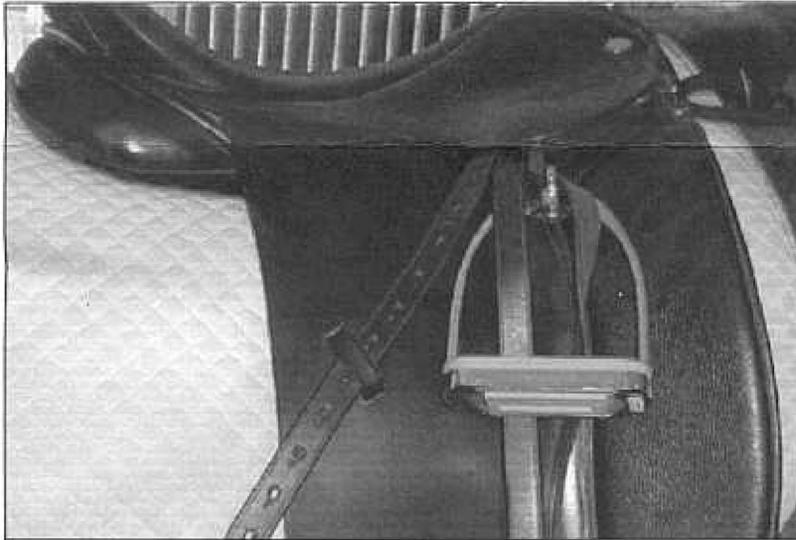


MY MDC INTELLIGENT STIRRUPS® EXPERIENCE

To tell the truth, I was skeptical about the testimonials from big name riders. After all, when athletes get to that level of intense competition, they look for any little edge to gain a few points over a rival, and I figure they get all kinds of free products from companies courting them for endorsements.

The real question for me was, "what will these stirrups do for a middle-aged, novice rider with a green horse and a limited budget?"



So I tried MDC Intelligent Stirrups®, and I'm happy to report that everything they can do for the champions, they can do for the rest of us! And the improvement is all the more apparent and important for us lower-level riders.

Immediately I noticed how comfortable they were though I felt the need to shorten up my stirrup

leathers a notch. The metal itself has a quality feel and pleasing weight. My feet slid easily into the stirrups. MDC Intelligent Stirrups® at the 90° angle are practically fool-proof to find and get your feet into. It's a tremendous safety feature, and can give timid riders a higher level of confidence.

I enjoyed looking down and seeing my leg laying flat against my horse's side. No longer fighting the resistance of the stirrup leather allowed my lower leg to feel truly independent for the first time in my life! Instead of a sharp jab with my heel, I could correctly apply subtle pressure from the inner calf. My knees felt freer too and I was able to roll them in using my aids much more effectively. MDC Intelligent Stirrups® allowed me to have the same experience as the stirrup-less riders at the Spanish Riding School, but with the security and comfort of stirrups!

I was able to relax my whole body more, and rely less on my hands to communicate. My horse showed an amazing response to my gentler leg position! Her leg yields, shoulder-ins, and circles improved as she stepped under herself, and her attitude in general was more willing and interested.

After the ride I was amazed at how good my knees felt. I've never really complained about it, but there have been times one or both of my knees felt tight and sore, particularly after a long trail ride.

I've heard that the two most dangerous parts of the ride are the mount and dismount. Set at 90° angles, MDC Intelligent Stirrups® allow the rider to put one hand on the pommel and the other one on the cantle, instead of holding the stirrup with one hand, for quick and safe mounts. And MDC Intelligent Stirrups® are easy to kick off for fast, neat dismounts.

I would love to have MDC Intelligent Stirrups® on my trail saddle for comfort and security, and on my dressage saddle for improved leg position and effective communication. There is no other piece of tack or training device that has the power to do what these stirrups do! These stirrups accomplish what I call the three Cs - communication, comfort, and confidence.

Sincerely,



Eve Alexander



With friends on the trail at Mt. Diablo State Park, Clayton, CA.
L-R: Patty & Cinco, Tabitha & Allie, Eve & Jubilee (not using MDC Intelligent Stirrups®)