

Chapter Year End Activities Report – 2012
By Mylene Chow, Chapter Chair

The 2011 year has been a fun, educational and prosperous year for the Pomona Chapter. We had four successful shows, three single rated and one USDF/USEF/CDS/DASC rated show, all of which were well attended and profitable. We have continued to keep class fees low due to the current economic climate and have therefore been able to fill all of our shows. We award a cash prize at our four-star show for each class Training through FEI in every division (Open, Amateur and Junior) awarding a \$50.00 cash prize to the first place winners in classes with three or more entries. Fabulous High Point prizes (such as bridles, leather halters, etc) plus great prizes for all First Place winners at all levels were also given to encourage continued participation in our Chapter shows. Breakfast items and a BBQ lunch are staffed by our Juniors and their parents, raising funds for their scholarship stipends at all of our shows. We have managed to keep overhead costs minimal by using local judges and negotiating low rental fees for showground venue.

In addition to our shows, we offered several education events this past year. With education being our primary focus again for this year, we offered a total of five clinics, each being two days in length. We hosted a total of 10 days of educational clinics, two days with Gerhard Politz, a total of four days with Willy Arts, and four days with Alfredo Hernandez. All of our clinics were full and participants as well as auditors were very pleased with the results. We continue to have all clinics open to all members as well as non-members and auditing at no charge in order to engage more interest in the sport of dressage.

Our Rider Subsidy Program which is available to all Pomona Chapter members (Open, Amateur or Junior) in good standing has awarded \$1,500.00 in 2012 to help members who participate in a clinic or educational event that is not with their regular trainer. They must submit an application and written narrative of their experience and can be reimbursed for up to \$300.00 of their actual clinician costs.

Several of our members successfully attended the Southern RAAC series held in Temecula and the CDS Championship Show. Many of our Adult Amateur riders achieved earning their Bronze and Silver medals this past year. Our Junior teams did phenomenal at Junior Championships with several of them also earning Bronze and Silver medals as well this past year. We understand that encouraging the young riders of today is the key to our sports survival in the future.

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The Pomona Chapter website (cdspomonachapter.org) which was completely revamped in 2011 with a better, more informative, user friendly format and is updated regularly with the latest in events, news and show results. With a goal to become a more “green” Chapter, we have all of our premiums available online using our Chapter website as well as EquestrianEntries.com. We have eliminated the Chapter newsletter by mail and send out email blasts with news flashes to all our members along with a “News Flash” handout that is available at all our shows with updated information and fun facts.

Our annual year end banquet was held at the Yorba Linda Country Club and attended by close to seventy members. Prizes, ribbons and perpetual trophies were awarded, equitation awards, high point awards and breed awards, making the banquet a fun and rewarding event for all. Wonderful silent auction and opportunity drawing items were offered at the banquet, raising \$900.00 with all funds going towards the 2013 educational fund for our members.

All our 2012 Board members are returning to serve for the 2013 year and it is our goal to provide not only an educational source for all of our members but also to promote the sport of dressage throughout the local equestrian community through involvement with local organizations such as the Royal Riders Pony Club, Yorba Linda Country Riders and others. All in all, 2012 was a fantastic year for our Chapter and we definitely look forward to another successful, rewarding, educational, profitable and fun year in 2013.