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## Olympian Kim Severson Featured Clinician for WDCTA Eventing Clinic

By Caitrin O'Shea

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How many clinics have I been to over the years? That's probably a scary number. But this clinic was different. This time I was the organizer. I wasn't the host, because the lovely Cindy Bonamarte graciously offered her wonderful facility, Geneva Equestrian, to us. And I wasn't the financial backer. Thankfully WDCTA was there with the capital to pay for all the fees while checks were cashed. Nope, all I had to do was gather all the pieces of intel, make sure everyone gave me all the things I needed, and then run around like a chicken with my head cut off to make sure Kim was where she needed to be, when she needed to be there, with appropriate beverage in hand, and that all the rails were in their cups!

When I started the process of getting the clinic together, I promised the WDCTA Southwest Chapter that I would NOT need any volunteers! This phenomenal group of women work themselves to the bone bringing in the best opportunities for riders in our local dressage community, and they seemed a little leery of stretching themselves too thin. But have no fear! I promised. We eventers do clinics a little differently!

Thankfully, my group of riders and auditors did not disappoint me, and there was more than enough support to get it all done. I'm especially grateful to Cindy and her barn crew for getting jumps where they needed to be, organizing dinner Saturday night and even



Caitrin O'Shea, event organizer and participant, negotiates a water jump with Kim Severson standing nearby.

buying the riders lunch on Saturday!

And of course, this clinic would not have come to be without the tireless support of Donna Thomas, Mary Hanneman, Caryn Vesperman, Angela Genin and Stephanie Severn. Thank you so much for holding my hand through all the in's and out's of clinic organization and always remaining upbeat despite my constant barrage of questions!

There were no shortages of bumps in the road – like Kim's flight nearly getting cancelled Friday night, but finally making it into O'Hare by midnight due to a faulty airplane part.

The farm was a full hour-and-a-half away, so we went to bed just as Phillip Dutton started off on cross country at the Boekelo

Nations Cup in the Netherlands. Neither of us waited up to see how he did (just as well, since unfortunately he popped off at the coffin jump).

The weather was not terribly cooperative either. We were constantly under threat of a

*Kim Severson is a four-star international competitor and Olympic Silver medalist*

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huge storm. Madison got pounded by rain, Chicago got pounded by rain, but right in the middle, Lake Geneva thankfully never got anything more than a steady drizzle. Both days we pondered, would we ride outside or inside? But both days we toughed it out, and people used studs they never even knew they had, buried at the bottom of their stud kits!

Kim's teaching style was wonderful! She understands that there is no "one size fits all" approach to horses, and was willing to engage in a conversation with every rider. Riders had their own goals to achieve during the lessons, and Kim made sure they succeeded. She was very easy going, easy to talk to, but also very firm about what she wanted you to do. Everyone I spoke to had

wonderful things to say about how she changed their riding for the better, and that she was one of the best clinicians they have ever ridden with. I can only echo this sentiment. What she really helped me personally with was realizing that my



**Caitrin: Event organizer, rider and jump crew, all wrapped into one!**

horse is running around with her nose in her chest, and that I need to get her up before the jump, and stay stronger in my core on the landing so she doesn't land and buck. I'm glad winter is coming since it should take me about that long to fix the problem!

On the whole, I think Kim impressed all of us very much, but I also think we made a good impression on her, so she will be back! She commented on how nice it was to see so many riders well mounted – everyone had the right horse for what they wanted to do.

We'll be working out the final dates in the next month or two, but keep your eyes peeled for an announcement about a clinic in the Madison area for early April! For more background on Kim, check out her website at [www.kimseversoneventing.com](http://www.kimseversoneventing.com).



**Clockwise: Kim Severson with Heather Lindroth watch others on the course; John Ketzler flies over the jump as does Madison Bonamarte.**

# On The Bit

**Caryn Vesperman**  
**eQuester Editor**

## Short and Sweet!

Short column this month, as my spare time has been in short supply!

So here it is:

1. WDCTA membership year for 2013: Join. Send money.
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  6. Watch for details about the upcoming WDCTA Awards Banquet. Good food. Good friends. Repeat: Great awards.
  7. Send photos of you and your horse if you won any USDF awards. Next month I'll feature those and in a 2012 newsletter, we'll feature WDCTA winners.
  8. Send submissions to newsletter. Make Caryn happy.
- Until next month...Enjoy the fall colors as Paula clearly is in the picture she sent me below.



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**Member Paula Roberts enjoys the trails on her property with her horse, Siebren and faithful trail dog, Star.**

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# The Kentucky Horse Park

## Photos and Article by Caryn Vesperman

A group of us decided to try to qualify for the USDF Region 2 championships because, well, who wouldn't want to ride in the Rolex Arena and hope the karma from the world-renowned riders would permeate our performances too? Eight of us made plans to go, and unfortunately one of us could only attend vicariously. (More on that later.)

### Wednesday, Day 1: Travel Day

With Shelly Reichart as master organizer of our group, we – Shannon Langer, Jackie Zimmermann (Shelly's assistant), Sheri Reichart, Abby Onsgard, Jane Hoepfner, Tracey Uihlein and I – left for the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP) early Wednesday morning. Earlier on, we had decided to send our horses via a professional shipper, which turned out to be a good decision, considering the strong winds we encountered heading home Monday morning.



**Robby loaded up and ready to go...and anxious for his hay.**

We arrived at KHP about 6 p.m. – 15 minutes after the shipper. (He must have transported the horses via a secret warp-speed route). We got them unloaded and situated, with our heads hitting the pillows in the hotel after 10 p.m.

### Thursday, Day 2: Our Inaugural Rides

We were up at 6 a.m. and drove for only about 10 minutes to get to the KHP. We were staying at a hotel that was a lot closer

than what we were able to reserve at the World Equestrian Games! For the most part that day, everyone's rides were spaced out so we could help each other.

Sheri earned a 65.571% and Jane a 61.857% in their Fourth Level Test 1 class in the morning. They both rode in the Rolex Arena, which is an impressive facility, and I followed later in the day with Rapazzini (A.K.A Robby) who warmed up fairly well, considering he is Mr. 17.2h Chicken Little in busy warm-up arenas. And, I must admit, it's a chicken-and-an-egg situation: We both feed off each other's tension! Finally it was my time in the massive Rolex Arena, where three regulation-size dressage arenas were set up. As I rode around the outside of the arena, Robby spotted the photographer on the hillside and a huge water nozzle. For a few seconds, he froze and then backed up, reluctant to pass by them. Fortunately he unfroze his brain, and once we began the test, he was fairly obedient, with some tension. We won the class with a 69.194% at First Level Test 3. I was pleased to have survived the hectic warm-up and our first ride.

### Friday, Day 3: The Gauntlet

I was using this show to expose Robby to a lot of situations, which was why I chose to ride him in a class every single day. One of the scariest situations for him was the walk from the Rolex Arena to the Dressage Complex where the non-championship classes were being held. The Dressage Complex was on the other side of the Horse Park. I was the foot escort for Shannon and her four-year-old Hanoverian mare, Fergie, to the complex, and she did the same for me later in the day. (We also added in a horse companion for Robby, as an



**Robby taking it all in from the his stall.**

extra security blanket.) The route was completely on concrete – not ideal, to say the least. We walked the horses past the old indoor arena – where the Paso Fino show was being held, over a wooden bridge, past the children's barn with kids playing on the stadium jumps, past horse-drawn trolleys, garbage cans and tourists with strollers, with golf carts coming and going. While our horses kept their heads about the Pasos for the most part, they did seem to wonder what was making them move so frantically! Where was the danger? Should they be on alert?

While I think the KHP was a great opportunity to broaden Robby's experience, I don't think taking horses on a concrete

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**Shannon Langer on Fergie, a four-year-old Hanoverian mare bred by Shannon and Doug Langer of Maple Run Farm.**

## Championships continued

path through the myriad of buildings was safe for horses or riders – or tourists, many of whom do not know how to act around horses. We all tried to be good ambassadors for our sport and horses, but sometimes you wonder how to explain to people that pushing their stroller with their little darling so close to a horse's hind legs is not necessarily a way to give your child a future! And what might work to encourage the horse forward on sand footing may not be

wise approach on concrete because slipping is a very real possibility. Reportedly, one horse and rider *did* go down on the concrete. For safety reasons, KHP needs to create a route of gravel or wood chips that goes from the Rolex Arena to the Dressage Complex and avoids the high traffic tourist areas.

We survived the gauntlet, and for my Second Level ride, the ring steward said the ring was running behind and that the judges were going to take a break. With the delay, I decided to walk Robby to save his energy. After about five minutes, the rider before the break, who was talking to the judges, rode over to me and said, "The judges are looking for you." *What?!* So, I immediately picked up the reins and headed over. The judge blew the whistle before I was even a quarter of the way down the first long side, so I had to go in without taking Robby on the "scary" side of the arena. It wasn't our most stellar test, but, as tense as he was, once he was in the ring, he did his job. We again won the test with a 63.553%.

### Saturday, Day 4: Gauntlet Without Horse Babysitter

Thank goodness for our group because on the fourth day, Shannon's and my ride times were too close together to help each other get to and from the Dressage Complex. Her championship class with Fergie was 45 minutes before my non-championship ride. Because the Training Level championship was such a huge class, basically running all day, it was held in the Dressage Complex instead of the Rolex Arena. Fergie was led by another one in our group, and while she was tense, she handled herself quite well considering she is young and being ridden in such an



L-R: Jackie Zimmermann earns Champion status on her horse, Xelim De Tesouro at First Level Junior/Young Rider. and Megan McIsaac places sixth with Lobke E in the Third Level Freestyle Open.

electric atmosphere.

Fergie did, however, decide she really needed to rub her nose in the middle of the test, catching Shannon by surprise! She ended up in the middle of the nearly 50 competitors, not bad for such a youngster. Jackie was the star of the day, winning the First Level Junior/Young Rider Championship with a 72.742%.

Later that afternoon, walking the gauntlet to the Dressage Complex took Robby twice as long as the day before without his horse babysitter. He kept stopping and looking at things, and finally, even with his human walker beside us, I had to dismount and lead him over the wooden bridge. By the time we arrived at the Dressage Complex and I had remounted, I felt like Robby had just about reached the end of his rope. I was right. In the warm-up, he did a leap and spin, and I could hear my trainers in the back of my head say, "Forward!" So we did. I wish I had had *that* on video because it was the biggest trot I have ever felt on him – or seen, as his front feet were visible way out in front of us! Once in the test, again, he came through for me. With one bobble on our first trot lengthening (he was still pumped!), we managed to score a 71.774%, winning the class. With my walkers at our side (because by now, Shannon and a couple of others had arrived to watch our class), I was able to ride Robby all the way back.

### Sunday, Day 5: Trail Riding and One Last Championship Class

Because several of our group were done showing on Saturday, they decided to take a trail ride on Sunday around the cross-country course. I wish I could have joined them, but I still had my First Level championship class to do, which had 46 riders!

The day arrived with very strong winds. So strong, that during the tests in the Rolex Arena, flower pots were tipping over, banners were whipping and snapping, and at one point, the long side of the arena for my class fell over like Dominos. Fortunately, the horse in the First Level class didn't lose it, although I'm quite sure Robby would not have been amused if that had happened during his test. The judges had to stop several tests because things tipped over and needed to be corrected. One horse in my class was a gorgeous horse with fantastic

gaits. His name was Don Cartier, and I thought, "There's the winner of our class." But, a tipped-over flower stand caused him to spook three times.

When I finally went down centerline at around 4 p.m., Robby entered, halted at X and then slowly began backing. (That was not the next movement in the test!) I think he just lost his mind with the wind. Clearly part of his brain was windswept. All I could think was, "You can't back out – they've closed the arena opening" and "This is the championship class and we have a good shot at placing!" Finally he began moving in the required forward direction, and we finished the test. Not one of our better tests by a long shot. When leg yields are more like diagonals and the canter is not ground-covering because the horse is reluctant to get close to the wind monsters, the score is going to be far from stellar. We did manage to earn a 64.597%, but out of the championship ribbons by two percentage points. I had to laugh at one of the judge's comments on the test: "Horse in reverse." While disappointing, I have to commend Robby for not doing something more dramatic than simply backing! I also have to remind myself that once he entered the ring, Robby tried hard to come through for me, even if he was on edge. It was just unfortunate that the competitors had to contend with strong winds. But that's show life! It was a good reminder that I need to continue to expose Robby to different situations, and I need to trust him more so I don't convey my nerves to him about what "might" happen.

We ended the day celebrating everyone's successes and fun at a fabulous restaurant, so all was well!

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## Monday, Day 6: Home, James, Home

Jimmy and Kevin of Elite Transportation arrived Monday morning to pick the horses up. We drove home in our separate vehicles, pretending it was a competition to arrive first. On the way down, when we'd text each other in the other vehicles as to their location, we'd text back things like, "Took wrong turn. Oh, well, might as well take in Niagara Falls." Or "Already arrived. Rode horses. Hit hot tub."

Once we arrived at the rendezvous point – Shelly's Paradigm Farm, we waited only a short while for the shipper to arrive. We got the horses out efficiently, and while Robby waited in a stall, we unloaded all the equipment. Once my items were re-packed in my trailer, I loaded up Robby for his last hour in the trailer before arriving home. You'd think the



**Packed up and ready to head home.**

king had arrived, as he called walking to my barn. So, I gave Country-Mouse-Turned-King a few days off, and then it was back to work to continue working on next year's goals.

## It's a Wrap and – Hopefully – a Repeat

We had a ball, but we wished our fearless leader, Shelly, could have been there. Shelly had had an unplanned dismount from a client's horse at a show a few weeks prior to the Championships and severely damaged her knee. With the enormous swelling and surgery planned for the end of October, there was no way Shelly could join us, even though we had volunteered to carry her around with her leg strapped to a board. Thanks to smart phones, we were able to text, call and email photos to her. It wasn't the same, but at least we stayed connected with her throughout the time.

Next year, the Region 2 Championships are closer: Lamplight Equestrian Center. We've all got our homework planned for the winter, with the goal of bumping up a level or two so we can qualify in 2013!

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**The Global Dressage Forum North America Debuts in Wellington for 2013  
An interview with Andreas Stanos, Executive Director of DressageClinic.com**

By Pamela Doolittle

The Wellington, FL area reigns as the horse show capital of the world during the winter season. The first annual meeting of the Global Dressage Forum North America (GDFNA) is an exciting new venue for both competitors and spectators to plan in their calendars for 2013. This event serves as the leading educational platform for the international dressage world. Dressage trainers, riders, officials and serious dressage enthusiasts from around the globe will gather at the first meeting of this annual educational festival held in Florida at the Jim Brandon Center Jan. 28-29, 2013.

The overarching goal of the forum is to assist in promoting and developing best practices in dressage education. Through lectures and demonstrations, top professionals will present training philosophies alongside panelists, who will discuss and debate best practices in the sport. The Forum immediately follows the CDI-5\* World Dressage Masters/Wellington Classic Sunshine Challenge CDI-3\* events.

Andreas Stanos, executive director of DressageClinic.com, serves as the organizer and thought leader for the GDFNA. He and managing partner, Noreen O'Sullivan, have put together a schedule featuring top international professionals that teach, train and care for riders and horses participating in dressage sport.

Following are his answers to 10 questions about this event.

**Andreas, share with me what inspired you to organize this event for the North American continent?**

I wanted to create an educational event that was large, extremely educational and beneficial but still, lots of fun and in a warm climate. The inspiration came to me as a natural "next step forward" for the development of dressage education. The concept of one or two clinicians addressing an audience has now developed into the creation of the GDFNA presenting, in a time frame of two full days, 22 of the top dressage educators from around the world. To witness all these people working together on stage and sharing their life-long experiences is very exciting to any serious dressage rider.



**Andreas Stanos, executive director,  
DressageClinic.com**

**Noreen O'Sullivan is your local organizer for the GDFNA in Florida. Tell me more about Noreen and her role in the GDFNA.**

Noreen and her partner, John Flanagan, are a dynamic and successful team, who have revolutionized dressage horse shows in Florida. They not only organize the Global Dressage Masters CDI-5\*, but they also organize the famous Gold Coast Opener CDI-W and the Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge Series hosted at the Palm Beach County Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. Noreen has vast experience in the Florida horse show scene, and I wanted to work with the most talented and most capable event organizer in Florida, so Noreen was a natural choice.

**How is this forum different from attending a clinic or symposium?**

This forum is a stage/theater-type of setting where one can become absorbed by a very interesting and intense two-day program of demonstrations, lectures, discussions and debates between some of the world's most famous and successful dressage trainers and educators. This forum is surrounded by the two CDI horse shows of which one of them is

the World Dressage Masters CDI-5\* (WDM). With the WDM and the GDFNA following each other, the result is an atmosphere charged with such excitement and opportunity, that anyone who loves this sport will surely agree that the unprecedented experience will be like nothing that's ever been done before.

**You announced you are presenting 12 panelists as part of the program. Can you explain to us what these panelists' purpose is?**

Yes, we have 12 panelists on stage. When the star clinician finishes his or her speech and demonstration in the arena, the panelists ask up to three questions as to what they saw happen in the arena. The questions are for the exploration of the clinician's theories, approaches, philosophies and personal experiences. The audience will also have a chance to ask questions of the clinician or any one of the panelists.

**Will the GDFNA be available on the internet for those who could not attend, and will you have book signings with so many clinicians taking part?**

Yes, DressageClinic.com is our official internet and digital channel on the internet and the entire clinic will be broadcast on its site. We are also producing a DVD series of the forum for tack shops. We will also have book signings with Ingrid Klimke, Klaus Balkenhol, Arthur Kottas, Betsy Steiner and others. Lots of vendors, great food and lot of fun.

**Tell us about the clinicians and lecturers and why you chose those particular ones?**

I wanted to choose clinicians that I thought have exceptional talent in the training and development of dressage horses. These are people I have worked with through the years, and I know they are true examples of correct dressage. Yes, we have six clinicians, but they are all unique in their own right. Steffen Peters will be there, along with Ingrid Klimke, Rudolf Zeilinger and Wolfram Wittig. These top professionals will be presenting riding demonstrations with speeches as to their philosophies and theories on their training approach. Arthurs Kottas will present work-in-hand sessions, and Bo Jena will present long line/lunging sessions. We have Grant Moon who is a six-time world champion

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farrier and Dr. Ina Gosmeier who specializes in natural medicine for competitive horses. We also have Hilary Clayton and Dr. Juan Samper who is a leading authority for breeding dressage horses. You see, all the panelists have been chosen for the depth of their experience and success in the dressage arena.

**What do you think is the advantage of having six different clinicians in a two-day program? Has that ever been done before?**

Nothing like this has ever been done before as far as we know. The well-established Global Dressage Forum in the Netherlands is also a big educational gathering, but in North America, nothing like this has been attempted. This is what gives us the opportunity to experience different people from different educational backgrounds with different approaches to training, but all with the same common goal: To develop dressage horses and riders to the highest level of performance. Experiencing the mixture of the panelists, the lecturers and the clinicians interacting with each other, in an intense two-day program is what makes us better riders and horse people. We must never forget that it is education that gives us success, and education is a never-ending process, at least for the truly successful riders and trainers.

**Tell us about the GDFNA Life-Time Dressage Achievement Award?**

A life-long dedication to the training and development of dressage horses and riders is something that should be rewarded to every individual. Every life-dedicated rider deserves to be awarded. We wanted to point out individuals who have not only dedicated their life to dressage, but also stood out as examples not just for exceptional horsemanship, but have a lot to offer and became examples of "hope" for young developing dressage riders. This year we wanted to give the award to Klaus Balkenhol for his life-long successes not only for his own country, Germany, but also for North America.

**You have several education partners for this forum. Can you explain how these educational partners benefit?**

When I created this forum, I had in my mind to involve as many GMOs or dressage federations as possible, so they would receive more nation-wide exposure. I wanted to bring awareness to the important work these GMOs do for dressage education. USDF offers so much for education. NEDA (New England Dressage Association) is one of the country's leading organizers for clinics with its annual dressage fall symposium and spring symposium. WDCTA (Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association)

holds valuable clinics and symposium as well as CDS (California Dressage Society), GDCTA (Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association) and IDCTA (Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association) with their annual clinics. We are proud to have Dressage Canada as an educational partner because Canada is so much a part of the forum. I wanted to invite these federations to come and join in the fun. We promote them, and they help us promote the forum. One of the most important benefits these GMOs receive by being an education partner is that we give them a discount coupon code they can promote to their members and this code offers a 15% discount on forum tickets.

**Does the GDFNA have a website for more information and where people can buy tickets?**

Go to [www.GlobalDressageForumNA.com](http://www.GlobalDressageForumNA.com) for more information. Tickets also can be purchased right from the site and through [www.wellingtonclassicdressage.com](http://www.wellingtonclassicdressage.com). Members of an education partner of ours should get their discount code of a 15% discount on tickets.

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We need capable riders at Training/First Level to participate on Sunday's Lungeing 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 lungeing the horse, Sunday will be lungeing a rider. Demo horses should be quiet, safe, sound, accept lungeing equipment, accept unfamiliar people handling it, and relatively smooth to sit at the trot and canter.

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### **Saturday, Dec. 8**

Southwest Chapter  
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Location - Andrea Mitchell's home, Madison

### **Saturday, March 2, 2013**

WDCTA Annual conference and Awards Banquet  
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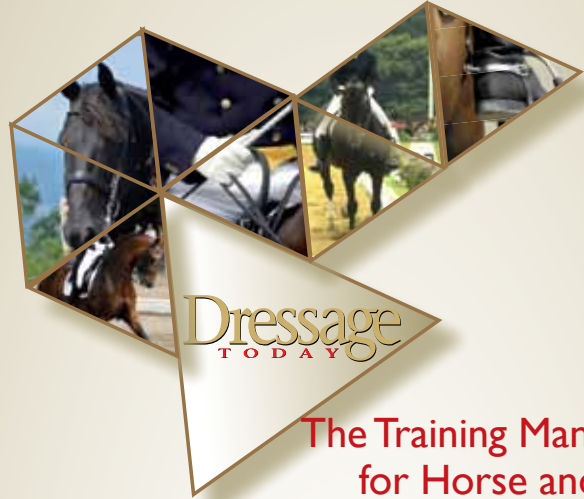
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