

## CDS Pomona Chapter Year End Report

This year has been a year of continued growth and success for the Pomona Chapter. The chapter has had excellent participation and educational opportunities over the last 12 months. The chapter has offered four dressage shows, educational clinics, chapter board meetings, and year-end awards banquet. The chapter also maintains a comfortable position with the finances. The chapter hosted another successful year-end banquet. During the banquet, members were awarded ribbons and prizes for their accomplishments during the previous show season. Through the support of dedicated volunteer, the chapter offered an extensive selection of raffle and silent auction prizes.

This year has seen greater investment from chapter members to volunteer and participate in the dressage arena. This desire for members of the chapter to become more greatly involved in our sport and community has resulted in two new members being elected to the 2018 Pomona Chapter board.

This past year the chapter held 5 board meetings throughout the year; which were all publicly advertised. We had non-board members attend various meetings to offer their interests and concerns. Our members have inserted themselves into the makeup of the dressage community by showing up at chapter meetings, all chapter shows, auditing chapter and CDS educational events, and communicating concerns about the sport of dressage as concerns arise.

Additionally, the chapter saw members of the dressage community come to the aid of fellow equestrians in their time of need. Numerous fires struck our local community; which caused many training facilities and individuals to evacuate as fire threatened or burned equestrian facilities. Chapter members hauled horses for members both in and out of the Pomona chapter as well as supported chapter members rebuild from what they lost. Even as time has past since the devastating fires, the dressage community and our chapter members continue to be a source of support for those most greatly affected.

Each year the Pomona Chapter organizes and completes four dressage shows. This last year we hosted three single-rated shows and one triple-rated show. Each show was well attended and resulted in a small profit for the chapter. At the three single-rated shows, the chapter has offered Western Dressage classes in accordance with WDAA for the second year. These classes continue to be popular and well attended at each of our triple-rated shows. Non-western dressage members have shared how much they enjoy getting to share our sport with a greater base of riders because of these classes. Our triple-rated show has moved from June to August for the second year in a row. This year we were able to have exhibitor scores count toward RAAC qualification because of how the calendar fell.

Each show is run by a group of volunteers within our chapter. For the past few years, we have only needed to hire the help of our secretary. The Pomona Chapter is ran entirely from a strong foundation of committed volunteers who are passionate about the sport and continuing education of dressage. As of the start of the 2018 show season in October, our

chapter had the hard job of finding a new show manager. Our excellent volunteer, board member, show manager decided she needed to spend her time invested in her family and has left large shoes to fill. The chapter was able to find a member willing to take on the job and is supporting her by delegating the many responsibilities amongst the board members. Even with this changing of member roles, our October show was a great success and we are very excited about the rest of the 2018 show season.

This last year, the chapter offered a few educational opportunities. The chapter hosted educational clinics with Alfredo Hernandez at a central facility in Chino Hills. In addition to the chapter offered educational opportunities, the chapter sent members to the CDS AA Clinic. We also sent a JR/YR member to the CDS clinic. Our members are very active in CDS events including RAAC, Championships, and Junior Championships. This next year the chapter is organizing an educational event that focuses on emergency preparedness and response due to the numerous emergency evacuation situations that arose this past year for chapter members.

To conclude, 2017 was another great year for the Pomona Chapter. The chapter hosted four successful dressage shows, continued to offer Western Dressage classes, offered educational opportunities to all levels of rider, increased member participation, and served chapter members in new ways. This next year, the chapter is highly motivated to continue increasing member involvement and offer new, engaging educational opportunities to meet the needs of all members.