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Inland Communities Chapter of the California Dressage Society

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1st Quarter - January-February-March 2010

Chair Message:

Greetings!

As the new chair of Inland Communities Chapter for 2010, I'm looking forward to another terrific year of ICC activities and events involving good people, wonderful horses and the fantastic sport of dressage.

Congratulations on being a member of the best CDS chapter! You have a strong board of directors working for you—the board members and chapter volunteers are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We are already planning a full calendar for this year—our regular series of schooling and rated shows, a clinic or two, an awards banquet, and more. We want to give you every opportunity to join us, meet new people, and get as involved as you would like.

For our Adult Amateurs, this year's CDS Amateur Clinic features a very special clinician, Debbie McDonald. Don't miss out on the chance to ride or audit with Debbie. She is wonderful. The Southern clinic will be April 15-18 at Shadow Ridge in Highland. Check out the article in this newsletter for details on how to enter to be the rider representing ICC.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming shows too! The dates are listed in this quarter's newsletter.

Finally, ICC monthly meetings are open to all members. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., usually at Shadow Ridge, but you can always call me, (760) 953-8682, or check the chapter Web site to verify.

I am looking forward to meeting you at an ICC or CDS event this year.

Kathy Young
ICC Chapter Chair

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Regional Adult Amateur Competition

The 2010 Regional Adult Amateur Competition will be held August 14-15 at the Del Mar Horsepark. Qualifying season started on September 1, 2009.

To enter, you must send in \$25.00 to CDS no later than 14 days prior to the first day of competition at the regional show entered. However, scores earned before paying your fee will count toward qualifying.

ICC MINUTES – December 2009

December 16, 2009

Present: Kathy Pavlich, Tom Pavlich, Kelly Tellez, Sara Diefenbach, Meg Hammond, Chris Rocco, Sophia Rocco, Lori Johnstone, Delaney Seeburger, Kelly McNamara, Kathy Young.

Meeting was held at Marconi Grill and was called to order at 7:00

Approval of the October minutes: Kathy Pavlich had a few adjustments to October minutes. In the treasurer's report she wanted to delete "before taxes." The October show ran from 8:30-2:40, not 2:00. Also there was question as to who seconded a motion that Kathy made in October; Meg seconded it.

Treasurer's report: Net profit is over \$2,000

Show report: We have a great inventory of ribbons for this show season. Meg is still waiting to hear back from a few locations about the March Schooling show.

Old Business: We need to get the word out for the Amateur clinic. We will see about having Cindy add the information to the website. Interested amateurs can send a letter of interest to Kathy Young's email (available on the website) or snail mail (need to get from Kathy). All people interested in participating in the clinic must be ICC members.

We are going to ask Pat Morris if she would like to keep the dressage court that we have stored at Heritage Park.

New Business: Everyone on the ballot for 2010 made it onto the board. There was one write in, but there were not enough votes.

We need to decide who is going up to the annual meeting. We decided to talk further over email about this.

Sophia Rocco submitted a document to put on the agenda to discuss at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Kathy Pavlich's home in Highland.

REMEMBER –

ICC meetings are open to ALL members. Don't pass up this great opportunity to get involved with your chapter!

2010 Board of Directors

The ICC annual election was held at the end of 2009. At the January meeting, board members' roles were appointed, as follows:

Chapter Chair:	Kathy Young
Treasurer:	Kathy Pavlich
Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator:	Ruth Corrao-Harris
Show Chair:	Meg Hammond
Show Secretary:	Nancy Franklin
Website Liaison:	Cindy Taylor
Junior Coordinator:	Sara Diefenbach
Members At Large:	Sheila McKee Lori Johnstone

In addition, the following chapter members volunteered for these jobs:

Junior Liaison:	Delaney Seeburger
Newsletter Editor:	Kelly McNamara

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 2/3

PLACE KATHY PAVLICH'S HOME - HIGHLAND (SHADOW RIDGE)

TIME 6:30 P.M.

EQUINE AFFAIRE – 2/4 THROUGH 2/7

PLACE FAIRPLEX – POMONA

MARCH

ICC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 3/3

PLACE KATHY PAVLICH'S HOME - HIGHLAND (SHADOW RIDGE)

TIME 6:30 P.M.

ICC SCHOOLING SHOW – 3/7

PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

Watch the website for more details!

APRIL

CDS ADULT AMATEUR CLINIC – 4/15 THROUGH 4/18

PLACE SHADOW RIDGE, HIGHLAND

Auditing fees \$15/\$40 for CDS Members; \$20/\$50 for non-members. See below for details on riding!

2010 CDS Adult Amateur Clinic with

Debbie McDonald

April 15-18 at Shadow Ridge Equestrian Center

*If you are an adult amateur member of ICC CDS and would like to be the Chapter representative, submit your name to Nancy Franklin by e-mail at taneyeam@aol.com or by snail mail, PO Box 1000, Highland 92346, **by Monday, March 1**. Put "CDS Amateur Clinic" in the e-mail subject line. All names received will be placed in a hat, and the winner and alternates will be chosen by random drawing at our chapter meeting March 3.*

Our Chapter representative will have the fee for his/her spot in the clinic as well as the board for his/her horse paid by ICC. Our representative is required to attend the evening introductory lecture April 15, the entire clinic each day, and discussion groups within the day.

Don't miss out on the chance to ride or audit with Debbie!

CDS annual meeting report

By Kathy Young

My trip to Carmel for the CDS annual meeting started out with delays (the 9:30 a.m. flight left Ontario after 1 p.m.) thanks to the weather, but I met up with Carol Tice, Peggy Klump waiting for the same plane, and we arrived in Carmel to sunny skies. The sun lasted about two hours, but it was nice to see it after all the rain and snow.

The Amateur clinic with Debbie McDonald (Southern dates April 15–18 at Shadow Ridge, with riding April 16–18) has an auditor fee of \$15/\$40 for CDS members; \$20/\$50 for non-members. Riders in the clinic must have a current USEF Amateur card.

Qualification for the Regional Adult Amateur Competition is now two scores of 60 percent or higher at any level. The Southern RAAC is hosted by the San Diego chapter, August 14–15, coinciding with their two-day show. The \$25 RAAC fee will go to each competitor's gift, prizes and ribbons. So far 260 riders have signed up for 2010.

To encourage more freestyle rides, CDS had created a new award to be given for the first time at this year's CDS Championships Oct. 7–10 at LAEC: The Grand Champion award to the horse having the highest combined scores in the HOY and Freestyle classes. First and Second Level horses will compete for one Grand Champion award; Third and Fourth levels will compete for one award. I-1 and GP will each have a Grand Champion award.

Out-going CDS President Carol Tice needs volunteers at the CDS booth at Equine Affaire Feb. 4–7 at Fairplex Pomona. You just need to be in the booth for a couple of hours. E-mail her at jtrockingt@aol.com if you can help out.

CDS plates (2,168) and certificates (182) will be sent to chapters in February. There were 13,700 rides with scores of 60 percent or better in 2009. For those desiring a way to display the plates, plaques are available for \$30 from Paula at the Central Office.

The Omnibus is in the mail; the Roster will be mailed out next month.

The next CDS board meeting is March 22 in Burbank. Members are invited.

CDS dues will increase to \$70 in 2011. CDS currently pays \$17 to USDF for each of us to compete in GMO members. That fee increases to \$20 next year.

Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center in Elk Grove will host a pony clinic for young riders on ponies or horses with Lendon Gray Nov. 6–7.

The "non-FEI trainer" is an under-served segment of CDS membership, and the board is very interested in developing trainer education opportunities for them.

Communication among chapter members was far and away the most important part of a chapter's success with its programs, educational events and activities. One chapter has developed a Facebook page. Another chapter asked the members to complete surveys or biographies to help the board determine what their members want.

The new CDS President for 2010 is Peggy Klump.

2009 Year In Review
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By Kathy Young

Inland Communities Chapter had another successful year in 2009, with our traditional activities and some new adventures. The chapter still supports Pat Morris's Rising Stars of Equestrian Therapy, a successful NARHA program that operates out of Heritage Park in Rancho Cucamonga.

Board member Cindy Taylor, our secretary, newsletter editor, and Web site go-to person, worked tirelessly to bring ICC into the 21st century. Our Web site is up, and our newsletter is now quarterly and a PDF download from the site, www.icccds.org. Cindy will continue to be the Web liaison for 2010.

Ruth Corrao-Harris took on the job of securing volunteers to work at our dressage shows, and for the first time in memory, we actually had too many volunteers. Ruth secured gift certificates from Jamba Juice and Starbucks as a token of thanks for our workers, which made their time spent running and assisting at the shows enjoyable – and they had something to revive them after their collapse. (Kidding.)

Our annual awards banquet in March, also organized by Cindy Taylor, was a resounding success, with delicious food, wonderful silent auction items and raffle prizes, and an informative presentation on the history of Traditional Chinese Medicine/ Equine Acupuncture by ICC member Dr. Lori Johnstone. Members received CDS plates and certificates, and winners received chapter high-point trophies. Our trophies are the Rae Lockwood Memorial for amateur rider/horse; Holy Smoke for amateur rider/horse in their first show season; Junior Rider; and the Diane Prisco Mink.

Dr. Johnstone held an acupuncture clinic in May at Shadow Ridge. Each horse received an overall physical assessment as well as acupuncture treatment.

Inland Communities' educational opportunities in 2009 also included a clinic with top rider and clinician Kristina Harrison. Riders at all levels worked with Kristina, and the clinic was very well received by participants and auditors alike. ICC received a grant from the CDS Scholarship Fund for this clinic.

ICC sponsors four dressage shows each year – CDS-rated shows (May and June) and two schooling (March and October). The October show was “costumes optional” for the day, and spectators were treated to innovative creations from both adults and juniors, including a headless horse(wo)man.

We changed the date of our summer show from July to June so adult amateurs had an additional opportunity to qualify for the RAAC in July. We also added a new show site, Pepper Glen Farm in Norco.

Inland Communities Chapter is looking forward to 2010. We have a very strong board with new members representing different barns in our vast “inland communities” area, and we are already working on ideas for some fun and exciting dressage adventures.