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Up Coming Events

- 7/10 - 7/11 Rise and Shine Dressage Raeford 910-692-8467 www.CarolinaDressage.com
7/16 - 7/18 Dressage At Lexington Lexington, Va 757-229-9722 www.DressageatLexington.com
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7/18 CHP Starter Horse Trials Raeford 910-875-2074 www.CarolinaHorsePark.com
7/24 - 7/25 NCDCTA Summertime Blues Williamston 703-777-4846 www.greyhorse1.com
7/31 Raleigh Summer Dressage I Raleigh 919-269-7307 www.rosinburg-events.com
8/1 Raleigh Summer Dressage II Raleigh 919-269-7303 www.rosinburg-events.com
8/7 - 8/8 NCDCTA Summer Mountain Getaway Asheville 919-620-9089 www.ogs-horsesport.com
8/14 - 8/15 Early Morning Blues Dressage Raeford 910-692-8467 www.CarolinaDressage.com
8/14 - 8/15 Carolina Mane Event Dressage Raleigh 919-464-5915 www.ipass.net/cmesc
8/15 SVDA Summer Dressage Show Williamsburg, Va 757-617-9509 www.gosvda.org
8/22 Angelea Walkup Dressage Clinic Hubert 503-213-3600 www.SilverdaleSporthorses.com
9/2 ERAHC Dressage Show Lexington Va 301-447-6240 www.erahc.org
9/3 - 9/5 Five Points Horse Trials Raeford 910-875-2074 www.CarolinaHorsePark.com
9/3 - 9/5 NCDCTA Labor of Love Dressage Raleigh 919-620-9089 www.ogs-horsesport.com
9/6 NCDCTA Breed and Fall Classic Raleigh 919-620-9089 www.ogs-horsesport.com

2010 Show Schedule

October 9 - Dressage @ the Preserve

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November 6 - D & CT

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November 20 - Dressage @ Wind Drift Farm

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Ivan's New Years Resolution.

By, Chris Battaglia, Senior

On a bright sunny morning I walked into the barn a little later than normal to be greeted with the baaing of hungry sheep. Ivan and his pasture pal, Comanche saw me walking to the barn and galloped into their stalls anxiously waiting breakfast. I always stand amazed at the power and grace Ivan displays galloping around in the pasture. Under saddle he is rather pokey and would rather not put in too much effort moving forward. I'm lucky if I can get him to canter a nice 20 meter circle three times without breaking apart. I opened up the grain bin, when I heard Ivan comment loudly, "haaay, hurry up with my grain." He actually said those words. Since I'm not a drinker this must be a special New Years miracle where horses can communicate with their owners for one day. I poked my head around the barn corner to his stall and replied back, "Ivan did I just hear you speak?" My stocky, grey gelding shoke his impatient head and said, "I always speak to you, but today is special because you can understand me. Now where is my grain because you're late with my breakfast." I put his scoop of grain into the corner feeder and thought to myself of all the positive implications of being able to talk with my horse. "Say Ivan, You know I have 5 children to feed before I do the barn chores. Sorry I'm a bit late today but you're not exactly starving," I said. Ivan didn't reply because his mouth was so stuffed with grain as he gulped it all down. I left briefly to get Comanche and Ivan their hay. Sometimes I wish it was this easy to feed my family. Horses always get the same feed and never complain. In fact they love every bite. It is easy to open a bag of Strategy and scoop out a couple of quarts in the morning and evening. As I watched Ivan and Comanche enjoy their breakfast I said, "Ivan, I think I will ride you this afternoon. I'm sure you can help me ride better at the canter if you talk me through our communication problems. It seems we always struggle as a team and don't really work fluidly together." In between mouthfuls of hay Ivan commented, "After I eat I always take a nice nap in the sun. You can ride me after that and I would be happy to help you out."

I patiently waited until Ivan rested in the pasture in his favorite sunny spot before going out to ride. We had a nice chat as I groomed him and saddled him up for a ride. He asked me to use the mounting ramp so I wouldn't pull on his back so hard. I generally don't use the mounting ramp but if it makes Ivan happier I'll do this in the future. After a brief warm up, we started to trot. I explained to Ivan that I needed him to maintain an even forward trot with impulsion. Ivan said he would be happy to comply but sometimes needed more time to warm up. We continued trotting with several upward and downward transitions. Ivan was comfortably warmed up and I asked him for a canter. He pinned his ears, threw up his head and told me, "Don't ask me to canter so hard with your outside aids. It throws me off balance. I'm trying to pick up the canter but your hands are not following either." I asked again this time by just putting my leg back a bit. Ivan picked up a nice canter and it felt great. I quietly stopped following with my hands and shifted my weight back slightly. Ivan understood and nimbly slipped into a forward moving trot. "Ivan, that was great," I said "you didn't break when I asked you for a downward transition. Good job!" I asked him to walk which he quickly did and let him stretch down to the ground. Ivan contently said, "This stretching feels so good. Let's do this more. I really could walk with my nose to the ground all day." I laughingly told him that he does walk around with his nose to the ground all day by eating grass in the summer. "Seriously Ivan," I said "You do a great job stretching down at the walk. I've been trying to teach you to stretch down at the trot. You know our new Dressage test has a trotting stretchy circle. You



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don't seem to understand what I want. How is that?" Ivan turned his long nose to me and looked me in the eye. "I never realized that you wanted me to stretch down at the trot. I think we need a cue to communicate that is what you want. Maybe you could practice this more often. I'll try my best to stay relaxed and stretch down at the trot." We practiced cantering a twenty meter circle and then trotting afterwards, slowly releasing the reins so he could stretch down. It took several tries before we came to an understanding but Ivan found that he could trot and stretch down. "Hey, this isn't so hard he said. It feels pretty good after cantering to stretch my top line a bit." I see what you mean now.


We ended our memorable ride with a short walk around the pond and far side of the pastures. I mentioned that it would be nice to do more trail rides with him to break up the routine but I needed him to not be so nervous and jumpy on the road. "Ivan I would never put you in a place of danger. The cars on the road will not hurt you and neither will the farmer's pigs down the road. Trust me a little more and we could have some great adventures on the trail. It is nice to get out of the arena once in awhile." Ivan thought about this for a moment then blow softly out his nose. "Ahh, that's what those noisy, mud covered animals are. Pigs. I have never seen a pig before and they really did give me a terrible fright the last time you took me past that farm. If they are

really harmless I guess I can trust you." We made it back to the trailer where I dismounted and tied Ivan up. As I untacked him I calmly mentioned that it would also be wonderful if he would load in the trailer without making a fuss. Ivan commented that he would gladly walk into the trailer if you knew that the ride would be less bumpy and the stops made more gradually. "O.K, it's a deal," I said. "I promise to brake slowly and make my turns with the utmost caution." I turned Ivan out into the pasture where he rolled contently in the dust. He trotted off saying, "Thanks for the nice grooming. I'll see you soon for dinner. How about a few more oats tonight it is going to be a cold one."

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The Jean Luc Cornille Science of Motion

Lecture & clinic was held 4/30 - 5/2 at Unbroke Equine Training Center near Swansboro, NC. The winners of the EDCTSA raffle to sponsor a rider was won by Catherine Marks. Due to an arm injury Catherine could not ride so Trish Hooten rode Catherine's mare in the clinic. All of the riding slots were filled including a couple which were squeezed in on Friday and it was well attended by auditors all 3 days. There was a preliminary announcement in The Carteret County News-Times about the upcoming clinic and a full article afterwards which was great PR for the club thanks to reporter Lindsay Street. We received very positive feedback from everyone with the desire to bring Jean Luc back. Please watch the EDCTSA website for future clinics and another raffle to be hosted by EDCTSA.

Both clinic participants and auditors were thrilled with Jean Luc's fresh approach to training which centers around the correct coordination of the horse's spine to achieve balance and alignment within the movement. This will help to maintain or gain the horses soundness and to achieve better performances. This approach is backed by scientific studies which he has spent his career researching and applying. Some other key aspects of his teachings are the importance of the alignment of the rider's spine and the influence it has on the horse's spine and the allowance of the horse to "think" rather than just obey. In light of the scientific knowledge that is available today it brings to light some of our traditional training methods that we may want to question.

Jean Luc has a tireless teaching style, great sense of humor and showed as much passion and enthusiasm for every rider no matter their level of experience. His patience, kindness and consideration for the horses was also clearly apparent and appreciated. The bountiful amount of information he relayed during each lesson was not only helpful to the rider but also was a tremendous education for the auditors.

The auditing fees were sufficient to cover the expenses (arena fees, advertising, signs, food) with a small profit with which we made a donation to the 4H and the remainder back to the club where it was voted to apply it to sponsoring another raffle for the next Jean Luc clinic.

A huge thank you to everyone that supported the clinic, to the EDTCSA Board that supported the raffle, to Ricky Peeden for the use of his facility, to Jennifer Collins for getting help from the 4H to provide lunch and promoting the clinic to many auditors, to Mary Ann Cabbage and Pat Mulligan for working the door all weekend (huge job!), to all of the riders that took a leap of faith and jumped on board for the riding slots and to everyone that audited, promoted or performed a myriad of tasks that helped make the clinic a success including my MOM who helped make sure Jean Luc got dinner!

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2-day Clinic - Swansboro, North Carolina 2010

Saturday & Sunday October 16 & 17 Private clinic sessions

\$160 for 1 hr private sessions - register early to assure your place!

\$ 20 auditing fee

Jean Luc is an FEI level trainer, instructor and international competitor. He has medal-winning expertise in Dressage, Show Jumping, 3-Day eventing, Steeplechase and also work in-hand. Jean Luc graduated from Le Cadre Noir de Saumur and had the opportunity to train with superb riders such as Joseph Neckerman & Willy Schulteis in dressage, Hans Winkler in jumping and Michel Cochenet in three day event. Margit Otto Crepin, the French Olympic Champion, is one of Jean Luc's most prominent dressage students. He has trained many horses of various breeds through Grand Prix and has the distinction of competing on both the French Dressage Team and the French Three Day Event Team.

For details of Jean Luc's Bio: <http://www.scienceofmotion.com/documents/jeanluc.html>

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