

# CATHY MORELLI CLINIC AT

## *Grand Prix Equestrian*

**C**athy Morelli is an inspiration to all who know her! She is an inventive and enthusiastic instructor and an accomplished trainer and FEI competitor. She has spent her life dedicated to bettering herself and those she teaches and it certainly showed when she spent some of her valuable time here with us.

The overall message of the clinic was that we needed to work through the bend until our horses got more supple and obedient and to be careful about anything we might be doing even inadvertently to shut the horses off or impede forward motion or throughness.

Yvonne was instructed to keep her little bit of flexion properly connected, at all times and especially in the more difficult piaffe and passage work.

Amber and Hudi were both instructed to get into a bit of half seat to be sure they were following the motion especially during moments of stiffness or tension and problem solving so they did not shut the horse off with their seat in any way. Eventually they learned to sit softly in position without any interference by getting behind the motion especially in more tricky riding scenarios.

Kim worked on getting Dutch quicker with his hind legs through some shoulder in and leg yield exercises which had Dutch looking active and balanced.

Andrea got help with disarming the stiffness and tendency to spook or rush with Famos by half halting sharply with the bending rein to gain obedience and control. Coral worked on having a more following seat and definite aids. Shelly worked on activity of hind legs, bending and shoulder control and her mare responded beautifully. Rose worked on the half seat and keeping Raymond active and ahead of her while being obedient in the bridle.

Auditors and riders all learned a ton and Cathy was a marvel of concentration as she stood out in the arena for hours on end encouraging, prompting, explaining and demonstrating her valuable tools and exercises which will help us for years to come!



### **The riders were as follows:**

Kim Barteau rode Dutch, owned by Barb Wisnewski.

Yvonne Barteau rode GP Raymeister the premier stallion here at GPE owned by Ginna Frantz.

Kayla Hudi Barteau rode GP Delano and GP Ubilee her young rider mounts who are also owned by Ginna and Solitaire her competition partner this season who is owned by Andrea Deleo.

Andrea rode Famos, her own competition horse.

Amber Gipp rode GP Super Crusader, owned by Ginna, Aragorn owned by Jackie Pisani and Creed owned by Lucinda Boyle.

Jamie Lawton rode his FEI partner Tuxedo Tyme owned by Barb Suvatka.

Coral Cawthorn Zake rode her little prince Tallar.

Shelly Day rode her own mare Fontana.

Rose Grant rode Raymond.