

2003 CDS JUNIOR REPORT

Junior membership increased in 2003 to 549 members, and increase of 8% or about 11% of the total CDS membership. 23% of the Junior Members entered one of the Junior Championships for a total of 158.

2003 was the Fifteenth Annual Showcase Competitions for our Juniors. The competitions were held on Aug 8-12 at Rancho Murieta in the North, and Aug 9-12 at Galway Downs in the South. Both competitions were recognized by USA Equestrian, USDF and CDS. Next year the North show will continue to be at Rancho Murieta on August 12-15, and the South will be at The Oakes in San Juan Capistrano on August 28-29. We introduced a new division, the FEI Junior Division. Riders rode the FEI Junior Team, Individual tests as well as a freestyle. We would like to have a similar Division for FEI Young Riders in 2004 consisting of YR Individual test, PSG and a PSG freestyle

NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

The cost of the Northern Championship was about 57K, and had loss of \$3250.00. There was a very successful Silent Auction, the largest ever, and again had a small Trade Fair. In 2003 there were four freestyles, one Pas de Deux but no quadrilles. Training and First level had four and two sections respectively and one section each for Second, Third, Fourth and FEI/YR and FEI/JR Levels. There were 15 CDS/USDF Teams involving 62 riders, a few less than last year, Equitation was included in the team scores.

The average age of exhibitors was 15.2 years, and the average horse age of 12.6 years, a little older than last year. The youngest competitor was 10 years old, the youngest horse was 3, and the oldest rse was 20. Breeds of the horses are as follows: Thoroughbred (20), WPN (22), SWB (10), Hann (9) Arabian (4). The remainder of the horses were crosses of almost any breed imagined and there were twenty breeds represented.

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

The cost of the Southern Championship was 18.7K Lnd had a loss of \$600. This year there was one Freestyles, no Quadrilles or Pas de Deux. Training level had two sections, First, Second,

Third and Fourth Level had one section each. There were no FEI entries, and four CDS Teams competed with 20 riders. Equitation was included in the team scores

The average age of exhibitors was 14.9 years, the youngest being 11 years old, the average horse age was 11.23 years, the youngest horse was 6 years, the oldest horse was 19 years. Breeds represented: WPN (14), Thoroughbred (9), Quarter Horse (6), Arabian (5), Holst (4). Many other breed crosses were included from Draft breeds to Pony breeds.

Both events held welcoming parties for exhibitors, families, and trainers. This year, as we have done in past years, the Prize List, and some of the Program pages were done together. The cover contest winner this year was Ariel Stern from the San Juan Capistrano Chapter, and the T-shirts were Royal Blue with a gray logo.

In total there were 19 teams. CDS sponsored team competitions, awarding \$100 to each winning team in a Division that had a minimum of three teams. Nineteen hundred dollars was awarded this year to the winning Division teams.

CLUB 100

There were sixty-one patrons of Club100, forty-one designated to the North and twenty to the South. The Southern Club100 funds (\$2000) went toward the Junior Championship Show. When the Southern Championship Show can pay for itself then the Club 100 funds will be used for educational purposes. The Northern Club 100 funds (\$4100) sponsored two New Test clinics with Tracey Lert, a View From "C" opportunity at the Junior Championship and a riding clinic with Shelly Lawder. Historically there is an invitational riding clinic for the Junior Championship winners. This year it was difficult to get the winners together, so each Division winner received a check for \$175.00 to use for an educational event of their choice. All non-riding clinics are open to the general membership at a minimal cost. Juniors and Club 100 members are free. Our thanks to Flying Cloud Farm, Denville- Kanani Farm and River Valley Ranch for hosting these events.

COMPETITION YEAR

This year four of our CDS FEI Juniors, Kelsey Bullock, Sara

Mason, Caitlin Masiel, Jennifer Dainer were selceted from all over the United States to compete in the FEI Junior Team Championship at Devon Pennsylvania, a total of twelve are selected from across the country. This year our Region 7 Young Rider Team made up of Christina Beal, Josslyn Chandler, John Murrey, and Kelly Bennett and alternate Bridgit DiPasquale. CDS is very proud of our Juniors and our FEI Juniors and Young Riders.

Nineteen Juniors qualified and competed in the CDS Horse of the year Amateur Championships. All placed in the top ten.

GOALS

Encourage Chapters to be more active in the support of Junior Activities as well as be supportive of their Junior Members through SPONSORSHIP of the Junior Championships.

Continue to tap the resources of the Advanced Young Riders.

Continue to implement seminars in all the CDS Regions. (Sports Psychology, Biomechanics, Body work, Yoga) and increase participation in the less populated areas and smaller chapters.

Continue to promote educational opportunities through "Club100". Some of the non-riding clinics and seminars may be opened to others at a small cost. Juniors and "Club 100" members will be at no cost.

Encourage competitors and instructor/trainers to take a confirmed interest in Juniors.

Continue to stimulate interest and growth of dressage in California among Juniors and Young Riders.

Encourage participation in Freestyle, Pas de Deux, and Quadrille.

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