

Hello Members,

Summer is well underway and we have surpassed the halfway mark of 2009. This month will complete the first half of our show season. Our shows have run quite smoothly, been well attended, and many riders have dressed themselves and horses "to the nines". Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Many people have openly expressed how gracious, hospitable and helpful our members are. Volunteering has improved and the majority of the positions were filled before the show date. Our biggest need is to fill the afternoon slots. Remember that the riders at the end of the show deserve the same support as those who ride in the morning. The last details regarding the shows are the addition of the official Tack and Equipment book issued by the USEF. If you are unsure that your tack is legal please ask to review the book. A copy will be available in the show office. It is the rider's responsibility to know if they are using correct tack for any show, schooling or recognized. Should a horse enter the show ring in illegal tack the judge can disqualify you. Lastly, although we have had many members generously donate lunch items, it appears that most people are bringing their own picnics. Therefore, we will no longer be offering lunch at our shows. As much as I want to savor the warm days of summer, I have already begun planning for CADS events this fall. It was decided at the last meeting we would attempt to schedule clinics of various forms in November, March, and April. I am working on the details for the November clinic and hope to have everything finalized in the near future. Anyone who has suggestions for clinics can send them to me or discuss them at our next meeting. Your opinions count! We want to hold events that members will enjoy and support. Our next general membership meeting is Saturday, July 11th. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:30pm and last a maximum of one hour. I hope to see you there! Have a safe and Happy 4th of July!

kindest Regards,

Michele Hoskinson, President