# 2018 LINDA O'CARROLL MEMORIAL CDS ADULT AMATEUR CLINIC SERIES WITH MELISSA CRESWICK









### CHAPTER PARTICIPATION

- Procedures for Chapters to Reserve Clinic Space to reserve a Chapter's space in the clinic the Chapter Chair or Chapter Treasurer is required to send a check for \$150 to the CDS Central Office as follows:
- a. For Central Clinics by February 1st.
- b. For South Clinics by March 1st.
- c. For North Clinics by April 1st.
- d. Checks must be received by these deadlines or the chapter will forfeit the spot. If a Chapter is sending a rider but not supporting the fee, the rider is responsible for the clinic fee and the check must be received by the organizer by the deadline.
- e. Any vacant spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis from the
  waiting list by the Clinic Organizer. Any conflicts or problems will be handled
  in coordination with the Committee Chair.
- f. Any Chapter or individual can place a name or request to be on the waiting list.
- 2. Rider Eligibility and Selection- Riders must be members in good standing and be Adult Amateurs 22 years or older. The same rider cannot ride in two consecutive yearly clinics. The riders must be able to walk/trot/canter with proper diagonals and leads (Training Level minimally). The rider, to be eligible, must have a sound, fit and in good condition, familiar equine partner, presenting as a "horse/rider team". They must be actively riding demonstrated by current dressage lessons with their horse for the past 6 months. A borrowed or loaned horse just for the occasion is strongly discouraged. An application must be submitted.
- 3. Chapter/Additional Eligibility Requirements Chapters may adopt additional requirements for eligibility which will be in the Chapter's Standing Rules. These rules must be publicized in advance. Interested members will provide a written application stating interest in participating in the selection drawing and provide a one paragraph biography of horse (age, breed, level shown/ridden, accomplishments) and rider (three or four sentences about what the person wants to learn/goals, must include some background information on who they clinic/train with, or the level they ride).
- 4. Chapter's Selection Procedures Chapter selection is done by draw. Chapters should select their representative plus 1 to 2 alternates. Winners and alternates must be notified immediately after the drawing is completed. The Chapters must notify the Regional Organizers of the name(s) and contact information including telephone numbers, email address and CDS membership number of the chapter members selected in order. Failure to provide this information in a timely manner could result in a loss of space in the clinic. The Chapter representative must be selected and organizer notified not less than 60 days prior to the clinic.

### **CLINIC RIDER ORIENTATION**

- The clinic is organized over a three day period Friday evening through Sunday.
   Rides, should plan to assist on Friday and allow enough time to get their bases.
- Riders should plan to arrive on Friday and allow enough time to get their horse settled in and comfortable with the surroundings.
- The clinic officially begins with a mandatory meeting for the riders on Friday night.
- A casual style dinner is planned for Friday evening and is open to the riders and their grooms.
- Riders are encouraged to bring a groom. Trainers are encouraged to attend and support their riders.
- Riders will be introduced to the Clinician and the Clinician will explain what to expect from the clinic and answer rider questions.
- Release forms are signed and collected before horses arrive on premises. The schedule is handed out. On the two riding days of the clinic, the riders are required to attend all portions of the clinic which may include attending discussion sessions during the day (while not grooming or warming up).

### CLINICIAN - MELISSA CRESWICK

Melissa Creswick is a USEF "S" rated dressage judge and an "R" rated sport horse judge. She has earned her USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals. She owned and was head trainer of the Clovis Training Center, a full service dressage training and show facility for 25 years. Melissa is on the Board of Directors for the California Dressage Society. She has been a past President of CDS, and Vice President of USDF. Melissa was the trainer of the State Champion Quadrille team at the Annual Show in the late 1980's.

I hope to bring my experiences both in the judges booth and with my many horses to clarify the journey of the dressage discipline. I believe anyone and every horse is capable of harmony and progress. It is not about today's challenges but always about the goal. In that way we can have a clear path forward to the dressage principles and success.

# CENTRAL: MARCH 23-25

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# SOUTH: APRIL 13-15

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