

## FEBRUARY NEWS

The month started off with Amy judging on February 1 at the Stable View kickoff event of the year. A new year of fine horses and great equestrians. Many of our high performance eventers back in town. It's going to be an exciting eventing winter in Aiken. Amy will also be judging the February 17 and 18 event at Paradise Farm.

Birthday wishes to Sam McElroy (Amy's dad in law), and a friend to many of the McElroy group. He turned 95! On Groundhogs Day. Also wishes to Basia the 10<sup>th</sup> and her husband Dennis who I think share the same date!

The news Amy had been long awaiting for came on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> by email. A letter from the Licensed Official Committee acknowledging Amy's advancement to the "S" judges status. See attached letter. So much joy, relief, excitement abound. Lots of celebrating with beautiful flowers, cake, and lots of champagne. Thank you so much to all who have helped me along the way. A celebration party is in the making so stay tuned! She has already accepted a dressage show in Tampa and Virginia with her new status.

Our group competed at the Stable View recognized dressage on the 8<sup>th</sup>. This is the first show of the year for our group. Everyone getting their feet wet. A nice job by Lyn and Poppy getting a blue and debuting at first level. Lisi and Tali once again rocked with their fourth level freestyle earning a qualifying score. Shelly and Cooper also earning a qualifying score at PSG, and Sarah doing an awesome job with Numero Uno at fourth level. Our next show is in Charleston, two one day recognized shows on the 25 and 26. The weekend also we host the SCDCTA banquet.

Fair Lane Farm hosted a 1 day clinic with Hokan Thorn. A full day of lessons. Rider were Amy, Jocelyn, Shelly, Lisi, Judy, Dru, Susan, and Carol. Hokan will be back again on March 4 and 5. We all are looking forward to that.

Happy Valentines Day.