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I want to thank Mary Anne Burns for hosting the Charlotte Trentelman Ride-a-Test Clinic and then hosting another great meeting at her home. It was a job well done as always.

During the upcoming meeting at Elizabeth's, we will be voting on officers for the 2009/2010 year so anyone interested in being an officer needs to contact Sally, Elizabeth or me this week.

Also at the meeting we will be having a presentation by Tammy Miller, DVM on eye problems and injuries. This will be our second presentation by Dr Miller and she is a very dynamic and interesting speaker. Her information is well worth the time, so everyone should make a plan to be at the meeting.

And, if anyone has any ideas about speakers or presentations they would like to see at our meetings, we would be happy to hear from you. We want the new Club year to be even better than the last one.

Happy Halloween!

Joan



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GROUP
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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE **20**TH OF THE PRIOR MONTH!

Sept 8, 2009

In Attendance: Joan & Tori Potter, Sally Cahill, Robbie Pouliot, Mary Anne Burns, Susie Hartman, Elizabeth Campbell, Denise Clayton, Mags Ashworth, Diane Proffitt, Lisa Yanchar, Tracy Schlabach, Nina Baker, Chris Buble, Mireille Doffegnies, Kathleen Yao, Harvey & Kim Rose, Jane Whitehurst, Kathy Wooten, Angela Lytle, Michelle Russell, Gabby Incorvaia, Patti Knobloch, Samantha Craddock & Mary Henglein Mobley.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by President Joan Potter.
Minutes from the June meeting were approved.
Treasurers Report was given.

Old Business: Discussions opened regarding the slate of officers for the 2009/2010 year. At this time, no one new has yet to add their name to the slate. (*If no one else offers to run, the current slate will carry over to next year. Editor.*)

A discussion of the upcoming schooling shows ensued. Joan said that the weekend before Thanksgiving, has been chosen for the first show. It will be run by Joan and Barbara Sutton and will be held at Soaring Eagle on Sunday, November 22nd.

Tracy and Diane Proffitt offered to run the January show. The date is TBA and it will likely be held at Bobbi Gutman's farm, First Choice Equestrian, in Pinellas Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

The video "If Horse's Could Speak" was then shown.

Submitted by Mary Henglein Mobley, Secretary

We miss you! Please renew now!

Cathy Barnes
Denise Browzky
Maryanna Cablk
Emily Connors
Samantha Craddock
Anneliese DeIMonico
Joann Dobbins
Amy Epperson
Heather Foderingham
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Jill Hardt
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Send your dues payment to Mary Mobley ASAP!

What Does It Look and Feel Like When My Horse Is On The Bit?

By Jane Savoy as quoted from "News from Jane Savoy"

*When a horse is on the bit, here's what he'll **look** like:*

- His entire outline from back to front looks round.
- His hind legs step actively underneath his body, his back is up and swinging, his neck is long and low enough to be in line with the "power train" of his hindquarters, his poll is the highest point, and his nose is about 5 degrees in front of the vertical
- From the saddle his neck is widest at the base (just in front of the withers) and becomes progressively narrower as you get closer to his ears.
- From the side, his neck looks longish and relatively low rather than up in the air and short. He's "pumped" up or "blooming" at the base of his neck. There's no dip just in front of his withers.

*When a horse is on the bit, here's what he'll **feel** like:*

- He's one unit rather than a jumble of "disconnected parts".
- He's more comfortable to sit on because his back is relaxed.
- In trot and canter, he feels like a beach ball bouncing along.
- His back (behind the saddle) is up and swinging rather than dropped and tense.
- His energy is self-perpetuating. The power comes from behind, over his back, through his neck, and gets recycled back to his hind legs. But if your horse, let's say, is crooked and pops his shoulder out, the energy is going to go diagonally across his body. Then, you'll have to use your driving aids again to recreate the energy.
- You feel like anything is possible within the next step. For example, he can immediately go from trot to canter. Or he can immediately go from working canter into a canter lengthening. Or he can promptly do a canter depart.

If you're not sure if "anything is possible" within the next step, ask for one of those transitions. If it's easy to do, then you know that your horse is on the bit.

Kudos to our members!



Demitasse (Forsythia's daughter) was in third place in the three year old class with a score of 78.6% at the Sunshine Sport Horse Association Breed Show in Ocala on September 19th.

On Sunday, she did even better, getting second place with a score of 77.8% and qualified for the overall filly class, where she came in third.



Aerosa (Panterra's daughter) won both of her classes on Sat at the Sunshine Sport Horse Association Breed Show in Ocala September 19. She received a 77.9% in her Yearling class and a 78.3% in her Holstiner class. She was also hi point Holsteiner for Sat and Sunday!

IF YOU HAVE A KUDOS! OR KNOW OF A KUDOS! PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO TSCHLAB@YAHOO.COM OR PHONE TRACY AT 813-545-6168!

CLASSIFIEDS

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

INSTRUCTION

Classical training and instruction with **Mary Phillips**, USDF and German Bronze Medals, Travels to Pinellas County twice monthly. More info at sdcta.com. 352-620-2796 or 727-391-4432.

Lessons with **Jill Hardt**, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, beginner to advanced at her farm, Tristan Oaks South, 1051 Cowart Road, Plant City. Lighted regulation ring with mirrors. Training also available. 813-757-6340.

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.

FOR SALE

Amerigo Dressage Saddle, 17.5" Medium to medium wide tree, excellent condition, \$2600. Call Sally 813-393-8449.

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13yo Danish Warmblood gelding, chestnut, 16.3h, 4th Level, schooling tempis, Amateur safe \$40K. Owner is motivated. Contact Jill Hardt 813-757-6340



Have you visited **SDCTA** on the web lately?

www.sdcta.com

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(for smaller clubs)

Find out the latest news and club information including:

Club contacts,
Membership info and Forms, Shows and results,

Clinics
Hurricane Preparedness
Current and past Newsletters
Year-End Awards
Classified Ads
And more!

List your farm or instructor in the "Tampa Bay" section. SDCTA provides a resource to horse/dressage newcomers in our area as well as providing an advertising venue (and it's free!)

NEWSLETTER AD RATES

Business Card	\$5.00
1/8 Page	\$10.00
1/4 Page	\$15.00
Half Page	\$30.00
Full Page	\$50.00

Classified Ads are free to SDCTA members

Wunderkind (Bodhi): Elegant 2006 colt by Winterprinz. Bodhi demonstrates an outstanding temperament, "look-at-me" attitude and wants to please. He is easy going and handled daily. Regrettably Bodhi must be sold. For more information please call Pam McGinnis At 941-776-9027 or 941-705-1161 (c) or email to hapdaps@juno.com

Mary H Mobley, GRI, Broker Associate, **Prudential Tropical Realty**, for all of your real estate needs. 813-245-9444. **Serving the Tampa Bay Area for 10 years.**

Position available as working student with USDF Silver Medalist at her boarding/training facility in Hillsborough County. Terms to be negotiated. Contact Jill Hardt 813-757-6340

17 1/2" Wintec Isabell dressage saddle that is less than 2 years old It has a wide gullet in it now. I will include a Wintec dressage girth, synthetic leathers, a set of stirrups, and a medium gullet. Asking \$500 for everything.

Kathleen Yeo

(727) 504-4059 or my e-mail address, Beaulasses@hotmail.com.

BOARDING/TRAINING

Training Available – Tristan Oaks South, 1051 Cowart Rd, Plant City. Lighted, regulation sand ring w/ mirrors, comfort flooring in stalls. Call 813-757-6340 for info and pricing.

Boarding/Training—available at 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

Retirement Equine Boarding Facility in Spring Hill has two openings. Six stall barn, 5 acres, lots of grass. \$300 per month full board. For more details, email grandalinda@bellsouth.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Club events are listed in Bold)

October 17: LDA Schooling Show. Charlotte Trentelman judging. Go to www.lakelanddressage.com or call Star Lewis 863-292-9017

October 18: LDA Clinic with Charlotte Trentleman Go to www.lakelanddressage.com or call Nancy Cole 813-783-2815

November 8: First Choice Schooling Show. FMI Barbara Hennessey 727-409-7428

November 22: SDCTA Schooling Show at Soaring Eagles. Barbara Sutton 727-771-7750

December 5: Soaring Eagles Hunt /Dressage Show. Dressage MUST preregister. Maria Brown 813-920-5932

January 2010 TBA: SDCTA Schooling show at First Choice Equestrian, Pinellas Park. Diane Proffitt & Tracy Schlabach

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**SDCTA
ABSENTEES
MEMBERS!**

Membership Year is
September 1st through August 31st
Renew now to Mary Mobley!

November 2009
SDCTA Meeting
TBD

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SDCTA MEETING

November 11, 2008, 7:00pm
Dr. Tammy Miller will be the featured speaker.

Elizabeth Campbell's house
11632 Innfields Drive, Odessa
813-920-0388

Directions:

From 1-275 take Memorial Hwy north to the Veteran's Expressway. Exit at Ehrlich Road. Go west following Gunn Hwy to S Mobley Road. Turn west on S Mobley, north on Race Track Road, and west on Innfields. Go to the end.