

APRIL NEWS

April started off with the final Wellington trip for more apprentice judging. Amy and her awesome scribes Lisi and Kathy once again made their long and familiar trip. This session was led by The Gary Rockwell, O judge. An incredible learning experience. The last night we were off duty and as a group watched the evening Grand Prix freestyles. A thrill to be so close to these magnificent horses and talented riders. We were especially thrilled to be there for Laura Graves winning ride!! Only team over 80%! Also ask Lisi how she and Stephen Clark had a close encounter!

The following weekend the McElroy group headed to Conyers, Georgia to compete at the Greater Atlanta Dressage show. A super weekend with many wins and success stories in spite of the wild winds. First of all , Congratulations go to Kathy Viele!!!! Our latest USDF SILVER MEDALIST. In her first show at PSG with new mount Wicket. Other highlights were Holly Spencer and Festina winning both her Intermediare 11 classes and earning her final score needed to qualify for Region 3 Championships. This pair will debut at Grand Prix at the next show. Other qualifers were Nan Campbell and Tavish who earned a qualifying score at second level for the Regionals. Isabelle Linder and Tino showed off in their junior team and individual classes. They earned qualifying scores with hopes of making the 2016 Junior Team. They are a up and coming team to keep your eyes on. Finally a blue ribbon weekend for Dru Hall and French Kiss in both their second level classes. This was 2 separate shows. The first show we competed at and the second show Amy happily spent the day in the judges booth.

Birthday wishes to Janet Doggett April 13 and her mom April 11 . The big 96!! An inspiration for all. A nice extended family birthday dinner was held at Cumberland Village for them.

On Wednesday the 13th many of our group competed at the first ever Stable View schooling dressage show. This is the first of a series of dressage shows to be held at this beautiful farm. We will be attending all of the shows there.

Friday the 13th Amy headed to Elite Equines in Charleston to give a clinic there. In spite of the weather everybody rode really well! Good job, trainer Laurens Bissell.

Amy will head to the Tryon show for the 23/24 weekend. Another observing session as a needed requirement towards her S promotion. They are now more than halfway to there promotion. Amy will head out for another apprentice session on the 28th. A plane this time to make it to San Diego. Holly will be joining her this trip as her scribe. We will be at the Del Mar show under the tutelage of Jane Weatherwax!!! Very exciting experience!

Before the month ends we will have a 2 day clinic with Gunnar Ostergaard at Fair Lane Farm. A full clinic. This will be his final clinic until the fall. He will be heading back to Denmark for the summer.

As always a busy month for her great group!! Keep checking back for more updates.