

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.

March 2014

On March 1, Hoka Thorn gave a dressage clinic at Fair Lane Farm. Everyone had great rides, and we are looking forward to his return.

On March 8 and 9, Amy judged the Full Gallup Event in Aiken.

The first Aiken dressage show of the year was held on March 15 & 16. Jocelyn Deschene participated in her first rated dressage show on her lovely new mare. She rode in 3 classes and won all three; two tests scored in the 70s and she earned a qualifying score for Training Level open and First Level open. Way to go, Jocelyn!!

-Pam and Trigger have kept up their winning ways with an impressive score and win at Training Level.

-Marlene earned her final score at 3rd level need for her Bronze medal! Congratulations!! (Be sure to check out the McElroy Group plaque as it is really filling up.)

-Shelly and Cooper have moved up to Fourth Level this year--they had a great score and a blue. They are setting their sites for PSG and a Silver medal for 2014.

--Sherry (in only her second ever dressage show) and Angel, Sue and Ru (whose talent for the leg yield has left Training Level in the past), and Lisi (enjoying her FEI classes) and Tali also competed and had successful weekends.

Gunnar Ostergaard had a full house when he gave a clinic at Fair Lane Farm on March 19 & 20. Amy got to ride Shelly's awesome horse Cooper who has a knack for piaffe and passage. Gunnar thinks he is an up and coming Grand Prix horse.

On the 21st Amy had a great time at Poplar Place Farm event where she got to judge the CCI class!

March 29 & 30, Amy judged the Tryon Dressage show and saw some very impressive rides, which she scored in the 70s.

Well wishes to Kathy Veile who injured her ankle and has not been able to put weight on her foot--so no stirrup either!

Look for Amy's new column here and in The Aiken Horse--everything you want to know about piaffe and passage.

April-May 2014

Spring is finally here and we sure deserve some nice weather!

Amy's son, Marshall, announced his decision to go to college at USC Columbia. The 12th was an all-day orientation. It was a very exciting and sad--it's hard to believe he is graduating high school this year.

Several members of the McElroy Group competed in the Aiken Spring Fling Dressage show. The group was quite successful with many blues and 2 scores in the 70s. The scores both belonged to Jocelyn once again who is now qualified for the Region III Championships at Training and First Level!

Hope everyone had a happy Easter! Birthday wishes to Janet--April 13 and Debbie--April 21.

Prayers and well wishes to Jane who had neck surgery on the April 23.

May starts off with a dressage Morgan show at the Georgia Horse Park.

Amy and Dan will be celebrating their 23rd anniversary and 30 years that they've been together.

Amy is heading to Charleston on May 9 & 10 to give a clinic at Elite Equines.

Gunnar Ostergaard will be giving a clinic at Fair Lane Farm on the May 25 & 26.