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The Suncoast Dressage & Combined Training Association Monthly Newsletter



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Presidents Message

I would like to thank Elizabeth Campbell for once again giving us her home and her wonderful hospitality. The volunteer training event was well attended and the presentations were excellent. Sally and Joan led lively and informative discussions imparting both knowledge and laughs.

Our March 5th and March 6th shows can still use some volunteers. Please email Mary Mobley at hengleinmobley1@msn.com for participation. I'm sure that all, riders and volunteers alike, will enjoy the shows. Tell your friends to come and watch the rides.

On that note I would like to welcome new member Dianne Sedrick and her new Fresian gelding. She was at the last meeting and we look forward to seeing her at the shows.

There has been greater use of our Facebook page as more members become aware of its existence. Let your friends, members or non-members know about it. Over time I would like it to bring in new members and be a major method of communication. It is not intended to replace our web page but to both enhance it and be a form of bulletin board.

In a club such as ours participation is key, whether for schooling shows, A shows, or volunteering. I would like to thank all of you for being a part of SDCTA and for enriching the lives of those around you.

The next meeting on March 8 will be held at my home, 6201 90th Avenue in Pinellas Park. 727-546-7673. The entertainment will be rides from the World Equestrian Games. It was to be the new "On the Levels" DVD (2011 tests) but the production has been delayed and may not come until mid to late March. We'll look forward to viewing the new tests in April.

Once again, thanks to all of you.

Harvey

SUBMISSION DEADLINE TO COLLECTIONS IS THE 20th 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 Elizabeth Campbell's house, February 8th, 2011

.In Attendance: Harvey & Kim Rose, Angela Lytle, Barbara Sutton, Susan Hartman, Sally Cahill, Elizabeth Campbell, Cherie Cunningham, Jessica Combs, Laurie Meier, Vivian Vetere, Amy Sakovich, Jane Whitehurst, Leslie O'Sullivan-Zieger, Joan Potter, Michele Russell, Dianne Sedrick (new member).

SDCTA February meeting called to order at 7:15 PM, February 8, 2011, Harvey presiding. Minutes from prior meeting accepted with no changes by all members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Sally Cahill reported the SDCTA club insurance is paid for the year.

Old Business: The club has purchased a dressage arena set up from Bay Area Dressage to be picked up before the March show.

Jessica Combs gave a short presentation on the new SDCTA Facebook Page. It will not replace the website, rather, it will enhance it and provide an additional source of information about the club and it's activities. Using social networks will also attract the attention of potential members.

Dressage Training Online coupons for class winners at the March show have arrived and were given to Sally Cahill for distribution.

New Business: Call for all who can volunteer for the March show. Sally took names and has the list.

Next meeting will be at Harvey & Kim Rose's, 6201 90th Ave. Pinellas Park 727-546-7673.

Volunteer Clinic began. Joan Potter, Sally Cahill, Harvey Rose, presenting. The specifics of scribe, ring steward and scorer were discussed and handouts were used for illustration. Schooling shows are a good way to learn these positions. Many other assignments can be done with minimal training.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Training along with Ginger

Sometimes, we spend so much time on specific movements or gaits, we forget the basics. Now that I have a new horse with no dressage training, I can see once more how important the basics of suppleness and bend really are. I start each ride bending her neck from side to side at halt and at the walk, flexing the poll and the whole neck in circles and straight lines. At first, I had to haul her head around and there was no softness in her response. Now we have some really stiff days and some less stiff days, so I don't have to haul her head quite so much, a simple wrist twist will get a softening. And I know that means she is starting to understand what I want.

We supple the body next with small circles and moving around three cones at the walk and the trot. The cones help us both to focus on the bend, especially when you don't have power steering. I am trying to be very specific with seat and hand positioning as I go around the cones so she will give with her neck and bend with her body on the change of direction. Mixing up baby leg yields, shoulder in, haunches in and box work supple her hips and shoulders. She has only started doing them and I can tell there is a glimmer of understanding there.

Not so with the canter departs. That is still a work in progress. But since we have gotten good walk work and are getting good trot work, the canter won't be far behind. Stay tuned for next month!

Your Editor



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
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
Or call **Mireille Doffegnies-Henkemans** 813-433-1213 or 727-251-4917

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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

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 a total of 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 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)

March 5th-6th 2011: Dressage Among Friends Rated Show-Tampa Fairgrounds, FMI Mary Mobley
heingleinmobley1@msn.com

March 27th 2011: Half Pass Farm Schooling Show, third in series. FMI Tracy Schlabach
tschlab@yahoo.com

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

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March Meeting
April 12th at 7:00 pm
Location—TBA

Happy 
St. Patricks Day

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SDCTA MEETING

**March 8th at 7:00pm
Harvey and Kim Rose
6201 90th Ave N
Pinellas Park, Florida 33787
727-546-7673**

Directions:

From Odessa - South on McMullen Booth.
Right onto 94th Avenue, go to 60th Street Left onto
60th Street. Right onto 90th Avenue. Go past the
signs for the horse trail and past the trail. Turn
right into horseshoe driveway or second right
into long side driveway

From I 275 South – get off at 118th Avenue exit;
turn left at light onto 118th Avenue. Go to 49th
Street and turn left, proceed down 49th Street Turn
right onto 94th Avenue, go to 60th Street and turn
left. Follow as above.