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## Suncoast Dressage and Combined Training Association April 2018 Newsletter

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Our next meeting will be April 10, 2018 at the Red Ranch located on 11604 Innfields Dr in Odessa. We will have food and drinks at 7:00 and begin the meeting promptly at 7:30.

We are happy to have Farmhouse Chiropractor as our guest speakers. Jillian Johnson DC is both a human and equine chiropractor. Ashlee Parker has just become certified as an equine massage therapist.

Please plan on attending it is always nice to have a full house when we have guest speakers.

We always hear the term April showers but unfortunately for us in Florida they don't generally come until later so hold on to those little blades of grass a bit longer. Wish we could tell this to the horses.

Our last schooling show of the season is April 22 on a Sunday and held at Soaring Eagle. Entry form can be found on SDCTA.net website

Contact Barbara Sutton or Joan Potter if you would like to volunteer for your award hours.

Laura Swain will be our honored judge

The crepe food truck will be there and boy is that food good!!!

If you want to bring a table and to sell some items you are more than welcomed. You are responsible for watching your own items

FYI JC Saddlery is having their annual re-sell it day on May 6!!!!!!

April 6,7, and 8 Charlotte Lassetter will be the clinician at Royal Blue Stables. She is awesome if you get a chance to come watch. Friday and Saturday the clinic will be going on the whole day and on Sunday she will be at another farm in the morning but back at Royal Blue in the afternoon.

## News from Bakas

On May 27 we are hosting an Equine First Aid Certification Clinic at Bakas. Here is a link to the event on Facebook from our FB page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/178945449302219??ti=ia>

Anyone out there interested in taking over the newsletter? In October it will be four years for me and I have learned a lot . It is always good to challenge yourself and the computer is not my strong suit. Lately though, it seems like getting the newsletter out is getting harder to do. I have less time and my computer is getting old and not as reliable. I will gladly finish out my term so there is not hurry to find a replacement but if anyone wants to pick it up sooner that would be wonderful

Thanks, Jane

A product recommendation from Jane Whitehurst.

Yet another training tool for the dressage rider. This one is called the Franklin Balls. Google Franklin balls for riders. We have the air ones at my farm. As soon as a student places them under her seat bones the tension and unevenness are revealed. Everyone seems to like them and the horses really like how the rider's hips start to move. When you take the balls away they can't believe how different their seat bones feel and how much lighter they are in the saddle. Plus there are countless fun jokes to be made when people are riding in the FRANKLIN BALLS :)

## SDCTA March 13, 2018 Minutes

In attendance Jane Whitehurst, Rachel Stevick, Sally Cahill, Elizabeth Campbell, Susie Marston, Deb Cangialosi, Heather Miller, Alberta McEuen, Debbie Storey, Jen West, Carol Smith, Vivian Vetere, Nancy Miller, Toni Miller, Tara Murphy, Rebecca Ruthberg Campagna

1. Read the minutes from the last meeting
2. Sally Cahill talked about the show. Mostly everything was positive and people had a great time. Some discussion about making the showing experience a bit more friendly for the younger and or spookier horses. For example, letting the scribe take the tests closer to the doors so the runners don't come in and spook the horses. Keeping the vendors out in the open grassy areas to cut down on foot traffic close to the rings.
3. Discussion on if there would be an interest in having Natalie Lamping for a Ride a Test Clinic
4. It was decided the next meeting would be at the Red Barn with Farmhouse chiropractor.
5. Rebecca Ruthberg Campagna had a great talk and slide show on poisonous plants. Some of the Cyanobacteria (Blue/green algae), strains are really scary. Don't let your horse in ponds and lakes when this stuff is in bloom!!!

Here are the dates for the SDCTA rated shows in 2018

June 9 and 10 Suncoast Sunburn Classic I and II Judges Tom Poulin Pam Wooding  
August 18 and 19 Suncoast Dressage Among Friends I and II Amy McElroy Dinah Babcock

\*We have our next schooling show date below!!!!

\*April 22 Soaring Eagle Laura Swain

If you have anything you would like to contribute to the SDCTA newsletter please send to leadchanges@verizon.net

This can be a certain horse product that you like and want to give a review.

A review of a clinic that you rode in or audited.

A personal experience you have had that other riders might benefit from reading

Refer to the USDF Region 3 Calendar For all of the rated Shows. Please send me information about clinics that your farm may be hosting or non SDCTA schooling shows!!!

## SDCTA CLASSIFIEDS

### Instruction

Joan Potter, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, instructing beginner to advanced, Pinellas County and Odessa/Lutz area. 813-855-3780.

Leslie O'Sullivan, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist and USDF "L" judging graduate is offering lessons, beginner to advanced at Admiralty Farm in Odessa, Fl, or will travel to you. 813-920-9041 or 727-510-2338.

Elizabeth Campbell, USDF Bronze Silver and Gold Medalist offers lessons for beginners to advanced riders. Lunge lessons to improve their independent seat. School horse at Royal Blue Stables, Odessa. (813)-613-5775

Jane Whitehurst, USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist at Nosara Farms, Odessa. I can come to you or you may trailer in for lessons/training and use full length mirrors. Experienced with all types of training issues. Love to help people achieve a better seat either for dressage or everyday riding. Call 727-254-3554 Website Nosarafarms.com

FOR SALE

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Full board and dressage training at Royal Blue Stables with 12 stalls on 6 acres. 3 stalls open up to their own pastures. Separate small pasture available with 12x24 stall for horse with limited turnout. Owner/trainer on premises. Individual turnout and special care provided. Lighted 60x20m sand/clay boarded arena, with full length mirrors on the short side. \$750month. (813)-613-5775

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