

# 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.**

## **August 2014**

August started with a clinic at one of Amy's favorite venues--Elite Equines in Charleston with Laurens B. and her wonderful students.

August 16 was college move-in day for Amy's son, Marshall. He will be so missed!!

On August 17, Amy judged the Full Gallop event.

The Aiken Dressage Show took place on the weekend of the 23-24. The McElroy Group had nine riders competing--and they were either at Training Level or FEI!!! There were many blue and red ribbons. Janet debuted at PSG and received a score towards her Silver medal. Dru and French Kiss entered their first show ever and won 3 out of their 4 classes with scores at 69%+!!! Jocelyn earned her final score needed for the 3rd Level Championships; Lisi and Tali performed their most forward and steadiest PSG test ever, and Justine and Special D are still dazzling us at the Int. I with scores in the high 60s. Pam and Trigger won another large Training Level 3 class. Overall, everyone did great!

On August 30, Amy judged the CIC at Chattahoochee Hills in Georgia.

--A message from Joan Gariboldi in Kentucky--she just earned her Silver medal--way to go--we miss you!!!

## **July 2014**

July 26-27 was an amazing weekend for McElroy Group riders and horses competing at the Raleigh Dressage show: Justine and her 2 horses, Landos and Special D, Sue Bender and Roulette, and Sarah Sharp and Loxley. It was a great time for all, and on Sunday, we had a clean sweep--everyone won their classes. Sue and Roulette won 1st 3 and earned a score needed for the Regionals. They are looking so good--be on the watch for their second level debut. Sarah and Loxley also won their 2nd 3 test which earned them the Dover Medal. Justine and Landos won their PSG class and the highlight of the show was Justine and Special D in their first Intermediare--they received a 68.9%, winning the class and taking home the FEI Highpoint rider as well as the FEI Best Seat Award. This was a big show for Justine as she had just changed her Amateur status to Pro!! Amy was the proudest trainer there to be sure, and congratulations to all for such a fabulous show!

\*\*\*On Friday evening, July 18, we lost our dear friend Diana Wood in a tragic house fire. There are no words to express the sadness we all feel. Diana was such a kind, friendly, funny, lovable young woman. She was an excellent dressage rider, trainer, and student. I was very proud of her equestrian accomplishments. We will miss her so much. Her husband Brad did survive and is in the hospital recovering from burns and broken bones. Please send any cards to Brad and Dale (son) to:

Wood Family

3760 Peach Orchard Rd.

Dalzell, SC 29040

We do not know anything yet as far as a service. I am thinking of starting a collection from The McElroy Group to donate toward family expenses. Please contact Amy by text at 803-640-4207 or email at [mcelroydrm@aol.com](mailto:mcelroydrm@aol.com) if you would like to donate. I would like to present a gift to the family at the beginning of August.

Rest in peace our dear friend and prayers for you Brad.

--Amy

The McElroy Group has had a busy schedule so far this summer:

The Aiken show was well represented with ten riders by our awesome group. Everyone did quite well. Highlights include:

--Justine and Special D earned a 68% at PSG. (Also, Special D has a wife who was imported this month to Breezy Hill.)

--Sue and Rue were really on their game--they won a huge class and are getting scores in the 70s at First Level.

--Debbie and Giles earned a score at Second Level towards their Bronze medal.

--Jocelyn also earned her last needed score and is officially a Bronze medalist!

--Sherry and Angel had their best show (only third ever) with super scores and a win!