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### 2011 CLUB EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 17, 7:00pm,**

Year End Awards, **Election** and Installation of Officers. Del Webb Spruce Creek Golden Eagle County Club. Enjoy a delicious dinner with your choice of Chicken Marsala, London Broil, or Pasta Primavera. All for \$20 each. You can use your STRIDE dollars (coupons) when you submit payment with the registration form on page 2 in this newsletter. Enjoy an evening out with friends and fellow competitors. Good food, good wine and good company!

**December 25: Christmas Day.** Remember our advertisers for all the shopping on your list, and don't forget your favorite equines! Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

**January 28 & 29: Wounded Warriors Project,** Therapeutic Driving & Riding Programs, Grand Oaks Resort, Weirsdale, FL. Contact Kacy Fashik, [kacyf@thegrandoaks.com](mailto:kacyf@thegrandoaks.com), 352-750-5500, ext. 229. While this is not an official club event, STRIDE fully supports this worthwhile fundraiser.

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## CLUB BUSINESS

### Two STRIDE ex-Presidents organized successful two-year USDF judge training program

Over the past two years, Charlotte Trentelman and Judy Downer, both ex-Presidents of STRIDE, took on the challenge of organizing a [USDF L Program](#). This is a comprehensive training and testing program that becomes the first step for future USDF judges. Charlotte is a well known national "S" judge and is away many weekends each year judging Dressage shows across the country. Judy is an "r" judge and runs the equine education program at Central Florida University here in Ocala. Here's what the ladies had to say about their successful program. Our thanks to both of them! – Hellena Smejda

#### Q: Why did you decide to organize the L Program?

**Judy:** Several people talked to me about their goals to participate in a program, so after conferring with Charlotte, we decided to organize one knowing there would be sufficient interest.

**Charlotte:** Several years ago, Judy headed an "L" Program for STRIDE. She wanted to do it again, but felt that two heads would be better than one, since the Program had expanded quite a bit. She approached me to help in the Fall of 2009, before she submitted the application to USDF.

#### Q: How did you implement it?

**Judy:** The first step was to look at the show schedule and determine when/where we could hold the D sessions and final exam (they have to be in conjunction with a show). Then we had to find a location for A, B and C sessions. Then we contacted the faculty and established preliminary contracts to hold the dates. Finally we applied to USDF.

**Charlotte:** The process is well set forth in the guidelines from USDF. The most difficult part is the application. You have to have your shows and faculty "lined up" before you apply. Your application has to be in months ahead of your first session. So, you are making an educated guess that by the time you get to the end--almost two years later--the shows you picked will have the right amount of entries for your testing. Crystal balls help.

Foremost, we wanted the program to make money for STRIDE, and we succeeded. In the first year we earned \$10,620 after expenses, and in the second \$418. We tried to keep the venues as inexpensive as possible. The farm in Lake City, with a full sized covered arena and possible seating under cover, worked well with our budget.

#### Q: How many participants? From where?

**Charlotte:** We were allowed to take 30 participants in Part 1 (Sessions A, B, and C). Initially, we had participants from 9 states, taken in on a first come/first accepted basis. Twenty-nine scored high enough to proceed to the testing phase. Nineteen of them had FEI competitive experience. Since we were only allowed 10 participants to continue into Part 2, we applied for a second Part 2. We assigned the participants into three groups based on their calendar application to the program. (In retrospect, we might have set better guidelines, but we felt that was fair.)

#### Q: What were the results?

**Charlotte:** I'm very happy that, because of drops and people who elected to wait for testing until they had more experience, we were able to offer all 29 of our eligible participants a testing spot. We even had an early drop from our second Part 2, enabling Patti Swan from Maine to join us. Patti has been a STRIDE member when in residence in Ocala in winters, has judged for us, and was first on our waiting list.

We also were able to allow a re-test for Erin Brinkman, who passed the first exam, to make a successful bid for "distinction." Now, she will be able to apply for the USEF "r" program. Sharon Jerdeman and Karen Licciardi also re-tested in an attempt for distinction, but remain "Graduates." Whether you pass with distinction depends upon how much experience you bring into the program AND how well you can take tests.

This program takes a lot of work to complete and pass. Candidates who do not pass with distinction by a narrow margin are encouraged to go out and get more experience and re-take the testing phase at a later date.

So, we had 28 graduates (one twice). Only one candidate was unsuccessful, and it was felt that her command of English may have been a barrier.

We produced 8 graduates with distinction: Karen Abbatista, Erin Brinkman, Kari Garber, Brian MacMahon, Matt McLaughlin, Megan Fischer-Graham from Florida; Krister Swartz from Virginia and Danielle Perry from Georgia.

Also graduating were Elaine Scherrer, Laura Bowman, Caryl Stephens, Betsy Labelle, Sara Warner from Florida; Patricia Swan from Maine; Robin Ginn from Georgia and Gerlinda Beckers from Louisiana.

#### Q: What are your future plans?

**Charlotte:** We have applied to run an "r" program, which will benefit many of our graduates. Covering only two weekends, with practice in between, it would start in 2012 and finish in 2013. Judging candidates have to have a lot of patience!

**Judy:** We'll be considering some of our graduates for judges at our 2012 Schooling Shows.

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