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President's Message

Weather, Fashion and Future Trends — All in One Weekend

Pam Doolittle

By the time you read this January message, the blizzard of Dec. 12, 2011 might be a distant memory. But remember, I write this message early in order to make the newsletter deadline. So believe me when I tell you, it's fresh in my mind!

Here's how I turned a terrible weather event into a fantastic, horse-filled weekend, with the help of some wise purchases, friends and family support.

I left my house Saturday morning (the 11th) at 10 a.m. to attend the organizational meeting of our new Eastern chapter contingent. The meeting was hosted by Monique Steinhoff who owns The Equine Source tack shop. It was snowing lightly as I left my driveway, but I was encouraged by the clear and dry roads as I traveled north and east towards Plymouth. A small group of members met at Monique's store and discovered interesting and innovative new fashion trends in equestrian clothing.

Some new trends to watch for are cowboy boots plus breeches (yes, breeches) for those times you're not in your riding boots. Monique also demonstrated how to layer fashionably, starting with your base layer (light and moisture-wicking), to your medium-weight turtle-necks (button-down in some cases for extra style), to heavier insulating sweaters, to wool jackets by Gersemi (I LOVED [this](#)), to the perfect [jacket](#) for clinic watching/teaching. And to accessorize, she paired these items with matching hats, scarves and gloves. The warm and waterproof Mountain Horse gloves were my prized purchase. Thank you, Carol Steinhoff, for opening your home—and Monique, your store—for us!

Oh, but my story is not done. By 3:30 p.m., it was raining in Sheboygan. This is not good news for someone driving west and south, especially when there are winter storm and blizzard warnings posted in that general direction. By 5 p.m., I had made it to near Beaver Dam. The rain quickly changed to snow, and within only a few miles, the slush was several inches deep and cars dotted the left and right sides of the highway. By Columbus (about 10 miles southwest of Beaver Dam), I stopped under an overpass and, using my new gloves (thanks, Monique!), cleared off the slush



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Pam Doolittle and Contigo

from my windshield and car hood. I waited for a plow to guide me back to Cross Plains, then waited for another to lead me to Waunakee and then home. My wonderful family had warm chili and a bottle of wine ready for their returning weary traveler. Wow, did it storm Saturday night! Sunday morning, I trekked to the barn in the National-Weather-Service-declared blizzard, through drifts past my knees. Yes, it was miserable, but that is no matter to someone who feels insulated from the cold and fashionable in her new reversible Mountain Horse [vest](#), [boots](#) and warm, water-proof riding gloves. Knowing my husband was on standby to pull me out of a snow bank—just in case—boosted my courage. I did ride and enjoyed it too (take that, winter!). Seriously, the hardest part is getting past those first few rounds of warm up, but once you've taken off the first layer, you've won over winter and that is a very sweet victory. Sometimes getting out there is really a mind-over-matter issue.

Please watch our calendar as our new Eastern chapter group schedules more activities for 2011. It's sure to be fun—you may even find yourself "dancing"! So stay tuned.

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President's Column continued

Next, I have some news from the USDF annual meeting event. Thank you, members, for supporting my travel to this event. I was really glad to hear a theme at this meeting that WDCTA has already adopted! Organizational transparency and better communication with USDF members is at the heart of the USDF agenda for 2011. The changes to the new tests are just one example of ways dressage officials are hoping to communicate their expectations and feedback better to dressage fans and competitors. (Southwest Chapter is hosting an afternoon symposium with Maryal Barnett in March, focused on using test feedback to improve your scores and your training program. Look for the more information on page 11, under Bits 'N Pieces, in this newsletter.)

A more detailed report on the USDF meeting is forthcoming, but I did want to share immediately a new benefit that comes with your GMO membership. For 2011, USDF is offering its members a new service called e-TRAK. E-TRAK is a library of articles, streamed presentations and video content offered at *no additional cost* to all USDF members. As long as you are a current GM member (e.g., a current member of WDCTA), simply go to the USDF [website](#), log in using your GM number, and start exploring. It's a great way to engage in our sport when winter occasionally takes away our enthusiasm for the saddle and the reins.

Finally, it would be my sincere pleasure to meet each of you at WDCTA's Annual Educational Conference and Awards Banquet this February. Check out the registration information in this newsletter. Jessica Jo Tate, our guest speaker and keynote, is one of

Wisconsin's own. She is a fantastic person and a talented rising star on the international scene. I hope you'll join us in also celebrating the success of our members' riding achievements, sharing in our educational seminars, and pondering the sport that unites us.

Until next time — stay warm, dressage enthusiasts.
Happy New Year!

WDCTA Members are Winners!

The following members are the winners in the drawing for submitting 2011 memberships by Dec. 1, proving that, in this case, procrastination does not pay off!

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Competing at the World Equestrian Games, Kentucky, 2010

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The World Equestrian Games in Kentucky included para-equestrian dressage for the first time as a part of the regular schedule of the Games. It has been a part of the Olympics for several cycles, but always as part of the para-Olympics held after the regular Games. So this was a first, providing a showcase for the fabulous skills of these challenged riders and their world-class horses.

Some countries have riders who either do not own their own horses or cannot afford to transport them to international competitions. These riders rely on borrowed horses to compete, a real disadvantage against the riders on their own mounts. When the call went out for horses to be made available to borrow, I listed several of my retired show horses, which now serve as schoolmasters for my students. In the end, two of mine were selected for the Japanese Team and one of my student's horses selected for the Argentine Team. Stories about our experiences will be posted in weeks to come, along with lots of pictures.

A star of the show was Glanzend. After each of her performances people from many countries sought me out to comment on how well she worked with her rider. The 20-year-old Hanoverian mare is a very special horse. She is a product of my breeding program. A student of mine, Jenny Schwandt, bought her as a foal, raised and trained and showed her with good success through third level, then traded her in on a younger model a few years ago.

Since then, the mare has enjoyed teaching countless riders and is my most versatile school horse. She seems to enjoy active retirement, but gives nothing away for free. She will often have a big smile on her face as she trots at great speed, refusing to canter for a rider whose aids are not correct enough. She flings her head about for entire lessons for riders whose hands don't follow correctly or are too stiff. She is a great schoolmaster, but often a frustrating one for riders. And you risk life and limb if you try to enter her stall while she is eating! She only warms up to people when they have treats in hand.

Mina Chinjiu came to my stable from



Mina mounts Glanzend from a ramp built specially for the WEG Para Dressage warm-up ring at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Japan last April to find a horse to borrow for WEG. Each para rider is placed in a Grade, from 1a to 4, depending on the degree of their physical challenges. Mina was a 1a, having the most severe disabilities. Several horses acted confused by the highly active, often abrupt aids she gives as a result of her cerebral palsy. Those horses shut down, staying safe, but not responding well. Mina was on Glanzend for only about 15 seconds, when the mare said, "I like you. What do you want me to do?"

Three days later, after going through the Grade 1a Team and Individual tests quite successfully, we tried out movements to use for the freestyle. Mina has little control over where her legs and arms go. When we tried a leg yield at the walk, she turned herself almost inside out to try to tell the horse what to do. It was a most bizarre looking set of aids, certainly nothing Glanzend had ever experienced. However, on the second try, the mare calmly stepped sideways from centerline to the track. That truly brought tears to my eyes. The match was made.

We worked for five months to help our school horse to look like a horse we could be proud of in an international arena — special products used weekly to grow her tail, extra grooming, lunging several times a week in a way to build the right dressage muscles over her top line, then hard work in the third level exercises for the last months before the Games to build more muscle and fitness.

Meanwhile, Glanzend continued work in the school, but only with the riders who would not un-do our building work with their learning process.

Mina has competed in several world class competitions for para dressage riders, always on borrowed horses. She competed at the Athens Olympics and qualified for Beijing (Hong Kong), but couldn't find a horse to borrow. The Japanese contingent felt Glanzend was the best horse ever made available to her. Mina's dream was to get a 64%, and the whole group erupted with joy when her score of 64% for the Team Test was announced.

Reading over her test sheets carefully, Mina realized that the main thing lacking for an even higher score was activity in the walk. Accuracy, bend, connection and other dressage basics were all in place. A fierce competitor, Mina telegraphed her determination to Glanzend when it was time for the Individual Test. The mare responded by sharpening her reactions to the aids and adding energy from the start. Unfortunately, extra effort with Mina's legs to go forward after the first halt at X was accompanied by extra movement of her arms....cerebral palsy creates a severe challenge in developing independence of the aids. Glanzend interpreted this as a signal to rein back. Her obedient steps brought low scores from the judges. More inadvertent aids created an unscheduled halt in the third movement of the test. I could see Mina keep her cool, re-group, decide that trying too hard was causing problems. She then proceeded with a less vigorous set of aids.

The remainder of the test was lovely, active,



Jenny Schwandt, who raised, trained and showed Glanzend for many years, was her groom at WEG. She and Mina's coach made a great team.

and earned higher scores than her Team Test.

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WEG Para Equestrian continued

Only the two miscommunications, bringing 4s from most of the judges, kept her score on the same 64%.

Horse and rider were ready for the freestyle. It's hard to create an interesting freestyle with only walk to use. Mina managed to include a high degree of difficulty with a movement we had never practiced on the horse: E turn left across the arena, make a figure 8 with two 8-meter circles on the quarter line, pass through X and make a second figure 8 on the next quarter line, then turn right at B. Having judged many freestyles over the years where I was very puzzled as to what the rider was trying to do, I was praying that this exercise wouldn't turn into an unrecognizable muddle. They performed it perfectly, with clear changes of bend, always on the bit. The free walk had good stretch, activity and overtrack, which is quite a trick for Mina, because she cannot lengthen the reins. She has to lean as far forward as she can to give the horse a way to stretch, the legs swinging back onto the horse's flanks. The judges liked it a lot, and they earned almost 67%. Mina was over the moon with the score, and with her satisfaction in their performance together. Her coach was ready to try to squeeze Glanzend into her suitcase for the trip back to Japan!

What I had never realized is that most of the horses used by para-equestrians in competitions at this level have gaits that would be considered world class in any setting. If they only walk, like for Grade 1a, a winner will surely have a walk that would earn a 9 in any company. None of the medal winners in that grade had gaits that any judge could give less than an 8. Glanzend's walk is a strong and consistent 7, but not in the league of the winners. If a horse had any gait that was even slightly irregular, such as a slightly lateral walk, it was far down in the standings. The Grade 3 and 4 tests, which are the equivalent of our third and fourth levels, were performed well enough to win USDF Horse of the Year Awards. The United States and Canada had very capable riders, but were badly outclassed by the quality of horses from other countries. I thought I would see many older, retired show horses like the two I brought. Not so! These horses were in their prime, typically from 7 to 14 years old, and in top competitive condition. The warm-up ring was often full of eye candy for the dressage lover!

It was an honor to be able to have three horses from my stable compete at the World Equestrian Games. My students and I worked very hard to prepare them



Mina and Glanzend on the centerline, totally focused.

and to keep them happy, healthy, and fit while at the games....all services donated.

All the time and effort was worth it, for the joy and sense of accomplishment it brought to Mina and the other riders.

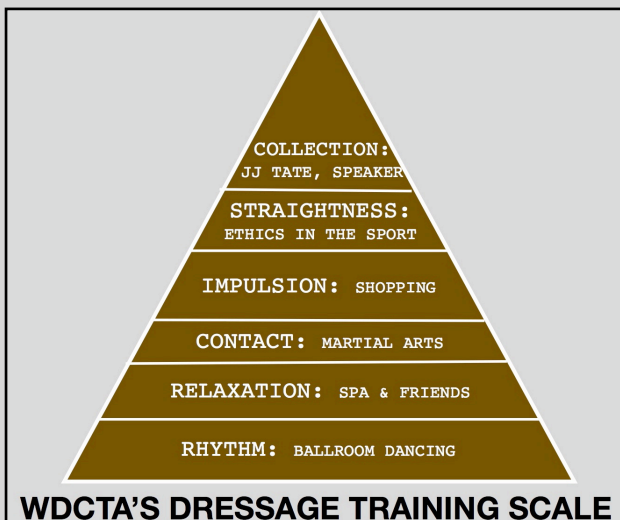
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For more info about the WDCTA annual conference, go to pages 16 and 17.



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KUDOS United States Dressage Federation 2010 Awards

Congratulations to all the WDCTA Members!

Bronze Medalists

Shannon Langer
Nicole Trapp

Silver Medalists

Jessica Davis
Katie Foster
Mary Hanneman
Katrina Hiller

Gold Medalist

Megan Mclsaac

All-Breeds Awards:

American Hanoverian Society: Grand Prix -
Shelly Reichart and
Weltaenser 65%

Friesian Sport Horse

Registry: 3rd Level Open
and Adult Amateur -
Tracee Horn and Isabella
64.07%



Accepting her award for first place at Grand Prix in the American Hanoverian Society All-Breeds Award is Shelly Reichart and, to her right, is her mom and part-owner of Weltaenser, Sheri.



Pictured from across the St. Johns River in Jacksonville, Florida: The Hyatt Regency Hotel, the location of the 2010 USDF conference.



Sharing a table at the USDF awards banquet: (front, l-r) Caryn Vesperman, Janet Foy, Marilyn Heath, Lois Yukins (back, l-r) Sheri Reichart, Shannon Langer, Pam Doolittle, Jane Hoepfner and Nancy Porter.

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Going Dutch: The Road to Sterdom

Part 2

by Stephanie Severn

Cartouche HF (A.K.A. Artie, my three-year-old Dutch gelding) and I were off to pick up Pam Erlanger's Dutch mare, Asia JP, at Blue Mounds. My friend, Bobbie, graciously agreed to follow me over and help us with loading the mare, especially as Artie was rather anxious about the trip. Asia was a little unsure of the ruckus Artie was making in the trailer, but within minutes, we had her standing quietly next to Artie, and it was time to go!

The two-hour drive went smoothly, and soon we were pulling in to Finishing Touches Farm. We were greeted in the driveway and shown an area to unload near our stalls. We quickly got the horses settled and unloaded a few essential items, and then took the two horses out for a walk to show them around. I had to drive back to Madison to care for my horses at home, and Pam was staying in the Lake Geneva area, so I dropped my trailer in a parking area for the night. Before I left, Pam helped me bathe Artie. We found our paperwork in the office, left our money for the braider, and I headed for home.

Morning came quickly. I was up early to feed my horses at home and then drove the two hours to the keuring. Check-in for the keuring was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. which made things easier for me! Artie and Asia were both scheduled to be shown on the hard surface around 11 a.m., but we had to first get through the measuring a few minutes prior. The KWPN requires all horses presented for its studbook to be measured on a level surface for a minimum height requirement.

The IBOP and DG Bar Cup were the first classes of the day. It was a lot of fun to watch these classes. They are very similar to a dressage test in some regard, but the rider has the freedom to

speak to the horse or to the test reader, and circle if he or she couldn't hear parts of the test as it is read. It was so very relaxing and positive! Once those classes were over, we all dashed to grab our horses for the measuring and presentation on the hard surface. I quickly changed into my sparkling whites. Any handler or person in the ring must wear all white, so we try to wait as long as possible before changing to avoid the inevitable slobber mark across the front of the shirt. The measuring was done in the barn on the concrete, and Artie easily surpassed the height requirement, measuring at 170 cm (16.3h) which took me by surprise as he'd only measured 16 h in the spring.

The North American breeders are very fortunate that Janko Van de Lagweg from VDL Stud in the Netherlands makes the trip over to North America to handle horses for the entire KPWN keuring tour. He has been doing this annually for over a decade! I was so relieved to see him walk into the barn, knowing that Artie would be in very capable hands for his class.

After the measuring was the hard surface presentation where conformation and correctness of movement is first judged. I had Janko handle Artie for all the "formal" presentations. Each horse is stood up for conformation, both sides judged, and then the horse is walked and trotted away from and back to the jury.

Artie was the first horse in the indoor arena for free movement. I met Janko at the indoor arena gate and handed Artie over, and followed him in to help with chasing Artie around the ring. I was

incredibly nervous about how Artie would take all the commotion, the strange arena, being chased by strangers with whips, and the tables and chairs in the middle of the arena (there for the jury).

Once in the ring things happened quickly. The judges had already seen Artie at the measuring and the hard surface presentation, so he was let loose nearly immediately for his free movement scores. Ideally you send them around both ways in trot, then both ways in canter. I say, ideally, because the horses all seem to have their minds set on standing at the in-gate or running through the middle of the arena where the judges are standing! The arena is



(Above) Cartouche HF, owned by Stephanie Severn, showing his uphill trot at the Dutch Keuring. (Above right) Certificate showing that Cartouche HF was named one of the top five Dutch horses presented in 2010.

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20 x 40 meters, a standard requirement for all KWPN-NA keurings.

Artie's trot is wonderfully balanced, but he is still somewhat unbalanced in turns with his huge canter stride, especially in an arena that is smaller than my own at home. He was also not use to the deep sand footing. We had to really push him to make him canter, as he just pushed his trot bigger, and bigger, and bigger. He finally showed his canter in both directions, and they called for us to quit.

Since Artie was the only horse in his class (dressage geldings), we had immediate feedback with his scores. The KWPN scores each horse on their linear score sheet and they make comments from their notes. I was so incredibly nervous. I really just wanted him to be accepted into the studbook so he could be branded, but of course, ultimately we were hoping for Ster. I figured if he made the minimum conformation score, he'd likely get the predicate because he's a really lovely moving horse.

Bart Henstra, the judge from the Netherlands, started on his comments. They liked his type, head and neck, wished he'd shown more development in his muscling across his topline (Artie was not yet under saddle at the time of the keuring), more comments on his loins, his legs. When I heard the final score of 70 for conformation, I was thrilled. He made the minimum conformation score for Ster. (So far so good.) They went into the comments on his movement: they wanted to see more relaxation in the walk, they loved his trot, and wanted more balance to his canter, and again ended the comments discussing his very excellent and impressive trot.

When I saw the orange ribbon appear, I immediately made a fool of myself in the corner of the arena, jumping up and down like a little kid who found out she was going to Disney World. Artie had earned the orange ribbon, First Premium, and his Ster predicate! I was thrilled!

I hurried Artie back to his stall, pulled his bridle off and grabbed my cell phone to immediately share the news with Katie in Vermont, and then hurried back to the ring to see Pam's mare, Asia JP, go through her class.

There were six mares presented in the three-to-seven-year-old dressage mares

class. Three were sired by Sir Sinclair, including Asia JP. The other mares were sired by Olympic Ferro, Contango and Olympic Idocus. They were all gorgeous, and I would have taken all of them home! Each mare had their turn in the ring, then at the end of the class, all six mares returned at the same time for final scoring and comments. Pam's mare was one of the first to be scored and receive comments: another orange ribbon appeared and she was named Ster! They kept going through the class, and we realized that no other mares were named



Ster. Pam and I were so thrilled our horses had earned their Ster predicates.

As her class was finished, the judges announced there was one more ribbon to be awarded to the top adult dressage horse. They called Asia JP and Cartouche HF's names as the two horses that were the top two horses of their classes. Pam and I looked at each other with baffled expressions — neither of us knew anything about this final ribbon and didn't know what we were supposed to do! Was I suppose to run back and re-bridle Artie, hoping he hadn't rubbed out his braids or rolled in his stall? Pam fortunately had Asia JP in hand yet from her class.

Thankfully the judges said I did not have to rush back and get him, they did not need to see them both again for this

award. Both horses tied on conformation scores, so they looked to the movement scores to break the tie and award the final orange ribbon. The nod and orange ribbon for Top Scoring Dressage Horse went to my horse, Cartouche HF. As we walked back to the barn with Asia JP, Pam and I were congratulated by the other breeders on the success of our horses. It was then we realized we had the only horses to have earned predicates at the keuring! (Foals are not eligible for predicates, and there were no jumper or harness mares presented for the studbook inspection at the keuring.)

Branding went quickly after the studbook inspections. Pam and I stayed for lunch and sat with Janko, thanking him again for his wonderful handling skills. After lunch we packed up the trailer, loaded our horses and headed for home, exhausted and very happy. The drive home seems to go so much quicker when you are celebrating!



(Both photos) Leolita, Cartouche HF's dam, showed at the FEI levels and made her contribution as a successful broodmare for the remainder of her life.

It would be several weeks later, at the end of the North American keuring tour, that I would find out that Artie was named in the KWPN-NA Top Five awards for the 2010 tour. All horses presented during the keuring tour are ranked

according to their results, and awards are presented for each class. Artie tied for fourth place overall in the Dressage Geldings class.

Unfortunately this fall Katie had to make the very painful decision to euthanize Artie's dam, Leolita. The mare's health had declined, and she was beginning to suffer. I'm so thankful to Katie for the opportunity to lease this wonderful mare.

Stephanie owns Hopeful Farm Sport Horses in McFarland, WI.

Hoof Dressings: Helpful, Harmful, or Humbug?



Article reprinted from Kentucky Equine Research, October 28, 2010.

Find the page displaying hoof dressings in any horse equipment catalog, read the claims for the various preparations, and you may wonder how horses have managed to survive without the oils, herbs, and other mystical substances in every can.

Descriptions of benefits to be derived from hoof dressings begin with generalities:

- Helps restore hoof moisture.
- Aids elasticity.
- Restores and conditions damaged hooves.
- Some expanded claims promise more results.
- Prevents brittle hooves.
- Stimulates circulation and promotes new growth.
- Improves hoof strength.

The most boastful descriptions strain credibility:

- Prevents bacterial and fungal conditions in the hoof.
- Helps in treatment of sole and stone bruises, hoof rot, scratches, and dew poisoning.
- Treats calluses, split hooves, corns, quarter cracks, and hard, dry, tender, or contracted feet.

Research has been conducted to find out whether the use of dressings has any impact, good or bad, on the hoof. A study at the University of Edinburgh examined the passage of moisture into and out of the hoof capsule. Researchers tested full-thickness samples from wall, sole, and frog tissues obtained from equine cadavers. The samples were taken from hooves in good condition (solid, no cracks) and in poor condition (visible cracks). In the samples from hooves in good condition, moisture penetrated less than a millimeter into any tissue. Samples from hooves in poor condition allowed much more penetration of moisture into

and throughout the inner tissues of the hoof. These results indicate that there is a natural moisture barrier in healthy hoof tissue, and products claiming to moisturize the hoof can be expected to provide little benefit to hooves in good condition.

Some hoof preparations promise to add protein to the hoof. A study at Texas A&M University that investigated the effect of immersion in water found hoof tissues lost chlorine, potassium, and sodium, but protein was not lost. The study concluded that protein is not able to cross cell membranes in the hoof and therefore cannot be absorbed from an external dressing.

Another study at Texas A&M University tested the effects of three different hoof care products on hoof strength and flexibility. Each horse in the study had a dressing applied to three of its hooves while the fourth hoof served as a control. When samples of the hooves were tested after 13 weeks, no differences in strength or flexibility were found between treated and untreated hooves.

The ingredients in some hoof dressings can actually be harmful, excessively drying the outer hoof layers and leading to brittle tissue that can easily develop small cracks. Formalin, solvents, or tar-based products are ingredients with the potential to damage the outer layers of hoof horn. Such damage allows moisture to move in and out of the hoof more freely than in hooves with healthy outer horn. Lower strength has been measured in hoof tissue that is either too dry or too moist, so tampering with the natural moisture level is not thought to be advantageous. In addition, dirt and bacteria may enter the cracks, possibly causing infection.

Some hoof problems are genetic and therefore can't be prevented. In most other cases, the best way to ensure healthy hooves is to provide balanced nutrition. Protein, calcium, iodine, zinc,

iron, manganese, biotin, methionine, and other nutrients play vital roles in tissue growth and health. A properly formulated diet will contain the correct amounts and proportions of protein, vitamins, and minerals to allow normal development and maintenance of all body structures. Feeding the inside of the horse has proven to be a more effective management strategy than applying hoof dressing to the outside of the hooves.

Management practices can also impact hoof condition. Studies of the influence of waste products on hoof tissue show that prolonged exposure to manure caused degradation of horn that was in less than perfect condition. Stalls should be cleaned often enough to prevent horses from standing in soiled bedding for long periods of time. Proper farrier care (trimming hooves and resetting shoes every four to six weeks) is also important in maintaining healthy hooves, as unbalanced feet and long toes increase strain and can lead to chipping and cracking.

A third management factor is exercise. Movement stimulates blood flow to the legs and feet, assuring a supply of oxygen and nutrients. The flexing and spreading caused by exercise help the hoof maintain its correct shape and avoid conditions like contracted heels. Staying on schedule with stall cleaning, farrier visits, and exercise will contribute more to hoof health than the daily application of creams and dressings.

Bottom line: Although some horse owners swear by externally applied hoof products, research has failed to support many of the claims made by hoof dressing manufacturers. The hoof is designed to maintain an optimum moisture level and can be harmed by products that cause the outer horny layer to become too dry or too soft. For growth and maintenance of healthy hooves, balanced nutrition and attention to proper management (regular stall cleaning, farrier care, and exercise) are the best guarantees.

A listing in the Calendar of Events is a service provided to WDCTA members only.

WDCTA-Chapter Meetings

Jan. 15

Southwest Chapter Meeting - 1 p.m.
USEF Young Horse Program. Speakers and video.
UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine
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WDCTA Clinics & Events

Feb. 19, 2011

WDCTA Annual Conference & Awards Banquet
Featured guest: JJ Tate
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Mar. 19, 2011

A Judge's Perspective on the New Dressage Tests for Training and Showing with Maryal Barnett, FEI "C" and USEF "S" dressage judge
1 - 4 p.m., Alicia Ashman Library,
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Mar. 18-20, 2011

Marylal Barnett Clinic
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April 8-10, 2011

Janet Foy Clinic
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May 6-8, 2011

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June 18-19, 2011

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July 29-31, 2011

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Oct. 21-23, 2011

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Nov. 19-20

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Dec. 10-11, 2011

Marylal Barnett Clinic
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Feb. 26, 2011 *(tentative, depending upon speaker availability)*

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Non-WDCTA Events

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Feb. 12-16

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Mar. 7-10

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Mar. 25-28

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June 3-6

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Aug. 5-7

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Aug. 19-22

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Sept. 23-26

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Nov. 4-6

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A Judge's Perspective on the New Dressage Tests

The new USEF Intro through Fourth level tests have hit the show ring! What do those changes mean for those entering at A? Maryal Barnett, FEI "C" and USEF "S" dressage judge, will share how these changes in the tests—and the more detailed feedback you receive—can help you improve your scores in the ring, as well as guide your at-home training plan.

Maryal is on the faculty for the USDF "L" Education program and subsequent "r" and "R" Dressage Judge Training programs and the USDF Instructor Certification program. She has chaired the USDF University committee and currently serves on the Executive Board of the Dressage Foundation. Maryal has earned numerous regional and national awards as a competitor, and her students continue to gain recognition as respected competitors, instructors and judges.

Attend this session from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 19 at the Alicia Ashman Library, 733 North High Point Road, Madison. For cost and additional details, contact Pam Doolittle at (608) 644-9423 or psdoolittle@yahoo.com

There's an App for That

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has released the first version of the new 2011 USDF Introductory tests A, B and C in a downloadable iPhone application. Each test allows the user to read the test instructions along with the judging criteria; review dressage arena diagrams that animate through the movements within a test; play and record your own readings of the test that are perfectly timed for an individual horse and the arena in which you are practicing; reference the official USDF dressage test sheet; review the USDF Pyramid of Training; and keep up-to-date on the latest in dressage competition through the USDF news feed.

To download the applications or to see a full listing of EquiTests applications, visit the iTunes [App Store](#).

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WDCTA presents...

Thinking Outside the Training Scale

A Day of Learning, Awards Banquet, Silent Auction & Shopping

featuring Jessica Jo Tate

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites West, 1109 Fourier Drive,
Madison, WI

A born and bred Wisconsinite, Jessica Jo (JJ) Tate moved to the east coast several years ago to pursue her dream of representing the US as an Olympic Team member. Her journey so far is an amazing tale of hard work, tears, success, and living for your dream. Her impressive resume includes representing the US in the World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Verden, earning multiple top honors in the National Young Horse and Developing Horse programs, finishing as a World Cup Finalist, making the long list for the World Equestrian Games, and earning FEI High Point at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington. She was also a reality TV star as a contestant on "Dressage Idol."

Seminar Schedule & Speakers

- 11:30 – 1:00 **Impulsion:** Registration, shopping, silent auction opens
1:00 – 1:40 **Collection:** Welcome & JJ Tate presents "R U Engaged?"
Learn the importance of staying focused and engaged.
- 1:40 – 2:00 **More Impulsion:** Break, shopping, silent auction
2:00 -- 3:00 **Session A: Choose one topic**
_ **Rhythm:** Ballroom dancing with Tempo Dance Studio
Learn to dance the classics. Bring your dancing shoes!
_ **Contact:** Karate & Self-Defense Techniques with Bonnie Friscino
Hands-on session. Wear comfortable clothing.
- 3:00 – 3:15 **More Impulsion:** Break, shopping, silent auction
3:15 – 4:15 **Session B: Choose one topic**
_ **Straightness:** JJ Tate presents "For the Greater Good"
Learn how to develop the self-confidence to do the right thing for your horse and the sport.
_ **Suppleness:** Yoga session with Bliss Flow Yoga
Experience the benefits yoga can have on your riding.
- 4:15 – 4:30 **More Impulsion:** Break, shopping, silent auction
4:30 – 5:30 **Keynote:** JJ Tate presents "Do You Have the Courage to Follow Your Dreams?"
Hear how this small town Wisconsin girl is working to make her mark on dressage.
- 5:30 -- 6:30 **Still more Impulsion:** Riding Wear Fashion Show, Silent Auction, Shopping, Cash Bar
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner
7:30 – 8:30 Awards presentations, silent auction winners

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Madison West ([Click for Driving Directions](#))

Hotel features indoor water park, arcade, game room, gym and is located near West Towne Mall and Greenway Station for your shopping pleasure. Ask for the \$99 WDCTA special rate for a standard room with a king bed or two queen beds. Call 608-826-0500 for reservations by January 20 to guarantee special rate. Visit www.wiscohoteles.com for more details. Presenter bios and directions to hotel on www.wdcta.org.

Questions: Contact Mary Hanneman – 608-455-1037 or mahanneman@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

(Please fill out one form per person)

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Yes, sign me up to attend:

Seminars, JJ Tate Welcome & Keynote: *Select one topic from Session A and one topic from Session B.*
\$35 - WDCTA Member; \$45 - Non-member; \$20 - Jr/Young Rider WDCTA member (age 21 & under)

Session A: Ballroom Dancing Karate/Self-Defense
Session B: Yoga "For the Greater Good" presented by JJ Tate

Awards Banquet: *Choose one meal.*

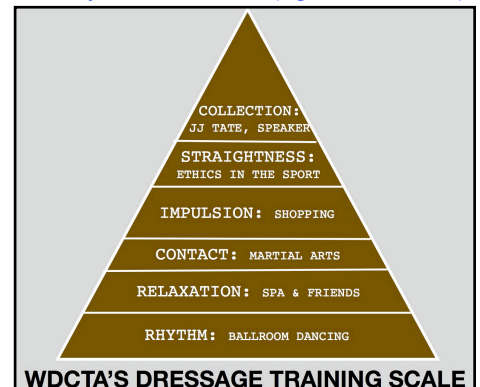
\$40 - includes hors'd oeuvres and dessert
 Salmon -- Baked and topped with pesto sauce
 Ribeye - 10 oz steak grilled & topped with bourbon sautéed mushrooms
 Portabella Ravioli - mushroom stuffed ravioli cooked in sun-dried tomato pesto cream sauce

Package Deal: Seminars **PLUS** JJ Tate Welcome & Keynote **PLUS** Awards Banquet
\$70 - WDCTA Member; \$85 - Non-member; \$55 - Youth WDCTA member or Pony Club member (age 21 & under)

Payment: Make checks payable to WDCTA

JJ Tate Welcome & Keynote and Seminars **Only** \$ _____
Awards Banquet **Only** \$ _____
Package Deal \$ _____
Late Fee (after 2/4/11) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____
Sorry, no refunds. Add \$10 late fee after 2/4/11.



Name _____

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Send this form with check (payable to WDCTA) postmarked by **Friday, February 4, 2011** to:
Anne Zaharius, W4769 9.5 Rd, Menominee, MI 49858-9633

Questions about registration? Contact Anne at anne.zaharias@yahoo.com or 906-864-2790

Stable, Instructor, Breeder and Business Listing Form

For only \$10 per category, \$25 for three of the four or \$35 for all four, you can have your stable, instructor, breeder or business listing appear in the *eQuester* newsletter and on the WDCTA website. This advertising is for WDCTA members only. For a stable or business to be included, the owner must be a member of WDCTA.

(Please limit your information to 35 words per category.)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: STABLE INSTRUCTOR BREEDER BUSINESS

MEMBER NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

STABLE/BUSINESS NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STABLE FACILITY FEATURES: (OUTDOOR/INDOOR ARENA, TURNOUT, LOUNGE, WASH STALL, TRAILS, LESSONS AVAILABLE)

BREEDER INFORMATION: (STANDING STALLIONS, BLOODLINES, BREEDS, ETC.)

BUSINESS INFORMATION: (TYPE OF BUSINESS, DAYS OPEN, HOURS, LOCATION, ETC.)

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION: (COMPLETE BELOW)

EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION BACKGROUND: (DO NOT INCLUDE NAMES UNLESS PROVIDING WRITTEN PROOF OF PERMISSION)

YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE: _____

LEVELS WILL TEACH: _____

LEVEL OF RIDING EXPERIENCE: _____

SCHOOL HORSES AVAILABLE: YES _____ NO _____

WILL TRAVEL: YES _____ NO _____

REFERENCES AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST: YES _____ NO _____

AWARDS EARNED:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

*Only WDCTA members can be listed.
One name per instructor listing.*



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Size of ads in chart below.
NOTE: Size will vary when used on website.

Photos should be submitted as jpegs. If that is not possible, feel free to mail to editor for scanning. Include self-addressed, stamped envelope for its return.

Deadline:

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Description	1 x	6 x	12 x
Business Card: Size -- 3.5 x 2". Listed in eQuester and website w/ link to advertiser's email or website.	\$10 (\$9)	\$50 (\$45)	\$ 100 (\$90)
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eQuester and Website Calendar of Events Submissions: *For WDCTA members only. (Up to 20 words).*

INCLUDE THIS: Date > Event > Location > Contact (Name/Phone/Email) > WDCTA-Sponsored Event (Yes/No)

WDCTA Event: Link to organizer's email and registration form, if applicable

NON-WDCTA-Sponsored Event: Link to organizer's email only

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