

Hi Everyone,

I am in the midst of adjusting myself to being your new Chapter Chair. I was Chapter Chair a few years ago, but somehow I don't remember it having so many responsibilities as it does currently. I'm starting to get used to it, and things are smoothing out. Also, I would like to thank Karen and Gary for all they did for our Chapter. They will be greatly missed, but I'm sure we'll see them at our shows.

I was appointed to my new position right before the CDS Annual Meeting in Carmel, and decided that I needed to go. I didn't really know what to expect, but it was great and I'm glad that I was able to attend. Our Secretary, Cynthia Godby went also.

We started off with the General Meeting, which stressed how CDS can best serve member's needs through the programs it has for all members – Adult Amateurs, Junior/Young Riders, and Open. These include scholarships, chapter events and educational programs.

After the General Meeting, all new Chapter Chair's had to sit in on an orientation, which was very helpful. It covered what our responsibilities are and the regulations. Also, we gained some ideas about what we can do for our Chapter in the way of educational activities and fund-raisers.

While we were in orientation, there were also round table discussions going on about different issues that Chapters must deal with. When the orientation was finished, we were able to go to any of the round tables and get input from others.

It was a great experience. It is open to all CDS Members, and if you ever get the opportunity to attend, I would highly recommend it.

On Thursday, February 18th, we had the first Board meeting with me as the Chapter Chair. We were honored to have Carol Tice, the Vice-President of CDS attend.

She talked to us about the CDS Scholarship programs. There are three programs that members can apply for. They are the Hans Moeller Memorial Scholarship (30 and older - 3rd Level and above), the Jane Jackson Scholarship (under 30 – 3rd. Level and above), and the Carol Plough Youth Scholarship (21 and under – 1st. Level and above). If you're interested in applying all the details are on the California-dressage website. All deadlines for applications are on April

30th.

We then discussed our shows for this year. Our TEV Spring show is a one day, and will be held on May 8th. at the Southern California Equestrian Center (Galway). Our TEV Dressage in June show will be a three day show, and will be held on June 3, 4 & 5. Along with our show, we will have a rated breed show on the 3rd. It will be at SCEC (Galway) in the late afternoon, probably around 4:00 or 5:00, in the Western Arena. It is late enough and far enough away from the dressage courts that it won't conflict with the dressage riders. The last show is scheduled for September 4th at SCEC. All our shows are triple rated. Our judge for May is Beverly Rogers, and for June it is Hilda Gurney. The Sept. judge is TBA.

We will need volunteers for our shows. The hours served will earn eligibility for year end prizes in our chapter. We also need volunteers for the dressage part of the Galway 3-Day Events, which benefits our Chapter regarding the use of SCEC for our shows. There are 3 Events scheduled for this year. They are the 3-Day FEI on March 26, Horse Trials on May 15, and 3-Day Event on November 4. Volunteering for those events also counts toward year-end prizes. Please volunteer whenever you can. It really benefits the chapter.

We are going to be adding a new class to our shows. It's called the Opportunity Class. It goes from Training through 2nd Level. This is a good Class for riders who have not shown in a rated show. Also, no membership in CDS, USDF, or USEF is required. It will be like schooling, but at a rated show. The scores will not be in with the rated ones, so no pressure. It would also work for a young horse that needs to be exposed to the show environment.

We will also have an All Breed Show concurrent with our show in June. It will be in the Western Arena June 3rd in the late afternoon/early evening. It is pretty removed from the Dressage Arena set up, so it won't interfere with the test rides.

At the end of our board meeting we had a drawing for the CDS Adult Amateur Clinic with Debbie McDonald. We had 16 entries, which I had put on tabs. We had Carol Tice draw them out of a bowl. The rider will be Kathleen Butler. We also drew 2 alternates if Kathleen was unable to ride for some reason. The 1st. alternate is Jeanine Gattas, the 2nd alternate is Madaline Plate.

The date of the Clinic has been changed. The new date is April 8th through 11th. It is still at the same location at Kathy Pavlich's in Highland. It will be open to auditing, and I suggest that if you can go it would be very beneficial. Debbie is an extremely good clinician and there will be a Q&A session each day.

Happy riding to all.

Peggy Sanchez, Chapter Chair

2010 Calendar

March 26 - So. Cal. Equestrian Center - FEI Event Fundraiser Show. Volunteers needed!

April 8 – 11 - CDS Amateur Clinic with Debbie McDonald

May 8 - TEV-CDS Spring Show SCEC in Temecula. Judge: Beverly Rogers

May 15 - SCEC Horse Trials Fundraiser Show. Volunteers needed!

June 4, 5, & 6 - TEV-CDS Dressage in June SCEC in Temecula. Judge: Hilda Gurney

June 4 - TEV-CDS All Breed Show SCEC in Temecula. Judge: Hilda Gurney

June 26 - TEV-CDS Schooling Show Black Dog Farm in Murrieta

July 24 - TEV-CDS Schooling Show Black Dog Farm in Murrieta

Sept. 4 - TEV-CDS Fall Show SCEC in Temecula. Judge: TBA

Sept.25 - TEV-CDS Schooling Show Black Dog Farm in Murrieta

(SCEC – Southern California Equestrian Center - formerly known as Galway Downs)

TEV-CDS CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Monthly Clinics with Axel Steiner. Contact Lynn Binkley @ 951-677-0624 for dates and times.

Horse Care Symposium – July 15th. @ Black Dog Farm in Murrieta.
Speakers are: Dr. Boersma – Chiropractic and Dr. Huth – Acupuncture
They will demonstrate the techniques and benefits of both.