

DSDCTA's TEMPO Newsletter

Take a peek at what's happened, happening and going to happen in all our chapters!

EMERALD COAST CHAPTER continued to grow in 2014 in membership and programs. By Sept of 2014 ECC had 41+ members. The ECC Board normally meets on the last Monday of each month to coordinate and organize events for the members. In January, the board determined a dollar figure to use in allocating funds for both scholarships and charitable donations. Two scholarships were awarded to ECC members, and one charitable donation was made to Grace Rides in Niceville, FL. In April, ECC, with the support of the Florabama Chapter, held a very successful Blue Angel Dressage Show. The May Adult Horse Camp was cancelled at the last minute due to heavy rains and flooding of the venue and was rescheduled for December. In November, Florabama, with the help of ECC, will host the Blue Angel Dressage Show. The 2014 ECC Board is Jackie Hyde – President, Linda Crabtree – Vice President, Susan Van Hoene – Secretary, Mary Nordgulen and Susan Simmers – Treasurers, with Jan Fernald, Linda Lester, Becky Johnston as Board Members and Awards Chair, Beth Godwin. ECC Tentative Slate of Events will include in: September 27-26 Daniel Stewart Building Confidence and Fitness Clinic, October-Friends of ECC Trail Ride at Coldwater, November Blue Angel Dressage Show, Pensacola, FL., December 5-7 Adult Horse Camp and ECC Christmas Party and Awards, January Just Jumpers and a Ride-A-Test, February Just Jumpers and a Ride-A-Test, March Clinician?, April Blue Angel Dressage Show, Pensacola, FL., May Adult Horse Camp, Niceville, FL.

FLORABAMA has currently 86 members. This years events included meetings, clinics, BAD shows and one schooling show. Florabama had a Sara Warner clinic at Allison Jones's Destiny Farm in Fairhope, AL, a schooling show at Southland Stables, Mobile, AL, and a "Ride With Your Mind" clinic with Stephanie Mosely which was held at Rustic Trail, Milton, FL. Florabama Chapter is looking forward to a future Kim Severson Eventing Clinic at Sandstone Equestrian Center, Mobile, AL in Dec and a Photo Contest with winners being announced at the Awards Banquet. The officers for 2015 will be: Darcy Kelly – President, Tashina Hadley – Vice President and Membership, Nancy Robertson – Treasurer and Jill Zednick – Secretary. Florabama's meetings are well attended and the chapter is in good standing and financially sound. A credit card option will be implemented through PayPal for membership renewal. Florabama's Facebook page continues to be a popular place for information and sharing photos, etc. Downloaded forms and up and coming events are posted regularly.

HORSE COUNTRY CHAPTER has had a difficult year with the fall of their great leader, Barbara Petti, but the President, Marsha, has continued to have speakers at their monthly meetings such as Great American on Farm Insurance, Fire Safety for barns while highlighting wiring, storage safety, etc., acupuncture demo on a members horse, and a Horse and Rider speaker on FEAR and how it affects different parts of the brain. At the July meeting, 12 members were given a tour of The Sanctuary Rehab Facility. In August the meeting was held at Mimi's for dinner and discussion of the clubs future. The

September meeting will be highlighted with the up and coming election of new officers and a discussion of the membership about the direction the members would like for Horse Country Chapter in 2015.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER has had another successful year with 40+ members. The 2014 Great American Insurance Group USDF Breeders Championships for Region 3 and the 2014 Great American Insurance Group/USDFBC Qualifying Championships –Southeast Series Final were successfully held at Willow Bend on September 13-14. The Fall Open Horse Show is scheduled for October 25 at Willow Bend. Northwest's Christmas Party and Awards Banquet will be held on December 6th at Little Star Stables, Graceville, FL. Christian Musche will be hosting a Grand Prix Jumper Clinic and Exhibition at the Northwest's Christmas Party and Awards Banquet on Dec. 6th at Little Star Stables, as well. Northwest's future schedule for the 2015 show season will start with our annual St Jude Benefit Open Horse Show in February, NWFL Classic I on March 21st, NWFL classic II on May 23rd, Summer Open Horse Show on June 20th, NWFL Classic III on September 12th, GAIG/USDFBC Southeast Series Finals (Tentative) on September 26th, and our Fall Open Horse Show on October 24th. Once again we will have a very busy year!

PIRATES CHAPTER, the newest of the DSDCTA Chapters of DSDCTA, has had an exciting beginning. In January we had a Ride-a-Test, Fix-a-Test Horse Show. In March PC had a free style clinic with Lynette Wadsworth. The clinic began with a lecture. Then Lynette worked with each of the rider participants to time their horse's gaits and began to create a free style. Lynette also graciously donated her time. Marilyn Samuelson and her husband arranged for sub sandwiches which were sold as a money maker for the Pirates Chapter. In September we attended the ISR/Oldenbergh Inspection at Pennock Point Sport Horses near Ocala. The chapter bought lunch for all the chapter members. At the inspection, Ravishing by Rousseau out of Debutante by Donovan, owned and bred by chapter members Barbara A. Cadwell and Anne B. Ramsay, was named Premium Foal and site champion.

SUWANNEE VALLEY CHAPTER has been meeting monthly to invigorate the chapter. During this year SV has been working diligently on lateral work clinics. Suwannee Valley also offered its members several mini cross country clinics with Jean Stick and several quadrille clinics with Lena Pastuck. Group trips to Red Hills and auditors at a Mark Russell clinic in Wellborn, FL was also experienced. One of our members Donna Rowell sponsored an obstacle clinic at her farm in Shady Grove, FL and another member, Laura Sykes, sponsored a dinner/meeting and a dressage video night at her farm. Our next meeting is scheduled for this month with the viewing of the New York Horse Show in Central Park and the WEG events which were taped videos thanks to NBCS and Jean Stick.

