



COLLECTIVE REMARKS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ESDCTA EQUINAR

May 12,

ESDCTA
Memorial Day Weekend
Show and CDI 3* Y/J
Allentown, NJ

May 26-29

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Join us for a great weekend of... World Class Dressage

World class dressage returns to the Horse Park of New Jersey on May 26-29, at ESDCTA's Memorial Weekend Dressage and CDI3* Y/J Allentown.

National and Internationally known competitors will be vying for a place at the Grand Prix and Intermediaire 1 National Championships and an opportunity to compete for a place on our US Pan Am Games dressage team.

The result of generous sponsorship is allowing ESDCTA to offer substantial prize money at the CDI. There will be a \$1500 CDI Grand Prix class, a \$1500 CDI Grand Prix MFS and a \$500 Intermediaire MFS.

Not to let the CDI overshadow our national show, we are also offering a \$1200 Adult Amateur High Score Challenge, sponsored by Blue Moon Dressage.

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ESDCTA MEMBERS ATTEND USDF REGION I MEETING

ESDCTA was represented by seven members at the USDF Region 1 Spring meeting March 20, 2011 at River Edge, Chesapeake City, Maryland, hosted by Scott and Suzanne Hassler.



L to R: Terry Masters, Debbie DelGiorno, Melissa Pribic, Susan Lax and Lisa Schmidt

The Spring meeting included discussions on USDF opportunities as well as the programs and events of the Region's GMOs. The Sunday meeting was preceded by a Saturday educational session on the 2011 dressage tests presented by Linda Zang.

President Susan Lax, Dressage Committee Chairperson Terry Masters, Vice President Debbie DelGiorno, Awards Chairperson Melissa Pribic, Dressage Committee member Zoann Kornspan, Member Nicole DelGiorno and of course, Region 1 Director Lisa Schmidt were present.

Along with Lisa Schmidt, most of our representatives at the meeting play an active role in Region 1 as well as their volunteer efforts with ESDCTA. The other GMOS represented were VADA, NCDCTA, PVDA, VCTA, French Creek, LVDA, OVCTA and IEO.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**President's Message**

I was privileged to attend the USDF Region 1 Spring Meeting in March. Listening to the other GMOs talk about their programs and events inspired me and also made me proud of our organization.

NCDCTA has to be one of the more creative GMOs. They try to think out of the box when it comes to their competitions and events. The organization's championship show involves the Chamber of Commerce and a variety of vendors that are eager to make the show a community event. For lower level Eventers, the organization has come up with an answer to Rolex – it's called the Timex Series!

With only 75 members, LVDA has a winter lecture series in march, five schooling shows, one licensed show, a fix-a-test and three clinics!

French Creek is raising funds to send competitors to ride at the 50th Anniversary show of their sister club in Scotland. Now that will be a experience.

These examples inspire me. But what makes me proud are ESDCTA's efforts to provide valuable programs and events, as well as shows, to our members. We, too, have been trying to think out of the box, not just for new programs but for the tried and true.

This year's Memorial Day Weekend Show will have new features that will make the entire weekend a fun event for nonriders, as well as one for competitors. There will be a CDI reception Thursday evening, a BBQ Friday evening, and a reception Saturday night following the Musical Free-style.

We are also planning *Dressage with the Expert* headphone rental for people who want to learn about this fabulous sport as they watch the competitors. It's not too late to show our riders your support and become a sponsor of one of these exciting programs.

Another educational opportunity is our new *Equinars*. These are webinars for members only that will provide an educational opportunity from the comfort of your home once the horses are bedded down and the tack is cleaned. Or, clean your tack while you listen!

Our first topic is about equine insurance, with presenters from Blue Bridle Insurance. This is a topic that always raises questions: To have or not to have and, if you do, what should you have? It is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 from 8pm to 9pm. Look for details in this issue.

We are also hoping to schedule a Dressage Clinic late summer and already have a USDF Continuing Education seminar scheduled in December.

Stay tuned...next month will have more details about these opportunities and others that are being planned for both Dressage riders and Eventers. If you have your own ideas, please share....

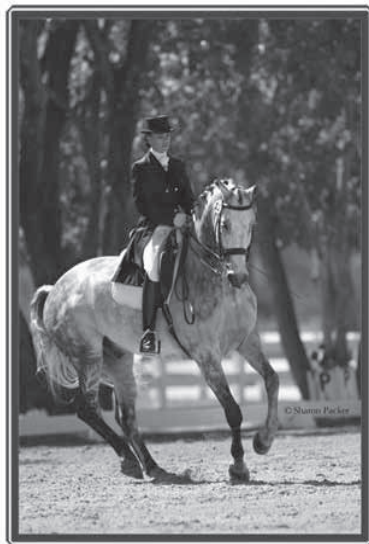


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Destination... New Jersey

CDI 3* Y/IJ Allentown & Memorial Weekend Dressage Show
 May 26-29, 2011

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CROSS COUNTRY...

News Across Our Region

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hell's Angel Off the Track Thoroughbred Award
Do you ride an off the track Thoroughbred in dressage? Are you planning on competing at the ESDCTA Memorial Day Weekend show or the ESDCTA Garden State Classic? Then, you are eligible to compete for the *Hell's Angel Off the Track Thoroughbred Award*. All you need to do is to remember to send a copy of your horse's racetrack record when you send in your entry. Your horse must have raced at least once in order to qualify, but does not have to have won or placed—just completed a race. Any questions, feel free to contact Lisa Rasmuson via email at

lrasmuson@comcast.net

EMMA shows slated for this year in May, June and October and detailed in the ESDCTA Omnibus have been **CANCELED**. EMMA management apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Bit by Bit Equestrian Center's show manager for its shows is now Sue Marino.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 30 - May 22, Pete Boglioli Clinic Series, Freedom Farm, Frenchtown, NJ. Contact Rhea Landig, rhaelandig@yahoo.com

May 12, ESDCTA Horse and Farm Insurance EQUINAR, 8pm-9pm, Contact: newsletter@esdcta.org

May 22, Dressage and Combined Training Schooling Show, High Point Equestrian Center, Montague, NJ, Contact: Lester Murphy, 973-293-0033

May 26-29, ESDCTA Memorial Day Weekend Show and CDI 3* Y/J Allentown, Contact: Terry Masters. E-mail: terrymasters@verizon.net

ESDCTA welcomes proposals

from vendors for goods and services .

Please contact the appropriate committee .

UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 11—Board of Trustees, at 7:15 pm
The Metro Diner, Rt. 31/202 N, Ringoes, NJ.
Contact: Susan Lax, 609-466-4178

TBA—Eventing Committee Meeting. Contact Gary Maholic at gmaholic@gmail.com for more information.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

For membership questions including updating physical or e-mail addresses please contact:
Diane Engler

PO Box 185, Pipersville, PA 18947
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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Meredith Rogers, Debbie DelGiorno,
Diane Engler, Megan Zureck & Susan RG Lax

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All submissions are due by the 10th of the month

Send your Cross Country Information to

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FOALIN' AROUND

Youth News, Activities, and Opportunities

ATTENTION: YOUTH EVENTERS

ESDCTA is sponsoring a team to each of the following youth eventing team competitions:

DIFFICULT RUN FALL HORSE TRIALS Application Deadline: July 1, 2011

August 20-21, 2011

Erying Pan Park, Herndon, VA.

NJ REGION PONY CLUBS STARTER HT Application Deadline: August 1, 2011

September 25, 2011

Horse Park of NJ, Allentown, NJ

Qualifying scores and volunteer hours are required. Details for each competition including the team qualifying criteria can be found in the Youth Program under the Activities Page of our website.

Send application and volunteer form(s) via mail or email to:

Heidi Lemack, Youth Committee Co-Chair

12 Hill Road • Allentown, NJ 08501

609.758.4918 • RBLStables@aol.com

YOUTH DRESSAGE TEAM COMPETITIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 16TH!!!

Applications for London's Youth Dressage Festival and the Region 1 Youth Team Competition must be received by May 16, 2011. Details including qualifying criteria can be found in the Youth Program on the Activities Page of our website along with the Team Application form.

YOUTH DRESSAGE FIX-A-TEST CLINIC SCHEDULE

Youth Members: \$40, Non-Members: \$50

Details including contact information can be found in the Youth Program on the Activities Page of our website.

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Hidden Creek Equestrian Center, Kunkletown, PA

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 7, 2011

Clinician: Jill Kuc, Kelly Smaltz

Organizer: Jill Kuc

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Rhythm & Blues Stables, Allentown, NJ

ENTRY DEADLINE: June 17, 2011

Clinician: Cindy Roesener

Organizer: Heidi Lemack

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Ringoes, NJ (contact organizer for exact location)

ENTRY DEADLINE: August 12, 2011

Clinician: Ann Forer

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Smile! Your Horses Teeth Need Your Attention

By Christina Wilson, DVM

Califon Animal Hospital

Dental care is essential for the comfort and health of a horse. Over the years we have domesticated horses and altered their natural diets, and ask them to do work from a young age. Most horses have all of their permanent teeth by age five. Horse teeth are hypsodont, meaning they continue to erupt throughout the horse's life. Routine exams, maintenance, and correction of any dental issues can improve a horse's condition and future health. Mature horses should be examined once a year while younger and geriatric horses should be examined twice a year. It is often difficult to recognize dental disease without a thorough oral exam. Some horses show obvious signs of pain while others are very good at adapting to the discomfort caused by dental problems.

Some indications of problems:

- Dropping grain or wadding hay
- Loss of body condition
- Undigested feed particles in manure
- Resisting the bit or poor performance under saddle
- Foul odor from mouth/nose or nasal discharge

The most common dental problems:

- Sharp enamel points, causing ulcerations of cheek and tongue
- Retained caps (deciduous teeth that are not shed)
- Wolf teeth interfering with the bit
- Hooks on the upper and lower cheek teeth
- Periodontal disease



Unresolved dental issues can lead to a number of serious consequences such as colic, choke, sinus infections, and fractured teeth, just to name a few. Preventative maintenance includes a thorough oral exam with a dental speculum and dental equilibration (floating). Floating removes the sharp enamel points and hooks on cheek teeth to improve the comfort and allow the horse to grind more efficiently. Due to the anatomy of the horses mouth, points are typically found on the outside (buccal or cheek) surface of the upper cheek teeth and the inside (labial or tongue) surface of the lower cheek teeth. Horses chew in a circular motion and misaligned teeth can lead to hooks on the front and back cheek teeth.

Depending on the condition of your horse's teeth, multiple visits may be necessary to correct the problems. Sedation and local anesthetics can be used to increase comfort and cooperation while the dental procedures are being performed. It is important to catch dental problems early because as the abnormalities progress, treatment becomes more challenging. At minimum, annual oral exams by your veterinarian, along with routine dental equilibration will improve the health and performance of your horse despite the age and activity level.





VOLUNTEERS – SIGNUP FOR THE MEMORIAL WEEKEND DRESSAGE AND CDI3* Y/J ALLENTOWN, MAY 26-29, 2011, and become a part of making world class dressage a reality at the HPNJ while cheering on your favorite Pan Am team hopeful compete for a place at the selection trials.

You can volunteer for a half day or a full day

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:

- Continental breakfast / lunch / snacks
- \$20 gas reimbursement

-Volunteer gift

-Volunteer hours to use for year-end awards /ESDCTA teams/ grants / scholarships

-Don't need volunteer hours- then earn Volunteer Bucks -\$10 for each 4hrs

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

Scribe / Ring Steward / Saddlery Check / Warm up Steward / Scorer / Awards Table/ Ring Test Collectors / Golf Cart Test Collector / Clean Up and Take Down Crew on Sunday afternoon from about 2 pm.

Pick your favorite job and contact Terry Masters: terrymasters@verizon.net

SET UP VOLUNTEERS: May 25 or 26 contact Dennis Reese: 732-542-0785

SET UP AND CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS: counts for double volunteer hours.

SALUTE!

Kaleigh Quinn

Meet ESDCTA youth member and eventer, Kaleigh Quinn!



Kaleigh, age 18, hails from Port Jervis, NY, and has been riding since she was 11 starting off in the hunter/jumper disciplines. At 13, she began working with a trainer who was an eventer. She was “hooked” and started to event at the Beginner Novice Level.

A dedicated rider, Kaleigh trains 5-6 days a week, including a weekly lesson with her trainer, Linett Tell of Windswept Farms in Augusta, NJ, who she has worked with since she was 13. This year will be Kaleigh's second year competing at the Preliminary level with her mount Toy Story, a 15.2 chestnut Irish Sport Horse gelding she has had since she was 16, and hopes to run Intermediate during this season. Kaleigh has also recently begun working with Sinead Halpin twice each month to prepare her to move up to Intermediate. Cross country is Kaleigh's favorite phase in eventing. Among Kaleigh's many accomplishments, she recently earned the USEA Bronze Medal at the Preliminary level. When asked what were her longer term riding goals she replied, “NJ Fresh, Rolex, and the Olympics – isn't that every young eventer's dream?”

A student at Port Jervis High School, Kaleigh is equally committed to her education, taking AP classes this year as she prepares for college. Kaleigh will be attending Quinnipiac University in CT, this fall to pursue a degree in athletic training/sports medicine with the long term goal of earning her doctorate and becoming a physical therapist. She does not plan to bring her horse to college but fortunately she will be only a few hours away from home. “Horses will always be a part of my life and I plan to continue to compete for as long as I can

Kaleigh joined the Autumn Ridge Pony Club about the same time she started to ride and has progressed through the ratings, earning her B last year. Kaleigh was recently appointed the New Jersey Region's delegate to the USPC National Youth Board, a program created by the USPC Board of Governors to bring together outstanding older pony club members that have been recognized for their leadership at the local and regional levels. The leadership program held at the USPC annual convention in Nashville, TN, this year “was a great learning experience” for Kaleigh where she had the “opportunity to meet and share all kinds of experiences with other pony clubbers from all over the country” as well as meet USPC alumni who were receiving this year's Academy of Achievement Awards.

When asked what eventer she admired the most Kaleigh replied, “Karen O'Connor – she's done it all, she is living every young eventer's dream!” Kaleigh's advice to younger riders is, “don't get discouraged; mistakes happen and you learn from them. Everyone has their good and bad days.”

This is a very exciting time in Kaleigh's life. By the time you read this feature, Kaleigh will have flown to CA, where she will meet the rest of the USPC team that has been chosen for the 2-week 2011 Inter Pacific Exchange Program in New Zealand! A true cultural, educational, and competitive experience, team members travel throughout New Zealand living with host families and competing in a one-day event and a Nations Cup Show Jumping competition with teams from Japan, Hong Kong, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Kaleigh promises to write an article about her experiences upon her return home.

We wish Kaleigh the best of luck in meeting her riding goals, and we look forward to hearing about her wonderful journey!



ON THE BIT

ESDCTA Trainers ' Tips, Advice and Observations

Back to “School”

By Wendy Lewis

The starter calls out, “... 30 seconds 15 seconds..... and the countdown begins. Ten... nine... eight... seven... six... five... four... three... two... one. Mouth dry and heart pounding you leave the start box to conquer your first cross-country course of the season! Whether you are an experienced professional or green to eventing, you still must tackle the extra nerves and excitement that come with the first event of the season. Thorough preparation is the best way for both horse and rider to combat these nerves. Eventers can accomplish this goal by making the most out of early cross-country schooling opportunities.

First on the to do list is fitness for both horse and rider. We all know how difficult it is to keep both us and our equine partners fit when the winter weather only permits riding around in circles in an indoor arena trying not to get frostbite. Unfortunately this is often all the weather allows us to accomplish, and it prevents horse and rider from preparing to attack a cross-country course. But all is not lost as spring and good weather eventually do arrive. My advice: as soon as the weather breaks, get out of the ring. Go on hacks with lots of slow trotting and cantering. You can even practice some of the trot sets in two-point, which helps your fitness and balance. Don't be surprised at how much you feel the burn in your thighs and calves after your long winter break. Don't let this stop you; keep it up. Hopefully all of the fitness work will help reduce the need for an oxygen mask half way through the first schooling!

Next on the cross country to do list is completing a cross-country school. Once you feel ready to get out on an actual course try to make arrangements with your regular coach or a supportive ground person. Schooling in a small group is nice for the camaraderie and support. Whether it is cheering each other on or bargaining for who is going to jump the scary course first, it helps to have the support of other riders. Chances are you will not feel as brave as you did at the end of the previous season. This is natural, so make sure not to over face yourself as you pick up the reins again. Start by selecting a few small fences and repeat them in a pattern at a comfortable canter until getting into a rhythm. Schooling fences in groups rather than single fences is my personal preference. Gradually build up to more challenging courses of fences, eventually including the bank, water, or the dreaded ditch! Just remember to stop before either horse or rider gets too tired.

Of course next on the to-do list is to realistically reflect on your schooling. After giving you equine partner lots of carrots for a job well done it is time to evaluate your performance and make a plan. If you or your horse were not able to settle and control those nerves, try to schedule a couple more cross-country schools before your first event. Better to take the time and feel completely confident, or even over prepared, rather than hoping it will magically come together at the event. Any experienced rider will tell you that if you cannot do something at home, it will not happen at an event.

Now, schoolings have been successful, both horse and rider are prepared, show day has arrived, the countdown begins, and you are off... Before you know it you hear the “beep, beep, beep” of your cross country watch just after you cross over the finish line. Hopefully all went well, and you think, “That was fun, when can I do it again?” Enjoy the elation. Both horse and rider were well prepared. Job well done.

*Wendy Lewis is an upper level event rider based out of Golden Gait Farm in Millstone, New Jersey. Wendy enjoys training and competing horses at all levels of eventing. Additionally she enjoys teaching students of any level in any discipline. Highlights of her career include being chosen for the USET Developing Riders list three times and a 9th place finish at Rolex Kentucky CCI**** in 2005.*



Wendy Lewis

CENTERLINE

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Dressage News

Meeting highlights included:

- Dianne Boyd and Terry Masters reported on plans for the 2011 GAIG Championships and the BLM Championships respectively. Terry also reported on the plans for the 2011 Adult Team Competition to be hosted by ESDCTA on Sept 24-25, 2011 at the HPNJ. Other GMOs are encouraged to help.
- Dianne reported on the status of the CBLM,LLC.
- The 2011 Region 1 Youth Competition will be held at Morven Park on July 23-24, 2011, and hosted by VADA/NOVA. Alison Head reported on plans for the show. GMOS are encouraged to help with the cost and volunteers.
- The 2011 NAJYRC will take place in Lexington Kentucky on July 26-Aug7, 2011. The finances of the NAJYRC account were discussed. Debbie and Nicole DelGiorno discussed possible fundraising activities to help the Region 1 teams.
- A J/YR clinic was discussed with implementation prior to March 2012. The Hassler's generously offered the use of their facility. Workable dates are being explored.
- Nicole DelGiorno reported that the Youth Programs Advisory Subcommittee is working on an electronic calendar for youth to keep them up-to-date on competitions, events, and deadlines.
- Dressage at Devon will take place Sept 27-Oct 2, 2011. Lori Cominski reported on the long-range ring and footing upgrades planned at Devon and the stabling renovations currently underway.
- Zo Ann presented the suggestion of a Trainers Award be added to the Region 1 Awards.
- The redesigned Region 1 website was discussed along with the suggestion of selling website advertising as a source of income. In addition to the website, Region 1 has new Facebook and Twitter pages. Lisa also said that her e-news will be sent monthly.
- Bids for the 2012 GAIG Championships and the CBLM Championships were presented and voted on.
- The 2012 CBLM Championships will be hosted by VADA at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA. Oct. 18-23, 2012.
- The 2012 GAIG Championships will be hosted by NCDCTA at the Senator Bob Martin Agricultural Center, Williamston, NC Nov. 1-4, 2012.
- Each GMO gave reports about their club's activities for the year.
- The Region 1 Fall Meeting will be held Oct 30, 2011, at the Best Western Hotel, Leesburg, VA.
- The 2011 USDF Annual Convention will take place in San Diego, CA, Nov 29-Dec 2, 2011.
- A final discussion centered on volunteer recognition and educating competitors about the organization and effort that is necessary for every competition's success. GMOs were encouraged to provide this information in their newsletters.

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In addition to watching an exciting lineup of riders in both the Large and Small Tour, we're also planning some partying during the weekend as well.

On Thursday evening immediately following the Jog, ESDCTA will host a CDI Reception for all the CDI riders, owners, trainers and friends.

On Friday evening everyone is invited to an old fashioned Southern BBQ, serving BBQ chicken and ribs, corn on the cob, baked beans, corn bread, salads and desserts. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased thru the entry secretary when you send in entries or thru Beth Ann Adams, by using the form below. Tickets will be picked up at the show.

And, *Dressage with the Expert headsets* will also be available to learn more about this fabulous sport while watching it live.. Stay tuned for the details!

Deadline for purchasing BBQ tickets is May 20th !!!!

On Saturday ESDCTA is hosting a CDI Musical Freestyle Reception in the pavilion. Join us for light refreshments and then enjoy the rides! This was a very popular event at the 2010 CDI, attended by 125 people.

TICKET ORDER FORM FOR FRIDAY EVENING BARBEQUE

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Beth Ann Adams, 1824 Easthill Dr., Bethlehem, PA, 18017 Deadline: May 20, 2011

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THE START BOX

Eventing News

Southern Pines Adult Camp (SPAC) 2011

By Patricia Lutfy

Arriving on the heels of this year's winter, a trip planned to Southern Pines for the USEA adult riding camp was the carrot we all needed to keep us chipping ice, shoveling snow, and trying to keep our horses fit for a week of training. This was a repeat exercise for several in our group and a first for some, but in either case sheer joy, terrific instruction, and plenty of laughter were just part of what awaited us during our week at SPAC.

The camp is hosted by Linda Dreher, who has 14 years of experience running the event, and is also an institution in the horse world. For 35 years she's ridden at the Novice through Intermediate levels; she organizes or co-organizes HT events, she founded Bannockburn Pony Club, and served as DC for 10 years. In addition, Linda hosted the North American Young Riders at Temple Farm for 10 years. The Dreher home is warm and welcoming. At the end of the day and over good food, we enjoyed discussions on such topics such as tack, given by Denny Emerson. His advice? "When in doubt, blame it on your tack!" We all loved that excuse.

Each camper is hosted at various local farms and most of the lessons are within hacking distance of the host farm. Everyone is assigned a riding partner for the week with whom you share your jump lessons; every dressage lesson is private. There are also a few XC venues that we trailered to. My partner was my dear friend, Christine Gardiner, and her horse Boomer. Our host farm was Knightsbridge, which is a beautiful facility, with Laura Leigh as our most gracious host. Laura subscribes to the Southern hospitality philosophy, insisting on providing lunch for our group on our last day at the barn as we all shared our stories and lessons learned.

Eight of us went to SPAC this year with our fearless trainer, Linnet Tell. This is the second year Linnet has brought some fantastic horse people from Windswept Farm. Below are a few of the experiences of our group of our campers. Maybe you'll come join us next year!

Sue Kozlowski: The daily, and sometimes twice daily, lessons from experienced and highly qualified instructors gradually built on each other as the week progressed. This year's camp was a week filled with acquiring new skills, brushing up on our old skills, gaining confidence, and most of all motivation! Sharing dinner and our passion for our horses and riding with other participants was a great way to wind down after our day. The highlight of the week for me was watching our relaxed horses graze in their pastures with the afternoon sun warming their bare backs. I look forward to this exceptional week again next year.



Karen and Neko

Cathy Quinn (aka Quinnie): After all of the stress of preparing to leave the family, packing, organizing the home, making meals, and arranging work and school scheduleswe were off! It was an amazing week spent with great friends, wonderful meals at Linda's home, informative lectures, great instructors, and outstanding facilities. Each day was spent bonding with our horse, super lessons, and the chance to enjoy, take pictures, and learn by watching others ride and train.

Christine Gardiner: The road trip south with great friends and our four-legged favorites was wonderful. I just wish there had been more time to catch up on the conversations that always seemed to get cut short. Escaping the cold and getting a jumpstart on conditioning for the season was priceless. The instruction from our sport's finest was outstanding, both the first-hand instruction, as well as the auditing of our friends. There were lots of laughs, yummy food (which you do not prepare nor clean up after), and most importantly, accommodating and hospitable farm owners that generously shared their facility with us for the week.

Karen Leonard: It is a fantastic week filled with camaraderie, good food, and a great opportunity to school with top trainers.

Karen B. Boehme: My goal for the week was to build a partnership with my horse and regain my confidence that I had lost after riding inappropriate horses that resulted in several accidents. Although I now have a pony that is just right for me, it was hard to overcome years of bad experiences. The SPCA helped me to regain trust in my skills. By the week's end, I had hacked by myself through miles of beautiful woodland trails, and even cantered a log jump to a sunken road to a brush jump. Not bad for a Pony Club grandma!

Lauren Sceusi: I thought the closing to the SPAC farewell email "Come back to horse heaven whenever you can." summarized the SPCA and our host farms perfectly.

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The \$1200 Adult Amateur High Score Challenge
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The Adult Amateur High Score Challenge will again be a part of our Memorial Weekend Dressage show, but it returns with a new sponsor and cash awards.

Adult amateur riders entering at Training Level thru PSG are invited to participate in the Adult Amateur High Score Challenge.

There's a mounted awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon where the Champions and Reserve Champions will receive their awards.

It's a fun event and all the winners are proud of their achievements; so all you Adult Amateur riders remember to indicate "AAHC" on your show entry form when entering AAHC qualifying classes, so that your scores will count.

DEFINITION:

The *Adult Amateur High Score Challenge*, created to promote the recognition of the adult amateur rider, will be offered at the 2011 ESDCTA MDW Dressage Show.

The same scores from the two highest tests of the level may also be used as qualifying scores for the BLM or GAIG Championships with the correct fee to management.

Please note on the entry form next to the class name that you are entering the *Adult Amateur High Score Challenge*

WHO: Open to all adult amateur riders entered in the show

WHAT: To determine the adult amateur Champion and Reserve Champion at each level:
Training thru PSG

WHERE: The Memorial Weekend Dressage Show

WHEN: Classes offered on Friday May 27 and Saturday May 28 will be used to determine the winners.

HOW:

- 1- Indicate on your entry form that you want your scores to count toward the AA High Score Challenge
- 2- Ride the SECOND highest test of the level on Friday, ie, Training Level -2
- 3- Ride the HIGHEST test of the level on Saturday, ie, Training Level – 3
- 4- The PSG class on Saturday will be used to determine the PSG winners.
- 5- The Champion and Reserve Champion from each level will participate in a mounted awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon.

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MODIFIED EVENTING DIVISIONS are for horses and riders of all ages and equestrian disciplines, whether you or your horse are new to eventing, want to tune up, or try a new level. If entries permit, there will be separate divisions for new event horses, and new event riders. There will be no conformation phase. Levels include:

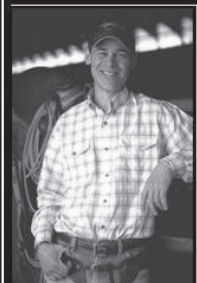
ELEMENTARY: BN dressage test A; crossrails to 2' jumps

BEGINNER NOVICE: BN test B; 2' -2'7" jumps

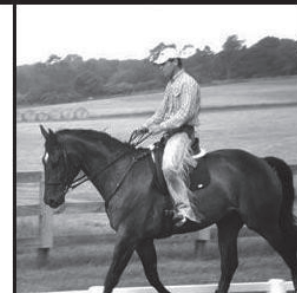
NOVICE: Novice test A; 2'7" – 2'11" jumps (YEH 4 y.o. course)

TRAINING: Training test A; 2'11" – 3'3" jumps (YEH 5 y.o. course)

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JUDGES ROUNDTABLE GETS NEW ORGANIZER

By Jacquelyn Stapel

On January 16th, 2011, thirty judges and “L” graduates gathered once again at the lovely home of Amelia and Larry Ross in Oldwick, NJ for the Edgar Hotz Memorial Judges’ Roundtable. Being a new test year there was much to discuss. Fresh from judging at the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY, (not to mention the Olympics in Hong Kong) Marilyn Payne led the discussion.

This year, Ann Forer, who has been organizing the Roundtable for many years, handed the reins over to me. I have attended every Roundtable since I graduated the “L” program 10 years ago and feel that it is incredibly important to have a venue where judges and judges-in-training can gather in private and discuss, debate and receive feed-back from their peers and from more experienced judges.

Although I never knew Edgar, he is always mentioned at the Roundtable and I feel blessed to be able to hear people who knew him personally reminisce and share anecdotes about this wonderful and generous man. I also look forward to having the opportunity to “tune” my judging eye and confirm that I am indeed still “on track” with scores and comments.

I have to admit, it was a bit intimidating to be in charge of an event such as this, and I am eternally grateful to Patti Thompson, Sandy Fritzsche, and Susan Herster for all of their help as well as Ann for her guidance. Each person in attendance received a full set of copies of the tests, a scrumptious lunch, and a day of lively dialogue. For the first time, the Roundtable was USDF University accredited.

Ann Forer was recognized for her tremendous contributions over the years and received a beautifully engraved mahogany desk clock in appreciation.

Thank you again to Amelia and Larry Ross for their continued hospitality, Marilyn Payne for always finding the time to include us in her busy schedule and of course, ESDCTA for making this important educational opportunity available.



Ann Forer receives judges roundtable award for her years of service from Jacquelyn Stapel.

HORSE TREATS

By Meredith Rogers



Ever wonder what a dream about a horse (other than your own, of course) means? In general, dreaming about horses symbolizes energy or power.

If you dream of riding or seeing passing horses, it denotes ease and comfort. Riding a runaway horse can signify that your interests will be interrupted by the folly of a friend or employer. Dreaming of a bucking horse indicates that your desires will be difficult to achieve.

Seeing a herd of horses foretells you will hear about a friend’s illness, and a wounded horse denotes the trouble of friends. A herd of broodmares means congeniality and the absence of jealousy. If you are currying your horse, it means your business interests will not be neglected for frivolous reasons, and if you are trimming his mane or tail, it means you will be a good banker or farmer.

A white horse indicates prosperity or something good commingling with friends, but if the horse is dirty, it means you will be betrayed by a jealous friend. A black horse means you will be successful in your future but you will practice deception. If in your dream you’re riding a bright bay horse, you will rise in fortune and have satisfaction in your endeavors. Spotted horses mean you will see a profit in your business enterprises.

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SHOW RESULTS

OXBOW DRESSAGE/HT/CT
November 14, 2010 Judge: Stapel (L)

USDF – A & B		
N. Vascimini (B) Macaroni Pony	67.000	
J. Digiso (A) Tauri	64.500	
B. Zimmerman (B) Yippee-Kye-Ay	61.500	
J. Digiso (B) Tauri	59.000	
K. Arthur (B) My Jennaration	54.000	
R. Yonker (B) Greta	53.000	
R. Yonker (A) Greta	52.500	
TRAINING – 1 & 2		
N. Carolan Tide Creek Diablo	63.000	
J. Dix Jinxie	60.300	
K. Barrand Coco	58.900	
H. Howell Kiva	58.000	
TRAINING – 3 & 4		
K. Barrand (3) Coco	61.200	
H. Howell (3) Kiva	59.200	
B. Nabors (3) Evita 166	52.400	
B. Nabors (4) Evita 166	49.800	
CT – ELEMENTARY/BEGINNER		
B. Branch Coco	38.50	
B. Branch Coco	39.00	
C. Futterman Glorious Titania	44.50	
C. Futterman Glorious Titania	46.00	
HT – STARTER		
N. Carolan Tide Creek Diablo	32.00	
B. Zimmerman Yippee-Kye-Ay	41.50	
H. Lattig Henrietta	42.50	
J. Dix Jinxie	43.00	
R. Greene Quoit a Star	58.00	
N. Vascimini Macaroni Pony	67.00	

HORSE PARK OF NJ
February 26, 2011 Judge: Ash (L)

USDF – A		
S. Daszenzo One Fancy Zip	58.125	
C. Messores Magic's White Lightening	58.250	
USDF – B		
B. Beyler Don't Tell My Husband	66.875	
S. Daszenzo One Fancy Zip	59.375	
C. Messores Magic's White Lightening	58.125	
USDF – C		
B. Beyler Don't Tell My Husband	63.500	
M. Lubner Tziano	59.000	
TRAINING – 1		
M. Lubner Tziano	55.833	
J. McColgan Superstition	55.416	
TRAINING – 2		
J. Amber Whellington	73.214	
J. Amber Whalter	69.285	
S. Ranke Sancerre	62.857	
J. McColgan Superstition	54.285	
TRAINING – 3		
J. Amber Whellington	69.80	
J. Amber Whalter	65.800	
S. Ranke Sancerre	60.800	
SECOND – 1 & 2		
H. Bowen (2) Dixie Legs	62.105	
H. Bowen (1) Dixie Legs	61.428	

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March 20, 2011
Judge: Jones-Sinelnik (r)

USDF – B – STARTER RIDER		
S. Guetherman Doc Snappy Dresser	53.750	
G. Byers King Alexander	46.250	
USDF – A – STARTER HORSE		
J. Lapolla William T	72.500	
L. Coleman Stewart Little	67.500	
D. Moscatiello LeBelle Amoure	65.625	
USDF – B – STARTER HORSE		
D. Moscatiello LeBelle Amoure	68.750	
J. Knecht (HC)* Raina	58.250	
J. Knecht Raina	53.750	
N. Pagliuso Classical Debut	50.000	
USDF – C – STARTER HORSE		
k. Gregor Endeavor	53.500	
L. Loehrke-Sichhart Target	50.000	
TRAINING – 1 – O		
A. Lord Head Over Heels	66.250	
TRAINING – 1 – STARTER HORSE		
L. Loehrke-Sichhart Target	53.334	
N. Pagliuso Classical Debut	46.667	
TRAINING – 2 – O		
G. Fagiarone Dreamberri Bey	70.000	
C. Gallogly Valvert	67.858	
A. Lord Head Over Heels	64.643	
J. Bintiff Doogie	63.929	
TRAINING – 3 – O		
G. Fagiarone Dreamberri Bey	65.200	
T. Wilson Denali	64.800	
c. Gallogly Valvert	64.000	
J. Bintiff Doogie	60.800	
K. Boisvert Cupid's Arrow	58.400	
BEGINNER NOVICE – A		
D. Burke Bold Cherokee Ruler	34.50	
K. Cantine Mama Mia	37.00	
A. Busa Magic Time	41.00	
M. Bull Masquerade Party	43.00	
A. Farrell Lil	48.00	
M. Bull Masquerade Party	36.50	
BEGINNER NOVICE – B		
S. Fiske Rugby V	28.09	
C. Stipp Kastanian	30.00	
K. Cantine Mama Mia	31.90	
A. Martin Metropolitan	33.80	
G. Doyle Happy Feet	35.23	
S. Fiske Rocket Science	35.71	
W. McIntyre Digamy	39.52	
R. McDonough Brandy Up	44.28	
NOVICE – A		
E. Lapolla Make a Beeline	32.17	
E. Finley Seminary Ridge	32.17	
G. Doyle Happy Feet	40.00	
K. Froberg-Fejko Remi	42.17	
NOVICE – B		
J. Bull Hennessey	38.50	
G. Doyle Happy Feet	38.00	
K. Froberg-Fejko emi	39.50	
TRAINING – A		
E. Finley Seminary Ridge	34.45	
J. Lapolla Eight O Eight	36.81	
PRELIMINARY – A		
N. Zardus X-Calibur	40.00	

PRELIMINARY – B
L. Hoffman Beckham 30.43

HORSE PARK OF NJ
March 27, 2011 Judge: Stapel (L)

USDF – B		
R. Beyler Don't Tell My Husband	67.813	
E. Root Flanagan	58.750	
USDF – C		
R. Beyler Don't Tell My Husband	63.500	
A. Perkowski Bacci	61.500	
TRAINING – 1		
M. Wyan Stanco	67.080	
D. Schmidt Ace's Irish Star	60.208	
S. Livingston Paper Tiger	54.167	
J. McColgan Superstition	52.500	
TRAINING – 2		
J. Amber Dhijon	62.500	
S. Blanco Ian's Legacy	60.000	
D. Schmidt Ace's Irish Star	58.036	
A. Maleson Martini's Eve	55.714	
S. Livingston Paper Tiger	55.357	
J. McColgan Superstition	52.500	
TRAINING – 3		
J. Amber Dhijon	63.600	
A. Maleson Martini's Eve	55.600	
M. Griffith Snickers	54.400	
A. DiCiurcio Fancy Delray	51.000	
FIRST – 1		
J. Amber Rhyan	64.483	
E. Root Marinette	63.276	
M. Griffith Snickers	57.414	
T. Ruocco Shinon Nagah	53.621	
A. DiCiurcio Fancy Delray	53.276	
FIRST – 2		
J. Amber Rhyan	66.622	
E. Root Marinette	65.568	
L. Juniewicz My Valentine	61.486	
T. Ruocco Shinon Nagah	55.405	
FIRST – 3		
L. Juniewicz My Valentine	65.806	
SECOND – 2		
H. Bowen Dixie Legs	60.000	
SECOND – 3		
H. Bowen Dixie Legs	60.000	

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1	Suddenly Farm	14	Saddlebrook Ridge
1	Good Times Farm	15	Fidler Run
1	Bucks County Horse Park	15	Windy Hollow Hunt
1	Gold Clover	15	Bucks County Horse Park
1	Clover Valley Farm	21	Blue Spruce Farm
4	Flying Change Farm	22	Oxbow Stables
6	Bucks County Horse Park	22	Hidden Creek Equestrian Center
7	The Meadow	22	Flora Lea Farm
7	DVHA	24	Bucks County Horse park
8	Suddenly Farm	25	Applewood Farm
10	Bucks County Horse Park	27-29	ESDCTA
11	Hawk Hollow Ranch	28	Arabian Horse Society of NJ
11-15	Jersey Fresh 3-Day Event	29	ESDCTA
14	Carousel Farm	30	Bow Brickhill Stable