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Upcoming Events

Next Chapter Meeting
& Awards Presentation
Feb. 23rd
Fat Mike's Pizza
Wilton, CA
7:30 PM

CDS Annual Meeting
Feb. 17-19, 2006
Carmel Mission Inn
Carmel, CA

Adult Amateur Clinic
June 8-11, 2006
Santa Rosa

**See Application
Details Inside!**

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Salute!

Down Center Line

From the Chapter Chair

Happy New Year!!!!

I just returned from a very soggy, but fun Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. It had not rained on the parade since 1955. The spectators that stuck it out in the rain and wind were great parade lovers. I rode with the All American Donkey and Mule Riders in dressage attire for 5 hours in the rain and had water up to my ankles inside my boots. My clothes and tack should be dry by June!

In 2005, we held a successful schooling show at Mar-Val in June, followed by a Biomechanics Presentation by Anne Howard in July. Also in 2005, we joined the computer age with a beautiful chapter website created and maintained by member Heidi Cross-Phaler. Heidi has also volunteered to do the newsletter for us. In October, the 2005 chapter officers were re-elected to the 2006 term.

By now you've made your resolutions... I hope one of them is to attend a chapter meeting, volunteer or otherwise participate in chapter activities. A lot of people are members in order to participate in shows and everyone is busy with work, family, etc. The small group of us that meet regularly do so for everyone in the chapter and without feedback we're just guessing at what members would like the chapter to do for them. Let one of the Board Members know what (or who) you'd like to see in an educational opportunity. In 2006, we're planning another schooling show and would also like to hold another educational event. Any suggestions???

Chapter meetings are held at Fat Mike's Pizza in Elk Grove and dates are listed on the web site. Our first meeting of the year was January 26th. The next one is February 23rd. Come at 7:00 p.m. and eat! Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. See you there!

Linda Pittman

Chapter Basket

Items are needed for the Chapter Basket. This year the Chapter Baskets will be exchange items (among chapters) instead of a silent auction item. The basket should represent our area if possible. People food/drink items or horse snacks would work well. Please get the items to the Chapter Chair (lpittman@cwo.com) by February 12. The Annual Meeting is February 17 – 19 this year.

Reminders



- We've had a wet, but not really cold winter. With all of the rain and spring just around the corner, this is a good time to check the status of your horse's West Nile Virus vaccine.
- If you haven't sent in your memberships (CDS, USEF, USDF, etc.) it is time to do it!
- Send us a good email address! We would like to email the newsletter to members and meeting reminders. We'll also be posting meeting dates and the newsletter on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Ending balance as of
December 31, 2005
\$2,877.35

Letter from the Editor

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Heidi Cross-Phaler and I own and operate Equine Promotions. I volunteered to put together the Valley Oaks Newsletter in order to get more involved with the Chapter. I have been doing Desktop Publishing work since 1990 and hold a B.A. degree in Public Relations with a minor in Marketing. You may have seen my ad work in some of the National horse publications.



I also teach riding lessons and train young horses. Both hunt seat equitation and dressage are the focus of my barn. This year I hope to qualify two of my riders for the CDS Junior Championships! In the future, I'd like to try and earn a USDF Bronze Medal (if I can ever finish all the greenies I own). I live up in the Shingle Springs area with my husband and two young daughters.

I look forward to working on the Newsletter this year and hope that you will email me your photos for the website gallery as well as keep the Chapter updated with your showring successes!

Heidi Cross-Phaler
equinepromo@yahoo.com



Show Bits

VALLEY OAKS MEMBER
WINS NATIONAL TITLE

Valley Oaks Chapter member Jenny Breen and her horse Faleeshah+// (12-yr old purebred Arabian mare) won a championship in Second Level Dressage (August 2005) at the Canadian National (Arabian & Half-Arabian) show held in Regina Saskatchewan Canada. The championship prize consists of a red rose garland, a beautiful trophy depicting an Arabian mare and foal, a Top Ten Plaque and Championship Ribbon. This win makes their second National Champion title in Second Level Dressage on the Arabian circuit.

In June of 2005 Jenny and Faleeshah+// won a Regional Championship in Third Level Dressage ATR and a Reserve Championship in Third Level Dressage Open while competing at the Region III Sport Horse Championship show. Jenny also earned the USDF Bronze Medal in June 2005 with all of the requirements being done on her own horse. Jenny and Faleeshah+// train with Heidi Chote of First Chance Farm in Wilton, CA.



P.O. Box 436, Wilton, CA 95693

ADULT AMATEUR CLINIC APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Northern California CDS Adult Amateur Clinic will be at Sport Horse America in the Santa Rosa area on June 8 - 11, 2006. The clinician will be Lilo Fore. CDS would like chapters to complete the draw for the 2006 participants as soon as possible. Our drawing will be at our next meeting, February 23, 2006, at Fat Mike's Pizza on Grantline Rd. in Elk Grove. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

The Chapter requirements are listed below. If you meet the criteria and would like to have your name placed in the hat for the drawing, please write a short biography, and a list of your CDS volunteer assignments and mail or email to the Chapter Chair, Linda Pittman, by February 22, 2006, or bring it to the meeting on February 23, 2006.

1. Candidates must be amateurs. Juniors will not be eligible unless no amateurs submit candidacy packages.
2. Candidates must submit a biography by the cutoff date to be eligible.
3. Candidates must have volunteered for the Valley Oaks Chapter prior to the drawing for the clinic. A brief list of their volunteer efforts should be part of their candidacy biography.
4. A written and oral report, and thank you note to CDS are required of the selected participant. Failure to present both a written and oral report, and/or to send a thank you note to CDS by the chapter meeting following the clinic will cause a member to be ineligible for any future clinic drawing.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Horses For Sale/Lease

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contact instructor (530) 295-1527

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