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The Suncoast Dressage & Combined Training
Association Monthly Newsletter



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My Extraordinary Afternoon of Volunteering

I must say that I was extremely happy with my first ever experience as a volunteer at the Sunburn Classic. The rewarding feeling that followed me around throughout the day was one that I will remember for a long time and I hope will return when I volunteer at more recognized shows in the future. Not only was it a fantastic afternoon of watching all of the rides (I was ring steward so I got a front row seat), but I saw many familiar faces, both human and equine. Some of those faces were ones that I had not seen in many years, and it was wonderful to reconnect with them.

I started my day of volunteering retrieving my ring steward packet from the show office. Since it was my first time on the job, I wasn't sure of what to expect at first. All of my questions were answered kindly by the other volunteers and I felt welcome and appreciated for my donated time. My job as ring steward was explained to me in detail and I was comfortable right away handling the task. I was directed to my position and given a lime green SDCTA t-shirt and plenty of cold water to drink. I knew then that I would have a great time!

Ring steward is a job that I would recommend to anybody who has thought about volunteering but hasn't done so before. It isn't a complicated job, but is a very important part of running the show. Your work will be greatly appreciated by both the competitors and the judges alike. I was thanked countless times throughout the day for helping out. It felt great to contribute to such a great show and be a part of the crew behind the scenes... almost like being part of the film crew on a blockbuster movie! Not to mention the fun of being up close and personal with the gorgeous horses and talented riders. Perhaps the most memorable part of my day was reuniting with a friend who I had not seen for years after she sold her horse and moved. It was great to see her competing with a new horse and doing so well. I was smiling for the rest of the day after that.

Overall, I encourage anyone to volunteer at any of our shows. There are plenty of jobs to choose from if you sign up early. The competitors, trainers, and judges will be most grateful for your time and efforts and you may even get to reunite with long lost friends or horses. There's no need to be shy, my fellow first timers. Come on out and join the fun!

Submitted by Rebecca Ruthberg

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.



Pictures from show at Half Pass Farm



NOMINATING NEW OFFICERS

Joan Potter and Sally Cahill are on the Nominating Committee and would welcome anyone else who would like to serve on that committee to recruit and nominate anyone wishing to run for office positions in 2012. Please call or email them if you have any interest in being on the committee or running for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Board Member at Large. The voting for next year's board members will be at our October Meeting. Sally Cahill's email - Cahillsally@gmail.com or Joan Potter's email - markpotter50@gmail.com or call 813-690-5607.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Vivian Vetere has graciously volunteered to take on the Membership Secretary job. Please download the forms off the website and mail them to her with your check to the address below or bring them to the September Meeting. Dues are due by September 30th. You do receive a discount by getting them in on time. The club must pay USDF in October for all our members. By getting your dues in on time this will make this process easy and only requires one roster be turned in to USDF. Please help Vivian by filing out all required forms and get them in on time! USDF requires all the information from every GMO member that we ask for on that form. Please be sure your forms include *name, address, birth date, email address, phone number and your USDF number* if you have one. The club updates our membership roster with the USDF once every month to accommodate those who join throughout the year. Download the forms with this link. <http://www.sdcta.net/Membership.htm> Mail to: Vivian Vetere, 324 Knollwood Rd., Tarpon Springs, FL 34688.



Presidents Message

From the standpoint of the club, we are about to start a new year. It is time for membership renewal (along with a drive for new members), club elections, end of year awards and, in November, our first schooling show. It is also the end of the 2011 campaign. Some will be riding in the Region 3 championship event. Please let us know if you will be riding in the championship so that we can give you proper recognition.

2011 was a good year for the club. We had two successful rated shows as well as our usual three schooling shows. Special thanks again to Mary, Sally and Joan for their organizing efforts and to all the wonderful volunteers without whom it would not have been possible. We will repeat these same time slots in 2012.

From a personal standpoint I have learned that riding is a series of transitions, not of gaits but where we are with our horses and our training. Our horses can suffer injuries and illnesses as can we. They get older, so do we. We get new horses, we adjust to them, they adjust to us. Sometimes it takes a lot of work. Riding dressage is not easy. I commend all of our members and all those who ride in our shows. The effort is appreciated.

As President Kennedy once said, "Let us go forward with vigor."

I have enjoyed being club president the last year but only because of you, the members. Thank you!

Harvey

Year End Awards are right around the corner. Please download those forms and get them in as soon as possible. Any questions regarding awards and eligibility please contact Sally Cahill by email (as above or phone). The sooner she receives this information the better. Forms are due by October 15th with NO exceptions! Mail to: Sally Cahill, 4426 Ferncroft Ave., Tampa, Florida 33609
http://www.sdcta.net/year-end_awards.htm



Happy Birthday to you!

Nina Baker	September 17
Diane Proffitt	September 23
Denise Clayton	September 24
Shea Sanford	September 29

Thank you so much!

Just a short note to let everyone know that I am doing just fine after my fall at Half Pass. I was actually back in the saddle, 4 weeks to the day I broke my rib. Thanks for everyone's concern and support. A special thanks to Lauren, Keegan and Joan Potter for keeping my horses in show ready condition. Lori Roe



Bryn, Bon Renoir and YR/JR Coach Jeremy Steinberg about to enter ring.



More Half Pass Farm Schooling show pictures



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

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

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

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

Spur Fence white, 2 wire, 660' roll still in shrink wrap, hardware. \$250 obo Barbara 845-876-3606

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 / 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 smfhl@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 turnout, owners on premise, individual care; Call (813) 926-7822

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Club events are listed in Bold)

September 18th, 2011: Schooling Show, Half Pass Farm. Closing date Sept. 7. Judge Pam Aide. FMI Tracy Schlabach 813-545-6168.

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

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Next Meeting
October 11th, 2011
Location—TBA

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SDCTA MEETING

September 13th, 2011, 2011

7:00 pm

Mary Anne Burns

11464 Trotting Down Drive
Odessa, FL

Cell: 727-421-9614

George Gullickson will do a program on
the correct fit for women's saddles.

From the South:

Race Track Road north. Turn left on Boy-
scout Rd. Turn left on Trotting Down Drive.
Mary Anne's house is on the right.

From the North:

Take Gunn Hwy South. Turn right on Tar-
pon Springs Rd. Turn left on Boy Scout
Rd. Turn right on Trotting Down Drive.
Mary Anne's house is on the right.

Gate code: # 8004