

January Newsletter

Happy New Year to all of the McElroy Group and our friends. January has been a very full month for all. The month started off with the celebration of Marlene's birthday on January 1. On Saturday the 2nd Marlene and Elliot hosted their annual December /January birthday party at their lovely home. A fun time was had by all! Great friends, delicious food, and lots of cheer.

Amy headed to Elite Equines in Charleston the 9th and 10th to teach a clinic. Fifteen awesome rides. Way to go everyone. Another weekend full of birthdays. Wishes to Laurens on the 8th, Lisi and Dru who both share the 9th for celebrating.

A big welcome to our group at least for the winter. Isabelle and family are here for the winter from Michigan. This talented duo hope to make the 2016 Junior Championship Team. Under Amy's tutelage they hope to make this dream come true.

On January 14th Amy and Jane headed to Wellington, Florida to start her first round of apprenticing needed towards earning her S judges license. Amy had the opportunity to work with Natalie Lamping and Mike Osinski. They judged from H, B, E, and C. There were classes from PSG through the Grand Prix. It was especially exciting to sit with Natalie at C for Saturday

eves 15 Grand Prix Freestyle rides. Natalie was one of the 5 judges for the night but the only woman and American.

Amy and Jane returned home very late on Sunday eve but not in Aiken long. This time on Thursday the 21st Amy, Lisi, and Kathy V. headed back to Wellington for Amy's first group apprenticeship and another observing session. Lisi came to be Amy's scribe and Kathy to be another candidates scribe. The apprentice group judged PSG , Grand Prix, and a large FEI test of choice class. Our session was conducted by Janet Foy. Amy also had a great experience observing with Gary Rockwell. Another long drive home. Over 2000 miles in two weeks!

Finally home for a while! To finish the month Amy had her first judging job for 2016 at Full Gallop in Aiken on the 30th. The weekend also hosted a Hoka Thorn clinic at Fair Lane farm. Great riding effort from all!

The end of the month finished with more birthdays!!! Wishes to Sarah S, Jane, and Nan.

The SCDCTA banquet was this month. Holly, Lyn , and Debbie represented Fair Lane Farm. A few notable awards go to Sue Bender who received a beautiful plaque for being a number 1 rider, Sarah Sharp and Loxley who won the Golden Oldie award . Sarah also won highpoint on Luna for USDF musical freestyle. Amy won the Grand Prix division from her rides with Diamont. Kathy V and her eventing mare Mattie took home many wins in several categories. Don't forget to join the SCDCTA for 2016.

Check back soon for the updated 2016 showing and judging schedules.