

2017 LINDA O'CARROLL MEMORIAL CDS ADULT AMATEUR CLINIC SERIES

WITH HILDA GURNEY

Sign Up With Your Chapter To Ride!



CHAPTER PARTICIPATION

1. Procedures for Chapters to Reserve Clinic Space - to reserve a Chapter's space in the clinic the Chapter Chair or Chapter Treasurer is required to send a check for \$150.00 to the CDS Central Office as follows:
 - a. For Central Clinics in April - from December through March 1st.
 - b. For South Clinics in May - from December through April 1st.
 - c. For North Clinics in June - from January through May 1st.
 - d. Checks must be received by these deadlines or the chapter will forfeit the spot. If a Chapter is sending a rider but not supporting the fee, the rider is responsible for the clinic fee and the check must be received by the organizer by the deadline.
 - e. Any vacant spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis from the waiting list by the Clinic Organizer. Any conflicts or problems will be handled in coordination with the Committee Chair.
 - f. Any Chapter or individual can place a name or request to be on the waiting list.
2. Rider Eligibility and Selection - Riders must be members in good standing of CDS and be Adult Amateurs 22 years or older. The same rider cannot ride in two consecutive yearly clinics. The riders must be able to walk/trot/canter with proper diagonals and leads (Training Level minimally). The rider, to be eligible, must have a sound, fit and in good condition, familiar equine partner, presenting as a "horse/rider team". They must be actively riding demonstrated by current dressage lessons with their horse for the past 6 months. A borrowed or loaned horse just for the occasion is strongly discouraged. An application must be submitted.
3. Chapter/Additional Eligibility Requirements - chapters may adopt additional requirements for eligibility which will be in the Chapter's Standing Rules. These rules must be publicized in advance. Interested members will provide a written application stating interest in participating in the selection drawing and provide a one paragraph biography of horse (age, breed, level shown/ridden, accomplishments) and rider (three or four sentences about what the person wants to learn/goals, must include some background information on who they clinic/ train with, or the level they ride).
4. Chapter's Selection Procedures - Chapter selection is done by draw. Chapters should select their representative plus 1 to 2 alternates. Winners and alternates must be notified immediately after the drawing is completed. The Chapters must notify the Regional Organizers of the name(s) and contact information including telephone numbers, email address and CDS membership number of the chapter members selected in order. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner could result in a loss of space in the clinic. The Chapter representative must be selected and organizer notified not less than 60 days prior to the clinic date.

Clinic Rider Orientation

- The clinic is organized over a three day period Friday evening through Sunday.
- Riders should plan to arrive on Friday and allow enough time to get their horse settled in and comfortable with the surroundings.
- The clinic officially begins with a mandatory meeting for the riders on Friday night.
- A potluck/pizza dinner is planned for Friday evening and is open to the riders and their groomers.
- Riders are encouraged to bring a groom. Trainers are encouraged to attend and support their riders.
- Riders will be introduced to the Clinician and the Clinician will explain what to expect from the clinic and answer rider questions.
- The schedule is handed out and all release forms are signed and collected. On the two riding days of the clinic, the riders are required to attend all portions of the clinic which may include attending discussion sessions during the day. SEE COMPLETE STANDING RULES ON CDS WEBSITE.

HILDA GURNEY

At the first CDS Annual Meeting in October, 1968, the CDS President introduced several people who had contributed to the early success of the Society — among them Hilda Gurney.

During CDS's first year she had worked to create interest and encourage new memberships. She had organized meetings, educating riders on topics such as "Suppling the Horse with Lungeing" and Rhythm — Riding to Music". She had held parties, calling them "Tuesday Night at the Movies". At the first she showed films of her trip to the Mexico City Olympic Games.

In 1975 Hilda and her horse Keen won the Silver Individual and Team Gold Medals at the Pan American Games. Their 1976 Olympic experience at Bromont earned the U.S. a Team Bronze.

Hilda has won the CDS Futurity and CDS Championship Horse of the Year at all levels, many times. In addition to serious competition, Hilda has enjoyed riding Pas de Deux and Quadrilles, both in shows and in special exhibitions.

For the most part she has been self-taught — hard work the basis of her achievements. However, Hilda has taken every opportunity to study with the many top trainers who have come to California over the years, among them Bengt Ljungquist, and Reiner Klimke. She has also worked with the USET coaches and was the recipient of a USET grant to train in Germany.

Graduating from CDS's first Judge Program in 1972, Hilda is now an S judge, sought after throughout the country for her knowledge. She has also been an L program instructor and has served on the AHSA's test writing committee.

Being a popular riding teacher, Hilda works with students at her home at Keenridge and in clinics. She also helps many dressage enthusiasts through her presentations at symposiums and workshops. In one of the CDS conventions, Hilda conducted a demonstration on "Selecting a Dressage Horse" and a workshop on "Showmanship — Ways to Impress the Judge". At another Annual Meeting, Hilda spoke on the "Correct Use of Aids".

Central: - Paso Robles

Golden Hills Farm
Ellen Corob 805-440-2947
APRIL 28-30, 2017

South: Chino Hills

W Farms
Nicole Bhathal 805-750-0065
MAY 5-7, 2017

North: Wilton

Pacific Equestrian Center
Mari Naten 916-798-5844
JUNE 9-11, 2017