



# TRANSITIONS

*The Newsletter of the Santa Barbara Chapter of the California Dressage Society*

*"It's not about finding the horse of our dreams. It's about being the person of our horse's dreams."*

*—Ladies Horse Society*

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*Mary Couch and Istala. (Photo courtesy of Tess Michelle Photography)*

## Chair's Corner

### Walking the High Wire

*by Mary Couch*

Well, we did it again! I don't know how this keeps happening, but the Santa Barbara Chapter has once again walked the high wire (without a safety net) and made it successfully to the other side. While hosting a

fabulous show this past August, I was overwhelmed with the camaraderie and support from our chapter. Sarah McClintock, our volunteer coordinator, snapped up additional volunteers to staff our two-arena show with only three days' notice. Gina Von der Berg and Karen Christensen found additional judges and a second arena within days. A huge thank you to Jaelyn Meinen and Kim Wilson for helping our 2018 Volunteer of the Year, Kathy O'Conner, load and unload their beautiful arena for us to use. This display of grit and *can-do* mentality consistently sees us through challenging situations.

Our board continues to work together to offer its members a strong, vital chapter. And when I say "work together," I refer to the 100% support we all have for one another. Your Santa Barbara chapter is served by an inspiring group who bring their strengths and endless energy to each meeting. I feel so fortunate to be surrounded by these wonderful women who encourage and appreciate each other.

Hope to see you all at our Annual Awards Banquet at the Santa Barbara Inn, January 19<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a very special celebration. Wishing you all a very happy and safe Fall and Holiday Season.

## Despite Rain at our May Earl Warren Show, Our August Show Was Bigger and Better than Ever!

Our May show at Earl Warren started off with a bang. The first day was beautiful, with many good rides and even a birthday party for member Karen Jenkins' horse Homer, who was turning 20 just in time for Karen's Century Ride, scheduled for the following day. Imagine our surprise when we began to hear rain on the rooftops on Saturday



*Karen Jenkins (center) and friends celebrate Homer's 20th birthday at the May Earl Warren show. Karen and Homer were to do their century ride the next day, but a late spring storm intervened!*

night and woke up Sunday to find that the show arena had been turned into a lake.



*The show arena at dawn on Sunday, May 19. Canceling Sunday's rides was our only option.*

Our plans for a two-day May show might have been washed out, but our August show more than made up for it. It was the largest show and the first two-ring show we've put on since 2010! Our chapter is so grateful to everyone who came out to support us after the weather thwarted us at our May show. Whether you were a competitor, a volunteer, a sponsor, an SBC-CDS member, or one of our board or committee members, your support made this show a wonderful weekend for so many horses and their enthusiastic partners and families.

Special thanks to show manager Ellen Corob, and Karen Christensen, who jumped into action and made it possible for us to expand into the Dome and hire two new judges to accommodate the huge number of riders wanting to attend. Thanks also to Show Chair Gina von der Berg, who has become the conduit between our chapter and so many of our riders. As chair Mary Couch explained, "Gina is

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### *Show Season Wrap-up (continued from first page)*

vital to the overall ‘feel good’ vibe that has taken our shows to a whole new level.” Offering classes in the Dome was especially thrilling to Gina, who found herself flooded with memories riding down centerline there as she scrambled to tape out the arena dimensions in preparation for this oversubscribed show. So many riders were thrilled to be riding in the Dome again!

Twenty-two SBC-CDS chapter members showed in our August show, including new members and those absent from the arena for years. We welcomed Luci Latham, Rayven Boshco, and Jaclyn Meinen to their first SBC-CDS show. It was wonderful to see so many juniors riding, which led to several large Junior classes.

We were so happy to see Margaret Fleming back in the recognized show ring after 9 years. Heidi Bowers Dutra and Karen Christensen both re-entered the arena after dramatic comebacks from major physical injuries. Karen was overwhelmed to ride in the Dome again with her kind and willing Paint to the sound of cheering fans and thanks everyone for their amazing support during her long and unlikely recovery.

The special highlight of this show was Karen Jenkins’ rescheduled Century Ride. See the article on p. 5 of this newsletter, and The Dressage Foundation’s coverage at <https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/century-club/new-members/karen-jenkins.html>.

Financially, we “weathered” the ups and downs, losing quite a bit of money in the May show but rebounding with the August show, adding about \$4000 to our chapter coffers in the end. We hope to continue the momentum and build upon our 2019 success. We have proven we can hold large successful shows that draw from near and far. This is possible only with your continued participation as riders, volunteers, and sponsors. We are looking forward to the 2020 show season and hope to see you all riding in the Dome for Spring Dressage in Santa Barbara May 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Gina von der Burg, Show Chair

Show and Awards Committees:

Mary Couch, Karen Christensen, Suzanne Kramer Morton, Michelle Bischoff, Sarah McClintock, Margaret Fleming, Suzanne Galsterer



Show Chair Gina Von der Burg and Technical Delegate Victoria Powers make all the work that went into putting on our August show look like fun! *(Photo courtesy of Mary Couch)*

## Karen Jenkins Completes Her Century Ride at our August Show

A highlight of our August show was the Century Ride completed by Karen Jenkins, a long-time member of California Dressage Society's Santa Barbara County Chapter, riding her quarter horse Homer. Century Rides are sponsored by The Dressage Foundation to recognize the partnership between older riders and their horses. The horse and rider's ages must total 100 to qualify, and the two must ride a test at a recognized or schooling show.

Karen and Homer have quite a history together, having done trail rides and horse camping in addition to dressage, working with their trainer, SBC-CDS member Suzanne Galsterer. Karen had planned to do her Century Ride on the Sunday of our May show, but the rain intervened. She was a great sport about it, saying it would just give her more time to practice, but the delay turned out to be a blessing in other ways as well. Our August show



was so well

subscribed

that Karen was able to honor us and Earl Warren by riding her Century Ride and victory gallop in the Dome Arena.

Karen has now joined The Dressage Foundation's Century Club with her Century Ride, #408. Congratulations, Karen. You are an inspiration to everyone who knows you. We all hope we can ride like you when we qualify for our own Century Rides!



*Karen and Homer receiving their Century Ride ribbon,  
with show officials and friends.*

*(Photos courtesy of Tess Michelle Photography)*

## SBC-CDS Members Actively Working to Save Earl Warren Showgrounds

by Lynne Sherman

Concerned SBC-CDC members attended the Earl Warren *Imagine* event on Thursday, August 22, which brought together a variety of community members to discuss the future of the financially imperiled facility. They join other members of the local horse community who are determined to rescue the 34-acre property from its decline and make it a profitable community resource and horse show venue once again.



The Earl Warren Showgrounds Equestrian Committee is getting advice from an advisory group of horse show directors from all disciplines that show at Earl Warren. The advisory group, coordinated by SBC-CDS treasurer Karen Christensen, is gathering information and advice from show managers, trainers, equestrian facility managers and suppliers. The end result will be a comprehensive plan of what to do, who should do it and how much it will cost.

Money is being raised to fund these projects through the tireless efforts of Mary Rose and Suzanne Perkins, EWS directors, and by Diane Isaacson, Earl Warren Showgrounds Foundation vice president. Funds for a water truck and a new drag have already been raised. Donations are now needed to re-engineer the arenas and apply appropriate footings.

If you wish to donate to the efforts to Save Earl Warren Showgrounds, be aware that there are two foundations. If you want to earmark your donation for arena footing or other horse-related needs, like drags and stall improvements, send your check to the Earl Warren Showgrounds Foundation, 3463 State Street, PMB 600, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. The Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.

For further information, contact Diane Isaacson at [diane@chaparralstud.com](mailto:diane@chaparralstud.com)

## On the Bit Schooling Show Series to Conclude its 2nd Year with a Fun Holiday Show in Santa Ynez

by Carole Bennett

It's hard to imagine that 2019 is almost over. Our shows in the Santa Ynez Valley have been very well attended, and we are hoping to add a few more next year.

The shows in Santa Barbara have not been quite so successful, but we will give it another try next year, and if we get the attendance we need, maybe we can add some more.



If you haven't already checked out the lovely article written in the SYV News about our shows, go to [https://syvnews.com/entertainment/dressage-schooling-show-brings-tradition-halloween-spirit-to-santa-ynez/article\\_c1604f57-6344-5432-b873-c027012d431d.html](https://syvnews.com/entertainment/dressage-schooling-show-brings-tradition-halloween-spirit-to-santa-ynez/article_c1604f57-6344-5432-b873-c027012d431d.html)

We are looking forward to bringing the year to a close with a fun holiday show in Santa Ynez. Details are below.

Have a great holiday, and we will look forward to seeing you and your best four legged friends at our future shows!

On the Bit Holiday Schooling Show. December 15, Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center. Claudia Roberts, Judge.

There will be limited rides, as it gets dark early, so get your entries in as soon as the premiums are out!

We will be serving a yummy holiday lunch of cold poached salmon, cucumber dill sauce, crusty baguette, baby rosemary roasted taters, and chocolate-covered strawberries.

## Educational Event: Where Are all the Poles?

*by Diane Welcenbach*

SBC-CDS sponsored a cavaletti clinic with Erika Jansson on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Shoreline Farms. The clinic was well attended by both riders and auditors. We had almost twenty riders, a good mix of dressage, hunter/jumper, and non-showing pleasure horses.

Erika started each session with a little information about herself. In Sweden, where she is from, they use poles frequently in the training of dressage horses, but when she came to the United States she had to ask, “Where are all the poles”? It motivated her to develop a clinic dedicated to the use of cavaletti for dressage training.



*Laura Langford rides Doma Fabrizia through the grid at our July cavaletti clinic with Erika Jansson. (Photo courtesy of Mary Couch)*

Each session was 45 minutes to an hour long, with four to five riders in each session. Erika started out asking riders to go over just a few poles at the walk and then at the trot. As the horses and riders gained confidence with the exercise, she added more poles, one or two at a time – ending up with 11 poles. It was really fun to watch how each horse and rider improved their rhythm and engagement each time they entered “the tunnel.” A sound system was used, so auditors had no trouble hearing Erika explain to the riders how to improve the next time they went over the poles.

Refreshments were available to all who attended. The weather was ideal, with some clouds and mild temperatures. Participating in a group event with your horse is a lot of fun. You can learn from watching other participants and meet new people and their horses. Overall, it was a fun, positive, educational event. Thanks to everyone who attended.

You are invited . . .  
to our Fall Social Event  
at Bridlewood Winery



**COME JOIN US FOR OUR  
SBC-CDS FALL SOCIAL  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019  
1PM-3PM  
3555 ROBLAR AVE  
SANTA YNEZ**

Let's gather together on this last day of Day Light Savings to enjoy some wine, nibbles, the beauty of the Santa Ynez Valley, old friends and new! Hope to see you there!

Please call or email Michelle Bischoff to RSVP: [michellecb805@gmail.com](mailto:michellecb805@gmail.com) / 805.570.4361

## F2 Winery Hosts Talk by Gerhard Politz

Equestrian, Trakehner breeder, winemaker, and banjo player Holger Max Hoetzel opened up his beautiful F2 Winery tasting room in Los Olivos to the dressage community in June for a talk by visiting clinician Gerhard Politz.

Chapter members mingled and enjoyed Max's beautifully prepared food and wine before sitting down for a talk that ranged from starting young horses to the stages of equine skeletal development.

Don't miss the next opportunity to join this fun group for another of Gerhard Politz's winery talks at F2, coming up on November 8 at 6 pm.



*SBC-CDS Treasurer Karen Christensen welcomes members to our social/educational event at the F2 Winery tasting room.*



*Visiting clinician Gerhard Politz sharing his wisdom with chapter members and guests.*



## ***SBC-CDS ANNUAL YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET***

Save the Date: Sunday, January 19th, 2020, 4pm-8pm

Place: Santa Barbara Inn, Montecito Room

RSVP: Michelle Bischoff [michellecb805@gmail.com](mailto:michellecb805@gmail.com)

### **It's Time to Submit Your 2019 Scores for Year-End Awards!**

If you've been showing this year, it's time to submit scores for year-end awards. Suzanne Morton-Kramer is working really hard on some great year-end prizes, so you don't want to miss out. Snap a photo of the front page of the tests showing your two highest 2019 scores at any given level, indicate whether you are submitting the scores from schooling or recognized shows, and email them to the address below. One of your two scores must have been earned at a SBC-CDS endorsed show.

Send your scores by Friday, November 22 to [dressage805@gmail.com](mailto:dressage805@gmail.com)

## A New Kind of Freestyle: Fiesta Dressage!

*Don't ever say dressage riders confine themselves to a 60 x 20 meter court. Several of our members continued the tradition of riding in Santa Barbara's Fiesta Parade this year. The parade, a part of Santa Barbara history for 95 years, begins on Cabrillo Boulevard and then travels up Santa Barbara's State Street, which is crowded with children and other spectators waving and cheering and sometimes even tossing cascarnes, brightly colored confetti-filled eggs, into the air to express their delight. Sharing the road with marching bands, sheriffs' posses, charro groups, horse-drawn carriages, and many other entries, our dressage horses and riders were high-stepping proof of the versatility of our our dressage mounts.*

SBC-CDS Social Chair **Michelle Bischoff** has been involved in Fiesta for many years, serving in 2019 as Division Chief of Celebrations. She was very excited that her 99-year old grandmother, Marcella Craviotto, was able to participate with her in this year's parade. Marcella was born and raised in Santa



Barbara and has been to every Fiesta Parade. This year Marcella rode in a beautiful carriage with her daughter, Marcia Bischoff, Michelle's mother, while Michelle rode astride. So the family had three generations of women in the parade this year!

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### *Fiesta Dressage (continued)*

**Jessica Brown** and her retired show horse Princess were outriders for a Santa Barbara City Council carriage in the parade. It was Princess's first Fiesta Parade, but Jessica has taken driving lessons and is teaching Princess to pull a cart. She hopes to enter her in the parade again next year as a driving horse.



**Sally Cushman** rode in the parade as part of the De La Guerra Wedding party, which celebrates the wedding of Alfred Robinson and Ana María de la Guerra, which took place in Santa Barbara in 1836. This re-enactment, a tradition established by local horsewoman Dale Obern Hoeffliger's parents, continues to this day, and Sally was honored to be a part of it on her lovely Rocky Mountain horse Moon.

## Junior Corner

*One of our chapter's goals is to ensure the future of dressage in Santa Barbara County by encouraging our junior riders. Our junior contingent continues to grow, with younger riders doing very well at both schooling and recognized shows.*

Thirteen-year-old **Sophia Blake**, who rides training level dressage with Louise Cacesse, got a new horse last month. Deuce is an 11 year-old Dutch Warmblood. She also trains at Ridgewood Farm with Courtney Cochran in the 2'6-2'9 Equitation and Hunters.



**Beatrix Freels** recently moved to Santa Barbara with her mother Michelle from northern California. Nine-year-old Beatrix loves to trail ride, jump, and do light dressage with her Welsh Cob Fig. Both Beatrix and her mom are looking forward to getting more involved with our chapter, especially our junior program. They think it would be fun to start a quadrille or dressage inspired drill team for our

junior riders.

**Ella Troyna** has been riding ever since her mother Kristi could prop her up on a horse, but she got her first pony, Dusty, when she was 3 years old. When she outgrew Dusty, Ella fell in love with a 12-year-old palomino quarter pony named Take a Chance. He was definitely a project horse, and they had a rather rocky start together, but Ella was willing to put her passion for jumping aside and focus on the basics with him, and her efforts have paid off in a strong partnership. At her first dressage shows her scores weren't very good, as Chance was tense and fast. But by the end of the year she did very well and now holds Junior High Point status for the Ventura chapter's shows. She is really beginning to enjoy dressage and is talking about showing Training Level next year. Ella and her mother train at Canada Larga in Ventura, but have recently joined SBC-CDS.



*Kate Sulzbach reports below on three junior riders who are in training with her at In The Irons:*



*Ava Johnson and Curran.*

**Ava Johnson**, 12 years old, has been training with Kate Sulzbach for about four years. Ava rides Curran, owned by In The Irons. She was the 2018 Reserve Champion for the chapter riding Intro C and has competed during the 2019 season at Training 1. Ava hopes to move up to Training 2 in 2020 and end the season at Training 3.

**Avery Klein**, 16, has been training with Kate for a little more than a year. During the 2019 competition season, Avery competed at Training level, qualifying for the CDS and USDF Region 7 Championships at Training Level. Avery rides Facile, owned by Kate Sulzbach. After one season of dressage competition, Avery ended the year in the top 50% of all Junior Young Riders at her level. Next season, Avery hopes to compete at First Level.



*Aleja Lopez (left) and Avery Klein at the Championships at Rancho Murieta.*

**Aleja Lopez**, 16, has been training with Kate for a little over a year. During the 2019 season Aleja competed her horse, Vice Commander, at Training level, qualifying for the Region 7 USDF finals and ending the year ranked in the top 60<sup>th</sup> percentile for all junior young riders at Training level. It was also Aleja's first year of competing in Dressage.

Aleja hopes to compete at First level next season, perhaps ending the season at Second Level.

All three riders have been strong supporters of the chapter's shows. Avery was the chapter's Junior High Point recipient and Aleja was the chapter's most improved Junior rider. All three girls are members of Tecolote Pony Club.

Both Avery and Aleja qualified their respective horses for the USDF Horse of the Year at Training Level. Needless to say, Kate Sulzbach and In The Irons Farm are very proud of their junior riders.

*Member News*

## Worried about Falling? HitAir Vests to the Rescue!

*by Marilyn Mazess*

I have not currently been riding as much as I would like and not doing any shows, so there's nothing exciting to report in those areas. I'm writing about falling off and breaking bones — my bones!!

In the past 2 1/2 years I've taken four falls off three different horses. I've broken my neck, five ribs, and a finger. I'm kind of done with recovery mode. I'm 69 and have osteopenia. That means if I fall I will break something.

I'm still riding, but with a vest that will inflate when I leave the saddle. About three weeks ago my horse spooked and spun. I flew from the saddle and landed like a beach ball. My vest deployed! I got up without injury other than mentally — I was probably in a state of shock. My vest protects not only my torso but also my neck and lower back. I am back to riding and wear my vest all the time. It saved me, and I'm so grateful for that. My husband wears one as well, which is such a relief, as he's had more falls than I. The product name is HitAir:

[hitairequestrian.com](http://hitairequestrian.com)

I highly recommend it!



*Dick and Marilyn Mazess sporting their protective Air Hit vests.*

*Member News***Fun at the Santa Barbara Dog Show**

*SBC-CDS Show Chair Gina von der Berg and Petunia earn the blue ribbon in the Puppy Winners Class at the Santa Barbara Dog Show*

*by Gina von der Berg*

My friend Polly, from Murieta, the breeder of my two basset hounds Butter and Flower, stayed with me for the week of the Santa Barbara Dog Show in August. She was showing her three basset hounds (one was Flower's sister, Petunia) at Earl Warren, and she asked if I could help her on the sidelines, holding the pups that she was not showing. During the four days she showed, she had handlers coming and going to help her show the three. There were multiple times when handlers flew in with only moments to spare — it was obvious that they were trying to manage multiple clients.

On Sunday, as I was standing on the sidelines with Petunia, an 8-month-old basset pup, her handler received an urgent call, handed me her leash, and said, “You'll have to show Petunia, I have to go!” That was it, an opportunity to go into the show ring with a 65 lb. basset hound puppy instead of a 1,200 lb. Friesian Sport Horse. Woo-hoo!

How hard could it be? After watching the handlers all week, and knowing Petunia, I knew we could do this together. When the judge pointed to us as the winners, I thought there had been a mistake. We had won the class of all the basset puppy winners!

It was great fun, but no, I'm not going to stop showing Élan in dressage and start showing basset hounds. I'd much rather ride than run!

## *New Member Profiles*

We've registered a number of new and returning members since our last newsletter. We love to profile new members as they join our chapter. We introduce below new members Michelle Freels, Alexandra Kummer-Klein, and Naima Chaves Scheraga. See our Junior Corner for information on our new Junior members Beatrix Freels, Aleja Lopez, and Ella Troyna. We also welcome Marnie Barrett, Jennifer Dugan, Luci Latham, Jaclyn Meinen, Lucas Santi, Kristi Troyna, Susan Weber, and Margaret Wilkinson as new or returning members. We hope they will send details for our next issue so we can introduce them more fully.

***Michelle Freels*** and her daughter Beatrix recently moved to Santa Barbara. Michelle's first riding lessons began at age 7 with her friend Shana. She is the reason Michelle came to Santa Barbara from the foothills above Sacramento after some major life changes a couple of months ago. Michelle got involved with eventing and pony club as a teenager and earned her 'A' rating. She evented for years and thought she knew how to ride dressage. She decided to switch to dressage when she had her first two children about 15 years ago and did not have the time to get cross country and fitness accomplished. At that point she bought a 4th level schoolmaster. It took her a month just to get her new mare to canter, as she "had no idea how to ask with [her] seat." Eventually she figured out the buttons and fell in love with dressage. She has been fortunate to have wonderful horses and coaches over the years who have taught her so much about riding and life lessons as well. Currently she has a Dutch Warmblood, Wynnona, whom she brought from PSG to Grand Prix over the past five years with the help of Sabine Rijessenbeck. The three of them were lucky enough to travel to Lexington a couple years ago and to compete at the USDF finals. They have not competed this year but are really enjoying trail riding right now. Michelle's nine year old daughter has a Welsh Cob named Fig, and she loves to trail ride, jump, and do some light dressage. Michelle reports that they are both loving Santa Barbara and are looking forward to being part of the SBC-CDS chapter and getting involved with the junior program. They are hoping there might be some quadrille or a dressage-inspired drill team for juniors. Great idea, Michelle! We are so glad to have you join our chapter!



*Michelle Freels and her daughter Beatrix met their new neighbor Barbara Cleveland (who snapped this photo) on a trail ride near their new home. They look forward to making more new friends in our chapter.*

*New Member Profiles (continued)*

**Alexandra Kummer-Klein** is a returning member who used to show the Andalusian mare Felicidad. Her mare is now 20 years old and partially retired and only does light work due to medical issues. Alexandra grew up in Germany on a Hanoverian Breeding Farm, so she grew up with dressage. Although she says she is “not a serious rider at this time,” she is happy to become a member to support our local chapter. She is also an equine sports massage/bodyworker focusing on helping horses perform to their fullest potential. Welcome, Alexandra, and thank you for your support.



**Naima Chaves Scheraga** has a long history with dressage. She saw the traveling Lipizzaner stallions when she was 8 and became a working student for Jennifer Roth in 2005. Before that she used to watch Hilda Gurney on RFD-TV and practice the movements she taught in her own “backyard.” She feels very fortunate to have had opportunities to ride incredible horses with phenomenal coaches. Naima currently trains riders and polo ponies at the Santa Barbara Polo Club, where she also teaches yoga. In the photo (right) she is riding Smarty Pants, a 5-year-old Hanoverian-thoroughbred cross. Working with trainer Ashleigh McKenzie, her short-term goals are to “stay healthy, stay sound, and stay on.” Her long-term goals are to get to FEI. When she’s not in the saddle, she writes about riding, health, and yoga practice on her blog, [athletesbalancelife.com/](http://athletesbalancelife.com/) Welcome, Naima!



*If you are a new or returning member of SBC-CDS, please send a few details about you, your horse, and your love of dressage, along with a photo, to [Lreed@silcom.com](mailto:Lreed@silcom.com), so that we can introduce you to the chapter in our next issue.*

*Member News***Connections**

**Mary Couch** and Istala got the last score they needed for their USDF Bronze Medal at the Mission Pacific Show in late October. Congratulations to Mary on this wonderful accomplishment!

*Mary Couch and Karen Christensen with Istala on Mary's Bronze Medal Day.  
(Photo by Lisa White)*

**Liz Gilman** reports that she and her mare Wishful have had a bumpy ride for the last year. After experiencing numerous abscesses and lameness issues associated with a stubborn quarter crack, an MRI was recommended by their vet Dr. Teske. That was the only way to find out exactly what was going on inside of Wish's right front hoof. The results was an abnormality in the white line that affected the coffin bone. A hoof resection was done in early March and Epona shoes were immediately applied. After 8 weeks of daily hand walking/exercise and keeping the hoof dry, she was sound enough to start back under saddle in May. The care and time were well spent. She is sound and back to full work! She is shod every 5 weeks with the Epona shoes and is barefoot behind. Even though we don't show anymore, we still love the work and are happy just to enjoy the ride.



*Connections (continued)*

A huge thank you to **Charlotte Bredahl** for the gracious donation to our chapter of her travel tack trunk. The trunk, which is suitable for long distance travel, was purchased by international rider Sabine Schut-Kery. Chapter member **Suzanne Kramer-Morton** helped with transporting the trunk and facilitating its sale. Our chapter is very appreciative of all the support Charlotte has given us over the years. Although she has recently relocated to Wellington, Florida to assume her new role as U.S. Dressage Development Coach, she will always hold a special place in the hearts of our members.

**Maraka MacDonald** has a new horse! She found Legacy, a 3-year-old Dutch mare, in Nebraska. Legacy arrived October 10 and has settled in perfectly. She has only been under saddle for four months, so Maraka is having fun working on the basics with her. Congratulations, Maraka, on this lovely addition to your family!

**Lisa White's** new Lusitano gelding Bethoven flew in from Brazil last October. He is a Working Equitation (WE) champion, and Lisa



reports that he knows more than she does: "So he is professor and I am student." He has a lovely personality, is a PSG dressage horse, yet hacks out calmly. Lisa looks forward to improving her skills with this patient and capable athlete. Congratulations, Lisa! We look forward to seeing you in the show ring and out on the trail soon.

## CLASSIFIEDS . . .

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**Equine retirement** available at 10 acre facility in Santa Ynez: stalls with runs, paddocks with shelters, irrigated grass pastures near Alamo Pintado. Board \$550/month. Please call or email: Sarah Graham, 323-422-4493  
[s.graham@agpsla.com](mailto:s.graham@agpsla.com)

**Available for full or part lease:** 14-year-old, 15.1 hand Welsh Cob gelding. Ponder is a sweetheart who is looking for a pleasure horse lease situation: trail rides, easy ring work. He is healthy and sound. He is not available as a lesson horse. Experienced riders only. For more information, contact Marianne Kruidenier, 805-259-5196.



**For Sale:** 2007 Sundowner Sunlite 777 2-Horse Trailer. Aluminum Bumper Pull - Straight Load with ramp. Easy walk through with access doors to both stalls. 7' 6" Tall, 6' 9" Wide (Warmblood size). 39" Stall Width - wall to center line of divider. Tack Room - 2 saddle racks, 18 bridle hangers, blanket bar. Floor mats in stall area. 5 newer tires. Serviced regularly. \$10,500. Contact Heidi Goetz, 805-448-6478.

*Do you have horses to sell or lease, facilities for rent, training services to offer, or anything else you'd like to advertise in this column? Classified ads are free to SBC-CDS members.*

*Send your text-only ad to [Lreed@silcom.com](mailto:Lreed@silcom.com)*

## Riding Warehouse Offers 15% Discount to CDS Members

Riding Warehouse very generously offers our members a special discount whenever they shop at their store or online. Email Sarah McClintock ([semcclintock22@yahoo.com](mailto:semcclintock22@yahoo.com)) to get your own special discount code, and go shopping at this amazing store. You will love their customer service and their convenient Golden State overnight shipping option!



## Chapter Needs Web/ Social Media Help!

Are you savvy about websites and social media? The chapter could use your help. We are looking for someone to keep our website up to date and post notices for our members on social media. If you can help, please contact Mary Couch at [marycouch1@me.com](mailto:marycouch1@me.com)

## Want to Sponsor a Basket for our Annual Meeting Silent Auction?

We are looking for generous members who would like to donate baskets (or items to contribute to a basket) for our annual meeting's silent auction. This is a huge fundraiser for our chapter, and we rely on it every year.

Designing a basket can be really fun. Just think of a theme and let your imagination run wild! If this seems difficult, cash contributions are always welcome, too, so your board can purchase items to make our basket display extra special at our January 19th, 2020 meeting and banquet at the Santa Barbara Inn!

Contact Laura Kranzler if you'd like to donate at this email address:

[dankranzler@cox.net](mailto:dankranzler@cox.net)



## *A Request from your Sponsorship Chair*

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

It's Halloween and tax season! What could be more scary? Missing an opportunity to make a donation to your chapter! Now that's scary. This is a perfect time of year to make a donation to your chapter. Here's why:

Your chapter is a 501c3, so your donations are tax deductible to the extent the law allows. Donations made before December 31<sup>st</sup> can be used in calculating your taxes for 2019.

I will promptly send you a receipt for your tax records.

Your November and December donations will be counted toward your 2020 sponsorship level. Sponsors receive recognition and publicity in our digital and print publications.

You can donate cash. Make your check out to SBC-CDS. Send it to Karen Christensen, SBC-CDS Treasurer, 1447 Crestline, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

You can donate new items the chapter can use in our silent auction and opportunity drawings at our annual meeting and banquet in January. Please contact me 805-895-1161 if you have an item to donate.

We are very appreciative of the companies, vets and services who sponsor and/or underwrite our prizes and highpoint awards for our chapter shows. Please contact Suzanne Kramer Morton at [dressage805@gmail.com](mailto:dressage805@gmail.com) if you would like to underwrite specific prizes or trophies for the 2020 season.

Your chapter has been working hard to create and maintain opportunities for you to grow in the sport of dressage. We appreciate your help in the past years. Expenses are constant. In order to be ready for our very active future, we need your donations.

Write a check. It will make you smile.

Thank you from all your fellow chapter members.

Lynne Sherman, Sponsorship Chair

*Please make out your check to SBC-CDS in any amount, and mail it to:*

*Karen Christensen, SBC-CDS Treasurer, 1447 Crestline, Santa Barbara, CA 93105*

*If you'd like to donate items for our baskets (or an entire basket!) for the silent auction at our annual meeting, January 19 at the Santa Barbara Inn, contact Laura Kranzler via email: [dankranzler@cox.net](mailto:dankranzler@cox.net)*



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## 2019-20 Calendar

*CDS and SBC-CDS sponsored or endorsed events or programs (see our website for premiums/details – [sbccds.org](http://sbccds.org)):*

November 3, 2019. Fall Social, Bridlewood Winery, Santa Ynez, 1-3 pm. Contact: Michelle Bischoff, [michellecb805@gmail.com](mailto:michellecb805@gmail.com)



November 22, 2019. Deadline for submitting scores for SBC-CDS year-end awards. Send your scores to [dressage805@gmail.com](mailto:dressage805@gmail.com). See p. 11 of this newsletter for details.

December 15, 2019. On the Bit Schooling Show, Santa Ynez Equestrian Center. Judge: Claudia Roberts. Contact: Carole Bennett, [carole615@outlook.com](mailto:carole615@outlook.com)

January 19, 2020. Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, Santa Barbara Inn, catered by Convivo. Contact: Michelle Bischoff, [michellecb805@gmail.com](mailto:michellecb805@gmail.com)

May 16-17, 2020. Spring Dressage in Santa Barbara. Judge: Beverly Rogers "S". Earl Warren Showgrounds.

August 15-16, 2020. Summer Dressage in Santa Barbara. Judge: Donna Richardson "S". Earl Warren Showgrounds.

*Events not sponsored by SBC-CDS, but of probable interest to our members:*

November 8, 9, and 10. Gerhard Politz Clinic. Contact: Nicole Chastain, [nicole@nicolechastain.com](mailto:nicole@nicolechastain.com)

November 9. Gather with your fellow equestrians for tapas and a presentation by Gerhard Politz at the F2 winery in Los Olivos, 6 pm.

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And have you visited our website yet? It's full of fun photos and has easy to use tabs. It's another great source for information about our chapter's activities. Check it out at

[sbccds.org](http://sbccds.org)

We have a new email address: [SBDressage@sbccds.org](mailto:SBDressage@sbccds.org)