

Shasta Chapter of the California Dressage Society – General Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/23/2025.

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), Karen Scarpete (Area Chair) (online), Tom Richards, Anne Modzelewski and Clementine, Jeanette Reitan, Jennie Spearin, Kim Smith, and Joanna Ramseyer

Notes Prepared By: Connie MacGregor, Chapter Secretary

Agenda

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to two of our Shasta Chapter members for their recent success at the 2025 Region 7 and CDS State Championships. Both great representatives of dressage in the north state.

- **Dominique Scarpete** won the Equitation Challenge and was high score junior, along with numerous other ribbons throughout the show.
- **Ginger Bowles** for her many ribbons and win at First Level.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an ongoing conversation, since it will determine the types and number of activities that we can offer to our chapter members and friends. A number of ideas were brought up – keep 'em coming! Here are the highlights of the meeting.

- **Educational Events** – What are chapter members goals and interests? Instructional videos? In person clinics? Take a minute and let Maria know your interests and ideas (mchamberlin2001@gmail.com)
- **California Dressage Society Silent Auction** – The USDF Region 7 championships and the CDS state championships were held at Rancho Murieta, September 18-21, 2025. Shasta Chapter presented a basket full of all sorts of wonderful horse and not-necessarily horse related goodies at the annual silent auction, where the various CDS chapters donate a gift basket that will be raffled off with the proceeds benefiting both CDS and the local chapter donating the basket. Our basket sold for \$180; a very decent price! Huge THANKS to everyone who donated or secured donations from local businesses; to Heather for creating such a lovely basket; and to Karen for getting it to the show.
- **North State Giving Tuesday (December 2, 2025)** – Heather shared a great summary that she prepared introducing us to the North State Giving Tuesday audience. For those who may not be familiar with this event, it provides nonprofit organizations with 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. Check us out and share with your friends, our link: <https://www.northstategives.org/organization/Shasta-Chapter-of-the-California-Dressage-Society>

- **Tea Bar** – Maria continues to explore the possibility of our being a part of the Tea Bar's nonprofit donation program. The Tea Bar and Fusion Cafe is Redding establishment offering specialty hot and cold teas and design your own wraps and bowls. Its Tbar Takeover program works with nonprofits to donate a portion of a day's proceeds. More details to follow.

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 Heather for your work monitoring and updating the site. Check it out: <https://shastachapterdressage.org/>

Area Chair Report

- **Butte Valley Pony Club** is hosting a hunter/jumper show on October 18 at Camelot.
- **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 530.227.3537.

Other News

- Heather has requested that Shasta Chapter CDS establish its own designated mailing address for banking purposes. Since she is the treasurer, she has offered to use her personal mailing address as the chapter's primary contact. A motion was made and adopted. If you need access to this address for fundraising efforts, please contact Heather directly.
- Our meeting wrapped up with the viewing of a couple of great videos provided by Allie. One was a musical freestyle "how-to" video, *Creating a Musical Freestyle on a Budget*, created by East Bay Chapter CDS. Loads of very useful information can be found by visiting their link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkXN2iLmQo>

The second video shared by Allie was of the gold medal-winning freestyle ride at the 2025 European Championships. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AO2mhASPLI>

- Carolyn Carroll, one of our board members, has decided to withdraw from the board. Tom Richards has graciously agreed to fill the board position for the remainder of the year. The vote was unanimous and seconded. Thank you Tom, and thank you Carolyn for your involvement in our chapter.

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

He won 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

We decided to do our October meeting a bit different from our usual meetings. This meeting will be a potluck dinner Tom will be providing lasagna as a main dish (otherwise there's no particular theme – surprise us!) and a video viewing party at Tri R Ranch (Tom's place) in Palo Cedro. We will be watching a video or two put out by Equitopia, a widely respected equine education center specializing in biomechanics, holistic approaches to riding and horse care, and horse behavior. All are welcome to attend.

When: Monday, October 20, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00ish pm, **POTLUCK** at Tri R Ranch, 21922 Two Bar Trail, Palo Cedro. Hope to see you there!

