

Southern Garden State Dressage Society

A USDF GMO Newsletter

September 2009



SGSDS IMPORTANT DATES:

Next Meeting: October 27, 2009 at the home of Stacy Blumberg.

Meeting Program: Custom made browband party with new member Katherine Griffin!! Check it out at www.BrowbandsWithBling.com!!

Also, nominations for the officers next year are to be made at this meeting, and voting will be in November.

**SGSDS SCHOOLING SHOW October 4, 2009 AT HIGH SPIRITS FARM!
Come on out and enter or volunteer!**

****Remember, in order to receive year end awards, everyone must log volunteer hours and attend one meeting. There are only two meetings left and we need help at the show.**

If you didn't make it to the last meeting, Dressage at Devon will be held on September 22-27. Members Lorre Allen and Jill Kemenosh will be participating, so go on over and cheer them on! For more information go to www.dressageatdevon.org.

The Annual SGSDS Luncheon at Ye OldeCenterton Inn will be held on December 5. JoAnn Schmidt has kindly agreed to organize it this year again.

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President's Letter

Hello Everyone, I love the cool weather that will be approaching. I hope this letter finds riders and horses in good health.

Our last meeting was at Flo's lovely home. Thank you Flo for having us. Devon tickets were distributed. Jennifer told us her Gold medal story. Congratulations Jennifer on making the gold!

We have a schooling show coming up at Toni Culley's farm. I hope you will consider riding in that show. I'm sure we will need volunteers. So please if you can help before during or after the show contact Toni @ 358-0838. or hsf486@comcast.net

It's hard to believe but December will be here before we know it. We have confirmed a date for our annual luncheon. December 5 at the Centerton Inn Restaurant. Please check the website for details. We do have a raffle so please consider bringing something.

Please check our website for forms and important information. Remember to renew your memberships.

October will be very busy with the schooling and Championship shows. Our next club meeting will be held October 27 at my home. I hope to see everyone there. Details to follow.

Thank you to everyone for their hard work. Stay tuned.....

The Regional Championships are coming up!

Members Emily Blumberg, Lilli Matusow, Colleen Curtin, Katherine Griffin, and Jill Kemenosh have all qualified for either the BLM Championships, (Held October 9-11 at the Horse Park of NJ in Allentown, NJ), or the USDF Region 1 Championships, (Held in Lexington, VA on October 22-25), or BOTH! Congratulations and good luck to all!

SGSDS MEETING
September 9, 2009
At the home of Flo Diorio

Attendees: Mary Ann Luke, Maria Hogan, Jan Hill, Flo Diorio, Carmela Verga-Haaf, Stephanie Buchanan, Stacy Blumberg, Toni Culley, Contessa Ketterer, Sue Belding, Chris Pedrick, and Jennifer Allen-Carr .

I. Old Business

A. Minutes- The minutes from our last meeting were read and approved.

B. Treasurer's Report - Debbie could not attend but sent the following expenditures for the club.

1. \$313.24 ribbon purchase
2. \$197.05 and \$112.92 to Jennifer Allen- Carr for picnic expenses
3. \$ 200.00 in dues to ESDCTA for BLM membership BLM will be held in NJ at the Allentown Horse Park Oct. 9th – 11th.
4. Our balance at this time is \$1841.01

C. Membership Report- Carmela Verga-Haaf stated that we have 47 members

At this time. we are going into a new year and it is again time to send in your dues .Carmela would like everyone to have them in by October 20th .The form for renewal can be found on our website.

Carmela is declining the membership office for next year so we will need someone to take over this office. Carmela has done a wonderful job and we appreciate all the time she has spent on this.

D .Jr Team Report – Toni Culley reported that both the training level and first level teams did a great job. She was proud of everyone's effort. The "Cantering Cuties" (training level) and the " Demon Divas" (first level) sent us a thank you for our support this year. The note of thanks was read aloud to the group.

E. Picnic – "THANK YOU" to Jennifer and her family for hosting our picnic this year This has become an annual event that everyone looks forward to. The best food.

(Jennifer & John...KISS the cooks!) and the finest of company. Even the threat of rain could not stop the fun.

II. New Business

A. Centerton Inn Christmas Luncheon - December 5th at one o'clock. This is a confirmed date. Contact JoAnnschmidt @verizon.net or 609-561-4790 to be added to the list. We need a head count. Please state the number of adults and children when you call or e-mail..

We will have a raffle again at the luncheon so bring a gift. Remember we have children, jrs. and adults. The holiday luncheon menu will be reviewed at our next meeting for your approval.

B. Banquet -We are in the process of organizing our SGSDS Banquet. Stacy is going to contact Susan Heiken to see if she will coordinate things this year.

C. Show Date - The High Spirits Farm show will be held on October 4, 2009. Ellen Sullivan Philips will be the judge. Go on the SGSDS website to find forms to sign up for the show.

D. Note of Thanks - We received a thank you for our \$100.00 donation to USDF Region I. It was shared with our members.

E. " Good News" - Jennifer Allen-Carr has received her lifetime achievement gold medal award. This is an amazing accomplishment and we congratulate her on her dedication and hard work..

F. Devon 2009 Sept 22-27th - Tickets were raffled for Dressage at Devon.. See you there.

G. Next Meeting - Our next meeting will be held at the home of our president, Stacy Blumberg . It will be on Tuesday , October 27th at 7PM promptly.

CLIP AND POST IN YOUR BARN OR HAND OUT TO BARN MATES!

FUNDRAISING: SUPPORTING SGSDS IS EASY!

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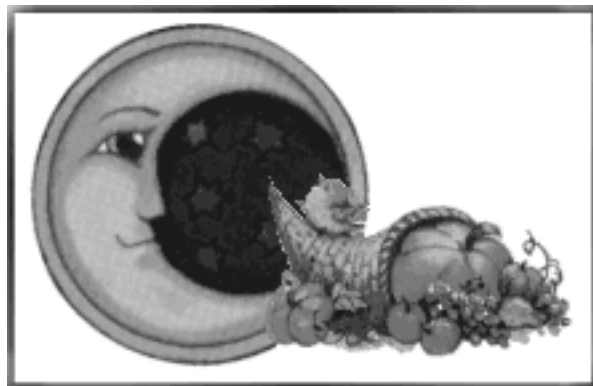
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NCDCTA Harvest Moon Dressage
November 14 – 15, 2009
Sen. Bob Martin Ag. Center
Williamston, North Carolina
Join us at this great facility
and super show!

NCDCTA and the NCDCTA Harvest Moon
Dressage Show will be hosting
the 2010 Great American/USDF Region 1

Dressage Championships – Nov 11-14, 2010.

If you've never been to Williamston, the 2009 show is a great time to check it out!

Opening Date: Sept 29th – Closing Date: Oct. 27th

ON-LINE ENTRIES – www.EquestrianSecretarialServices.com

NCDCTA Pro-Am Team Competition! ~ Double Points - NCDCTA HOY!

Full information, prizelist, entry forms and online entries at:

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