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President's Message

Mary Hanneman

Greetings WDCTA Members!

After being a member of WDCTA for at least 15 years, give or take, I am very honored to write my very first President's Message to the membership of Wisconsin's oldest, largest GMO...

My first order of business is to extend my heartfelt thanks to Pam Doolittle, for her leadership over the past three years as our GMO's President. Pam provided a cool-head and good business sense as WDCTA went through a period of dramatic change. During her time as president, she guided us through a modernization of our bylaws, established job descriptions and policies for the Board, worked closely with the USDF and Southwest Chapter to reorganize the "L" Judges Program, and stepped up to bring the Region 2 JR/YR Clinic featuring Jeremy Steinberg to Wisconsin... just to hit the highlights. If you see Pam, be sure to tell her how much you appreciate the hard work and dedication she provided our GMO during her tenure as President. But, her work isn't finished yet... Pam will continue serving on the Board in an advisory role as past president.

2013 Plans!

Next, it wouldn't be a President's Message if I didn't brag about how much cool stuff we've got already planned for 2013.

Renew Today!

This is your last newsletter unless...

You renew your membership. Go to wdcta.org to join online or for a mail-in form.

Stephanie Severn's USDF Instructor's Certification Program team has committed to offering BOTH the Riding/Training session and the Teaching session at SunFlower Farms for 2013...

Our 2012 Awards Banquet will happen on March 2 (See more information on page 15) ...

The Southwest Chapter is bringing both Janet Foy and Maryal Barnett back for a series of nine or ten dressage clinics...

And, our energetic group of eventers is planning to host multiple clinics with the goal of bringing eventing (the "CT") back to WDCTA.

Check out the interactive calendar on our beautiful, up-to-date website, often. It changes frequently as new chapter plans solidify.

Leaders are on Board, Literally

Chapters have held their elections for 2013. In the Southwest Chapter, long-time President Donna Thomas will hand over the reins to Andrea Mitchell; Kettle Moraine President Carol Hines Stroede will hand over the presidency to Joann Williams; and UP Chapter President Kathy Caspary will stay on as President for another year.

Many thanks to Donna and Carol for their years of chapter leadership; thanks to Kathy for staying with us; and welcome Andrea and Joann to your new positions.

Being it's a new membership year (Dec. 1 - Nov. 30), please remember to renew or this will be your last *eQuester*. Also, if you are a competitor, remember to sign up for the 2013 Awards Program at least a week before your first show.

I Want to Hear...From You

I won't waste any ink here telling you about all the great ideas I have for improving



Mary Hanneman at WDCTA's Steffen Peters-Janet Foy symposium she organized a year ago.

WDCTA. Actually, I'd rather hear your ideas. What would you like your Board to accomplish over the next 12 months? What types of programs would you like to see your GMO offer? Would you like to organize a Chapter in your area where there is none? I really need your current thinking on these things and invite you to contact me with your ideas. I'd like to begin 2013 with my eyes and ears wide open, learning where you would like WDCTA to go next. Contact me at president@wdcta.org.

2013: A Year of Celebration

Let's designate 2013 as a year of celebration. Let's celebrate the good times we have in our chapters, celebrate the good friends we've made through WDCTA, celebrate our membership which is well over 300 and still growing, and, of course, we must celebrate our horses...without our horses, there would be no WDCTA. As that old Kool & the Gang song says over and over again...Celebrate good times... come on!

Wishing you and yours the happiest of holidays!

On The Bit

Caryn Vesperman
eQuester Editor

On a Journey of Perseverance

WDCTA member, trainer and Grand Prix rider – Shelly Reichart – has been sidelined with injuries from a fall. Shelly was riding a client's horse at a show in early October when the horse decided it really didn't want to play anymore. Shelly was bucked off in a reportedly spectacular fashion, landing hard after flying above the horse eight to ten feet. Before assistance even arrived, Shelly said she looked at her leg, decided the knee was pointed the wrong direction and pushed it back into what appeared to be the logical place for a knee.

Since gurneys don't roll well in sand arenas, it took the EMTs awhile to figure out how to get Shelly out of the warm-up arena. Once in a doctor's hands, Shelly discovered not only were her knee injuries extensive (blown ACL, MCL, meniscus and a dislocated knee cap), she also sustained a torn rotator cuff. Before surgery could even be considered, the swelling of her knee had to go down, which took weeks. Shelly was finally wheeled into surgery at the end of October.

Unfortunately Shelly was readmitted to the hospital about two weeks later with cellulitis, a type of staph infection. While Shelly is no stranger to knee injuries, as she had blown her ACL three years prior, the setbacks and pain she is dealing with this time are much more severe.

But, in typical Shelly fashion, I know she is taking on physical therapy with gusto, so she can be back in the saddle as soon as possible. And, in typical Shelly fashion, her sense of humor is still intact. She was overheard saying, "I'd kick you with my good leg, except I don't have one anymore."

It's Not a Matter of "If," But "When"

Those who have chosen to have a career in horses have to cope with the daily physical

demands on their bodies – and the risk of injury. It's truly not a matter of *if* you get hurt, but *when*. An injury to self-employed trainers not only affects them physically, but emotionally and financially. As trainers will tell you, there is no vacation pay, no sick pay, no short- or long-term disability, and certainly no holiday pay.

Shelly, who has a master's degree in Information Technology and an undergraduate degree in Human Resources, left a well-paying job with excellent benefits to pursue what she loves. While it must get discouraging at times such as these, to Shelly, it's worth it.

"It's not how we fall. It's how we get back up again."

– Patrick Ness

It's also abundantly clear to anyone who knows Shelly that she loves training horses and people to become a team. And she's darn good at it.

Now It's Our Turn

Shelly has no idea I'm writing this article for the newsletter. I know

she'll see this sooner rather than later, since she has nothing to do but read and do her physical therapy. I hope she's okay with the article since it's such a public "outing." But Shelly has done so much for me, I figure this is one way I could give back. After all, sometimes friends need to take the reins.

I know Shelly has appreciated hearing from people since the accident. She has a long journey ahead: Physical therapy and with it, the pain plus the frustration of not getting better quicker. Let's give her the support she needs: Send her cards, letters and emails – and maybe even food, as I'm sure the last thing she wants to worry about is cooking. (Okay, let's face it. Shelly had ZERO interest in cooking *before* the accident; I'm sure the accident didn't change that!)

And Shelly, when you're pushing, pulling, pressing, bending and sweating in your physical therapy, remember this quote by author Charles H. Spurgeon:

"By perseverance, the snail reached the ark."

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Three-Time Olympian

James Wofford

Coming to Midwest Horse Fair

Top eventing trainer, James "Jimmy" Wofford will be a key presenter at the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, April 19-21 at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI.

Wofford is a three-time Olympic medalist, earning two silver team medals and one silver individual medal at three separate Olympics. He competed at the 1970 and 1978 World Championships, winning Bronze individual and team medals. He also won the U.S. Nationals five times on five different horses. Since 1978, Wofford has had at least one student on every U.S. Olympic, World Championship and Pan-American team.

In addition to being an accomplished rider and sought-after clinician, Wofford has authored many magazine articles and several books, including his latest book, "Cross Country with Jim Wofford."

For more information, go to the Midwest Horse Fair website.

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The USDF Instructor Certification Lungeing Workshop Draws Dedicated Instructors and Auditors

Article by Diane Brault
All photos by Heather McManamy
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The USDF Instructor Certification Lungeing Workshop was Nov. 10-11 at Sunflower Farms in Bristol, WI.

Our primary USDF Faculty Member was Vicki O'Neil, who hails from Connecticut. Her apprentice was Kathy Simard from Colorado, a USDF Certified Instructor through Fourth Level and who is apprenticing to become a Faculty member. Many of our Participating Instructors came from our region, but a few came from as far as southern Illinois and even Massachusetts! Including auditors, demo riders and horse owners, more than 40 people attended.

The first day dawned pleasantly, mostly sunny and warm for this time of the year – in the mid 50s. We began the day early, at 7:30, with a lecture, video and discussion session. High on the list of lungeing topics were the training pyramid, purposes for lungeing and very important safety tips for the instructors.

In this article, I'll try to pass along some of the concepts and details I found interesting or enlightening to me, personally.



Mike Hurwitz, who came all the way from Massachusetts to be a demonstration rider, worked with Participating Instructor, Jessica Fussner. Mike said he learned some “good things to take back home and work on.”

More Than Getting the Bucks Out

First on my list of “enlightenments” was the fact that correct lungeing is done not

just to “get the bucks out,” but for many different, more productive reasons! Lungeing can be so much more than just mindless circles! Purposes for lungeing a horse can range from rehabbing a horse after an injury, to improving a horse's relaxation, acceptance of the bit, gaits and transitions, and more! Lungeing with “feel” was emphasized. You should lunge your horse only at “working” gaits, and always with “feel” on the line. Good contact should be maintained with the horse's head, and your lunge line should never drag on the ground. If the horse tries to fall in on the circle, you can encourage her to go back out and maintain contact by teaching the word “out,” by gently making your line do a big vertical “wave,” or by gently flicking your whip toward the horse's shoulder.

Safety First for Horses and Humans

Lungeing safely was an important focus. Helmets and boots should be worn when you lunge your horse, even though you aren't mounted! Other important safety factors include proper equipment and fit of equipment, line



USDF Instructor apprentice, Kathy Simard, demonstrates the proper way to attach side reins to the saddle billets.

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handling, whip handling, good footing and working in an enclosed area. Interestingly, NOT allowing your whip to “crack” is important, since it could easily affect any other horse being worked in the arena while you are lungeing your horse! Participants were reminded of this frequently while lungeing their horses later in the workshop.

Correct Equipment, Correctly Adjusted

After a short break and some yummy treats provided by WDCTA volunteers, we were off to the arena. Kathy showed us a variety of cavessons, surcingles, side reins, lunge lines and whips, and pointed out pros and cons of each. She prefers good leather side reins with donuts for some flexibility, surcingles that include a very low set of rings, and whips with lashes long enough to touch the horse when lungeing.

Kathy explained and demonstrated fitting all the equipment on Kosmic, a demo horse kindly brought by Joann Williams. The surcingle was put on top of the saddle, fed through the raised stirrups, and snugged up behind the girth of the saddle. The cavesson went on over the bridle, but the noseband and eye straps (like a forward placed throat latch) were threaded under the bridle before being buckled. The nosepiece of the cavesson should lie where the bridle cavesson would lie, and be narrow enough not to touch the bit or the horse's tear bones. The eye straps should

be sewn on low enough that the straps can serve the function of pulling the cavesson cheek pieces down and, therefore, away from the horse's eyes. These were frequently issues for many of the demo horses, necessitating replacing the lungeing cavesson with a special strap that was threaded through the bit ring and bridle cavesson.

The reins went over the horse's head in “riding” position. The portion of the reins under the horse's head were twisted around each other, and then the bridle throat latch was threaded into the middle of one of the twists to prevent them from untwisting. Lastly, the buckle end of the reins was attached to the grab strap on the saddle. The length of the side reins and the height of their placement on the surcingle rings were determined by the level of the horse's training and by each individual horse's needs. However, the side reins should always be placed on rings that are lower than the rear prominence of the horse's hip. For safety, always attach the outside side rein first, and begin every session with longer side reins than you think you might need. A general guide is to begin by setting them where your horse's head and neck are when she is standing normally. Shorten them up gradually as your horse

Vicki O'Neil uses videos at the morning lectures



warms up during each lungeing session. Another detail interesting to me is that Kathy prefers to have both side reins the same length because she has found that shortening the inside one often encourages horses to lean on the inside rein! There is so much to know! Whew!



USDF Instructor Kathy Simard goes over the proper use of lungeing equipment.

Solo Learning Time in the Arena

Finally it was time to watch our Participating Instructors showcase their skills. Each instructor was given a horse that they had not previously handled, along with about an hour of the undivided attention of Vicki, Kathy and the audience of auditors, horse owners and demo riders.

Although it seemed a bit intimidating at first, Vicki and Kathy were expert at giving suggestions in a kind and positive manner, and making everyone feel comfortable and supported.

One at a time, each Participating Instructor was coached regarding the fit of the equipment, safe and effective handling of whip and line, and

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their analysis of the horse's strengths and weaknesses. The difficulty of assessing the horse's straightness when you are standing in the middle of the circle was discussed. Straightness of the vertebrae to the circle can be judged by watching to see if the hind feet fall in line with the front feet. While the horse was moving, our instructors noted which side rein was taut and which was floppy. If the horse was accepting the contact and reaching for the bit, a taut outside rein and floppy inside rein would indicate correct alignment to the circle.

Straightness also includes that the horse is not leaning in, like a dirt bike going around a curve.

Vicki emphasized the importance of the instructor remaining glued to the center of the circle, by pivoting around the heel of your inside boot. She pointed out that when you walk around "with" the horse as you lunge, the horse doesn't really make a perfectly round circle. Therefore, the benefits of proper muscle development that can develop with good lungeing, will not occur. Many Participating Instructors worked hard to stand still!

We all watched for each horse's signs of relaxation – puffing in rhythm with their strides, swinging tail held away from the body, swinging back, relaxed ears and facial expression, soft muscles, loose movement, soft chewing of bit, and reaching for the contact (not curling and getting behind the bit or raising head above it). Each Participating Instructor made frequent adjustments to the length and height of the side reins as they assessed their horse's needs and level of training. They experimented with using the lunge line to create "half halts" before changing gaits to improve transitions. They experienced how frequent trot/canter/trot/canter transitions on the lunge line can improve the horse's suppleness and balance.

We all had much to chat about during lunch and the afternoon break! Many of us also enjoyed some productive shopping at Saddlers Row, which has a store on site!

Day 1 Ends, Auditor Thoughts

I also had an opportunity to speak with several auditors about the workshop:

"It made me realize how sloppy I've been about lungeing," said one auditor.



Who thought being lunged could be so much fun? Kathy Simard, USDF Faculty apprentice, seems to enjoy demonstrating the rider's part in the lungeing team.

Julie Janzen commented, "Very informative. The safety detail of attaching the outside rein first will be important when I work horses other than my own. I'll also practice digging in my heel so I don't walk so much when I lunge."

We ended this jam-packed day at 6 p.m. and drifted off to care for horses, eat supper and process the day with old friends and new.

Sunday brought windier weather with a promise of sprinkles, but still much warmer temps than are typical for mid-November in Wisconsin! That was just a whisper of a warning of what would arrive later in the day!

Day 2 Starts with Video and Discussion

As before, we began the day in the upstairs lounge at the facility, Sunflower Farms, with more video and a lecture from Vicki on lungeing the rider. First and

foremost was safety, of course. Then she went over proper tack and protocol for giving a lesson to improve the rider's seat, assessing the rider, and some basic exercises. We viewed USDF video on those topics, which you can also view on line by going to the [USDF's E-Trak site](#). Log in to E-Trak, go to the "Learning Center", click on "In Depth Study" then click on "Lungeing." You'll find a number of very useful videos showing the concepts presented to us at this clinic!

After the class session, we had a break and enjoyed more great treats supplied by our wonderful WDCTA volunteers! Then it was off to the arena, where Vicki and Kathy demonstrated the next lesson.

Kathy mounted up, and Vicki proceeded to give her a "seat lesson" on the lunge line. The team demonstrated a variety of typical mounted exercises at a walk and trot, such as arm and leg circles, toe touches, etc. Exercises were also done without stirrups. Observing Kathy while she rode helped Vicki find some details in Kathy's position that could be improved. Vicki then asked Kathy to think about a certain body part in a

particular way, to make a visualization, or to do a particular exercise. When one approach didn't create the desired effect, Vicki could always offer several alternative things to try!

Instructors Take Their Turn Again

Then it was time for our Participating Instructors to show their stuff! Again, each Participating Instructor had about an hour of Vicki's time. Different from the day before, the instructors were not required to work with unfamiliar horses and riders. Most brought horses with whom they had been working with at home, and were matched with an unfamiliar rider. The Participating Instructors lunged their riders, assessed strengths and weaknesses, and led them through exercises to improve their seats.

After each lesson, Vicki discussed the lesson with the audience. One suggestion

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she gave frequently was that the instructors should speak very loudly! During formal testing for USDF Instructor Certification, if the test “judges” couldn’t hear the Participating Instructors’ comments to their riders, they couldn’t give credit for those comments! She also cautioned them to be sure to use dressage terminology correctly. An example of a mistake she hears often is using the word “rhythm” in place of “tempo.” “Rhythm” refers to the sequence of steps in a gait, while “tempo” refers to the speed at which the rhythm is repeated.

Later, Vicki gave each instructor a private critique of her performance and offered tips that would help her improve before taking the USDF Instructor Certification test.

As the afternoon progressed, the wind picked up, battering the Coverall arena. Gusts caused rattling and snapping of the structure’s fabric. Rider safety became an issue, and Vicki encouraged instructors to consider modifying their expectations to help insure their riders’ safety. Near the end of the workshop, a serious storm was slated to hit the area, prompting Sunflower management to offer a free night’s stabling to anyone electing to ride out the stormy night there, instead of heading out on the road. How kind of Sunflower! Luckily the storm held off, and everyone was able to make it out.

Following are additional comments from our PIs (Participating Instructors), demo riders and auditors:

PI Sandy Gonzalez: *“The clinic has been very educational. I’m getting way more out of it than I thought I would! It feels good to have all the feedback and education before going to the certification (testing). It’s made me feel more confident of which skills I’m good at and which I need to work on more before I go to the certification.”*

PI Jessie Fussner: *“I like the format – the video and talk at the beginning of the day, followed by working with the horses,*

instructors and riders. It felt like teamwork, like we were all working together. Vicki and Kathy were very positive. Everything was very nice.”

Demo rider, Deidre Vergeer, who brought her 18 H gelding, Piro1 128, for the instructors to use: *“I like that they had ‘normal’ people, just like us, who aren’t perfect and have lots of issues to work on. It’s not trainers riding the horses, it’s everyday people. And the horses weren’t all \$300,000, ‘perfect’ horses. They were very nice horses, with lots of talent, but still in that attainable price range.”*

Demo rider, Mike Hurwitz, who came from Massachusetts: *“It went very well. We had confident instructors that worked well with both me and the horse to give me confidence. She picked up on some issues with my position, and she gave me good things to take back home to work on.”*

Demo rider, Jenny Schwandt: *“This was a great experience. The two USDF faculty instructors communicate to the PIs extremely well, attending to every detail. In the actual demos, it was clear that PIs were applying all they heard. I had an excellent lunge lesson. My PI zeroed in on two of my chronic issues and gave me helpful exercises, so I could immediately feel a change. I am especially excited to have some exercises to take home with me*

that will help me feel straighter and more stable in my seat.”

Auditor, Wendy Konichek: *“I learned some exercises that will be used in my therapeutic riding program.”*

Auditor, Kirstin Anderson: *“I love this! You have to have so many ways to say the same thing when you’re teaching. As an instructor, I’ve fallen into a rut in how I express things. So I appreciate having new ways to communicate concepts to the riders.”*

Lungeing workshop organizer, Nicki Butler: *“One concept I’ll take home is the importance of the connections between the rider’s and horse’s cores. When a rider’s arms and legs aren’t quiet, it can be because the rider’s core isn’t strong. Conversely, if the horse’s core is weak and it’s not using its stomach muscles, that can cause some floppiness in the rider’s arms and legs.”*

PI Morgan Randall: *“Everyone from WDCTA was wonderful! I came from Massachusetts, and the WDCTA staff were great at holding my hand and finding me a horse and getting me everything I needed. Participants were great – sharing pointers and encouraging each other. If I lived in the area, I’d join WDCTA!”*

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Morgan Randall demonstrates proper lungeing with Gusto, owned by Ann Libert.

A Huge Success!

WDCTA wishes the following participating instructors the best in their pursuit of education for the benefit of the sport and their students:

- * Kate Van Sicklen
- * Jessica Fussner
- * Morgan Randall
- * Joan Leuck-Waak
- * Megan Dischler
- * Suzanne Galdun
- * Linda Morales
- * Sally Gonzales

And, without horses and the generosity of their owners to “lend” them, this program would have been rather, ah, one-sided! Thanks to:

Horse and Owner

- Karl * Jill Niederberger
- Pirol 128 (Pi) * Deidre Vergeer
- Princess Amy * DeAnn Howard
- Uniek * Joan Lueck - Waak
- Guin * Jenny Schwandt
- Gusto * Ann Libert
- Kosmic * Joanne Williams
- Dissa * Julie Janzen
- Ripp * Linda Freeman

Last but certainly not least, we need to acknowledge how the workshop would not have been possible without the gargantuan effort of our organizers: Stephanie Severn and Nicki Butler.

Many other volunteers also helped put on the workshop including: Karen Reeb, Karyn Shelton, Caitrin O’Shea, Heather McManamy, Joann Williams, Donna Thomas, Marie Caldwell and Sue Genin.

A huge thank you to all!

We’re not done yet...

Watch for dates and details in upcoming issues of the *eQuester* about the two upcoming sessions of the USDF Instructor Certification Workshop.



What a great photo by ShortHorseStudios. Participating instructor Sally Gonzales and her lunging partner illustrate the partnership in learning. To view more photos or purchase any of these or other photos from the workshop, check out the [link](#) directly to the workshop section at www.ShortHorseStudios.com.

Gerd Zuther and the Triplets (And More)

By Caitrin O'Shea

This summer I have had the privilege of helping my friend, Caryn Vesperman, start her "triplets." These three three-year-olds were the result of a very successful embryo transfer, combining Caryn's imported Grand Prix Hanoverian mare, Salope, and international Grand Prix superstar, the Oldenburg (approved Hanoverian) elite stallion, Diamond Hit, standing at stud in Germany. Their breeding, build, movement and temperament all speak to successful careers in dressage.

How successful? Well, I am but a humble eventer, who doesn't even know how to ask for any of the upper level movements, but I think in the right hands, there is nothing these fillies can't do. And in a less experienced amateur's hands? I'm pretty sure they'd still be winning national accolades.

The work this summer culminated in a clinic the first weekend in November with Gerd Zuther. For those who don't know Gerd, I'm not sure I can adequately describe what an amazing teacher he is! He is certified by the German Equine Federation (FN) as a "Reitlehrer FN" – a riding instructor and trainer for the three Olympic equestrian disciplines, dressage, jumping and eventing, with riding accomplishments that include training multiple horses to Grand Prix. His primary focus has always been training, with his students going on to compete at the Olympic level, most recently eventer, Nina Lingon of Thailand.

Awesome Horses + Awesome Trainer = Great Success

Day 1 saw my horse, Zahra, get her little behind handed to her by Gerd. Before the lesson even began, he had me hop off to show me where she lacked muscle in her hind end. When I got back on, he laid out some cavalettis, and we spent the next hour working those undeveloped muscles, both with the cavalettis and flatwork gymnastics. She was completely wiped out by the end, but we had a good plan for the winter.

The first of the triplets, Diamond Dureza, was up next. She. Was. Perfect. Walk-trot-canter in a swinging rhythm with a supple back, and we even began introducing some more



Gerd Zuther

Photo by Heather McManamy of ShortHorse Studio

Next was my ride on Zahra. I could feel that she began the day still a bit tired. We focused on suppling gymnastics for the whole ride, like double shallow loops down the long side, four-loop serpentines, and riding off the track, lengthening down the long sides, flexing in the corners, but straight and sitting trot on the short sides.

The final exercise proved to be too much for her exhausted little body: three-loop serpentine, change of lead over centerline. She just could not consistently pick up the correct lead, in either direction! When we finally came to the cool-down, she could barely lift her back legs! So, hind-end strength will be a huge priority over the winter. Clearly the little 3' jumps are not enough to make her actually engage those muscles! What was really neat was how much I was able to push on her. Here she is, only four years old, but doing the same sorts of exercises my

Intermediate horse, Sgilti, would have been doing when he was in his prime! So even though she struggled a bit, she's still on the accelerated track for greatness.

After my ride, I was completely wiped out. I wasn't entirely sure where I was going to find the energy for two more horses, so I was doing my best to relax and audit, when again Gerd called on me to get on the horse in the lesson! This was a more experienced pair, working on Prix St. Georges movements, but they weren't making it out of the warm-up because the rider was way overthinking a straightforward leg-yield walk exercise. So I hopped on and did the exercise, and then demonstrated what the rider had been doing. (With Gerd's help. I hadn't been able to tell the problem from where I was sitting.)

I got two good take-aways from these two quick, helping rides: First of all, Gerd thinks I'm a competent enough rider that he'll make me get on these well-trained horses (squee!), and second, I've never in my life ridden a horse so well connected as those two. Something to aspire to, I suppose!

After that was the second triplet, Diamond Caliente. Unfortunately, she can be a bit of a hot tamale on the lounge line occasionally, and today was one of those occasions. Even though I feel that she could have stepped up

advanced stuff, like head-to-the-wall leg yields. She took it all in stride! It was a lovely lesson, on a lovely horse, and I am not sorry to say that this means Caryn will be taking over the ride on her after this! Although she has been such a pleasure to work with, I am excited that Caryn can finally begin to enjoy one of these girls after 4+ years of waiting!

Day 2 began as soon as I arrived at the farm. I came down to audit a bit before my ride, and no sooner than I'd sat down when Gerd called me out of the audience to help with a supremely talented, but occasionally naughty, six-year-old who refused to relax into his flying lead changes. Horse and rider were getting too frustrated with each other, so Gerd had me hop on. (Cue awkward moment when you realize you've never done a flying lead change outside of a jump saddle, and only in jumping style). Going left to right, he'd let out a big buck, and right to left he would try to kick the rider's leg (and sometimes, he succeeded!!). A few bucks and kicks later, we finally got ONE quiet, correct flying lead change, at which point Gerd had me bring him back to the walk to do some half-steps to finish him off. Except, fatal flaw, the eventer had no idea how to ask for half-steps!! So, I just tried to hold him in front and time my leg aids to Gerd's whip, and we managed to get a few!

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to any challenge Gerd had given us, he chose to take it a little easier on her. We focused on developing a better connection. This was definitely an area we needed help with, so it was still a great lesson, and she was swinging and soft by the end of the ride.

And finally Triplet #3, Diamond Dolce. Gerd picked up right away that she was (currently) the least balanced, so we worked in short spurts, doing lots of transitions and walk breaks so that we didn't push her past her fitness level. She (and every baby) needs to enjoy their work before the "real work" can begin. Our work focused on building up her strength and endurance so that she could better carry my weight, and it gave us a good game plan for moving forward.

People kept asking me during the clinic which is my favorite of the triplets to ride, but the truth is, I like each of them for different reasons. They are all so athletic; they will excel wherever their lives take them. Hopefully I can do my best to keep up with them as their lives progress!

So, Gerd Zuther and the Triplets. Epic clinic, or epic band name? You decide.

USDFScores.com Rolls Out

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has launched www.USDFScores.com, now the official USDF source for the most accurate and complete dressage scores.

This new site features expanded search functionality, customizable reports with advanced sorting and graphing options, and access to USDF qualifications and standings. As a supplement to the USDF website, users will be able to use their current user name and password to access USDFScores.com.

USDF Group, Participating, or Business members will have access to current competition year score checks and additional related information. Participating and Business members will also have access to Lifetime and Regional Championship Qualifying Ride score checks. Through increased functionality and reporting options,

USDFScores.com provides a quick and easy way for members to access the scores and information they most need.

"As the only official, and most complete, source for USDF scores, this site will be a valuable resource for competitors, horse owners, and show managers. This enhanced member benefit also makes lifetime score reports available to Participating and Business members at no additional cost," added USDF Executive Director Stephan Hienzsch.

To explore and experience all that this site has to offer, visit www.USDFScores.com and log in. If you are not a current member and need to renew your membership in order to access all of the features of USDFScores.com, visit www.usdf.org and join/renew today!

Steffen Peters and Scott Hassler featured at USDF Trainers' Conference

The United States Dressage Federation announced today that the Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference will feature Olympian Steffen Peters and USEF National Young Dressage Horse Coach Scott Hassler. The conference is scheduled for Jan. 21-22 at Mary Anne McPhail's High Meadow Farm, Loxahatchee, Florida.

During this year's conference, Peters and Hassler will engage qualified attendees in a peer-to-peer format focused on identifying each horse's strengths and weaknesses and improving attendees' problem solving skills, allowing them to make better training decisions. Peters will be hands-on with FEI-level horses, spending time in the saddle as he demonstrates and conveys his training techniques aimed at achieving a direct improvement in each horse's performance. Peters and Hassler will also engage selected participants in thought-provoking training scenarios as they ride.

Steffen 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. He recently made history in having the number one and number two horses for the 2012 US Olympic team. Peters earned an Individual and Team

Gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games, earned 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, another sought-after clinician, is one of our country's most respected all-around horsemen and is an internationally respected and accomplished trainer and educator. His straightforward, simple training and coaching techniques have been used to develop horses of all ages through the Grand Prix level, as well as 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 event, entering its eighth year, is heralded as a model for successful educational forums of the nature Hassler and Peters intend to deliver. A member of the USEF Dressage Committee, the USEF Strategic Planning Committee, the USEF Young Horse Steering

Committee, and the 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, including criteria for attendance, call (859) 971-2277 or email trainersconference@usdf.org.

Inaugural U.S. Dressage Finals

The first U.S. Dressage Finals will be Nov. 7-10, 2013 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. This premier championship is a national head-to-head competition showcasing adult amateur and open divisions, Training Level through Grand Prix, with invitations extended to competitors who have qualified through the 2013 Great American Insurance Group Regional Championships.

Congratulations to the WDCTA Members Earning 2012 USDF Year-End Awards!



Joann Williams with Gallod Ffantastic earned Champion All-Breed for the Welsh Pony Cob Association (WPCSA) for the third year in a row, this time at Second Level Section D Welsh Cob. Plus, the two were second nationally at Second Level, Vintage Cup.



Kathryn Kostenbader on her 13-year-old Trakehner gelding, Alexander (by Veneziano, bred of Leonard and Patricia Foley), were 20th at 3rd level, Vintage Cup.



Tracey Dikkers on Rholacon were the champions at Fourth Level in the USDF Half-Arabian All-Breeds award.



Caryn Vesperman on Rapazzini were 4th at First Level Adult Amateur in the Hanoverian All-breeds category and 13th overall at Adult Amateur, First Level.

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USDF Year-End Awards continued



Jacqueline Zimmermann on Xelim De Tesouro was 4th at First Level, Junior/Young Rider.



Katie Foster with Sacramento were 8th at Prix St. George, Junior/Young Rider.

Next month WDCTA members who were winners at 2012 USDF regional championships will be included. Haven't sent me your photo yet for placing in the top 20 of any category? There's still time! Send by Dec. 15.



Shelly Reichart on Weltaenser earned reserve champion at Grand Prix in the open division, Hanoverian All-Breeds.

Other WDCTA USDF Year-End Winners:

3-year-old Filly Friesian Horse Association of North America

1st Place: Megan Mclsaac on Elbricht

Training Level Open Friesian Horse Association of N. A.

6th Place: Megan Mclsaac on Elbricht

First Level Open

18th Place: Katie Joyce on Zolansky M

Third Level Open

2nd Place: Ken Borden on Rashka

Third Level Open Friesian Horse Association of N.A.

4th Place: Megan Mclsaac on Jewel

Third Level Freestyle Friesian Horse Association of N.A.

3rd Place: Megan Mclsaac on Jewel

Breeder of the Year

3rd Place: Ken Borden

Dressage Sporthorse Breeder of the Year

6th Place: Ken Borden

Bits 'N Pieces

News About and For Members

WDCTA Junior/Young Rider Featured in *The Chronicle of the Horse*

WDCTA member, Jacqueline Zimmermann, was featured in *The Chronicle of the Horse* magazine's Nov. 5 article on the USDF Region 2 Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park. Jackie was champion junior/young rider at First Level on her horse, Xelim De Tesouro. Jackie's trainer is Shelly Reichart, owner and trainer at Paradigm Farm, Lake Mills, WI. Congratulations!

New 70% Club!

A new way to recognize members who are successful in competition has been added to WDCTA's cadre of awards: The 70 Percent Club! Any member who has received a score of 70 percent or higher in a dressage class at a WDCTA-recognized dressage show, a USDF/USEF-recognized dressage show or a USEA-sanctioned event is eligible. Plus, even if you didn't sign up for the official WDCTA awards program, it doesn't matter for this award. Just send in a good quality copy of the dressage test, and you will receive a certificate to be presented at the annual awards banquet. Your success also will be published in the *eQuester* newsletter and on the WDCTA website. So, set your goals this winter because you have one more great way to be recognized for your competitive success!

Schooling Show Organizers: WDCTA Made it Easier for You

Now schooling show organizers no longer have to send the WDCTA awards recorder a list of the show scores from your schooling show. The WDCTA State Board voted to remove this requirement at the November board meeting. Competitors will continue to submit a copy of their show tests as proof of their scores.

Members of the Year

No, that's not a misprint. WDCTA will recognize members – plural – who have made a contribution to WDCTA over the current year. Know a member who has helped WDCTA further its mission? If you do, send in your nomination **by Dec. 15** to WDCTA president, Mary Hanneman.



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CALENDAR

*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

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

March 23-24
USDF Instructor Certification: Riding Workshop
Faculty Instructor:
Sarah Geikie, USEF "S" judge and certified examiner
Open to auditors.
[Sunflower Farms](#), 19000 - 128th Street, Bristol, WI
Contact: Stephanie Severn
(608) 213-8925 or hopefulfarm@gmail.com
Contact: Nicki Butler
(608) 358-2589 or findawayfarm@yahoo.com

Mar. 23-24
Maryal Barnett Clinic
Hidden Pond Farm, Mazomanie, WI
Contact: Pam Doolittle *No auditing charge for
(608) 712-1400 SW Chapter members
psdoolittle@yahoo.com

April 5-7
Janet Foy Clinic
Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville, WI
Contact: Mary Hanneman *No auditing charge for
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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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June 7-9
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July 12-14
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Aug. 9-11
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Sept. 6-8
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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.

Nov. 7-10
U.S. Dressage Finals
Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Non-WDCTA Events

Feb. 2
USDF L Program Continuing Education on the USEF NEW RIDER TESTS for 2013
Cost: \$65 for current L graduates or L program students and \$35 for auditors (extra \$5 may apply for USDF University credits). Box lunch included
Fields N Fences
36550 North Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL
Contact: Lynda Lambert
(920) 737-3382
pinndress@aol.com

Feb. 9
New USEF Rider Tests and the Impact of the Rider's Biomechanics on the Rider Score
Judges and L Graduates may receive USDF Continuing Education Credit
Auditor's Fee - \$10
Participant's Fee (L grads and judges) - \$25
University credits for Auditors are an additional \$5
Location: Michigan State University, Agriculture and Livestock Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI
For full details and a registration form [Click Here](#)

Mar. 22-24
Gerd Zuther Clinic
Touchstone Farm, Brooklyn, WI
Contact: Caryn Vesperman
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Calendar of Events continued

July 26-28

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Oct. 11-13

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Nov. 15-17

Gerd Zuther Clinic
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You're Invited!

WDCTA 2012 Awards Luncheon

Plans are coming together for our 2012 Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting. Back by popular demand, we will once again have an awards luncheon instead of a dinner.

Here's what we know as of press time:

- Date:** Saturday, March 2, 2013
Time: Registration begins at 10 a.m.
Day will end at approximately 3 p.m.
Where: Quality Inn & Suites
2969 Cahill Main, Madison, WI
Speaker: Anke Johnson
Natural Solutions by Anke
Topic: Anke, a health and life coach, specializing in the equestrian market, will share her formula for building confidence and establishing life balance...areas we can all use a little help with.
Other events: Annual meeting, awards and, of course, shopping!

Mark your calendars. A special group room rate is available for anyone wanting to spend the week-end in Madison. Watch the website for the registration form in the next few weeks, or watch for it in the January edition of the **eQuester**.

See you there!

Stable - Instructor - Breeder - Business Listings

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20 years teaching experience, will teach Intro thru G.P. 30 years riding experience – USDF Bronze, Silver, Gold Medals. Will do some travel.

SHARON JOHNSON

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USEF "r" judge - hunter, hunt seat equitation, jumper, dressage - Training thru FEI. Students have earned USDF, USEF, WDCTA, IDCTA and Gold and Bronze awards. 40 years teaching experience, available to teach at other barns, and will travel. Lessons at own facility w/ outdoor and 220 x 100' indoor, plus gives clinics and equine sports massage.

JOAN LEUCK-WAAK

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B.S. degree in Animal Science - Horse emphasis, L graduate and USDF Silver and Bronze medalist on self-trained horse., competed to PSG and schooling GP. Diverse, 25-year experience and background in teaching people and horses from training to upper levels. Will travel for clinics and lessons. References Available Upon Request

MEGAN MC ISAAC

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FEI trainer. Has obtained all six USDF Rider Medals. Competed two horses at Grand Prix and successfully at Dressage at Devon in '07, placing 11th in Int. 1 and qualifying for the freestyle. Travels for clinics, lessons. Twelve years teaching experience, beginners to advanced. References available on request.

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Shown thru 4th level and training level eventing on self-trained horses. Completed L program w/ distinction. Audited USDF Instructor program, USDF bronze medal, USDF HOY/ regional/other awards. 15+ years teaching experience. Will teach up to 4th level, school horses, will travel for judging, clinics, shows.

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2012 was a wonderful year for the show team and individual progress!



Kapellen Photography Photo

"Jewel", owned by Sue & Rick Neipert of Meadow's Gait Farm, competed by Megan McIsaac. Performed at the Midwest Horse Fair in the Epic Night of the Horse. Competed at the USDF Region 2 Championships - 3rd & 12th at 3rd level open and 6th at 3rd level freestyle. 4th in the Nation in the USDF All Breeds at 3rd level and 3rd in the Nation in the USDF All Breeds at 3rd level freestyle!



Suzanne Fischer Photo

"Elbriecht", owned by Sue & Rick Neipert of Meadow's Gait Farm, competed by Megan McIsaac. Successfully competed at the USDF Region 2 Championships. Champion in the Nation at the 3 year old Materiale USDF All Breeds and 6th in the Nation in the USDF All Breeds at Training level.



Cynthia Fleishman Photo

Callie & "Gold"

In her second year of competing Gold, they successfully competed I-1 through Grand Prix! They also competed 4th and I-1 freestyles!!

Shea & "Wellie"

In her first year of competing at recognized shows, she earned her USDF Bronze medal!! Competed Training through 3rd levels this year!



Rob Hess Photo

Madeline & "Alex"

Competed successfully at 2nd & 3rd levels in the Arab Circuit and were the 2nd level Champions and the 3rd level Reserve Champions at the Canadian Nationals!!

Lisa & "Hughy"

In her 2nd year of competing, they qualified and competed at the USDF Region 2 Championships at 3rd level. Earned her USDF Bronze Medal and competed in 1st through 3rd level freestyles that she and her husband designed!



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Jessie & "Wellie"

In her second year of competing at recognized shows, she earned her USDF Bronze medal. They also competed 1st through 3rd level freestyles!!



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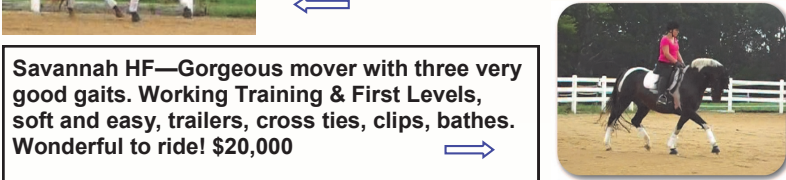
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