



NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

OK... I know it has been a long time since we have seen a newsletter. Why?? Well, first of all there is no newsletter editor. I have taken on the job of sending out a newsletter simply because every now and then, we need one, and there is very little club participation from its members these days. I am not blaming anyone, it is just a tough time for everyone, not just riders, dressage riders or SGSDS members. The economy is so bad that none of us seem to have any spare time or money to devote to this club or any other extra activity outside of our family responsibilities.

I have seen it throughout our sport. Shows like Dressage at Heavenly Waters and Dressage a Devon, which are usually over subscribed on their opening dates ended up extending their closing dates for lack of entries. Neither schooling shows nor recognized shows have been well attended lately across the board.

There just isn't as much going on as there used to be. Having said that, the state of the SGSDS is that it has been a sort of "semi-dormant" state over the last couple of years. Our past President, Stacy Blumberg did a great job as president, but she couldn't carry the club alone, (or with a handful of helpers), any more than our current president, I, or anyone else can.

The good news is that we are seeing some life in the club again. We are drawing in some new and enthusiastic members, we are going ahead with the championship show, and at the last meeting there were some heartfelt expressions of interest in reviving the SGSDS and remembering what a great club it has been in the past, and making it even better in the future. Please read on to see what we have in store for the near future!

-Jennifer

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Horses - if God made anything more beautiful, he kept it for himself.
~Author Unknown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 20: SDSDS Meeting at Windfall Farm 7:pm. FMI: Jennifer 609-381-2248
Items to be discussed: Tack Sale, Championship Show, Awards Banquet, etc.

November 5: Tack Sale at Transitions Farm 9am-3pm. Jan Hill is collecting items to be sold, and she will attend the sale and run our table on that day. Please donate items for the sale, but remember to tag them with prices and names. Let's clean out those tack rooms, attics and basements. Items may be dropped off at Windfall Farm any time. We would also like to conduct a bake sale on that day. Anyone interested in contributing items or baked goods, please contact Jan Hill : 609-412-9216 or janetbhill@yahoo.com

November 13: Schooling and Championship Show. Closing Date is 11/8. Prize List is attached. We entertained the idea of doing a costume class at the meeting, so if there is interest in dressing yourself or your horse up, please contact the show organizer. We still need volunteers, so don't be shy! FMI: 609-381-2248 or OmniJAllen@mac.com

November 13: SGSDS Meeting at the Championship Show at 12 Noon at the Secretary stand.

November 20: Turkey Trot Pleasure Ride/Drive at the Horse Park of NJ. FMI www.HorseParkOfNewJersey.com. Closing Date is 11/12.

November 26: Southwind Enchanted Hunter Pace. FMI: Lorre Allen 856-453-8644

SGSDS MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: JoAnn Schmidt, Debbie Matusow, Jan Hill, Stephanie Buchanan, Ingrid R Bergen, Devon Buchanan, Adrienne Bergen, Christine Shallcross, Jennifer Allen

Debbie Matusow opened our meeting at Ingrid and Adrienne's home as Ann was not able to attend.

Secretaries report- The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report- Debbie M, our treasurer, reported that with insurance costs \$404 and money from the previous show \$ 220 our balance is now\$ 360.64 with an outstanding bill owed to Stacy Blumberg of \$924.00.

Old Business- Our outstanding bill was discussed and options for fundraising discussed. It was decided that a table at the Transitions Farm tack sale would be set up and that SGSDS members would donate items for the table. Jan Hill offered to pay for the table and coordinate efforts. JoAnn Schmidt will join her on Nov. 5th to support the sale. Transitions Farm is located at 4 BealRd Elmer,NJ 856-358-3453 www.transitionsfarm.com
Debbie Morrison e-mail Debs2600@aol.com

Contact Jan Hill Coordinator of SGSDS table at 609-412-9216 or janetbhill@yahoo.com

New Business-

#1 Championship Show November 13th Windfall Farm

Judge- Debbie Morrison

Scribe- JoAnn

Food coordinator- Jan Hill

Scorer- Ingrid

#2 Membership dues- Dues are now being collected. See web site or get a form at our next meeting and pay your SGSDS dues. Single membership is \$40.00. Stephanie Buchanan is our membership coordinator = sbuchanan5929@comcast.net See website or get in touch with Stephanie for family membership.

#3 Devon tickets- Tickets were given out at the meeting. A \$10.00 fee was charged for each ticket which goes directly to fundraising. Southwind Vineyard and an anonymous donor paid for the Devon box.

#4 Nominations for SGSDS 2012

President- Ann Pedrick

V President - Jennifer Allen

Secretary- Jan Hill

Treasurer- Debbie Matusow

Webmaster- Chris Shallcross

Membership- Stephanie Buchanan

If you wish to run for any of these offices please get in touch with Ann Pedrick to add your name to the nominations.

#5 4-H Clothing Drive- Clothing drive for 4-H coordinated by Ingrid and Adrienne. Bring a bag of clothes to the next meeting. Their goal is 100 bags of clothing. Please support this effort.

Our next meeting will be on October 20th at the home of Jennifer Allen. Please come promptly at 7 PM

In June, several of our members attended a symposium with 6 time Olympic Dressage Star, Robert Dover. It was the opportunity of a lifetime for riders and auditors alike. Here is what one participant had to say about her experience with this amazing rider and trainer:

In June of this year, I had the distinct honor of participating in the Robert Dover Symposium in Califon, NJ. As a new member of SGSDS and a fairly green dressage rider, to say this was an opportunity of a lifetime, is a huge understatement! Needless to say, I was both excited and nervous, but having such a large and supportive contingency of members present to offer both a helping hand and sympathetic eye, brought both help for my nerves and courage for the rest of me! After all, I was part of the team representing Windfall Farm. We had four of the nine riders' spots for each day!

I had the pleasure of starting each day with the Training Level ride on Jennifer Allen's five year old Dutch Warmblood mare, Acapella, a horse who had been sensitive and, dare I say, difficult. Mr. Dover not only handled me in a most professional (and forgiving) manner but more importantly, gave Acapella the confidence to accept the bridle and show her true potential. A little later in the day, he took on the two youngest riders at the symposium; our very own Emily Blumberg and Lilli Matusow, on Poet and Java. He seamlessly adjusted his approach to speak to them in a way all good mentors and role models do. They certainly represented both Windfall and SGSDS well! Finally, at the end of the day we had the opportunity of watching Robert work with Jennifer on Laredo, the grand prix schoolmaster a lot you helped bring home to her. I can't say it wasn't a little gratifying to see your own trainer actually being trained HERSELF, but besides the entertainment factor, it was truly a sight to behold. Robert got the best out of both rider and mount and we all got quite a show!

I think sometimes people have the idea that Robert is only interested in working with Olympic riders and horses. Yet he took all of the "regular" horses and riders and pushed us just as hard and gave us just as much respect, honest criticism, and enthusiasm. It truly was, for me, an experience that I will never forget.

Chris Shallcross