



# COLLECTIVE REMARKS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

It's awards season!!!!  
Come to the ESDCTA Awards Luncheon and celebrate everyone's accomplishments  
February 10 - see page 8 of this issue for more information.

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## USEA AREA 2 NEWS

Here is a special shout out to the eventing members. I hope everyone had a fun 2012 season! At the end of the competition season there is always a moment of reflection, and I wondered if eventing is changing in our GMO area. Some results of USEA Area 2 horse trial entries/starters for 2012 were recently shared with the counsel and organizers with some interesting results. The area is up over 2011 (just under 3%). However, entries are down at Beginner Novice and Novice by approximately 4%. This is after a similar decline at these levels was reported last year. The question came up regarding whether this niche is being filled by schooling/unrecognized horse trials. Could this be true for our GMO area?



I like numbers... so I started doing a little digging into the statistics in our GMO area, which I wanted to share. In our GMO area we have venues that host quality schooling horse trials as an alternative to recognized ones. Combined, these venues had approximately 450 starters at Novice and below levels (including Starter divisions - 2'3" and below divisions). At Novice the number of starters were flat, however, at Beginner Novice we saw a 3% increase. This appears to support the notion that folks are not doing recognized horse trials at this level, and instead are turning to schooling events. At the Starter level the number of rides were also up by 2.9%. Out of the 450 starters at the schooling horse trials, the make up of participants were as follows: Novice 15%, Beginner Novice 30%, and Starter 55%.

We also have three venues that host recognized horse trials in our GMO area. Combined, these venues had approximately 550 starters at Novice and Beginner Novice in 2012. At Beginner

Novice there was a 14.4% decline, but at Novice it was flat. What really struck me: we had 75% more starters in 2012 at Training level over 2011. Most of the change at Training level was at the NJHP HT, when they offered higher-level divisions. Did "big name trainers" or "advanced riders" bring more students or young horses? Some may argue that eventers no longer ride without their trainer at an event. I don't know the answer, but wanted to share the observation.

In my comparison I only used statistics on venues with similar dates year over year, some did not run in 2011 or 2012 for weather related or other reasons.

So from the northern part of the Area 2, it looks like the schooling horse trials are picking up some of the entries at Beginner Novice. Some venues in Area 2 often run a schooling horse trial the day or week after their recognized ones, so why wouldn't riders sign up for a "similar" experience at half the price? If you have a youngster the schooling horse trial would be the more budget-friendly option, and the schooling horse trials provide mostly a comparable quality of product and are way more relaxed. Some of the organizers in Area 2 may complain about lower entries at the lower levels, but some may actually be part of the cause for this very reason. I guess I concluded that in our GMO area, both the schooling and recognized horse trials are going strong! Don't forget to support your area by lending a hand/volunteering when you can.

Some of our GMO eventing members received special awards/placings in 2012! We would like to recognize and congratulate them!

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**Spouses. Partners.  
Usually NOT horse people.  
Usually thrown into the horse  
world unsuspectingly.  
Start out enthusiastic.  
End up not so enthusiastic.**

They are not so enthusiastic after down and dirty mucking out, repairing fences, digging post holes, loading hay bales, shavings, feed bags in the barn. They are not so enthusiastic after traveling on weekends to horse shows and waiting for hours to go home.

They would rather be home than at Dressage at Devon or Jersey Fresh. They would rather be doing anything else. But they keep coming.

They hang out with us, carry water buckets, break the ice in the winter and fly-spray the horses in the summer. They stand by the rail and take photos and videos, and clap when it's over. They watch and watch and watch, and never seem to know what they are looking at, yet they keep watching.

They try to buy horse gifts for you, rarely getting it right. They try to smile when you get excited about an oxer, extended trot, or a piaffe, long ago giving up on trying to figure out what is so important. They walk out your hot horse, blanket and unblanket, halter and unhalter, and hold the horse for the vet at midnight in the freezing cold.

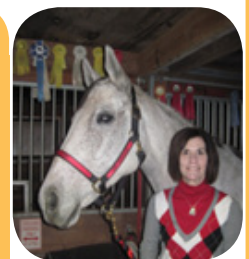
They learn how to pull a trailer, drive a tractor, and drag an arena. They learn the difference between the grains, the supplements, the good hay and the bad hay. And still, they are not smiling, not learning to love horses as you do, and not understanding why you are spending so much money.

But they keep doing it all. Just for you.

***Happy Valentine's Day!***

***"Love is the condition  
in which the happiness  
of another person is  
essential to your own."***

– Robert Heinlein-American  
science-fiction writer, (1907-  
1988)



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Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association (ESDCTA) was founded in June 1969 and incorporated in 1970 as a nonprofit educational organization under the laws of the State of New Jersey. ESDCTA with membership open to all interested in dressage and combined training, has the following stated purpose: *"Whereas it is the desire among many equestrians in the United States to foster and stimulate interest in dressage and eventing in the hope that this may ultimately benefit the United States Olympic Team in its international competition, this organization is established as a nonprofit educational organization."* Its further purposes are to foster and stimulate interest in dressage and eventing in general, to educate, conduct clinics and hold dressage shows and combined training events.

## 2013 CAVALLETTI & JUMPING CLINICS

with Marilyn Payne

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January 25, 26, 27

Feb. 22, 23, 24

March 22, 23, 24

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Each group includes 4 to 6 riders and runs 1 ½ to 2 hours. Enter the entire series at once, or enter individual clinics. Entry forms are available at [www.marilynpayne.com](http://www.marilynpayne.com), via email to [ann@annforer.com](mailto:ann@annforer.com), or call 908-995-4632.

Fee: \$80.00 per rider per session

**ENTRIES ACCEPTED ONLY IF FULL PAYMENT IS INCLUDED!**

Groups: Cavalletti only; Introductory: Crossrails to 2'; Beginner Novice: 2'3" to 2'7"; Novice: 2'7" to 2'11";

Training: 2'11" to 3'3"; Preliminary: 3'3" to 3'7"

**FEES WILL BE CREDITED TOWARD ANOTHER CLINIC OR LESSON IF YOU CAN'T TRAILER DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

## CROSS COUNTRY... New Across our Region

### COMMUNITY NEWS

The NJ Department of Agriculture issued a press release regarding a horse who was confirmed to have contracted the neurologic form of Equine Herpes Virus, Type One (EHV-1). Although the horse is recovering and receiving treatment and no other horse has shown signs, you should be aware of the potential symptoms. See [www.state.nj.us/agriculture](http://www.state.nj.us/agriculture) for more information.

Stitching Horse Leathers in Kingston, NJ is closing. This premier tack store has been in business a long time and will leave a void in central NJ. Currently everything is on sale. Check them out before it's all gone!

### WHAT'S YOUR TALENT??

Let us know what you would like to help us with in 2013. All skills and interests wanted. Have an idea? We want to hear about it. Remember, this club is what YOU make it. Contact Susan Lax: [chivalryhillfarm@aol.com](mailto:chivalryhillfarm@aol.com)

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Meredith Rogers, Diane Engler,  
Susan Lax & Rebecca Kuc

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All submissions are due by the 10th of the month

Due to space considerations, the editors reserve the right to edit submitted articles. If possible, the articles will be returned for review of the editing.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb 5-March 19** Rutgers Cooperative Extension is offering a short course for horse business owners. This 7-week Equine Business Planning course meets on Tuesdays from 6-9pm. For more information, go to [esc.rutgers.edu](http://esc.rutgers.edu)
- Feb 10** Horse Management Seminar on Equine Stress and Transplantation. Learn the tools to reduce stress in everyday life and during transport. Contact Laura Gladney at 848-932-3229 or [gladney@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:gladney@aesop.rutgers.edu)

### ***SHOW SEASON IS GEARING UP!***

Check out the ESDCTA Omnibus or [esdcta.org](http://esdcta.org) for all the information.  
Good luck!!!

ESDCTA welcomes proposals from vendors for goods and services. Please contact the appropriate committee.

Send your Cross Country Information to  
[newsletter@esdcta.org](mailto:newsletter@esdcta.org)

### 2013 ADVERTISING RATES

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBER
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HALF PAGE	\$65	\$85
QUARTER PAGE	\$40	\$60
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## CENTERLINE Dressage News



Plans are well underway for the 2013 show season through the joint efforts of the Dressage Competitions Committee and the Marketing/Sponsorship Committee. We're currently concentrating on the Memorial Weekend Dressage Show and CDI Allentown to be held on May 23-26, 2013.

To appeal to a broader range of competitors we've added new classes including a CDI 1\* to our CDI 3\* as well as Intro classes and the new USEF Rider tests. The goal of adding the CDI 1\* is to attract FEI level competitors who would like to participate in the excitement and prestige of a CDI while competing on a level playing field. Adult amateur FEI competitors entering the CDI 1\* will have a special opportunity to show and earn prize money.

Please read the accompanying article about our CDI 1\* division.

The Sponsorship Committee has developed a new MDW/CDI sponsorship package of levels and benefits. Sponsorships start at only \$25 for individual classes in the MDW open show!

Another new addition is the sale of "booster ads" for the show program. For only \$15 you can have fun customizing your own booster or congratulatory ad for your trainer or friend.

We'd also like to invite any members who have businesses to take advantage of the great promotional opportunities available to you through show program ads or by having a presence in the fabulous vendor pavilion.

Get on the bandwagon and support your club to help make this the best Memorial Weekend show ever! Visit [www.esdcta.org/CDI/sponsors.html](http://www.esdcta.org/CDI/sponsors.html) to get the latest show info and forms on our MDW/CDI show pages

*INTRODUCING THE NEXT GREAT IDEA  
THE FIRST CDI 1\* ADULT AMATEUR SWEEPSTAKES  
INVITING ALL ADULT AMATEURS...and anyone else who wants to enter.....*

*From Debra Reinhardt and Terry Masters*

Have you ever wondered why the FEI has CDI Dressage divisions for Open, Junior, Young Riders, Children and Ponies, but no division for Adult Amateurs? So did we. Currently the FEI level Adult Amateur rider has the choice of showing in the National FEI classes or entering the CDI and riding against professionals competing for national and international standings.

In the US the adult amateur division at all levels, is the backbone of the dressage community, but after reaching the FEI level there are no additional goals available within the division. We'd love to be able to offer the adult amateur enhanced competitive options.

Our objective is to convince the FEI to add a separate Adult Amateur division to the CDI classes which will provide an opportunity for our adult amateurs to compete at a CDI in a level playing field.

To that end, both ESDCTA and Centerline Events has added a CDI 1\* to our current CDI 3\*. The CDI 1\* will be open to all but the Adult Amateur competitors will be pinned separately and receive separate cash awards at each show.

If you want to win even more money, enter both the ESDCTA CDI 1\* Allentown May 23-26, 2013 and the Centerline Events CDI 1\* Saugerties August 15-18, 2013. Scores will be cumulative and you'll be eligible for the series end  
**ADULT AMATEUR SWEEPSTAKES.**

The final cash distribution for the CDI AA classes will be on our websites by May 1, 2013.

Both ESDCTA and Centerline will offer the *SWEEPSTAKES* in order to obtain enough entry data to support a formal proposal to the FEI requesting the addition of an Adult Amateur division to the CDI with tests created specifically for the new division.

*So, all of you adult amateur FEI riders, take the plunge and enter the CDI 1\* for a chance to win big.*

# Support your Trainer, Best Friend, Barn Mate, Student, Child or Parent with a Booster Ad in the CDI Allentown/M W Dressage Show Program... ONLY \$15



*Best Of Luck to Everyone!  
Have a great Show  
We're rooting for you,  
bring home the blue!*

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*Best of luck everyone!  
Have a great show!  
We're rooting for you, bring home  
the blue!*


## #2

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*Best Of Luck to Everyone!  
Have a great show!  
We're rooting for you,  
bring home the blue!*

## #3

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Enter your text in the ruled box next to your choice of design. Text must fit on four lines and may be subject to editing to conform with space requirements.

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### Deadline for inclusion in the show program is May 9th 2013

Fill out this form and mail with check payable to  
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- \_\_\_ Intermediaire -1 .....\$150
- \_\_\_ Intermediaire F/S .....\$150

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- \_\_\_ Prix St Georges .....\$200
- \_\_\_ Intermediaire -1 .....\$200
- \_\_\_ Intermediaire F/S .....\$200

**Individual 3\* Large Tour class sponsorship**

- \_\_\_ Grand Prix .....\$350
- \_\_\_ Grand Prix Special.....\$350
- \_\_\_ Grand Prix F/S.....\$350

- \_\_\_ **Friend of ESDCTA** .....\$25
- \_\_\_ **Patron**.....\$50
- \_\_\_ **Benefactor**.....\$100
- \_\_\_ **Banner space** .....\$150
- \_\_\_ **Reserve Champion** 12 classes .....\$2500
- \_\_\_ **CDI Presenting Sponsor**.....\$5000

<i>Promotional Benefits</i>	\$5000 Presenting Sponsor	\$2500	\$1000	\$500	< \$500
Sponsor listing in show program					
Sponsor listing with links on ESDCTA website	X	X	X	X	X
Promotional announcements over PA throughout show					
Sponsor Name and Logo in promotional ad	X	X	X	X	
Participation in awards ceremony of sponsored class	X	X	X	X	X
Corporate name included in show title and in all advertising					
Corporate name on all CDI awards (where possible) and on all CDI championship ribbons	X				
8 tickets to competitor party					
Your company promotional material made available to the competitors	X	X			
Sponsorship of CDI Jog Party	X				
Partial sponsorship of competitor party		X			
Show Program Advertising					
Full color inside front or outside back cover	X				
Full page b & w		X			
1/2 page b & w			X		
1/4 page b & w				X	
Vendor Space					
Triple sized 10 x 30 vendor space	X				
Double sized 10 x 20 vendor space		X			
10 x 10 vendor space			X		
Banners in high visibility areas, including competition arena					
Up to 3 banners	X				
Up to 2 banners		X			
One banner			X		

## USEA AREA 2 NEWS, CONT'D

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### USEA Eventing Medals

The USEA Medal Program provides our members with recognition through a goal oriented program within the various levels of eventing. Each individual member may earn a Bronze, Silver, and/or Gold medal at the Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Preliminary levels. A certificate will be awarded for a horse registered with the USEA, based on the same scores.

#### **Beginner Novice**

##### **Gold**

Jorgen Olijslager & Northern Quest Lady's Man;  
Owner: Jorgen Olijslager

##### **Novice**

##### **Silver**

Jorgen Olijslager & Classic; Owner: June Brody  
Christy Pellegrino & Christmas Eve; Owner: Christy Pellegrino

##### **Gold**

Nicole Carolan & Topgun; Owner: Nicole Carolan  
Jorgen Olijslager & Northern Quest Lady's Man;  
Owner: Jorgen Olijslager

### **Blue Ribbon Award Program**

The Blue Ribbon Award Program is continuing the USEA's mission to recognize its members for the high level of success attained in the sport of eventing. The Blue Ribbon Program can be a stepping stone to achieving the Eventing Medals and then heading to the top of the leaderboard. The Blue Ribbon Award is for every level of the sport from Beginner Novice through Advanced and is earned through placings throughout the competition season.

#### **Preliminary**

Wendy Lewis & Sunday's Edition

#### **Training**

Wendy Furlong & Jazz Blues

Paige Hurley & Paprika

Sarah Stinneford & Roman Candle

Linnet Tell & Fiddler's Choice

#### **Novice**

Nicole Carolan & Topgun

Lauren Chumley & SNF Maarta

Jorgen Olijslager & Northern Quest Lady's Man

#### **Beginner Novice**

Gretchen Creesy & Tigerlily

Jorgen Olijslager & Northern Quest Lady's Man

### **Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement**

The Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement is an opportunity to award and recognize our Beginner Novice members for successfully completing events. In order to qualify for the Certificate of Horse & Rider Achievement the horse and rider together must have completed three or more events at the Beginner Novice level during the same competition year. In addition, both the horse and rider must have an active USEA membership at the time of their competitions.

**Recipient:** Heather Loeber & Spruce Meadow Onslow

### **2012 USEA Leaderboard**

**Beginner Novice Master Rider Division:** 3rd place – Gretchen Creesy

**Beginner Novice Master Amateur Rider**

**Division:** 5th place – Gretchen Creesy

**Beginner Novice Horse Division:** 6th place –

Tigerlily / Gretchen Creesy

**Novice Junior Rider Division:** 8th place – Jorgen Olijslager

### **2012 Area II Year End Awards**

**Beginner Novice - Young Horse Division:**

Champion – Jorgen Olijslager & Northern Quest Lady's Man

**Novice - Junior/Young Rider Division:** 9th place – Jonathan Hurley & Sugar Magnolia

**Novice - Adult Amateur Division:** 9th place – LeighAnn Farrar & Possum

**Novice - Young Horse Division:** Champion – Jorgen Olijslager & Classic

**Training - Junior/Young Rider Division:** 4th place – Paige Hurley & Paprika

**Training - Junior/Young Rider Division:** 11th place – David Bierly & Cadenza Aria

**Training - Adult Amateur Division:** 4th place – LeighAnn Farrar & Possum

### **2012 Area II Championships at Morven Park**

#### **Fall H.T. (Oct 2012)**

**Beginner Novice Open Division:** 10th place – Heather Loeber & Spruce Meadow Onslow

**Novice Junior/Young Rider Division:** 5th place – Nicole Carolan & Topgun

**Novice Open Division:** 4th place – Lauren Chumley & SNF Maarta

**Training Junior/Young Rider Division:** 2nd place – Paige Hurley & Paprika

3. 2. 1... have a great ride in 2013!



# THE START BOX

## Eventing News

### 2013 USEF/FEI EVENTING QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS

The FEI Eventing Rules have been re-formatted and changed significantly for 2013. Foremost amongst the changes are those made to the FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirements (MERs) for horses and athletes.

In order to determine your eligibility at a certain level or that of your horse, we encourage you to follow these steps (we promise - it's easier than you think).

#### STEP 1 - CATEGORIZED OR UNCATEGORIZED? THAT IS THE QUESTION!

It is first important for you to determine whether you are, as an athlete, uncategorized or categorized (similar to a license) and, if you are categorized, at which level. This information will be updated by the FEI\* at the end of each calendar year and can be found on the on the FEI website.

#### STEP 2 - USEF AND FEI, HOW CAN I BE SURE I HAVE COVERED ALL THE BASES?

Once you have determined your status with the FEI, please take the time to familiarize yourself with the 2013 Eventing Rules. Appendix 3 of the USEF Rules for Eventing will provide you with the specific information you need to determine the level of eligibility of you and your horse(s) for both National (USEF) and International (FEI) competitions.

#### USEF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. The 2013 FEI Eventing Rules state: As of 2013, MERs for CIs and CIOs do not expire. Does this include MERs achieved prior to 2013 which were due to expire according to the 2012 FEI Eventing Rules?

*Yes, with the exception of MERs required for the purposes of qualifying for FEI Championships, MERs achieved prior to 2013 remain valid for 2013 and beyond.*

2. I am an uncategorized rider and prior to the end of 2012 my horse and I were qualified to enter a CIC 3\* for the first time although we did not achieve all MERs as a combination. The 2013 FEI Eventing Rules state: "For Athletes not yet categorized at the level of the Competition the Minimum Eligibility Requirements must be achieved as a combination...." As we were qualified prior to 2013 do we remain qualified?

*No, as of January 1, 2013 uncategorized riders must achieve all MERs required by the FEI for a particular level in combination with the horse they wish to compete in that level.*

3. I am an uncategorized rider and established at the CCI3\* level and I have a new horse who is established at the CCI 3\* level. Under the new rules, am I required to move down and achieve all the FEI MERs to compete in a CCI 3\* with my new horse?

*Yes, you must achieve all FEI MER's required as a combination.*

4. But, as an uncategorized rider, do I have to achieve National Qualifying Results (NQRs) required by the USEF in combination with each horse I wish to compete in FEI Competitions?

*No, all USEF requirements DO NOT need to be achieved as a combination*

5. I am listed on the FEI website as a Category B rider as I have achieved 15 FEI MERs at the three star level of competition over the last eight years. I understand that the number of FEI MERs required for categorization is 15 for 2013 and will increase to 20 in 2014. I am unable to achieve an additional 5 MERs at the same level or higher in 2013 will I lose my categorization at that level?

*Yes, at the end of 2013 the FEI will update the list and only riders with 20 FEI MERs (or more) at a particular level will remain categorized at that level.*

#### STILL NOT QUITE SURE?

If you still have questions about the FEI Minimum Eligibility Requirements or any of the recent changes to the FEI Eventing Rules, the FEI has created their own list of frequently asked questions which you may find helpful.

As always, we are here to help! If you have any doubt about your (or your horse's) current level of eligibility please feel free to contact Shealagh Costello by e-mail at [scostello@usef.org](mailto:scostello@usef.org) or by phone at (859) 225-6923.

\* For 2013 the FEI will update the list of categorized riders on or about July 1, 2013 to allow a one-time, mid-year opportunity for rider categories to be changed based on results achieved in the first six months of competition.

## SALUTE...

By: Rebecca Kuc

Stacey Kimmel of Bethlehem, PA, is a lifelong equestrian and competitor. She has been riding off and on since she was in seventh grade, taking a break from her early twenties to late thirties. Stacey started up riding again when she was 38 and has been riding ever since. Currently, Stacey trains at Rhythm and Blues Equestrian Center in Northampton, PA, training with Monika Dujardin. Prior to her time at Rhythm and Blues, she took lessons with Kristin Corcoran at Graystone Equestrian Center, who was a huge help in preparing for the 2012 season.

Stacey has been competing since she was a teenager and competed hunters both in high school and on the Purdue Intercollegiate Equestrian Team. As a teenager, Stacey foxhunted with the Romwell Fox Hounds. She began competing dressage in the late nineties through Second level; however, 2012 was her first full season of dressage. Before she got back into riding and started competing in dressage, Stacey began leasing Harvey. At the time, Harvey was an eventer that didn't like to jump; he had great gaits and so excelled at dressage. Stacey liked him so much that she settled on dressage as her discipline of choice and bought him. Harvey is currently retired and enjoying life after having careers in not only dressage but racing and eventing too.

Stacey also has a six-year-old Hanoverian, Riley. He is very laid-back and also very big. Stacey has owned Riley since he was three weeks old. In 2009, Riley had a severe hoof injury, which required surgery and nine months of stall rest. It was a very tough time, but he has luckily recovered well. Stacey's proudest moment has been bringing him through the surgery and the long recovery, and dealing with the scare of not knowing if he would be able to ever be ridden. Horses are a big responsibility and therefore managing their care is a huge success for Stacey.

Stacey has also had many riding accomplishments. Harvey and Stacey were Training level year-end award winners through LVDA and have had scores in the mid-sixties at First level, as well as qualifying multiple times for the BLM Championships. Stacey and Riley recently placed third for the Training Level Adult Amateur 2012 ESDCTA Year End Award, which was a very big deal to Stacey as there were so many talented pairs out there competing! Stacey plans to keep working toward improving Riley's canter, as well as developing a First-level frame and getting Riley more over his back. They are hoping to go out at First level in 2013 and have their eyes set on trying for a 65% at least once!

Her favorite part about dressage is that she can go out and not worry about whom else is competing. She is aiming for her own personal best and she knows exactly what she has to do to improve her rides and scores. Similarly, she loves the subtlety of the sport, the beauty of the upper levels, and that you can ride well into old age. Stacey also tries to listen to advice given from a friend, "to let yourself appreciate the good times because it'll get you through the low points."

Aside from riding, Stacey loves to write. She has a blog, [behindthebitblog.com](http://behindthebitblog.com), which is about horses and has around 1400 subscribers! She has met some great friends through blogging and they always meet up at Rolex every year. She is trained as an academic reference librarian and currently manages the library and computing help desk at Lehigh University. Stacey has done technical writing and some website design, as well. She is involved in LVDA as Newsletter Editor, does the email communications, and is Website Editor (along with Judy Ross). She also serves on LVDA's board. Congratulations on a great 2012 season and best of luck with all you do in 2013!

## STACEY KIMMEL



*Salute*

## EDGAR HOTZ MEMORIAL ROUNDTABLE

*By Jake Stapel*

On January 13, ESDCTA held its annual Edgar Hotz Memorial Roundtable. The roundtable is open to all USEF licensed dressage judges, USDF "L" program graduates, and candidates, as well as USEA licensed judges and judges in training. It was held, once again, at the home of Amelia and Larry Ross in Oldwick, NJ.

With 30 judges in attendance, the main topics of conversation were the new dressage rider's tests and Western dressage. Leading the discussion were key speaker Marilyn Payne and "S" dressage judges Barbara Ebner, Jeanne McDonald, Lisa Schmidt, Debby Savage, and Kem Barbosa.

Barbara Ebner introduced us all to the Western dressage tests, highlighting some minor differences in rules but stressing that gaits, movements, and transitions should be judged with primarily the same criteria as they are in traditional dressage tests. She brought along some video footage of her students riding some Western dressage tests and answered a variety of questions from floor.

Next, the discussion focused on the new rider's tests. Each test was discussed movement by movement with special attention given to the turn on the forehand which is not seen in any other USEF dressage test. Similar to the format used to judge the FEI Young Horse tests, the rider tests are not given a score for each movement, but rather given scores for overall impression in specific categories after the test has been ridden in its entirety. Marilyn voiced her concern that the guidelines for approximate time required for scheduling purposes may not be adequate since all of the scores need to be awarded after the final salute. She suggested that show organizers might want to allow a couple of extra minutes between the riders' tests to give the judges enough time to properly evaluate and score each test.

After a delicious pot-luck lunch, we spent the rest of the afternoon reviewing a variety of horses performing specific movements and discussing scores and comments.

Many thanks go out to all of the "S" judges in attendance as well as Amelia and Larry Ross, and ESDCTA for providing us with this invaluable opportunity.

If anyone is interested in obtaining more information on this annual event, please contact organizer Jacquelyn Stapel: [jastapel14@embarqmail.com](mailto:jastapel14@embarqmail.com).



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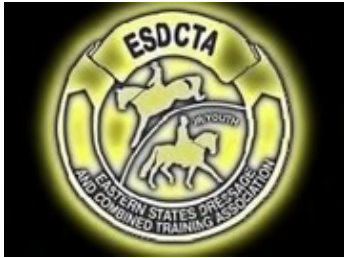
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### Where:

Rick's Saddle Shop  
282 Route 539  
Cream Ridge, NJ 08514  
(609) 758-7267

### When:

Saturday February, 16, 2013  
10:00 AM– 1:30 PM

Youth (Under 21): \$5

Adults: ESDCTA member- \$5  
Non-member- \$10

*Youth may bring one adult with them at no charge*

RSVP Not required, but appreciated!

Contact: Heidi Lemack RBLStables@aol.com, 609 758-4918



## HORSE TREATS



*By Meredith Rogers*

We've all seen this (or similar) picture of George Washington on his white horse riding into battle:



But in actuality, the first president of our country had a number of horses throughout the war, the two most famous being Nelson (his main mount) and Blueskin (the white horse in most of the paintings). In fact, Washington was an avid horseman, with interests in breeding, racing, dressage, and hunting, as well as horse trading. He owned his first horse at age 17, and his mother, Mary Ball Washington, was a skilled horsewoman who taught her son how to train horses using gentle methods and to never resort to cruelty. When Washington was a 21-year-old diplomat, he had to make a harsh midwinter trip from Virginia to Erie, Pennsylvania. On the return trip, his horses were struggling with the deep snow and lack of fodder. Realizing this, instead of pushing them, Washington gave them to a tribe of local Indians, and he and his companions had to continue on foot. Later in his life, Washington once rode a Chincoteague pony named Chinky, 147 miles from Mount Vernon to Williamsburg in a single day. His favorite horse was the Arabian stallion, Magnolia, who he had purchased from his step-son, John Parke Custis, for 500 pounds after the British surrender at Yorktown. Magnolia was reputed as one of the most beautiful horses in the colonies. In 1788, he traded him to Light Horse Harry Lee for 5,000 acres of land in the Kentucky territory. When Washington died, he had 21 horses at his Mount Vernon estate.

# FOALIN' AROUND

## Youth News, Activities, and Opportunities

### Youth Opportunities

We have many educational opportunities available to our youth members for this year. Our educational events are open to ESDCTA members, as well as nonmembers, so bring a friend with you!

### Annual Youth Education Seminar – Saturday Feb. 16, 2013

This year our seminar will be at Rick's Saddle Shop, Cream Ridge, NJ, and will be presented by Daniel P. Keenan, DVM, of Keenan-Mcalister Equine. The topics this year will include First Aid for Common Equine Emergencies and Pre-Purchase Exams. Earn 5 points towards the Youth Education Awards.

More information can be found on the ESDCTA website and on the ESDCTA Youth Facebook Page.

Location:	Time:	Cost:	Contact:
Rick's Saddle Shop 282 Route 539 Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 609-758-7267	10:00 am – 1:30 pm Snacks and Refreshments will be served	\$5.00 to All Youth (Members and nonmembers) and Adult ESDCTA members (each youth may bring one adult at no cost)	Heidi Lemack RBLStables@aol.com 609-306-8221 RSVP not required, but greatly appreciated

***We are very grateful to Dr. Keenan for donating his time and to Rick's Saddle Shop for donating the use of their classroom.***

### Fix-a-Test Clinics

To help you get ready for the show season, we are offering three fix-a-test clinics around our membership area. At a fix-a-test clinic, the participant rides the dressage test of his/her choice, and a judge scores it just like at a horse show. The judge will then work with the rider to improve upon the test, and the rider can then ride the test again. The rider will receive a copy of both of their tests. This format is a great way to learn how to improve your scores and to hear how a judge arrives at a score for each movement. We also have an hour lunch discussion with the judge clinician. We encourage all youth to attend as riders or auditors and to plan to audit the entire day. Participants and all-day auditors will receive 10 credits towards the Youth Educational Award.

Please see the omnibus or ESDCTA website for more detailed information. We are finalizing the date for a third clinic in Ringoes at Beaver Creek Equestrian Center.

Rider fee: ESDCTA Members \$40 Nonmembers \$50  
Auditor fee: Free (nominal fee to join in the pizza lunch)

### CLINIC SCHEDULE

March 9, 2013: Rhythm & Blues Stables, Allentown, NJ  
ENTRY DEADLINE: March 2  
Clinician: Amy Gimbel (r)  
Contact: Heidi Lemack RBLStables@aol.com

May 4, 2013: Hidden Creek Equestrian Center, Kunkletown, PA  
ENTRY DEADLINE: April 27  
Clinician: Ann Forer (R)  
Contact: Jill Kuc esea@ptd.net

\*\*\*\*\*Remember to read the Youth Section of the omnibus! There are scholarship opportunities and dressage and event team sponsorships available!

### NJ Junior Breeder's Horse & Livestock Symposium – March 23, 2013

Rutger's University will be hosting its annual NJ Junior Breeder's Horse and Livestock Symposium on Saturday, March 23, at Cook College in New Brunswick. Cost is \$12 for the entire day including lunch. Registration Deadline is March 15. The registration form, including the schedule of events, can be found on the Activities Page of our website under Youth Programs.



*The Students of Blue Spruce Dressage Center  
wish to thank their trainer, Vicki Rickabaugh, for  
her dedication and tireless devotion to horse and rider.*

## **East Coast Regional Dressage Association**

### **Prix St. Georges**

Dr. Iris Biely / Randolph Scott	Champion
Leslie Savage / Inspiration	Third Place
Dr. Iris Biely / Randolph Scott	Masters Champion

### **Fourth Level SR**

George Rickabaugh / Paradox	Champion
Leslie Savage / Inspiration	Reserve Champion
Leslie Savage / Inspiration	Masters Champion

### **Fourth Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Randolph Scott	Champion
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### **Third Level SR**

Dr. Iris Biely / Paradox	Champion
Dr. Iris Biely / Paradox	Masters Champion

### **Second Level SR Having Shown Above 2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

Sharon Lutgen / Bonjour	Champion
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### **Second Level JR/YR Having Shown Above 2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Photo Image	Champion
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### **Second Level SR**

Nancy Vine / MVR Midnight Angel	Champion
Nancy Vine / MVR Midnight Angel	Masters Champion
Nancy Vine / Sable Beedazzled	Third Place
Jessica Sagui / The Toolman	Fifth Place
Nicole Rettino-Lambert / Irish Lore	Sixth Place

### **Second Level Musical Freestyle SR**

Nicole Rettino-Lambert / Irish Lore	Champion
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### **Second Level Pas de Deux SR**

Dr. Iris Biely / MVR Midnight Angel	Champions
and Nancy Vine / Sable Beedazzled	Masters Champions

### **First Level SR Having Shown Above 2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

Dr. Iris Biely / Don Cooper	Champion
Dr. Iris Biely / Don Cooper	Masters Champion
George Rickabaugh / Mystical Magic	Reserve Champion

### **First Level Musical Freestyle SR**

Jessica Sagui / The Toolman	Champion
Nicole McKinley / Serendipity	Reserve Champion
Dr. Lisa Toaldo / Bentley	Third Place
Dr. Lisa Toaldo / Bentley	Masters Champion

### **First Level SR**

Nancy Vine / MVR Midnight Angel	Reserve Champion
Nancy Vine / MVR Midnight Angel	Masters Champion
Nicole McKinley / Serendipity	Seventh Place

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### **First Level JR/YR Having Shown Above 2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Mystical Magic Champion  
Ashley Rickabaugh / PR's Promise-Airy Note Reserve Champion

### **Training Level SR Having Shown Above 2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

Dr. Iris Biely / Kosmic Karma Champion  
Dr. Iris Biely / Kosmic Karma Masters Champion

### **Training Level SR**

Joyce Wilkins / PR's Promise-Airy Note Champion  
Joyce Wilkins / PR's Promise-Airy Note Masters Champion

### **Training Level JR/YR Having Shown Above 2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Kosmic Karma Champion

### **Training Level JR/YR**

Lisa Mauriello / Crossfires Desert Rose Third Place

### **Starter Horse Walk Trot Canter SR**

Jessica Sagui / Midsummer Night's Dream Reserve Champion

### **Starter Rider Walk Trot Canter JR/YR**

Serena Ceylan / Son of a Bull Reserve Champion

### **Starter Rider Walk Trot SR**

Tracy Brennan / Indian Summer Champion  
Barbara Filippello / Blythewood Doc Hollywood Reserve Champion  
Barbara Filippello / Blythewood Doc Hollywood Masters Champion

### **Starter Rider Walk Trot JR/YR**

Michael Rickabaugh / Michael's Destiny Third Place

### **Lead Line Walk Trot**

Mya Rickabaugh / Michael's Destiny Champion

### **Gold Medal**

George Rickabaugh  
Leslie Savage

### **Silver Medal**

Nicole Rettino-Lambert

### **Bronze Medal**

Lisa Mauriello  
Joyce Wilkins

### **60% Achievement**

Nicole McKinley / Salmon Run

## **United States Dressage Federation 2012**

Lisa Mauriello / Crossfires Desert Rose  
All Breeds - Morgan  
Champion Training Level JR

Dr. Iris Biely / Paradox  
All Breeds - KWPN  
Champion Third Level Vintage Cup

Dr. Iris Biely / Randolph Scott MF  
All Breeds - Hanoverian  
5<sup>th</sup> Place Fourth Level AA

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## **ECSJ 2012 Year End Awards**

### **Prix St. Georges SR**

Dr. Iris Biely / Randolph Scott      Champion  
Leslie Savage / Inspiration      Third Place

### **Fourth Level SR**

George Rickabaugh / Paradox      Champion  
Leslie Savage / Inspiration      Reserve Champion

### **Fourth Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Randolph Scott      Champion

### **Third Level SR**

Dr. Iris Biely / Paradox      Champion

### **Second Level SR**

Sharon Lutgen / Bonjour      Champion  
Nancy Vine / MVR Midnight Angel      Third Place  
Nancy Vine / Sable Beedazzled      Fourth Level  
Jessica Sagui / The Toolman      Fifth Place  
Nicole Rettino-Lambert / Irish Lore      Sixth Place

### **Second Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Photo Image      Champion

### **First Level SR**

Dr. Iris Biely / Don Cooper      Champion  
George Rickabaugh / Mystical Magic      Reserve Champion

### **First Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Mystical Magic      Champion  
Ashley Rickabaugh / PR's Promise-Airy Note      Reserve Champion

### **Training Level SR**

Joyce Wilkins / PR's Promise-Airy Note      Champion  
Dr. Iris Biely / Kosmic Karma      Reserve Champion

### **Training Level Jr/YR**

Lisa Mauriello / Crossfires Desert Rose      Champion  
Ashley Rickabaugh / Kosmic Karma      Third Place

### **Starter Horse Walk Trot Canter SR**

Jessica Sagui / Midsummer Night's Dream      Champion

### **Starter Rider Walk Trot Canter JR/YR**

Serena Ceylan / Son of a Bull      Champion

### **Starter Rider Walk Trot SR**

Barbara Filippello / Blythewood Doc Hollywood      Champion  
Tracy Brennan / Indian Summer      Reserve Champion

### **Gold Medals**

George Rickabaugh  
Leslie Savage

### **Silver Medals**

Sharon Lutgen  
Ashley Rickabaugh  
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## **American Morgan Association**

Lisa Teresa Mauriello  
Champion JR Exhibitor - Dressage

## **Morgan Association of New Jersey**

**Dressage** Champion – Nancy Vine / MVR Midnight Angel  
Reserve Champion – Lisa Mauriello / Crossfires Desert Rose



## **ESDCTA 2012 Year End Awards**

### **Prix St. Georges AA**

Dr. Iris Biely / Randolph Scott Champion  
Dr. Iris Biely / Randolph Scott Masters Champion

### **Fourth Level Open**

George Rickabaugh / Paradox Reserve Champion

### **Fourth Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Randolph Scott Champion

### **Third Level AA**

Dr. Iris Biely / Paradox Champion  
Dr. Iris Biely / Paradox Masters Champion

### **Second Level AA**

Sharon Lutgen / Bonjour Champion

### **Second Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Photo Image Champion

### **First Level AA**

Dr. Iris Biely / Don Cooper Champion  
Dr. Iris Biely / Don Cooper Masters Champion

### **First Level Open**

George Rickabaugh / Mystical Magic Champion

### **First Level JR/YR**

Ashley Rickabaugh / Mystical Magic Champion  
Ashley Rickabaugh / PR's Promise-Airy Note Third Place

### **Training Level AA**

Dr. Iris Biely / Kosmic Karma Reserve Champion  
Dr. Iris Biely / Kosmic Karma Masters Champion

### **Training Level JR/YR**

Lisa Mauriello / Crossfires Desert Rose Fourth Place

### **Bronze Medal**

Lisa Mauriello

*Vicki Rickabaugh and Blue Spruce Dressage Center would like to congratulate all dressage riders and their instructors for their hard work and accomplishments in 2012.*

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## *Holiday Bakesale Greetings*



**To Christy Pelligrino and Rebecca Kuc:** Thank you for joining the Youth Committee and contributing so much to ESDCTA! Susan Lax

**To Tildy:** You were a saint. Lynette McMoran

**To all the Girls at Olympia Farm:** Here's to friends! Lynette McMoran



**To Joan Costa:** Congratulations to you and Khommand Performance (Sammy) who was Introductory Level Champion for The Meadow Series and Reserve Champion for ECRDA. And with scores in the 60's & 70's! Hope to see you in ESDCTA next year! Earlen Haven



**To Chevy:** Thank you for what may have been our best year together. You teach me everyday about good horsemanship. Susan Lax

**To Jean:** With fond memories. Lynette McMoran

**To Wally:** Please hang in there just a little bit longer. Lynette McMoran



**To Michelle Hauser:** Thanks for being one of the best boarders ever! All the CHF agents

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