



# The McElroy Group

**Highlights of the McElroy Group and their beloved steeds. Check back often for news updates on the happenings of this talented and ambitious group.**

## **January-February 2014**

Happy New Year to all! 2014 has brought very cold, record-breaking temperatures, but of course, the McElroy Group has prevailed.

Happy Birthday to Marlene-Jan. 1; Dru and Lisi-Jan. 9; and Jane-Jan. 28th.

Thanks to Marlene and Elliot for a lovely party to celebrate the group's December and January birthdays.

A small group went to the SCDCTA banquet on January 25th. It was a good time and lots of awards were received. Highlights include:

--Lisi & Talisman--won the 4th Level AA Championship, and they received a lovely plaque for the SCDCTA Gold medal--they were the only ones in the state to receive this distinction. Lisi also won a training scholarship from the SCDCTA.

--Holly was the SCDCTA Intermediare AA Champion with Festina.

--Debbie and Giles were the SCDCTA First level AA Reserve Champions.

Please watch for the recap of the year-end results coming soon! Also, please remember to join the SCDCTA--Lisi is the membership coordinator this year.

Amy already started judging events in January and on the 22nd, she judged the Full Gallop event in Aiken. Her next event is the Sporting Days event on February 1st--also in Aiken. The updated 2014 tests are now in effect. Be sure to check out Amy's [2014 judging dates](#). She has already contracted for 12 shows/events in 2014--be sure to check back periodically for updates!

The Hokan Thorn clinic on January 25-26 was awesome--everyone looked great! Thanks to all who participated.

Please keep Dan's mom (my mother-in-law) in your prayers--she is 89 and her health is failing. Thank you to all for the prayers and well wishes that you've been sending her way

Congratulations to Marshall McElroy (Amy's oldest son) for earning his Eagle Scout Award. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award possible in Boy Scouts and not many attain this significant achievement.

Jenna is back in the saddle after giving birth to her daughter Roxanne, and Amy is enjoying her dual roles as trainer and baby sitter, thereby allowing Jenna to ride! The pair haven't even missed a beat!

On February 5, Amy is judging the Full Gallop event and on February 14-15, she is judging the Paradise Farm event, both in Aiken.

On February 20, the famous Jennie Loriston Clarke has Aiken as a stop in her clinic tour. Amy and King, Holly and Festina, and Justine and Special D have all been asked to ride and have accepted. Of course they and we are all very excited!!

A small group will compete in Charleston on February 22-23 for the first Dressage show of the season on the McElroy Group [2014 Show Schedule](#). Amy, Dru, Shelly, Lisi, Jocelyn, and Caroline are all planning to compete. Good luck to everyone!