

San Juan Capistrano Chapter CDS

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2008

Bejing is over- what amazing games and what a great performance by our team!

OUR DRESSAGE TEAM was COMPRISED OF:

Steffen Peters, Debbie McDonald and Courtney King-Dye.

Congratulations to our competitors!!

What a Great adventure it must have been!

And now a word from the Editor...

The best part of summer is amongst us and our show season is in full swing. The Fabulous Friday Shows were a big success - despite the downturn in the economy and many avid competitors tightening their belts. The convenience of the locality and great show management help to continue to fill our shows here at Sycamore Trails. Don't forget to check the calendar to keep you aware of upcoming event dates!!!

Again, Vicky Rea has graciously donated a lovely highpoint trophy that will be presented to the horse and rider team that competes in one level in all three shows with the highest score average.

The last show in the Fabulous Friday series was on August 15th, 2008 with Barbi Breen Gurley at the helm- and it was a great success!

Our May Chapter Show on May 24th and 25th, 2008 was a huge success as always- gorgeous prizes awaited the many participants, the weather was perfect and many smiling faces were seen.

The High Point Winners were:

Training Level receiving a cooler:	Auburn Excell (Saturday) and Verena Schubert (Sunday)
First Level receiving a cooler:	Auburn Excell (Saturday) and Kathy Whetsell (Sunday)
Second Level receiving a cooler:	Kathy Whetsell (Saturday) and Kathy Whetsell(Sunday)
Third Level receiving a cooler:	Vicky Rea (Saturday) and Susan Adams (Sunday)
Fourth Level receiving crystal:	Mary Sheldon (Saturday) and Tom Betts (Sunday)
FEI receiving a halter:	Sandy Harper (Saturday and Sunday)

Our Junior Champion recycling drive netted a whopping \$ 143.00 for Sheryl Rathfelder- the only junior rider who signed up for this effort. If you are a junior rider and interested in receiving financial support, please call 949-661-7092 for further details.

Don't forget to mark your calendars:

Awards Banquet- November 8th 2008 @ FRATELLO's....to qualify for awards, simply participate in at least 3 of our shows and have at least 3 scores in one level.....

Best and Happy Dancing with your horse.....

Sabina DiSano-your new editor!

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From the Trainer's Corner...

October 25th and 26th, 2008 or November 1st and 2nd 2008

Clinic with renowned breeder and trainer

Willy Arts

At Sycamore Trails

Please e-mail Sabina DiSano if you are interested in riding

(check for updates on the web site regarding date and details)

Regular Clinicians available in San Juan Capistrano Chapter region:

@ Sycamore Trails

- Kathleen Raine, David Wightman- contact Debi Brum at 949-422-1967
- Nicholia Zamorra – at 949-316-0600
- Ljentje Schuler- contact Sherri Grant at 949-661-1755
- Sabine Schut-Kery – contact Nikki Lucas at 949-713-7389

@ Nellie Gail Equestrian Center

- Alfredo Hernandez- Piaffe & Passage specialist- contact Jan Curtis at 949-831-5658

@ Equites Riding Club

- Donna Richardson – contact Sandra Hansen at 949-246-1561

Trainer Profile ~ N. Brent Hicks

Birthday: August 5th.

Education: AA degree, Pacific Coast Equestrian Research Fund,
School of Horsemanship,
American School of Dressage -Michael Poulin,
Working Student with Dottie Morkis

Achievements: Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal, R-Judge , Director at large, CDS, USDF Delegate

Career: Manager and Trainer, Mission Viejo Equestrian Center, Dressage Trainer at Sycamore Trails

Favorite Food: Chocolate

Favorite Past Time: Reading Science Fiction books

Favorite International Rider/Horse combo: Debbie McDonald and Brentina.

Biggest Accomplishment: Understanding how horses think and react to humans, what makes them tick and how to motivate them.

Biggest Turn-on in a rider: Staying in the moment, being completely connected to the horse.

Biggest Pet Peeve: Any kind of violence or harsh punishment towards the horse.

Your Training Philosophy: Establish correct rider biomechanics first so that the horse can develop correctly and minimize the interference with the horse.

Your Training Goals: Evaluate horse and rider and set realistic training goals for both. Keep the communication between rider, trainer and horse always positive and accurate.

Brent is available for lessons, monthly programs and clinics.
You can reach him at 949-951-0432 (home) or 949-525-0627 (cell).