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The Suncoast Dressage & Combined Training  
Association Monthly Newsletter



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## Dressage Among Friends Went Very Well

The inaugural Dressage Among Friends as a 2 day -2 show competition was a success on many levels. While not as well attended as we would have liked, we had entries from riders new to competing at SDCTA shows who promised to be back next year. Now that the word is out about how fun and friendly Dressage Among Friends is, we expect entries to increase for next year's show.

There were a few minor glitches with the schedule, but they were resolved. A few of our volunteers didn't make it to the show but we were able to make substitutions and everything worked out. And IT DIDN'T RAIN! Rain, lightening, tropical storms, and hurricanes have been the hallmark of past shows at the fairgrounds so the mild weather was a welcome change.

We used our "new" ring recently purchased from Bay Area Dressage so there were no negative remarks from the TD regarding the use of a chain ring. In fact, the only item that didn't get above average rating was the concession on the grounds.

The Show Committee would like to thank our many volunteers. As always, they did a superb job. They knew their assignments and the TD was impressed at how smoothly things went both in the office and at ringside. Our scorers got the scores out and our ring stewards got the riders in promptly. Some of our new club members joined the ranks of volunteers and we want to thank them as well as our veterans. It is the volunteers who make a show a success.

We also were able to aid a few of the "L" Judge candidates who scribed or sat with the judges which helped them with their requirements towards graduation.

And, we had the highest score ever awarded at an SDCTA recognized show given to Susan Griffin and her chestnut gelding, Countach. Their ride received an 80.690%! Congrats to them and to everyone who showed at Dressage Among Friends.

Now don't forget, we have another opportunity to volunteer coming up. We have moved our Suncoast Sunburn Classic to June 11-12 and will no longer have a show in August so those of you who need volunteer hours (and those of you who just want to volunteer) here is your opportunity. Contact Sally Cahill at [sally.cahill@gmail.com](mailto:sally.cahill@gmail.com) to help out.

Mary Mobley

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE TO COLLECTIONS IS THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF THE MONTH**

*SDCTA is a Group Member Organization (GMO) & all members are automatically Group Members (GMs). For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.*



### **SDCTA Meeting—held at Harvey and Kim Rose's house, March 8th, 2011**

In Attendance: Harvey Rose, Kim Rose, Joan Potter, Laurie Meier, Rebecca Ruthberg , Keegan Lapham, Lauren Lapham, Stephanie Gordon, Tracy Hobbs, Mary Urquehart.

SDCTA March meeting called to order at 7:36 PM, March 8th, 2011, Harvey presiding. Minutes from prior meeting accepted with no changes by all members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Sally Cahill was not present.

Old Business: Harvey distributed copies of meeting agenda to all members in attendance.

New Business: Joan and Elizabeth will manage the club's next schooling show. Date TBA.

It was suggested that the club have several member photographers taking snapshots at our shows to add to our club Facebook for fun. Additionally, we discussed creating a calendar made up of club members and their horses to be distributed next December.

The group in attendance then watched the top four musical rides of the 2010 WEG. (And drooled!)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

### **10 Signs Your Dressage Test Needs Some Work**

1. Under judges remarks the only comment is: "Nice plaits."
2. Your horse confuses the dressage arena boards for a cavaletti and exits at K.
3. Your 20 meter circle shape reminds the judge that she should buy eggs on her way home.
4. Your serpentine was perfect, except that it was supposed to be a straight entry on the centre line.
5. Sitting trot has caused some of your fillings to come loose.
6. Your horse believes "free walk" means leaving the arena and heading towards the nearest patch of grass.
7. You work harder than your horse does in working trot.
8. During the salute, you inadvertently use your whip hand and your horse performs "airs above the ground".
9. Your horse's walk appears to be more "rare" than "medium."
10. Impulsion is improved only after the horse sees monsters in the decorative conifers near letters marking the dressage arena.

submitted by Mags Ashworth  
(with tongue planted firmly in cheek)



## *Presidents Message*

Thanks to the riders and volunteers who made the March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> shows a success. Special thanks to Mary Mobley for her efforts; she gets it done! Joan Potter and Sally Cahill were also major organizing forces. The volunteers were too numerous to mention; the camaraderie was clearly evident. There were many excellent rides. Please go to the web site and click on show results. Our members were well represented.

My thanks to my wife, Kim Rose, for her cooking efforts for our March meeting. The food was excellent. The meeting was followed by a DVD of the four top rides from the World Equestrian Games.

Something to look forward to: Dr. Carol Clark, the nationally known internal medicine specialist at Peterson and Smith Equine Hospital in Ocala has offered to speak to us in the August to October time period. It will definitely prove to be an informative evening.

Congratulations to Bryn Cahill whose scores at Wellington qualified her as the number 1 rider for the young rider team for our region.

Upcoming is our 3<sup>rd</sup> of the season schooling show on April 16<sup>rd</sup> at Soaring Eagles and then in June, our next rated show. Volunteers and riders are, of course, welcome. The schooling show should be a good tuneup time for a busy May and June.

Tracey Thompson has put a great deal of time and effort into the improvements to our web-sites. Thanks to her for all she has done and continues to do.

One last thanks you to those of you who have helped to swell the club membership by bringing in new members. Without your efforts and the vibrancy that new members bring, SDCTA would not be the thriving entity that it is.

*Harvey*

**Don't forget to check us out on Facebook! Send in your pictures so we all can share!**





## Classifieds

*(member ads will run for 3 months unless editor is notified to continue)*

### **INSTRUCTION**

**Joan Potter**, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, instructing beginner to advanced, Pinellas County and Odessa/Lutz area. 813-855-3780.

**Leslie O'Sullivan**, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist and USDF "L" judging graduate is offering lessons, beginner to advanced at Admiralty Farm in Odessa, FL, or will travel to you. 813-920-9041 or 727-510-2338.

Elizabeth Campbell, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist offers lessons for beginners to advanced riders. Lunge lessons to improve their independent seat. School horse at Royal Blue Stables, Odessa. (813)-613-5775

### **FOR SALE**

#### **Mags World**

Unique Designed Horseshoes for that special occasion or remembrance Website: [www.magsworld.us](http://www.magsworld.us) Cell: 813 469 8883

Sommer Dressage saddle, bought new for \$4000, fit rider, not horse. Used 8 months. 17.5, MW, monoflap. Asking \$2000 OBO. Mary Anne 727-421-9614

My Bejeweled Horseshoe: See them at [www.mybejeweledhorseshoe.com](http://www.mybejeweledhorseshoe.com) Or call **Mireille Doffegnies-Henkemans** 813-433-1213 or 727-251-4917

.For lease- 11 year old Dutch Warmblood. competitive at training and first level. Safe, sound and kind with 3 fantastic gaits. Month to month lease for the amount of board. Jane Whitehurst 727-254-3554

For lease- 19 year old Dutch Warmblood ready to help the next rider with their Bronze or Silver USDF medals. Uncomplicated and sound who does not get rattled as you are learning. Three month lease minimum and only at his farm. Approved

**Don't forget to visit SDCTA on the web at [www.sdcta.net](http://www.sdcta.net)**

*Check out the latest news and club information including:*

Club Forms  
Newsletters  
EOY Awards  
Show and Clinic Information  
Prize Lists  
Show Results  
Hurricane Preparedness  
Classified Ads  
Tampa Bay Area Information

*As a free service for newcomers to the area, SDCTA has a list of area farms, trainers, and instructors.*

### NEWSLETTER AD RATES

*(listings for 3 months)*

	<i>Members</i>	<i>Non-Members</i>
Business Card	\$10.00	\$15.00
1/8 Page	\$20.00	\$25.00
1/4 Page	\$25.00	\$35.00
Half Page	\$40.00	\$50.00
Full Page	\$60.00	\$80.00
Classified Ad	<i>Free</i>	\$10.00

Trainers are welcome. Jane Whitehurst 727-254-3554

### **BOARDING/TRAINING**

Full board and dressage training offered at Royal Blue Stables with 12 stalls on 6 acres. 8 very open stalls with rubber mats. 3 stalls open up to their own pastures. Separate small pasture available with 12x24 stall for horse with limited turnout. Owner/trainer lives on premises. Individual turnout and special care provided. Lighted 60x20m sand/clay boarded arena. \$600 per month. (813)-613-5775

Full-board / training Nosara Farms on Tyler Road. 12X12 stalls in cool barn on 9 dry acres. Morning grass turnout with hay and feed three times a day. Sand dressage arena with drainage. Trails off property. Owners on premise. Jane Whitehurst 727-254-3554

Full Board on 7 acres, very secure property. Individualized care and turnout. Grass pastures, jumps and lessons available. Owner lives on premises with over 20 years horse care, Full Board \$400.00 per month. Kallie Hilyard 352-464-2414 or [smfphil@aol.com](mailto:smfphil@aol.com) Located in Spring Hill, Pasco County.

Admiralty Farm, Odessa, FL. Regulation sand ring, eight acres of lush fertilized grass turnout. Must see. 813-920-9041 or 727-510-2338.

**Full and partial board** -Keystone/Citrus Park area, off Racetrack Rd. Over sized stalls, daily turn out, owners on premise, individual care; Call (813) 926-7822

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(Club events are listed in Bold)

**April 16th 2011: SDCTA Schooling Show , third in series. Soaring Eagles Training Center. FMI Joan Potter 813-855-3780 or Barbara Sutton 727-771-7750**

April 17th 2011: First Choice Schooling Show, Leslie Zieger judge. FMI Barb Hennessey [mb998@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mb998@tampabay.rr.com)

**June 11-12, 2001: Suncoast Sunburn Classic, Tampa state Fairgrounds. FMI Sally Cahill at [Cahill.sally@gmail.com](mailto:Cahill.sally@gmail.com)**

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Next Meeting  
May 9th, 2011  
Location—TBA

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**SDCTA MEETING**

**April 12th, 2011**

**7:00 pm**

**at**

**Laurie Meier**

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Directions: From East Lake Rd., go West on Keystone Road about a mile, turn South onto Old East Lake Road. When the pavement bears to the right go straight ahead on the dirt road. It is the third house on the right.

**Note: Keystone Rd is under construction from 19 to East Lake Rd.**