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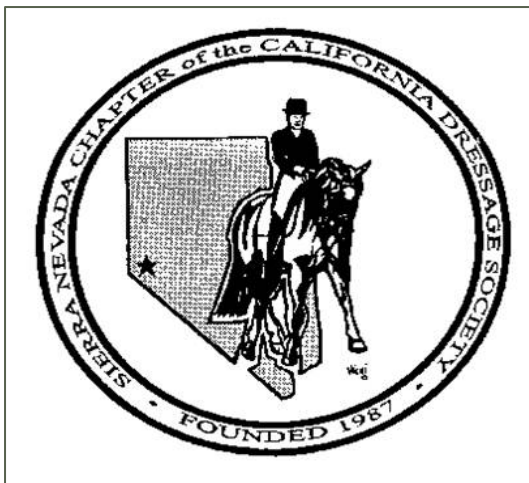
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# Transitions

Newsletter of  
the Sierra Nevada Chapter  
of the California  
Dressage Society

Welcome to the newsletter of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of the California Dressage Society. We are a chapter of 120 plus members from Northern Nevada and the outlying areas sharing the same passion, dressage. Please feel free to email us at [snc-cds@charter.net](mailto:snc-cds@charter.net) with any questions or suggestions you may have.

## Fall Greetings SNC Members!

Welcome everyone to the Fall edition of the newsletter. We have much to share with you!

### 2010 ELECTION BALLOT & HOLIDAY PARTY INVITE ENCLOSED

Please find enclosed the Election Ballot for the 2010 Board of Directors. Please complete and mail to:

SNC-CDS  
P.O. Box 2637  
Carson City, Nevada 89702  
**OR**

Please bring them to the Holiday party on 12/05/09

### USDF MEMBERSHIP TID BITS

- 38,000 Members
- 90% are adults
- 96% are female
- 66% are over the age of 41
- 96% own at least one horse
- 87% compete at least one horse
- 37% own at least five acres of land
- 850 Recognized Competitions

### **2009 REGION 7 USDF & 42nd CDS ANNUAL SHOW TOP RESULTS FROM OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS**

#### **CDS Intermediaire Freestyle:**

Charlotte Jorst & Asterios 1st Place

#### **USDF First Level AA:**

Hilari Fleming & Rubicon SF 2<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **USDF Intermediaire I Freestyle:**

Charlotte Jorst & Asterios 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **USDF Intermediaire II AA:**

Charlotte Jorst & Asterios 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### **USDF Medals**

#### **Silver Medal:**

Stacey Collier  
Rachel Brohawn

#### **Bronze Medal:**

Rachel Brohawn  
Lesley Grove  
Stacey Collier  
Troy Christensen  
Jocelyn Hamann



### Our 2010 Board of Directors

- ⇒ Chairperson  
Beth Coffey-Curle
- ⇒ Treasurer  
Joan C. Wright
- ⇒ Newsletter Editor:  
Jacquelyn L. Leuener
- ⇒ Secretary & Website:  
Michele Ting
- ⇒ Education and Membership Directors:  
Stacey Collier, Hilari Fleming & Holly McGee
- ⇒ Volunteer Director:  
Mary Anne Christensen

# SNC ANNUAL AWARDS 2009

## Congratulations to our 2009 High Point Champions & AWARD WINNERS!

### HILARI FLEMING



High Point -AA-Hilari Fleming  
Rubicon SF -68.947%

### CIARA VIOLA



High Point Jr/Yr.-Ciara Viola  
Mandarin- 69.189%

PHOTOS COURTESY OF DB PHOTOGRAPHY-DONNA BULLICK

#### Training Level - Adult Amateur

- 1) Michele Ting - Major Storm - 65.8%

#### Training Level - Jr/Yr

- 1) Cynthia Curle - SF Fulli Loded - 63.082%

#### First Level - Adult Amateur

- 1) Hilari Fleming - Rubicon SF - 67.498%
- 2) Laura Palmer - Diva - 67.03%
- 3) Michele Ting - Major Storm - 66.305%
- 4) Madora Daniel -Che Bella Rosa - 63.416%

#### Second Level - Jr/Yr

- 1) Ciara Viola - Mandarin - 65.043%

#### Third Level - Adult Amateur

- 1) Hilari Fleming - Coeur de Vie - 65.407%
- 2) Lesley Grove - True Texas Colors - 63.15%
- 3) Joan Wright - Hanford - 59.891%

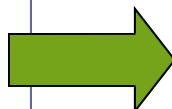
#### Fourth Level - Adult Amateur

- 1) Hilari Fleming - Coeur de Vie - 63.081%

#### FEI - Adult Amateur

- 1) Charlotte Jorst - Asterios - 62.698%
- 2) Susan Ward - Landitos - 57.34%

**NEW FOR 2010-OPEN RIDERS  
SHOWING THEIR OWN HORSES  
ELIGIBLE FOR SNC AWARDS!!**



www.snc-cds.com

## Pumpkin Roll 2009



*PUMPKIN ROLL COSTUME CLASS AT FTM....WHAT A FUN ONE!  
PHOTOS COURTESY OF DB PHOTOGRAPHY-DONNA BULLICK*

## *Dressage Showing with Children by Beth Coffey-Curle*



Cyd Curle with  
My Girl Skipper  
Owned by Sophia Holm  
of Incline  
Village, NV.  
*Photo by DB Photography*

It is easy to identify the demographics of dressage: mature women, above average income, professional. You can add empty-nesters as most are either single or the children are old enough to be out of the house. It takes a lot of time and energy to be prolific at dressage, most Mommy's have little extra time to devote with a household of children to manage.

It's why I find showing with children such a hoot. I love bringing kids to the shows. I wish I had more students ready to show. I'd bring a whole gaggle of them to the shows if I could. I already know that my trailer is one that some competitors give a bit of distance too. There are always a bunch of ponies, children, and noise spilling out from every door. For some, the lure of dressage is its perfect antiseptic environment, free of all things messy.

It is why I think God made ponies. Ponies like kids and their sweet, sticky, messy, messes."

At the Dressage in the Sierra show this past July it was quite hot. Hot days and watermelon go hand-in-hand. Our little gray pony "Skipper" is as skilled at getting into a food cooler as any Yosemite black bear. I walked back to our trailer to see her flip the cover of the cooler open and dive mussel first into the depths of the cooler. Munch, munch, munch, I wasn't sure what she was getting into but she was certainly intent of getting all of it be-

fore I could pull on her halter and raise her head. My mistake; the girls' giggling should have put me on alert. Up came Skipper's head and dripping eye balls to mouth, she was covered in watermelon slime, which she promptly unceremoniously rubbed on me. Not to be demurred by my presence, she stepped up into the trailer tack room and straight into the trash can, coming back out with a banana peel sticking out of her mouth. Before I could grab the end of the peel, Skipper slurped it up like a piece of spaghetti.

I laugh at moments like this because they occur at every show for my little troupe. Children and ponies add an element of entertainment and spirit to competitive dressage. We added two equitation classes to our prize list at October show and eight (8) juniors participated. Our judge did a super job with the children, giving each of them a bit of verbal feedback.

New for 2010, we will be offering the new USEF "Opportunity" classes at each of our shows. These classes, training 1-2 and first level 1-2 do not require a competitor to be a member of USEF, USDF, or CDS in order to compete. All non-member fees are waived. The obvious intent of these classes is to encourage persons new to our sport and its federations to participate without the deterring non-member fees.

If our sport is to continue to grow, we need to encourage growth for novice adults and children. I think by offering the Opportunity classes and the equitation classes, we are on the right track.

**INTERESTED IN A SCHOLARSHIP?**

Scholarships are available through CDS. Two SNC members won them last year and it was the first time for chapter members!

Check out the link:  
[www.californiadressage.org/PDFfiles/forms/SCHOL07.pdf](http://www.californiadressage.org/PDFfiles/forms/SCHOL07.pdf)



## 2010 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- **April 24th & 25th- \*\*\*SNC-CDS Spring Dressage** Meadow View Farms: Judge: Fran Dearing 'S'.
- **May 14th-16th** ~ Starr Vaughn Dressage I. Location: Elk Grove, CA [www.svequestrian.com](http://www.svequestrian.com)
- **June 12th & 13th** ~ Franktown Meadows June Dressage Classic Franktown Meadows Equestrian Center. Judge: Angela Littlefield 'S'. Contact [www.franktownmeadows.com](http://www.franktownmeadows.com)
- **June 18th-20th** ~ Golden State Dressage Classic Location: Rancho Murieta, CA [www.goldenstatedressage.com](http://www.goldenstatedressage.com)
- **June 26th-27th** ~ Dressage Derby. Location Vacaville, CA [www.christianoelting.com](http://www.christianoelting.com)
- **July 17th & 18th** ~ \*\*\*SNC-CDS Dressage in the Sierra Location: Franktown Meadows Equestrian Center. Judge: Mary Grace Davidson 'S'.
- **July 30-Aug 1-North Regional Adult Amateur Championships**-Rancho Murieta, CA
- **July 31st-August 1st** ~ Golden State Dressage Warm Up/Cool Down Location: Elk Grove, CA [www.goldenstatedressage.com](http://www.goldenstatedressage.com)
- **August 5th-8th** ~ CDS Junior Championships North Location: Rancho Murieta, CA
- **August 21st & 22nd** ~ \*\*\*SNC-CDS Summer Dressage Show Location and judge: tba
- **September 10th-11th** ~ Dressage Derby Location: Vacaville, CA [www.christianoelting.com](http://www.christianoelting.com)
- **September 25th - October 10th, 2010** ~ [Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, KHP](http://www.alltech.com)

FOR THE DETAILED LIST OF 2010 SHOWS AND EVENTS, VISIT [WWW.SNC-CDS.COM/CALENDAR](http://WWW.SNC-CDS.COM/CALENDAR)

### BRONZE MEDALISTS 2009



There's nothing as good for the inside of a man as the outside of a horse.

-Ronald Reagan

## Membership News

If you would like to stay up to date with current events in the chapter, join our [SNC-CDS e-mail list](#). All announcements regarding ride times, show results and the monthly newsletter are sent out via the list. To sign up for the list, send an e-mail to [snc-cds-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:snc-cds-subscribe@yahoo.com) or you can go to the [Yahoo SNC-CDS](#) page and click on "Join".

Chapter meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise determined by the Board Of Directors. The location of the meetings will be posted to via email Meetings are open to ALL membership.



Stacey Collier riding Rio's Roxie  
Owned by Paula Meckley



Casper the Friendly Horse  
Rider & Owner -Troy Christensen



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