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The Suncoast Dressage & Combined Training Association Monthly Newsletter



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Beautiful Weather Graced the 1st Schooling Show!

The first schooling show of the season was modestly attended, but had a great cheering gallery for the riders. Held at Keystone Sport Horse Center, which was in pristine shape with a new wall of mirrors in the arena, there was plenty of room for horses, riders and trailers. The arena was big enough so you could ride around the mirrors before your ride so the horses didn't react to them during the test.

We encouraged costumes during the show and many riders took advantage of that. Horses had orange pads and polo's, ribbons, glitter, and riders in partial costume. We also had a clown, biker chick, princess, Dalmatian and a Pas De Deux featuring Harry Potter. All in all, everyone had a great time. We even got two former members and a new member to join.

Thanks to all the members who helped out and to everyone who showed. The high score for each level were:

Intro - Magdalene Valido on Investable Art with a 76.25%

Training - Jamie Sawyer on Panterra with a 66.25%

First - Alberta McEuen on Aries with a 65.482%

Third - Ellen Hooker on Forsythia with a 62.632%

Congratulations! Full scores for the show will be posted on the website.

ATTENTION

The deadline to submit your volunteer hours HAS PASSED over two weeks ago! IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTHING FOR THEM! SO YOU HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE TO EMAIL ME NOW at cahill.sally@gmail.com

WITH ALL THE INFO I NEED (refer to the form on website) IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR HOURS - NO WORRIES - JUST ESTIMATE AND I WILL COMPARE WITH OUR RECORDS.

We want everyone to get credit for all their hard work, please just take five minutes of your time to turn the info in, those who do will be richly rewarded at the End of Year Awards presentation at the Christmas Party!

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.



Minutes from the October 11th meeting held at Elizabeth Campbell's

Attending: Joan Potter, Angela Lytle, Kim Rose, Harvey Rose, Elizabeth Campbell, Cherie Cunningham, Mireille Doffegnies, Michelle Russell, Vivian Vetere, Sally Cahill, Lisa Yanchar, Robbie Pouliot, Beth Marshall, Jessica Combs, Barbara Sutton, Julie Shaw, Leslie Zieger, Mary Anne Burns, Carol Gullickson, Ann Cahill, Heather Miller, Susan Hartman, Mia Incorvaia, Gabby Incorvaia, Tracy Schlabach, Barbara Sutton, Jane Whitehurst.

The minutes were accepted. The treasurer's report was given by Sally Cahill.

The slate of officers, having no opposition, was approved as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Harvey Rose, President; Joan Potter, Vice president; Sally Cahill, Treasurer; Susan Hartmann, Secretary; Elizabeth Campbell and Robbie Pouliot for Board Members at Large.

We thanked George Gullickson for his presentation at the September meeting on saddles and the female anatomy.

A Reminder was given to renew all of your memberships, USDF, USEF, SDCTA and breed memberships.

There was a brief discussion of the coming October 30th schooling show run by Joan Potter and Barbara Sutton.

The Christmas party will be hosted by the Incorvaias, Mia and Gabby, with the help of Tony Incorvaia at a place not yet determined – stay tuned.

The end of year awards will be given at the Christmas party.

New members Carol Gullickson, Beth Marshall, Heather Miller, and Julie Shaw were introduced.

Jane Whitehurst discussed an upcoming clinic at her farm. Spots available.

The 2012 USDF member guide will be mailed to all members along with the November USDF Connection.

MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE HAS ALSO PASSED - BUT - It is never too late please check the website for the form and send it in to either Vivian Vetere or me (address on form). We are missing several members from last year's roster, we want you back!!!

Do You have RATS in Your Barn?

Tired of leaving dangerous poisons out? We have the answer! Invite a team of highly specialized, extremely low-maintenance, rodent assassins to work for you. Our team arrived in September and after a short debriefing period, were released into the battlefield, aka, the rafters of our barn. We have not seen a living rat since.

Our new heroes are a pair of feral cats rescued by the Humane Society of Tampa Bay through their capture and release program. These cats are spayed/neutered, given 3 year vaccines, and are tested disease free. The Society will bring them to you, provide a cage (for the three week de-briefing period while they become acclimated to your property), litter box, litter and food. For free!

We expected hissing scruffy wild felines but instead were brought beautiful glossy cats (now named Cleo and Serena) that purr and sit on our laps when they're not out on a mission. We feed them once in the morning and they hunt all night. We've found it to be a win-win for everyone, except the rats.

So why not save a cat and kill some vermin? Your horses will thank you, too.

For more info or to arrange to have your own team delivered, call Mary Ann O'Donnell at 813-625-0910.



Presidents Message

Thanks again to Elizabeth Campbell for her unending hospitality. We had a great meeting with new members Elizabeth Marshall, Juli Shaw, Carol Gullickson and Heather Miller attending. The Incorvaias will once again be hosting the Christmas party. It was very nice of Gabby to volunteer again this year.

We had three club members ride in the USDF Region 3 Championships; Elizabeth Campbell, Hannah Gould and Leslie O'Sullivan Zieger. All three did very well with rides in the 60s; Elizabeth had a 2nd place showing in FEI Freestyle Intermediate 1 with a 60.93% and Leslie had a 1st place showing in FEI Prix St. Georges with a 65.263%. Congratulations to all three.

Our condolences go to Leslie, who recently lost her beloved little dachshund, Tater. The entire Rose family will miss him greatly, (he had vacationed at our house and slept at my side) but he will be especially missed by his friend, and co-creator of "Hounds and Badgers", best game ever!, Micki. All dogs go to heaven. RIP, Tater.

The schooling show will have been held by the time you read this, so to all who participated and to all who helped and especially to Joan Potter and Barbara Sutton who put it on, thanks again for all you do for the club.

Please remember to get your end of year awards information to Sally Cahill ASAP. This includes not only ride information (schooling and rated shows) but also volunteer hours, meetings attended and meetings hosted. Anything that you did for the club may count so let us know.

Ideas are our life blood. Let us know what you're thinking. A recent idea was to have a handout for new members that would explain what is expected of them and what the club provides to them. I will start on that very soon. If you have ideas on that, let me know.

The next meeting will be help at my home on November 8. Kim will be providing her usual outstanding fare. It is also a chance to meet our foal, Wayland Smithy, now 5 months old. We will be watching the Lilo Fore Commentaries and commenting on her comments. If you are from the northern end of the county, car pool if you can. If you are from the southern end then now is your chance to come to a meeting close to home. I hope to see a large crowd.

This will be a good year for SDCTA. We have a lot planned. Participate as much as you can. You are the club!

Harvey



Happy Birthday to you!

Tracy Thompson	11/13
Lori Roe	11/14
Lisa Yanchar	11/14
Charlotte Hagman	11/19
Holly Walck	11/19
Judith Dostal	11/20



Laminitis and Where It May Occur

Kim Rose

As some of you may know, I nearly lost my Morgan mare, Tess, to laminitis eighteen months ago. For those of you who talked me down from the branches, (and you know who you are!) , thank you for all your encouragement, kindness and support. I am so happy to report that last weekend we rode the Greenways in Ocala for the first time since her illness and she kept all the other horses trotting to keep up with her walk. Her dressage days are over, but she's still the queen of the forest! Caring for Tess through her illness was an education for me, a crash course in every sense and since several club members asked me to do this, I will share what I have learned about Insulin Resistance/ Metabolic Syndrome.

Some horses, due to their breed, have a predilection for developing IR/MS. Morgans, ponies, and working western lines of Arabians top the list, although some lines of warm bloods can be affected, too. Typically, thoroughbreds are safe. If your horse is an easy keeper, beware.

Not all IR/MS horses are obese. And conversely, not all obese horses develop the disease. However, almost without exception, there is a distinctive pattern of fat deposits on IR/MS horses. Even otherwise thin horses will show these pads of fat on either side of the withers, down both sides of the haunches when viewed from the rear. Often the neck is cresty, too.

Mares will sometimes begin to resemble stallions in both their musculature and attitudes as the syndrome develops. They can become uncharacteristically "fizzy". This is due to the production of steroids from the disease. (Tess outgrew her brow band but her girth size never changed. Her neck got huge and the muscles in her haunches became very pronounced and hard. She looked like an athlete ripped on steroids, which in fact, she was. As for "fizzy"? She's a chestnut Morgan mare...not out of character MUCH!)

If your horse is an easy keeper in steady work, they could be keeping the disease under control, much like pre-diabetic people who exercise. But if something disrupts the pattern of exercise, (like a tendon injury, which is what happened to Tess) , that change can start a cascade of metabolic events and the result can be almost instant laminitis.

If you suspect your horse may be a candidate for IR/MS, a simple fasting blood test can give you the answers you need.

Here are just a few more things I learned.

Some herbal remedies advertised to help IR/MS horses contain herbs that are actually harmful if used on IR/MS horses, such as: fenugreek and cinnamon.

Don't rely on hoof-testers to determine laminitic pain. Morgans and Saddlebreds have thick soles and often show no reaction.

A trail of shavings from the stall to the paddock is a good thing for sore feet.

Have x-rays taken of your horse's front feet as a base line while they are sound and hope you never have to compare them!

It has been a long, slow comeback, but with regular medication, a new pair of Nike Airs...(Easy Boot Gloves, actually), Tess is back on the trail.



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

Jane Whitehurst, USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist. School horses at Nosara Farms, Odessa. Full sized ring, good drainage. Horses may trailer in for lessons or training rides. Experienced with all types of horses and training issues. Call 727-254-3554

FOR SALE

My Bejeweled Horseshoes: Hand crafted and personalized for any occasion or décor. We do birthday parties. Call /813-433-1213 or go to www.mybejeweledhorseshoe.com

Jessica Combs, LMT (MA46369)
Therapeutic massage for the active equestrian. (813) 298-6165 or jcdressage80@aol.com

Yanchar Studio-Custom Picture Framing. Expert design, quality craftsmanship and affordable pricing. Lisa 813-926-4299 Odessa

Black Country DaVinci Dressage Saddle -17 MW; monoflap; v.good condition, 2 1/2 years use. \$600. Call Ellen at 727-481-7520

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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

Elite Dressage Coat: 14R (size 10); new with tags;100% wool; fully lined; silvertone buttons; center vent with shaped rear seams. Black. \$100. Call Ellen at 727-481-7520

Elite Dressage Coat: 8R (size 4); used 3 times;100% wool; fully lined; silvertone buttons; center vent with shaped rear seams. Black. \$50. Call Ellen at 727-481-7520

BOARDING/TRAINING

Full board and dressage training 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. \$650 per month. (813)-613-5775

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)

November 13th, 2011: First Choice Schooling Show, Carol Bulmer, Judge. FMI Barb Hennessey at mb998@tampabay.rr.com

December 4th, 2011: Schooling Show, Half Pass Farm. Judge TBA FMI Tracy Schlabach 813-545-6168.

January 15th, 2012: SDCTA Schooling Show, second in series. More info TBA.

February 19th, 2012: First Choice Schooling Show, Jean White, Judge. FMI Barb Hennessey at mb998@tampabay.rr.com

March 3-4th, 2012: SDCTA Rated Show, Tampa Fairgrounds.

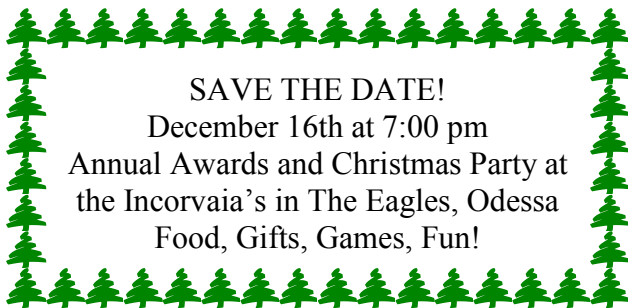
April 15th, 2012: SDCTA Schooling Show, third in series. More info TBA

April 22nd, 2012: First Choice Schooling Show, Heather Stalker, Judge. FMI Barb Hennessey at mb998@tampabay.rr.com

June 9-10th, 2012, 2012: SDCTA Rated Show, Tampa Fairgrounds

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SDCTA MEETING

November 8th at 7:00pm

Harvey and Kim Rose

6201 90th Ave N

Pinellas Park, Florida 33787

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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.