

# Shasta Chapter of the California Dressage Society – General Meeting

**Meeting Date:** 10/20/2025.

**Location:** Tri R Ranch, 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 (Board Member), Anne Modzelewski and Clementine, Jeanette Reitan, Kim Smith, and Joanna Ramseyer

**Notes Prepared By:** Connie MacGregor, Chapter Secretary

## Agenda

### General Meeting

The October meeting was an educational-focused event and potluck held at Tri R Ranch and hosted by our newest Shasta Chapter CDS board member, Tom Richards. Allie had obtained accesses to eight webinar modules on horse body carriage, balance, and collection created by Equitopia (<https://courses.equitopiacenter.com/>), a northern California-based holistic training center whose mission is to improve horsemanship through compassionate, informed equestrian care.

The modules that we viewed included

- Head and Neck Position
- Characteristics of Self Carriage
- False Collection
- Riding in Tension
- Hyperflexion
- Working Balance
- Downward Stretch
- Starting a Young Horse/Reschooling and Older Horse

Thank you Allie for coordinating the viewing, and Tom for letting us meet in your home.

### 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](mailto:mchamberlin2001@gmail.com))
- **North State Giving Tuesday (December 2, 2025)** – Don't forget to mark your calendar for the upcoming day of North State Giving. Heather continues to coordinate this on our club's behalf. 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/ShastaChaptercds/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/>

### Membership

California Dressage Society 2026 membership dues are coming up for renewal in December.

- Renewal period: December 1 to November 30
- For new members: If you join after October 1st, your membership is valid for the next calendar year and will expire on December 31st of that year.
- When to join/renew: To get the most out of your membership for the current year, renew before December 31st.

For more info, check out the CDS website: <https://www.california-dressage.org/how-memberships-work>

### Area Chair Report

- The new Devoucoux Saddlery representative will be in the Redding area on November 8. If you ride in a Devoucoux and would like a fitting or if you are interested in trying out their saddles, contact Nina Felsenthal at (530) 515-8986.

### 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

The Christmas holiday party season is coming fast!! Please come to our November meeting to discuss ideas of what we would like to do as a group to celebrate.

**When:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6:00 – 7:00ish pm, at Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro. Hope to see you there!