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President's Message

Pam Doolittle

We need you.....

October marks a key cycle in our membership year, and while any time is a great time to contribute your talents to our organization, I've received several specific requests that I want to forward to the membership:

Chapter officer positions available

Our membership year ends Nov. 30; therefore, by Dec. 1 chapters will name their chapter officer roster for the up-and-coming year. Chapter officers provide a key service to their members by planning events and organizing the volunteer structure that puts on schooling shows, clinics, educational programs and social gatherings. These activities bring members together to learn and celebrate our sport. If you have enjoyed these activities within your chapter, consider offering to serve as a chapter officer for 2013. Contact your chapter president if you would like to try board service or volunteering some of your time for 2013.

Instructor Workshop needs people

Stephanie Severn has brought great energy and enthusiasm to our board as she and her committee work to finalize details for our November debut of this program at Sunflower Farms in Bristol, WI. Stephanie reports she still has spots available for instructor participants; however, the window to participate is beginning to close. If you work as an instructor, or aspire to learn more about teaching our sport, consider participating in the event. Encourage your instructors to become involved.

We still have one scholarship at the state level to help offset the costs. Check out the [forms page on our website](#) for more information on the state scholarship fund. [The Dressage Foundation](#) will review another cycle of applicants for the \$1,000 Award in February. There is still time to apply!

Stephanie also reports Nicki Butler is still putting a roster together for demonstration riders and lunging horses. Check out the ad in this newsletter for more information, as well as a list of volunteer jobs. To make registering for the event easier, we will use PayPal to accept auditor registrations starting with the November event. Check the registration form for more information.

I want to emphasize the Instructor Certification Program is a state-sponsored activity, and our committee welcomes volunteers from all over Wisconsin to participate or become involved in some way. If this event appeals to you, contact [Stephanie Severn](#) to learn ways in which you can become involved. Please share in offering a big "thank you" to Stephanie and her committee for their great work and positive energy as they move this agenda item forward.

Junior/Young Rider Clinic with Jeremy Steinberg needs volunteers

USDF is handling the registration for rider participants and auditors online, so for registration details, see the ad within the pages of this newsletter. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, contact [me](#) for more information. We need some extra folks to help hand out lunches, assist with registration, and direct traffic. Auditing will be free to those who volunteer!

I had a chance to speak with Jeremy about his experience so far as the National Junior/Young Rider coach. He expressed sincere enthusiasm for helping young riders do their very best to develop and train their horses for sport. He emphasized that while



he started his hobby as a teenager eventing, he soon came to realize that good riding was all about good dressage training. It soon became his passion, and now it serves as his life choice for a career in horses. He is really looking forward to his clinic here in Region 2. I hope you will join us, too!

That is the end of my beg-a-thon, members! I want to close by wishing all of our members heading off to the Region 2 Championships best wishes for fun, success and a great time with friends while competing at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Next year the Region 2 Championships will be held at Lamplight Equestrian Center, just south of the Wisconsin border near the great towns of Wayne and St. Charles. No matter what your plans this October, best wishes for many happy hours in the saddle.

On The Bit

Caryn Vesperman
eQuester Editor

Paychecks and Passion

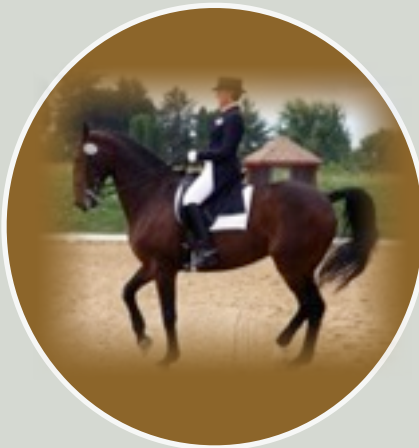
Recently I was in Chicago for business with our company's legal department. One evening at the group dinner, an attorney, a long-time employee, was recognized. He was planning to retire at the end of this year. He explained years ago he had been asked to do something unethical for his previous company, so he left and joined our company, knowing he "would never be asked to do anything unethical." He also talked about how he had given his life to the company, but that our company had given him life. What an emotional, off-the-cuff speech he gave.

The two of us talked later, and he shared with me that while he was passionate and dedicated to his work, with his retirement, he planned to devote more time to his personal passion -- photography.

What a great reminder that while we all work or have had careers at some point, it's truly a gift to have a job that we love and are committed to, **and** outside of work, how important it is to have something to be passionate about and allow us to have some fun.

Our Equine Passion

Well, you don't have to tell us horse addicts about passion! For me, horses give me goals to work toward, keep me active physically (we just put up an additional 500 bales, so I think we're set for winter!), and are an escape mentally from the stresses



and challenges of our days.

So, like me, no doubt you will be pleased to see how the WDCTA calendar of events is starting to fill up -- for 2013! Check it out, and see where you might want to offer a hand volunteering. You'll meet some new people, have fun and, if you're interested in applying for any WDCTA scholarships, you'll be able to show you've done some volunteer work.

Passion Proof in the Photos

Lastly, send me your photos and stories from the Region 4 championship some of you attended, and the same for those of you who will be attending the Region 2 championships at the Kentucky Horse Park.

For those not competing, I absolutely want your submissions too, whether it's a clinic report, a photo, an instructor/trainer profile or an educational article. This is *your* newsletter. I just put it together.

Now go out and snap some photos when you're trail riding among the gorgeous fall colors and send them to me!



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Advertising rates and requirements are under Forms on www.wdcta.org.



Dressage News Around the World

Steffen Peters, Scott Hassler Headline Succeed/USDF FEI- Level Trainers' Conference

The Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference will feature Olympian Steffen Peters and USEF National Young Dressage Horse Coach Scott Hassler.

The conference will be Jan. 21-22 at Mary Anne McPhail's High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, Florida.

During this year's conference, Peters and Hassler will work with qualified attendees in a peer-to-peer format focused on how to make better training decisions by identifying each horse's strengths and weaknesses and improving attendees' problem-solving skills.

Peters will be hands-on with FEI-level horses, by riding the horses to show his training techniques and demonstrate a direct improvement in each horse's performance. Peters and Hassler will also engage selected participants in thought-provoking training scenarios as they ride.

Peters is one of the most sought after trainers and clinicians in the world and is known for his correct and sympathetic approach. In addition to his training credentials, Peters has a highly decorated international competitive career. Recently he made history in having the number one and number two horses for the 2012 U.S. Olympic team. Peters earned an Individual and Team Gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games, an Individual Bronze medal in both the Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Dressage at the 2010 World Equestrian Games, won the 2009 World Cup, placed fourth individually in the 2008 Olympic Games, earned a Team Bronze medal in the 1996 Olympics, has been named as USEF Equestrian of the Year an unprecedented three times, and has won six USEF National Grand Prix Dressage Championship titles.

Scott Hassler, a sought-after clinician, is one of our country's most respected all-around horsemen and is an internationally respected and accomplished trainer and educator. Hassler's straightforward and simple training and coaching techniques have been used to successfully develop horses of all ages through the Grand Prix level, as well helped achieve the best U.S.

result to date at the World Championships for Young Horses, with a fourth place finish in 2005.

Hassler's visionary impact and dedication to the sport is further illustrated in the Young Dressage Horse Trainers Symposium, which Hassler initiated while he was at Hilltop Farm. This meaningful event is entering its eighth year and heralded as a model for successful educational forums of the nature Hassler and Peters intend to deliver. A member of the USEF Dressage Committee, USEF Strategic Planning Committee, USEF Young Horse Steering Committee, and USDF Sporthorse Committee; Hassler was named USEF National Young Horse Coach in 2006 and is based at the renowned Riveredge Training Facility in Chesapeake City, Maryland.

For more information on the Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference, including criteria for attendance, contact the USDF office at (859) 971-2277 or trainersconference@usdf.org.

Theodorescu Named German Dressage Coach

Monica Theodorescu has been named Germany's dressage coach. She is the daughter of the legendary trainer, George Theodorescu, who died in 2007 and was one of the best dressage riders in Germany.

Monica, 49, succeeds Jonny Hilberath who had volunteered for the position after the sudden death of Holger Schmezer in April this year. He prepared the German team for the Olympics in London.

Jonny and Jürgen Koschel who is responsible for the under 25-year-old riders, will support Monica.

Monica, who speaks five languages, said she was sad to be ending her international competition career, but said, "The two are not compatible with each other." She will, however, continue training young horses at her stud, Lindenhof.

At age 19, she won the German Dressage Derby, went on to win the World Cup Finals in 1993 and 1994, was on Olympic gold medal teams in 1988, 1992 and 1996, and in 1990 was on the world championship squad and third best individual. She was reserve rider for the London Olympics.

"With Monica Theodorescu, we get a great sports personality as national coach, who can look back on a long, international career and is also familiar with the structures and challenges of dressage," the German Federation said in a statement.

Volunteer Jobs for the USDF Instructor Workshop

- * 1-2 hospitality people each day to handle snacks, drinks, lunches
- * 2 people for registration each day
- * 1 door/wrist band checker for auditors
- * 1 driver to take instructor back and forth to hotel and Sunflower Farms

Contact Stephanie Severn if you want to help!
(608) 213-8925 * website@wdcta.org

Janet Foy Clinic

By Brittany Remhof

I had the opportunity to audit one of the Janet Foy clinic hosted at Judd's Green Meadows, Belleville, WI. I was not sure what to expect, as I have never seen Janet before.

One thing I was expecting was amazing horses...I was not let down! The pure talent and great riders amazed me. I could not believe we had such talented riders in and around the Madison area.

Janet did a great job interacting with both the riders and the audience. The riders blew me away with how easy they made the dressage moves appear.

I wanted to say thank you, Janet and the amazing riders, for having a great clinic. I cannot wait for the opportunity to ride with Janet Foy.

Clockwise from top right: Sue Genin on Romie; Divine receives a treat from Janet for a job well done; Janet "high fives" Mary Hanneman riding Phil; Theresa Kiedinger on Nigel; and Janet works in hand with Divine and owner, Andrea Mitchell.

Photos by Heather McManamy of ShortHorseStudios



Are You Too Focused?

By **Brittany Remhof**

This spring I had the goal that my six-year-old Saddlebred, Ace, and I were going to enter the show world. Sound familiar?

What I ended up doing this year was something ... completely different.

It seems so often in riding we, as riders, get so focused on the end result (the ribbons) and forget the little things and the main reason we started riding...for the love of our horses!

Have I made it to any shows this year? Nope, instead I have learned so much about Ace and myself.

Instead of spending the money for shows, I have been doing clinics and lessons every month. Too often riders want to accomplish the best thing, maybe that shoulder-in, that we stop working on the little things. I have taken a step back and am now really focusing on getting Ace relaxed, calm and more subtle.

Last year I remember using this line, "He is a Saddlebred; calm and subtle are not in our dictionary!" Thanks to taking time off showing and not focusing on the end result, I have been able to improve my riding and Ace's talent!

Are you too focused on your riding? Have you ever gotten on and just ridden without

a main goal and thought, "Wow, that was great!"

As riders, let's make a vow to our four-legged family members that we not focus as much, but spend time simply enjoying the ride. To not focus on a certain movement, but enjoy the feel of your horse cantering, the smell of the summer night air, and the feeling you get inside of pure joy. Now off to work on the shoulder-in!

As always, happy riding!

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A listing in the Calendar of Events is a service provided to WDCTA members only.
Send your submissions to newsletter@wdcta.org by the 15th of each month.

WDCTA State & Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Southwest Chapter Meeting
6:30 p.m., Body Clipping Demo by Mary Hanneman
Location: Megan McIsaac's farm, Lindinhof Equine Sports Zentrum, Oregon.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

Southwest Chapter Meeting
6:30 p.m. Business meeting only: 2013 chapter officers election and 2013 program planning.
Location TBD

Saturday, Dec. 8

Southwest Chapter
1 p.m., "Death by Chocolate" Holiday Party
Location - Andrea Mitchell's home, Madison

Saturday, March 2, 2013

WDCTA Annual conference and Awards Banquet
Location - TBA

WDCTA Clinics & Events

Oct. 20-21

Maryl Barnett Clinic
Hidden Pond Farm, Mazomanie, WI
Contact: Pam Doolittle * No auditing charge for
(608) 712-1400 SW Chapter members
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Nov. 10 - 11

USDF Instructor Certification: Lungeing Workshop
Faculty Instructor: Sarah Geikie, USEF "S" judge and certified examiner.
Taking instructors and open to auditors.
[Sunflower Farms](http://SunflowerFarms.com), 19000 - 128th Street, Bristol, WI
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(608) 213-8925 or hopefulfarm@gmail.com
Contact: Nicki Butler
(608) 358-2589 or findawayfarm@yahoo.com

Nov. 17-18

Platinum Performance/USDF Region 2 Jr/YR Clinic
Instructor: Jeremy Steinberg
[Sunflower Farms](http://SunflowerFarms.com), 19000 - 128th Street, Bristol, WI
Contact: Pamela Doolittle
(608) 712-1400 or psdoolittle@yahoo.com

2013

March 23-24

USDF Instructor Certification: Riding Workshop
Faculty Instructor: Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, certified examiner.
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April 5-7

Janet Foy Clinic
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April 27-28

USDF Instructor Certification: Teaching Workshop
Faculty Instructor: Cindy Sydnor, certified examiner.
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May 17-19

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Oct. 12-13

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Shows

Remember, only USDF/USEF recognized shows or schooling shows designated as WDCTA-recognized are eligible for WDCTA year-end awards.

Oct. 5-6

Sorensen Park Dressage Show
Judge: Ulrich Schmitz "S"
East Troy, WI
Reid Sorensen, (262) 642-4111
www.sorensenpark.com

Oct. 13

Sorensen Park Dressage Schooling Show
Judge: Michele Sieracki "L" graduate
East Troy, WI
Reid Sorensen, (262) 642-4111
www.sorensenpark.com
WDCTA-recognized

Oct. 20

Heartland Dressage Schooling Show
Judge: Jayne Ayers "S"
7510 Deer Road, Custer, WI
Betty Foss
Elizabeth.J.Foss@gmail.com
WDCTA-recognized

Oct. 21

Heartland Dressage Schooling Show
Judge: Michelle Sieracki "L" graduate
7510 Deer Road, Custer, WI
Betty Foss
Elizabeth.J.Foss@gmail.com
WDCTA-recognized (Intro thru 2nd Level only)

Oct. 27

Iowa DCTA Schooling Show & Series Championship
Judge: Caryn Vesperman, L graduate
Iowa Equestrian Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Rachel Wehrheim
medicineriverfarms@yahoo.com
(319) 329-5065

Oct. 21

Hooper Riding Club Dressage and CT Schooling Show
Judge: TBD
Hooper Equestrian Center
Belleville, WI
Jamie Stone
hoofershowcoordinator@gmail.com

Oct. 27

Halloween Spooktacular Indoor Dressage Schooling Show
Judge: Nicole Trapp, L graduate
Circle E Equestrian Stables
Seymour, WI
Deb Heier (920) 819-2891
deblmeyer@aol.com
www.equestrianentries.com
WDCTA-recognized (USEF/USDF Intro-2nd only)

Non-WDCTA Event

Oct. 20-21

Jan Brink Clinic, sponsored by IDCTA
Fields & Fences Equestrian Center
Gurnee, IL
Contact: Debbie Garris
(312) 401-1157 or debbie@dgarris.com
www.idcta.org

USDF Instructor Certification Program Lunging Workshop: November 10-11, 2012

Demo horses and riders needed!

We need capable riders at Training/First Level to participate on Sunday's Lunging of the Rider. Demo riders will be paired with a Participating Instructor for approximately 45 minutes. Riders will receive a lunge lesson which will include exercises to further develop the rider's abilities. Demonstration riders should treat the experience like a regular lesson. They may ask questions or clarification if a direction is not clear. This will be an exciting learning experience for all. Demo riders will be able to audit the workshop for free.

We also need demo horses for both Saturday and Sunday, to be used by the Faculty (Sarah Geikie) for demonstration. Saturday will be solely lunging the horse, Sunday will be lunging a rider. Demo horses should be quiet, safe, sound, accept lunging equipment, accept unfamiliar people handling it, and relatively smooth to sit at the trot and canter.

If you are interested please see the forms page of our website at www.wdcta.org or contact Nicki Butler at 608-358-2589

Nov. 2-4

Gerd Zuther Clinic
Touchstone Farm, Brooklyn, WI
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Oct. 11-13

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Mar. 22-24

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Nov. 15-17

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July 26-28

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For information on this clinic
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With funding from The Dressage Foundation

USDF presents
Platinum Performance/USDF Region 2 Clinic
Featuring

JEREMY STEINBERG
USEF National Youth Coach



Saturday, November 17, 2012
Sunday, November 18, 2012
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunflower Farms
Bristol, WI

Don't miss your opportunity to ride with the USEF National Youth Coach! The deadline to apply is October 19.

The Platinum Performance/USDF Region 2 Jr/YR Clinic featuring Jeremy Steinberg will be held November 17 and 18 at Sunflower Farms in Bristol, WI. Youth members age 14 to 21 at all levels are encouraged to apply. Click [HERE](#) for Rider Selection Guidelines. The cost of the clinic is \$300, which includes two private lessons, theory sessions, lunch both days and two complimentary auditor passes.

Auditors of all ages and levels are welcome and encouraged. Register in advance and receive a discount! Walk-in registration will also be available on the day of the clinic.

If you are a USDF youth member interested in riding in this clinic, please click [HERE](#). The deadline to apply is October 19.

If you wish to register as an auditor for this clinic, click [HERE](#). Online registration ends Friday, November 16.

The USDF Jr/YR Clinic Series is made possible with funding support from The Dressage Foundation.



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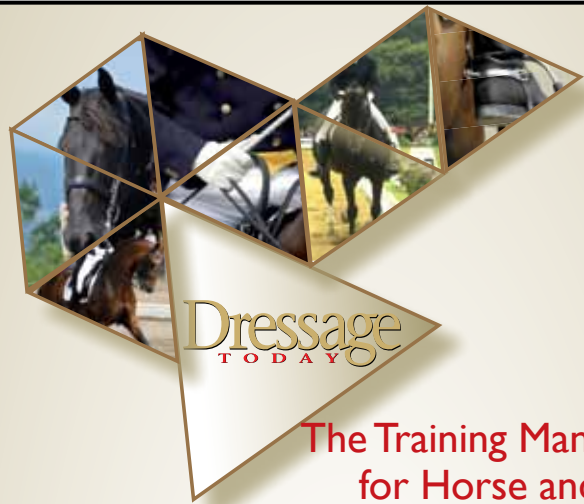
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