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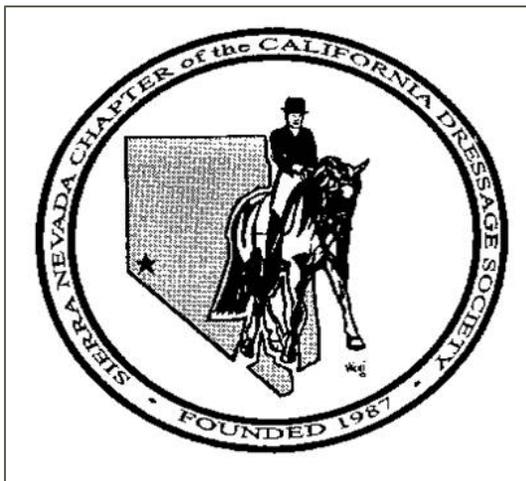
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Newsletter of
the Sierra Nevada Chapter
of the California
Dressage Society

Welcome to the newsletter of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of the California Dressage Society. We are a chapter of 100 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 with any questions or suggestions you may have.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Hello SNC members!

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2009 show season. As in past years, SNC will definitely have the benefit of volunteer support from UNR students for our scheduled shows however, **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AT SNC EVENTS FOR 2009.** Volunteering not only helps your fellow SNC riders but also SNC itself-the organization that facilitates these shows for YOUR benefit. MOST of our SNC volunteers actually ride in the shows they volunteer for. In a year where our state and country's economic situation is dire, it is a financial blessing to have the benefit of local 3 star shows. For many riders and their families it may mean the difference between being able to show or not. Please contact me at maryac@unr.edu for a rundown of what duties I'll need filled. Jobs include:

Runner: A runner's main duty is to collect tests from the scribe and carry them to the scorers (usually in the show office) in a fast and unobtrusive manner.

Scorer: The Scorer is the person who sits (usually in the show office) and adds up the scores directly from the tests using adding machines.

Paddock Steward: Ensure that riders have a safe place to warm up and are ready to go into the competition ring on time. May include tack inspection.

Scribe: Basically take dictation from the judge.



Congrats to Stacey Collier on Roxie Pebble Beach 2008 I-4 67.36%



Photo by Bob Tarr

Our 2009 Board of Directors

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They sit next to the judge and write scores and comments for each movement of a test being ridden. (As a rider this is a great way to gain training and showing insight.) Other duties as assigned include arena set up and tear down, picking up judges, show managers and TD's from the airport and returning them there at the end of the show, food concessions and more. As you can see, there are many options for you to fit volunteering into your schedule. I look forward to hearing from you!

-Mary Anne Christensen "Mac"
Volunteer Director-SNC Board

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USEF-NEW Rules Effective Jan 1, 2009

The dress code for Training through Fourth Levels is a short riding coat of conservative color, with tie, choker or stock tie, white or light-colored breeches or jodhpurs, boots or jodhpur boots, a hunt cap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat. A cutaway coat (modified tailcoat) with short tails is permitted. Half chaps, gaiters and/or leggings are not allowed. Gloves of conservative color are recommended. **Exception: Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material.** The dress code for the FEI Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses is a short riding coat of conservative color, with stock or tie, breeches, huntcap or riding hat with a hard shell, derby or top hat. **A dark tailcoat is also permitted for the FEI Junior Tests.** *The dress code for FEI Pony Riders is dark coat or club uniform coat, breeches or jodhpurs, white shirt with tie or hunting stock, gloves, boots and hunting cap; top hat or bowler not allowed. Spurs are optional for all of the FEI Pony and Junior Tests, FEI Dressage Tests for 4, 5, and 6-year-old horses and the USEF test for 4-year old horses*

One **whip no longer than 47.2 inches (120 cm)**, including lash may be carried in all classes except USEF/USDF Championships, USEF National Dressage Championships, USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. (Exception: Competitors riding sidesaddle may carry a whip no longer than **47.2 inches (120 cm)**, including lash, in USEF/USDF Championships.) One whip no longer than **47.2 inches (120 cm)**, including lash may be carried in all qualifying classes (including NAYRC and NAJC) unless such use is otherwise prohibited by FEI or Federation rules or selection procedures for the classes.

MICHAEL ETHERLY CLINICS FOR 2009-DON'T MISS OUT!

***May 16-17th** at Stacey Collier's House off Mt Rose Hwy

***August 1-2nd** at Meadow View Equestrian Center in Pleasant Valley

***September 12-13th**- Franktown Meadows in Washoe Valley

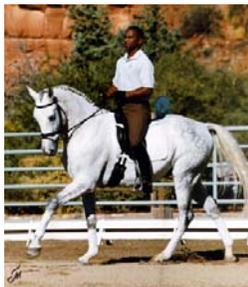
The cost will be \$110 per ride which includes the ring fee. Clinic spots are available on a "first pay, first reserved" basis to SN chapter members. Non-chapter members are welcome to be put on a waiting list and welcome to ride if a clinic does not fill. **AUDITORS FREE & WELCOME** There will be a **BBQ for each clinic on Saturdays. ALL membership is invited.** The BBQ's will be potluck. Dates and locations:

***May 16th** at Stacey Collier's House off Mt Rose Hwy

***August 1st** at Beth Coffey-Curle's House off Mt Rose Hwy

***September 12th** at Hilari Felmming's House off Old Thomas Creek Rd

Please contact Stacey Collier to sign up staceecollier@hotmail.com or by phone 775-351-8093.



Michael Etherly is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist whose equestrian career began at age four. While he has successfully competed in jumping and eventing, Michael's love is dressage.

For more than a decade, Michael has worked with Olympic medalist Steffen Peters and he considers Steffen his mentor. From his training with Steffen, as well as clinicians such as Christine Traurig, Michael Poulin, Robert Dover, Debbie MacDonald, Michael has developed a successful program that helps horses and riders steadily progress through the levels. Michael has trained in Europe with some of the sport's luminaries.

Learn more by visiting:
www.michaeletherlydressage

On top of all this acumen, Michael is a great guy!
Take a ride or join us for the BBQs.

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Pumpkin Roll 2008



The Costume Class, sponsored by Southern Cross Stable in memory of "Sugar" 1995-2008
 The children of Southern Cross Stable & Randone (the Sun) as "Our Galaxy"
 Cyd Curle on Hazen and Batman too!



Amateur Clinic by Joan C. Wright

**Joan C. Wright
 on Hanford
 Walnut Creek
 2008**

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.california-dressage.org/PDFfiles/forms/SCHOL07.pdf

The amateur clinic last year with Rachel Saavedra was a great learning experience. I have been riding and taking lessons long enough to know that there are many roads to Rome, so to speak, but Rachel Saavedra has one of the wider, smoother highways there. Let me go back to the start. Barbara Boatman and I went down together to Walnut Creek with our horses in my trailer. The facility, Leap of Faith Farms, was up a beautiful canyon toward a huge regional park at the foot of Mount Diablo. They have extensive trail riding in the park from there and therefore there are horses boarding from all disciplines. They had a large covered arena, an outdoor jumping arena and indoor arena a bit bigger than a dressage court and two large round pens. The stalls were bedded with the weirdest stuff that turned out to be rice hulls because shavings have become scarce and expensive with the slow down in construction (even back then a year ago). The clinic was in the indoor with seating for the auditors. The lessons were solo or groups 45 min-

utes to an hour. I was a solo and needed it. One of the simple things that I learned from Rachel was just so simple. I hadn't found my horses "Go Button". That was really true. He was always going backwards on me. Knowing that helped me find that button in subsequent months. She also had a mantra about the fingers are the mouth, the hands are the head and the arms are the neck. That was clear and easy to understand. It helped too. It was just as instructive to watch the other lessons as it was to be in one. There was one very inexperienced rider who had a young horse. It was a bad combination. Their progress after two lessons was astounding!! There were twelve chapters represented by a great group of people. We ended up eating dinner in the barn breezeway both nights instead of going to a restaurant so that we could stay together and let Rachel entertain us! Really, we learned a great African dance step. Barbara and I both came away wanting more of Rachel's time. Unfortunately, we have jobs!!! Thank you SNC for letting me represent you and for giving me this great opportunity!!



2009 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- April 25th & 26th ~ *** SNC Spring Dressage. USEF, USDF, CDS recognized
Mary Grace Davidson "S" Meadowview Farms. Pleasant Valley
- May 16th & 17th ~ SNC Clinic with [Michael Etherly](#). Location: Mary Love Arena
- May 30th ~ UNR Dressage Show: CDS recognized. "R" Judge TBA
- June 6th & 7th ~ *** Franktown Meadows June Dressage Classic. USEF, USDF, CDS recognized
Loris Henry "S". Washoe Valley
- July 18th & 19th ~ *** Dressage in the Sierra. USEF, USDF, CDS recognized
Louise Koch "S" Franktown Meadows Washoe Valley.
- August 1st & 2nd ~ SNC Clinic with [Michael Etherly](#). Meadowview Farms, Pleasant Valley
- August 22nd & 23rd ~ *** SNC Summer Dressage. USEF, USDF, CDS recognized.
Pam Nelson "S" Fuji Park. Carson City
- September 12th & 13th ~ SNC Clinic with [Michael Etherly](#). Franktown Meadows. Washoe Valley
- October 1st - 4th ~ *** CDS Championships & USDF Regional Finals Rancho Murieta.

**FOR THE DETAILED LIST OF 2009 SHOWS AND EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.SNC-CDS.COM/CALENDAR**



Conserve on gas and help the air. Drive to work!

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@yahoogroups.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.

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Talk to the Hoof



A Tip from the Farrier

Please don't feed your horse any carrots or treats while the Farrier is working. This tends to make the animal move and even slight movement can be frustrating.



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