

JANUARY NEWS

Happy 2017 everyone. I am looking forward to another exciting year of riding, training, showing, and judging with all of you. This year came to an end with the McElroy Group holiday party on December 30. Once again held at the lovely clubhouse and Cumberland Village. Great food, fabulous guitarist, and the new McElroy Group trivial game, made for a memorable evening.

The year starts off with Marlene celebrating her New Year's Day birthday. Other birthdays this month include Laurens on the 8th, Dru and Lisi who share the 9th, Elliot the 14th, Sarah the 21st, Jane the 28th, and Nan the 29th. Birthday wishes to all. Dru also has other exciting news- she is going to be a grandma!

Amy's fun sale horse "Espresso" came on the market at Christmas. He had a lot of interested buyers but we know he found the perfect new mom. Congrats to Alison Stunt on her purchase. What's more exciting the team will stay on as boarders for the next few months and might even show with our group.

Amy will be judging at the Stable View event on January 14 and 15, as well as judging the Full Gallop event January 29th. She will also be heading to Elite Equines in Charleston to give a 1 day clinic on Saturday the 28th. Talking about clinics, Fair Lane Farm had a Gunnar Ostergaard clinic on Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th. Many good rides with the highlight being Caroline and Delo banking out a beautiful line of 2x tempis. Check out their video clip on you tube.

Please read the attached article Amy wrote for Aiken Equestrian online. Here is the link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tMByq1EfZG1vLNo9PrNZWsRukTmqB0rP4RmDRsIksD8/mobilebasic>

A walk down her memory lane of dressage in Aiken. As always stay updated with the Aiken Horse paper, the latest issue comes out in February .

2016 Year End Highlights

- : Amy was approved and completed her USEF S judges license
- : Holly Spencer earned her Gold medal and was the USDF Intermediare II reserve champion
- : Kathy Viele and Sarah Sharp earned their USDF Silver Medals
- :Lisi Tibera earned her fourth level performance certificate with Talisman
- : Sarah Sharp, Becky Shealy, and Joan Garaboldi all qualified and rode at The Nationals in Kentucky
- : We welcome our newest riders and their wonderful mounts, Basia Anders and Chloe, Steffani Walthers and B, Judy Jacobs and Scooter, Cathy Hulbert and Markus, and Alison Stuck and Espresso
- : Amy sold three horses, Concert Dell, Montana, and Espresso

: Cindy Lauer is expecting her first child in May, and Dru Hall is going to be a first time Grandma in May. Amy and Dan are experiencing an empty nest this year with both boys, Russell and Marshall, away at college

: Sherry Pues purchased her dream horse Orion. Kathy Viele started her amazing journey with her wonderful Wicket

: Amy and Holly attended the Del Mar show in California. They saw many but most memorable was Steffan Peters with abroad Rosemund and the one and only Legolis

:Amy was on Meredith Manors website , she was the summers featured alumni

Many great times and successes in 2016. Looking forward another exciting year