



NEWS

January
2015

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well - I simply have to begin with best wishes for a Happy New Year to all of you!

Of course, the beginning of the year begs for me to think about goals and plans and dreams. I have huge plans. I have clear goals. And I love to dream. Thinking about 2015 is a welcome pastime for me.

At FRC, the Board is getting ready to spend an entire retreat day planning how we will tackle the coming year. We put a lot of time and effort into getting details penciled and penned into the calendar. These are some of the things we will be discussing when we meet:

- Setting dates and venues for our FRC shows
- Discussing and choosing topics for our Educational Seminars
- Discussing and choosing what clinics and special events we will host
- Planning dates for our appreciation parties
- Reviewing and improving upon our mission, our policies, our programs
- Detailing the launch of new products and ideas
- Deciding what committees we are each going to chair and defining the goals of those committees
- Addressing suggestions and requests from our members
- Defining fundraisers for the year
- Any additional items that are brought up (and there are always plenty!)

I write this because I think it is important for our membership to realize that we take FRC seriously. We want to provide our membership with a variety of fun, competitive, informational, social and educational opportunities throughout the year. You can be a part of our mission by letting us know what types of activities you would like us to plan, by renewing your membership and by encouraging others to join our club. We want you to recognize that the Foothills Riding Club is a valuable source of social interaction, of education, of competition and of community for equestrians. So, we look forward to being a part of your equestrian goals this year!

-- Jodi Lees, FRC Board President

THAT WAS THEN... (PLEASE MAKE IT NOW!)

By Annie Lane-Maunders

"SPORTSMANSHIP"

ABILITY is.....what you are capable of doing

MOTIVATION determines.....what you do

ATTITUDE determines.....how well you do it

I do not have a dictionary handy (still in a packing box somewhere!) so I am going to attempt to explain to you MY definition of SPORTSMANSHIP. This explanation is also the very reason why I was in the sport of Eventing.....Just when you are sure that you are "IT" you are sitting on your bottom in the mud... smiling!

First of all it is SPORTSMANSHIP that makes a person a GOOD COMPETITOR – not always setting out to get a ribbon - (that's the easy bit, simply enter in a division that has no competition in it!!!...). So, let's try and also define a "GOOD COMPETITOR".

A GOOD COMPETITOR- is someone who is always striving to do the very best they can do.

A GOOD COMPETITOR- always presents themselves to the best of their ability, as a sign of respect to the judge, their coach and to themselves

A GOOD COMPETITOR- competes against himself - not the other participants.

A GOOD COMPETITOR - may be very disappointed with their performance...

BUT NEVER EVER SHOWS IT IN PUBLIC

or

TAKES IT OUT ON THEIR HORSE

or

THEIR MOTHER / FATHER / HUSBAND / WIFE

or

THEIR COACH!!!!!!

A GOOD COMPETITOR- is always delighted that someone else did better than them (even if they could cheerfully ring that person's neck!) **AND SAYS SO.**

A GOOD COMPETITOR - is someone who, when they do well, always gives all the credit to the horse - thereby accepting that we are having fun because the horses ALLOW us to have fun.

A GOOD COMPETITOR - Smiles all the time, even if they are crying inside.

A GOOD COMPETITOR HAS FUN!

Finally, I would like to share with you the best moment of my career.

In Canada there lived a very famous horsewoman called Miss Barbara Kemp. She was an International Dressage Judge, an International Technical Delegate and very instrumental in developing the Pony Club and Eventing in North America. She was also very strict!! We were all at an event in Quebec called Napierville, and the eventing community was honoring her for her lifetime's work and dedication. After the ceremonies I was walking away on my horse when I heard Miss Kemp calling my name. Of course my first reaction was that my horse had shavings in his tail or something - what a guilty conscience. Miss Kemp approached me and I braced myself for the ticking off that I thought was inevitable. "Anne, my dear" she said, "I just wanted to tell you that these ceremonies are all very well, but the real joy has been to work with competitors such as yourself. Thank you."

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SHOW DATES:

March 7 at FENCE

March 8 XC Schooling at FENCE

March 21 at Harmon Field

April 18 at Riverbend

May 23 at FENCE

July 18 at FENCE – Benefit Show

Sept 12 at Riverbend

Oct 11 at Harmon (Sunday)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Feb 28 - Ride-A-Test with Jodi Lees

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Held at The Landrum Depot (not Harmon Field Cabin). Seminars start at 6:30pm for light refreshments and presentations start at 7:00pm.

March 25

Sept 16

April 15

Oct 21

May 20

Nov 11

FRC NEEDS YOU... TO VOLUNTEER!

Why volunteer? It's educational, rewarding and you meet lots of interesting people. PLUS you earn Club Bucks that can be used for membership dues, show fees, or special events! What's not to like?

So, whether you are a rider wanting to learn more about the judge's perspective, someone who just loves being outdoors, or you enjoy cooking and/or organizing events, there is a job for you! Come join the fun! Be a FRC volunteer!

Here is a list of volunteer opportunities. Please check the ones that interest you, and then return this form to us at the next meeting or mail it to: FRC, PO Box 637, Landrum, SC 29356

Dressage and Stadium Schooling Shows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dressage scribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Score runner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm-up steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Arena steward |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Jump crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arena set-up (Friday before the show) | <input type="checkbox"/> Arena dismantling (after the show) |

Other volunteer opportunities with our Hospitality Team:

- Prepare a refreshment to share at a monthly meeting
 - Help with the Winter Doldrum's Party
 - Help with Special Events
- I have many talents and would like to be called whenever needed for whatever job is at hand!

Thank you for volunteering! Volunteers are the lifeblood of FRC!

Name: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Email address: _____

JANET STONE, LISA BROWN AND DeLOVELY OUR ROAD TO THE 2014 USDF NATIONAL DRESSAGE FINALS

by Janet Stone



Home after a 4th place finish in First Level Open at the USDF Region 1 Championships, Lisa and I waited for a wild card invitation to compete at the USDF National Dressage Finals. (A wild card invitation requires obtaining a score of at least 72% for First Level Open at Regionals.) A week later the email arrived inviting us to attend the show at the

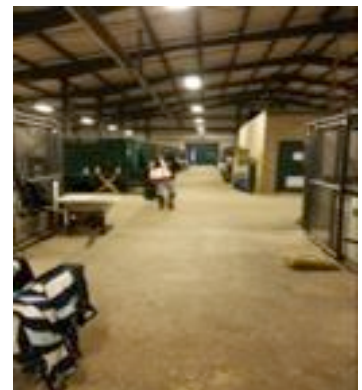
Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. Lisa and DeLovely started weekly lessons with Carolyn West to refine their ride and fine tune the test movements.

Thursday November 5 we left at 10 AM, headed north up Hwy 25. The fog at the top of the mountain was dense, I could only see about 20 feet in front of me. It finally cleared when we reached Asheville but then the real stress started. The wind picked up and tossed the Yukon XL and trailer back and forth across our lane as the 18-wheelers powered by us up through the mountains to Knoxville. Lisa and I shared the driving to share the stress!



We arrived at the Kentucky Horse Park just as the sun was setting, found our barn and unloaded in the cold, windy darkness. We were so glad I had booked a stall in the heated barn this year!

Last year we were in an unheated shed row barn with canvas tarps beating against the stall front all day long. It was too cold to hang out at the barn so we never got to meet anyone. This year we walked into a warm, well lit barn with aisles full of happy, excited people. We quickly unloaded our gear and the stall mats KC Betzel loaned to us to cover the asphalt stall floors.



Once we had DeLovely bedded down, watered and munching on hay, we walked to the Alltech Arena for the Competitors' Reception. Walking up the stairs we saw Maryanna Haymon, owner of DeLovely's sire Don Principe. We stopped at the bar for our complimentary glass of wine and saw Cathy Scholten, a friend from Virginia we had met at Regionals. We watched some warm ups while we munched on hors d'oeuvres. We lasted until 8 then found our hotel and went to bed.



Up early Friday morning to get DeLovely out for her first stroll around the showgrounds. It was very comfortable in the barn and made more so by the appearance of the hospitality cart! Coffee, hot chocolate and muffins provided free! And carrots, of course. What a nice touch by the organizers.

Lisa and DeLovely were riding a warm up test Friday, part of the regular season show, but not until later in the afternoon so we had time to check out the arenas and watch some rides. The arena they would be showing in was the furthestmost away, near the Rolex Arena at the top of the hill. Lisa and DeLovely had a beautiful ride and placed second in First Level Test 3 Open with a 72.7%.



Friday night was the Competitor's banquet, a buffet of Southern BBQ and fixings. Lisa's parents joined us as we ate and watched the Grand Prix Championship Open class. DeLovely's sire, Don Principe was showing at 9:15 so we stayed to watch him, then fell into bed exhausted.

Saturday was the BIG DAY. DeLovely's test was scheduled for 10:30. DeLovely warmed up very quietly and correctly then they were in the ring. Championship classes have three judges placed at C, H and E. Each judge scores independently then the scores are averaged. The horses are sometimes surprised to see so many

boxes and people that close to their ring. Keeping one's horse's attention is critical. Our judges were H – Zang, C - Hotz, B - Wysocki .

Lisa and DeLovely rode a beautiful, flawless test. We waited for the score to post and were a bit let down to see a 69.194%. The scores broke down like this:

H	E	C
67.581%	69.516%	70.484%

We went back to the barn and waited for the class to end, hoping we would be in the ribbons which were given through 10th place. The final results were not what we wanted.

- 1-75.3%
- 2-73.3%
- 3-72.1%
- 4-71.8%
- 5-71.6%
- 6-71.0%
- 7-70.5%
- 8-69.9%
- 9-69.4%
- 10-69.2%
- 11-69.1% DeLovely

We missed being in the ribbons by 0.1%!! Still we finished 11th place in the Nation. Pretty good for my little 5 year old mare from Marietta, SC!!

I would like to thank Foothills Riding Club for awarding us a scholarship to use in attending the USDF National Dressage Finals. The support and encouragement of our local peers has made this journey very rewarding.





A BIT O' NEWS

If you'd like to share some of your news with other FRC members, send it to foothillsridingclub@gmail.org today!

News from Jana: My husband and I are home with our beautiful little boy from China! What an incredible adventure we had! Here's a picture of Zi meeting our horse, Jove, for the first time:



News from Jodi: Robert Zandvoort will be teaching a dressage clinic at River's Edge Farms January 27-28. There are only a few riding spots available. Auditing is free. If it rains, we will move the clinic to Redgate Farm. Please contact Jodi Lees with any questions at either [864-921-1059](tel:864-921-1059) or jodi@riversedgefarms.com

IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME!

It's that time of year again, folks! 2015 FRC Membership Renewal time, that is. We've included a membership form (see below), but you can also apply for membership on our website and use Paypal to send dues by going here:

<http://foothillsridingclub.org/membership.html>

FRC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is great! You get a monthly newsletter, discounts on club-sponsored activities, informative programs and you can hang out with really fun people!

Join now for 2015. There are 2 pricing options - if you want a mailed newsletter we need to charge more for the postage and printing costs.

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Address: _____

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(Above information will be included in the membership directory unless you indicate otherwise)

Check interests (as many as apply):

___ Dressage ___ Eventing ___ Western ___ Hunter/Jumper ___ Hunter Paces
___ Pleasure ___ Fox Hunting ___ Driving ___ Trail Riding ___ Endurance ___ Breeding ___ Social
member only ___ Other: _____

___ I show my horse ___ I do not show my horse ___ I plan to start showing

Ideas for clinics, horse events, meeting topics or social events for 2015:

___ I am available to volunteer for club sponsored events (list jobs you would like):

___ I am available to help set up and take down for the shows (usually Thur. or Friday before show)

Make check payable to FRC and mail to: FRC, PO Box 637, Landrum, SC 29356

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GREEN CREEK HOUNDS ANNIVERSARY HUNT WEEKEND AND HUNT BALL FEB 5-7, 2015

Green Creek Hounds would like you to join us February 5-7, 2015 for the 25th Anniversary Hunt Weekend and Hunt Ball.

Green Creek Hounds will hunt on Feb. 5 and Feb. 7 at 10AM with breakfasts to follow both hunts. The fee to hunt is \$50.00 per hunt. If you are a fox-hunter come join the fun. You can find the meet sites on GreenCreekHounds.com.

On the evening of February 7th we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary with a Hunt Ball at Woodfin Country Club. You don't need to be able to ride to enjoy this event. Cocktails will be at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, and dancing at 8:30. There will be a silent auction. Donations happily accepted. Contact Kathy Nebel or Cyndi Milligan about the auction. The cost for the Ball is \$125.00 per person.

MFH, Christi Fowler is the Hunt Ball Chairman and contact for invitations. She can mail one or send an email version. You can reach her at christipfowler@yahoo.com with any questions concerning the upcoming events.

We hope many residents in the area will join us for the festivities, as Green Creek Hounds feels the community is a vital part of what makes it the great hunt it is.



MFH/Huntsman for Green Creek Hounds, Tot Goodwin



GCH Hunt Ball, John Ross, Janet Cummings

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