kathleen Raine have been clinicians in the past..

**This is a free clinic open to Adult Amateurs, or Junior riders.**

The way that you get to participate is: a drawing is held every year at the February meeting of your Chapter. **You must be present to win.** We put your name in the pool, and the drawing will be done at that time. Last year my name (editor, Karen) was drawn as the alternate, but the first draw could not attend. So I did get to go and ride.

This is a really wonderful program paid for by CDS. Bobby Keville is the contact for the Northern Clinic, her number is 707 795-1426.

### Marin Chapter Show

Our Marin Chapter Show will be held at Fairwind Farm in Santa Rosa on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The judge will be Shirley Rector, (S) from Arizona. Contact our show secretary, Kathy Goldstein 415 892-4560 for information.

This is our Chapter's money raising event. Please try to participate, it is the members that make the show fun and successful !!.

### Silent Auction for the Horse Show.

Call: 415 453-0091 Ring, ring ring, "HI SANDY, I would like to donate: \_\_\_\_\_ for the silent auction."

### OR for Volunteers

415 892-3868 HI MARSHA "I am willing to volunteer to: scribe, score, be a runner, gate keeper etc." **Try it you'll like it!!**

### Entry How To?

This is the time of the year all of you competitors begin planning your show season. Most shows are listed in Dressage Letters, and in the Omnibus that should arrive shortly. The Omnibus will give you ground rules for the shows you select as well as cost of entries and other pertinent information, and there are contact numbers in Dressage Letters.

For \*\*\*shows (USEF, USDF, CDS recog.) you must provide USDF, USEF and CDS numbers for the Rider, Owner, Trainer and Coach, and the USDF HID # for the horse, unless you are going to qualify for the USDF Regional Championship.

If you are trying to qualify for region 7 Championships, your horse must be life registered with USEF and USDF. To qualify for the CDS annual Championship, the Rider and Owner must be CDS members. If you want to ride in the Amateur section of either Championship, you must have an

Amateur Card. If you do not have these numbers, you will have to pay the nonmember fees for Rider, Owner, Horse etc. All the shows want a copy of all the cards with the entry. This saves a lot of time and work for show management, and you do want to stay on their good side. If you do not comply, your entries can be turned away as incomplete, or you will be charged an incomplete fee at the show, which can be time consuming. You may obtain copies of your cards or the horses cards on either the USEF, or USDF web sites. [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) as well as [www.california-dressage.org](http://www.california-dressage.org) in the near future. If you are unable to attend a show you have entered, you can expect your entire entry fee back if you cancel before closing date. If you scratch after the closing date, all you are entitled to as a refund are the mandatory fees (drug, nonmember etc.)

By definition, the Trainer is the person responsible at the show, it is not the person you take lessons from. For most purposes, the Rider would be the Trainer of record. The Coach is someone you pay to coach you at the show. If you have a friend as a ground person and you do not pay that person, you do not have to list a coach. Remember all these rules are tied to the possibilities of lawsuits. If you pay a Coach, they have to have a USEF card.

At \*CDS shows you will need CDS numbers for the Rider and Owner. At schooling shows, you need only to fill out the entry and be sure to pay those fees and the drug fees.

If you have purchased a new horse and it has been registered to someone else, you must change the registration to our name. If you are leasing a registered horse and hope to qualify for the Region 7 Championships, you must formally register the horse's lease with USDF and USEF. A lessee is the same as the Owner for the period of the lease. That paperwork is downloadable from the web sites.

As a competitor you have the right to seek rule information from the TD of record. If you need information on any medications you may be using, the best places to contact are the CA Dept. of Food & Agriculture at 916 657-5050, or the USEF Dept. of Drugs & Medications 800-633-2472/ [www.medequestrian@aol.com](mailto:www.medequestrian@aol.com). These agencies will have answers for you. Prepare your questions before you call.

You can also keep up on rule changes in the Dressage Letters.

Start early in the year and get your information in order, it will make your life easier in the long run.

Thank you, Mary Schrader

## Barn News

Flying Cloud Farm will be holding a 3 star Show on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Angela Littlefield will be the Judge.

The show is filling up fast, so get your entries in now!! Call Jeannette Bell 707 765-2439, for information.

Christine Rivlin-Henke, will continue as always at Riverside. She will also be spending some of her time at Wyvern Farm in Martinez, teaching and training.

Chris and her students took 9 horses to the Yarra Yarra show. Valentino was high point with 72.2% 1<sup>st</sup>, 1. Lyra showed 1-2 for the first time. Falcon showed Pre St. George. Blue ribbons were had by many of the horse and rider combinations. Congratulations to all!

Chris, recently took two horses, Lyra and Lord of the Dance to Los Angeles to train in the Developing Rider program with Klaus Balkenhal and Debbie McDonald.

## The L Program

Axel Steiner (O), Held a very informative session on Baits, Paces, Movements & Figures. Lectures were followed with demonstration rides at Fieldstone Farm.

Some of the things Axel covered were the times it takes to have a judgeship awarded:

The small "r" for judging Intro. thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Level, takes approximately 3 years.

The Large "R" for judging thru 4<sup>th</sup> level takes another 3 years.

The large "S" Sr. (what used to be an "I" judge) takes a total of approximately 10 years. S judges are considered the colonials in the judging world, They are the FEI judges, FEI headquarters are in Switzerland. An S judge takes an FEI course to become a "candidate judge". He can judge at CDI's by FEI rules. Usually there is only one "I" judge on a panel. They can judge a World Cup as a Candidate Judge. At the age of 60 years old or younger the judge can be promoted by the FEI to an O judge, at which time he can judge an Olympic event. At the age of 70, C's 1's, and O's must retire. Currently there are about 26 "O" judges in the the world.

So one can see it is a very long and challenging road to become a judge!

He also spoke on what judges are looking for as far as Rhythm , the correct beats for every gate. Cadence, the accentuation of it. It is the "dot on the I" if the quality is super. Tempo: speed. Terms for quality were: reach, expression, rhythm, range of motion, elasticity, suppleness, suspension. Judges like to see the AH! I would like to sit on that horse, a quality, that makes you smile.

The third and final sessions will be open to auditors. A \$25.00 fee will be charged per day. Please join other members and attend this very informative L program educational sessions:

The goal of the L program is to give competitors, trainers and instructors a broader insight into the evaluative techniques used in Dressage judging.

**Session C Collective Marks, Basics & Freestyle with Alexandra Howard (S).**

**2/17/07-2/18/07 will be held at Christiane Noeltings in Vacaville.**

**If you are interested please contact, Ellie Kennedy Armstrong, 415-328-4559 or [ellie@yahoo.com](mailto:ellie@yahoo.com).**

### Classified Adds

Passier A Tempri Wide Tree Dressage Saddle, 17", Black. Purchased in Germany, used only a few months. In Excellent condition! Asking \$1,200. Please call Bobbi, 707 925-5002

### A BIG THANK YOU TO CLAIRE LONG

for donating her lovely facility, La Vigna Ranch, we really appreciated everything you and your staff did for the clinic.

Peter Lert spoke about what the judges are looking for, how the scoring works and gave some pointers on turnout and how to get the best scores.

**THANK YOU TO MARY, KATHY AND SANDY FOR ALL YOUR HELP., and THANK YOU TO RIDERS:**

### **Demo Riders:**

**Julie Dobbs** rode **Da Gucci**, a 4 year old Oldenburg gelding by Donnerhall, thru the TR Level tests. Julie trains and shows with Jeannette Derammelaere.

**Sherian Bertsche** demonstrated the 1<sup>st</sup> Level test on her 6 yr. old Pik Solo gelding.

**Buddha.** Sherian is training with Clare Long, and will be showing 2<sup>nd</sup> level this year.

**Amy Savage** on **Sienna**, a 16 yr. old Dutch mare rode the 1<sup>st</sup> Level tests. Amy is an assistant to her trainer Clare Long.

**Jill Berryman** on her 4 yr. old Dutch gelding, by Silvio, **Now or Never**, (aka, Lyric) demonstrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level tests. Jill trains with Marion Shippey.

**Camille Cousin** on **Little Joe**, her 10 yr. old Connemara gelding demonstrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level tests. Camille trains with Jeannette Derammelaere and will show 3<sup>rd</sup> Level.

**Anja Albrecht** rode **Limerick**, her 11 yr. old Oldenburg gelding thru the 4<sup>th</sup> Level tests. Anja will be showing PSG this year.

**GOOD JOB DONE BY ALL !**

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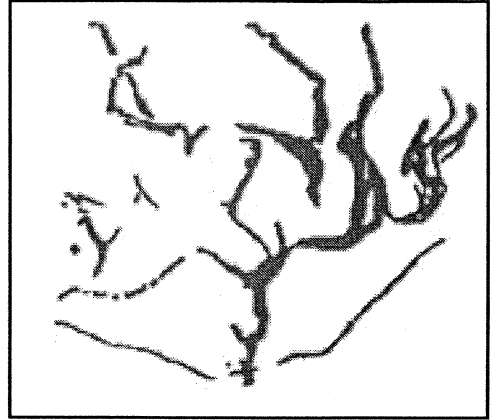
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