

Shasta Chapter of the California Dressage Society – General Meeting

Meeting Date: 8/26/2025.

Location: Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro, CA
6:00-7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Allie Figura (Chair), Heather Greaves (Treasurer), Maria Chamberlin (Co-Chair), Connie MacGregor (Secretary), Tom Richards, Ann Schmaltz, Anne Modzelewski and Clementine, Dale Hawko, Kelley Jackson, and Joanna Ramseyer

Notes Prepared By: Connie MacGregor, Chapter Secretary

Agenda

Fundraising

We continued our fundraising discussion from last month's meeting. Following up on potential fundraising activities previously discussed, a few include

- **North State Giving Tuesday** – Maria continues to explore this on behalf of our chapter. This event provides nonprofit organizations the opportunity to gain exposure and start relationships with new donors, and for the people to raise as much money as possible for participating organizations within a 14 -hour period. North State nonprofits are required to complete a vetting application process to participate so donors know these organizations truly have the community's best interests in mind. Heather reported that there is a \$150 registration of the participating nonprofit. Registration begins in August. If you are interested in learning more about the program, check out this link: <https://www.northstategives.org/>
- **Hambro Recycling** – Connie agreed to make a trial run to take recyclables to Hambro. She will take the CRV plastic bottles, cans, and glass that have accumulated at Tri R Ranch (where several chapter members board) to the location behind Jolly Giant Flea Market. **Post Meeting Update:** Recycling proved to be extremely easy. The Hambro staff were pleasant and helpful. Funds were given to Heather for deposit.
- **California Dressage Society** – The USDF Region 7 championships and the CDS state championships are coming to Rancho Murieta, September 18-21, 2025. As many of you know, CDS hosts an annual basket raffle, where its various chapters donate a gift basket that will be raffled off with the proceeds benefiting both CDS and the local chapter donating the basket. We discussed several themes for the Shasta Chapter basket. It was decided that we would try to create a Shasta/Northern California products-themed basket, but we don't want to limit ourselves to what might be donated. Heather offered to coordinate creating the basket. **Post Meeting Update:** Thanks to so many of you, we gathered a number of wonderful items for our basket. Thanks to everyone who donated or secured donations from local businesses. Heather created a lovely basket that will no doubt draw some great bids.
- **Obstacle Playday** – We discussed the possibility of having another obstacle playday later this fall. The first one was such a success, but it takes volunteers. If you are interested in being a part of the planning team, let Allie know.

We would love to hear your ideas about these and other possible fundraising opportunities.

Facebook

- Shasta Chapter CDS FB page can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/people/ShastaChaptercnds/61574207287614/>
It's a handy way to stay up to date on what is happening within our chapter and surrounding areas.

Website

Our website continues to just get better and better. Thank you to Maria for your work monitoring and updating the site. Check it out: <https://shastachapterdressage.org/>

Area Chair Report

- Schleese Saddlery will be coming to Tri R Ranch on October 29. They offer saddle fittings and consultation on all makes of saddles. If you are interested in learning more about the Schleese saddle fitting experience, check this out: <https://schleese.com/>. You will need to go online to register, so do so soon!
- Lemke Saddlery will be in the Redding area in October for fittings – probably after October 14th. They not only sell their own Lemke saddle brand, but often have a number of consigned makes and models on the truck for riders to try. If you would like more information contact Marilyn Graham at 530.237.3537.

Other News

Allie brought up an exciting new competition group: United Dressage and Jumping Club. Their stated mission is to make equestrian sports more accessible, fair, and enjoyable for everyone through

- Affordable Horse Shows
- Education for All Levels
- Horse Welfare First
- A Community where riders of all ages and backgrounds can grow and succeed.

You can check them out here: <https://www.udjc.org/>

Training and Lessons

Josh Albrecht is an Oroville-based dressage trainer who is currently working with several of our members. He is highly qualified for all levels, recently winning the Brentina Cup FEI Intermediate II win at the recent US Dressage Festival of Champions. Check out his farm's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/coalcyn.equestrian> for more information.

Kim Smith is an eventer and hunter/jumper trainer teaching at Blue Oak Farms in Cottonwood (many of you may recognize this location as the van Sweden's farm on Bowman Road). If you are interested in contacting Kim, text Allie or Connie and we'll get you her contact information (Allie 530.515.8378 or Connie 530.355.9145).

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, at Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro. Hope to see you there!