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KELLY CASEY and LUZIFER Win Reserve Champion in the 2008
BRENTINA CUP

Our very own CDS East Bay Chapter member, Kelly Casey, won Reserve Champion in the National Young Adult “Brentina Cup” Dressage Championship held June 27 – 29 at Oaks Blenheim, San Juan Capistrano. Kelly and Luzifer were the only pair representing California, and were one of the six horse-rider combinations to compete. Kelly’s two day score was an impressive 64.338%.



The purpose of the Brentina Cup program is to assist, as well as encourage, U.S. Young Riders in making the transition to Senior Grand Prix competitor. Riders between the ages of 20 and 25 are eligible to participate. Horses and riders compete in two tests: the USEF Young Adult “Brentina Cup” Test, and the FEI Young Rider Grand Prix Test, with each counting towards 50% of the overall results.

Kelly has been riding Luzifer for less than a year. In the summer of 2007, Kelly’s long-time client, Carla Hayes, imported Luzifer, a 14-year old Austrian warmblood gelding. By early fall of the same year, Luzifer and Kelly were the 2007 CDS Intermediare II champions. Within 3 rides at Grand Prix on Luzifer, Kelly earned her Gold medal.

Kelly says of Luzifer, “Contrary to his name, he is as sweet as he is large, and the most willing and hard-working horse I have ever ridden.”
Amy Riker, Rachel Gill, Luzifer and Kelly Casey

Next up, look for Kelly in CDIs at Grand Prix, as well as some large tour competitions. Kelly also plans to build her business, KC Dressage, and hopes her success in the ring will earn her more notice in the Bay area. To learn more about KC Dressage, visit her website at www.kellycasey.com.

DRESSAGE HUBBY – by Perry Hayes

(Editor’s note: This delightful essay is written by Perry Hayes, the husband of chapter member Carla Hayes who owns Luzifer, the mount of Kelly Casey in the recent Brentina Cup competition, (see the article above).

Little did I know how little I knew about where my wife’s renewed interest in horses would lead. This idea of leasing a horse seemed innocent enough especially since my agreement in this pursuit was an attempt to



Carla and Perry Hayes, Kelly Casey and Luzifer

make my wife happier about moving from her beloved Austin, Texas to the Bay Area. The horse hobby would be gift to my wife and a thanks for moving her yet again in my pursuit of a corporate career. But as is often said in board rooms, “while we can manage what we know, it’s what we don’t know that can get us,” and little did I know how true that would be. First of all, we didn’t get involved with just any horse pursuit. My wife chose dressage, the art of maneuvers that look as if the horse is dancing. She picked this stylish form of equestrian art to relearn the fundamentals of riding and to develop her “seat.” Again, this all seemed innocent enough, because all she was doing was leasing (time-sharing) a horse for a reasonable fee and paying lesson fees for her training.

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