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Overall High Point Bronze Competition

Overall Training Gold Competition

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Sharon Frost Trophy - Champion High Point Technical Walk/Trot

Southern Gentry Memorial Award



THURSDAY AUGUST 24	TIME
• Rings open (competition & warm-up)	1:00 pm
Office open	3:00 pm
Competition rings close	5:00 pm
Meet & Greet Pizza & Pop	6:00 pm
sponsored by Rokstad Power Corporation	
All teams must be declared	8:00 pm
Office closed	8:00 pm

FRIDAY AUGUST 25

Office open	 7:00 am
• Ring start	 8:00 am
• Rider Warm Up	 lunch
by Sandra Verda Zanatta	
· CO Contlomon's Choice	afternoon

SATURDAY AUGUST 26

Office open	7:00 am
• Ring start	8::00 am
Presenting Yourself and Your Horse for the Jog	lunch
by Wendy Christoff	
Hospitality evening for sponsors, competitors and families	6:30 pm
sponsored by Boehringer-Ingelheim Company	
Parade of Champions	7:00 pm
Graduation Ceremony	7:00 pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 27

• Hack classes		
BRONZE start		8:30 am
GOLD start		9:30 am
• Equitation Gold and Bronze Equit	ation Div	rision Ride Off's and Champion presentations
• Presentation of overall Champion	s	approx. 3:00 pm

SHOW LOCATION:

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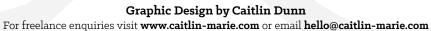
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Paton & Martin Bursary Dual Winner Message

Thank you so much to Paton and Martin Veterinary Services for the generous bursary. I graduated High School this year and plan to attend Douglas College in the fall. I look forward to pursuing a career with horses and appreciate the jump start this bursary has given me.

--Courtney Palleson





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2016 Gold Overall High Point/Paton & Martin Bursary Dual Winner Message



n 2014, only a few years after I started riding, the opportunity came up to ride a green, chunky welsh cob named Indy. Having had no previous experience, we began learning the basics of dressage together. Now approaching our fourth year as a partnership, we have accomplished many of our goals and are striving to meet new ones. With the guidance of my coach, Dr. Susan Thompson, and the supportive team at Crescent Stables, Indy and I have been able to move up the training scale with confidence and unity.

Rising Stars has become our favourite show to attend each season. Each year we have come away with new found friends and inspiration. The focus on young riders allows for a friendly competition and easy-going atmosphere. The pizza nights and educational activities are what make Rising Stars so special along with the amazing competitors and volunteers. Thank you again to the show committee and organizers. Without your efforts, time and dedication, this wonderful show never would have been possible!

In early April as part of the generous Gold Overall Champion prize, sponsored by Scott Hayes Productions, I attended the 4th West Coast Dressage Convention held in Del Mar, California along with my good friend Renee Mulder. On the Friday prior to the start of the clinic, Scott Hayes invited us to watch the rider's meet and greet with Carl Hester. Some of the horse and rider combinations were unbelievable to watch! I had never seen such power and grace that some of the horses showed. The first day of the clinic was amazing. Not only did I see many familiar faces from back home but also learned many important concepts of dressage explained by the one and only Carl Hester. One being the importance of stretching your horse before and after a training session. Later that day I had the privilege of meeting Carl as well as Abby Newell from Piaffe. Carl was lovely to talk to and congratulated me for my winnings at Rising Stars. The second day of the clinic was just as amazing with more focus on relaxation of both horse and rider. The information and lesson learned over the two days were incredible and I am so thankful to have been able to learn from the best of our sport.

I would like to extend a tremendous thank you to Scott Hayes from SH Productions, who sponsored my trip to California to attend the 4th West Coast Dressage Convention with Carl Hester. I had a wonderful time enjoying the Californian sun and listening to one of the greatest riders teach and share his knowledge of our sport.

I would also like to thank Dr. David Paton and Dr. Eric Martin and the rest of the team at Paton and Martin Veterinary Services for sponsoring the \$500 Opportunity Bursary for post secondary education. I will be using this bursary towards furthering my education at the University of British Columbia starting this Fall. Thank you again for your support!

The sponsors and show committee are what make Rising Stars such a unique and memorable show. Thank you again for allowing us young riders to flourish and encourage to take part in the important sport of dressage.

I would also like to thank my partner, Indy for being the best horse to work with and pushing me to become a better rider. Without our horses, none of this would have been possible. Thank you Indy!

Good luck to all the competitors this weekend and enjoy the wonderful show!

--Rachel Loif

Guide to **Dressage**

ressage is classical horsemanship, the foundation of all equestrian sports. The word "Dressage", derived from the French verb dresser, means to train. The discipline teaches the horse to become balanced, willing, supple and responsive. Those who specialize in dressage, progressing beyond the basics, strive to keep a harmonious relationship with their horses. A horse may become so responsive, so willing and so athletic that he gives the impression he is performing

without cues from the rider. Horse and rider become dancing partners with the horse executing difficult movements which, in fact, are based on natural movements innate to every horse. Dressage is often referred to as the ballet of horsemanship. The art of dressage can still be seen in the ancient riding halls of Vienna in Austria, in Spain and in France. Its modern counterpart is found in the competition arenas of the world, the pinnacle of which is the Grand Prix test of the Olympics.

UNDERSTANDING THE MOVEMENTS

The judge looks to see that the horse is willing, relaxed, supple, fluid and attentive at all times during the test. Any show of resistance, tension or stiffness is penalized. The horse should appear to perform the movements of his own volition, with no obvious prompting from the rider.

HALT

The halt must be square and completely immobile.

WALK

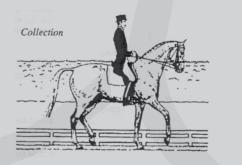
The walk should be a clear four-beat gait with no shuffling or jogging.

REIN-BACK

A backward movement where the horse should step evenly with front and hind legs for a specific number of steps.

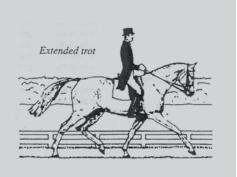
COLLECTION

The horse shortens his frame and stride, becoming more elevated with increased suspension between steps.



EXTENDED GAITS

The horse stretches his legs and body to lengthen the stride, maintaining the same rhythm.



HALF-PASS / LEG-YIELD

The horse moves obliquely or diagonally forward. Straight or bent but with neither the hindquarters or the shoulders leading.





Understanding the **Dressage Test**

Not performed

ach dressage test is made up of specific movements or groups of movements. Every competitor within a test is marked by the judges on a scale of zero to ten. The scale of marks is as follows:

Excellent Insufficient Very good Fairly bad Good Bad Fairly good Very bad

Collective marks are awarded after the competitor has finished the performance for the general impression of gaits, impulsion, submission and the rider's

deducted for errors and omissions. First error 2 marks, second error 4 marks, third error the rider is eliminated.

The winner of the test is the competitor with the

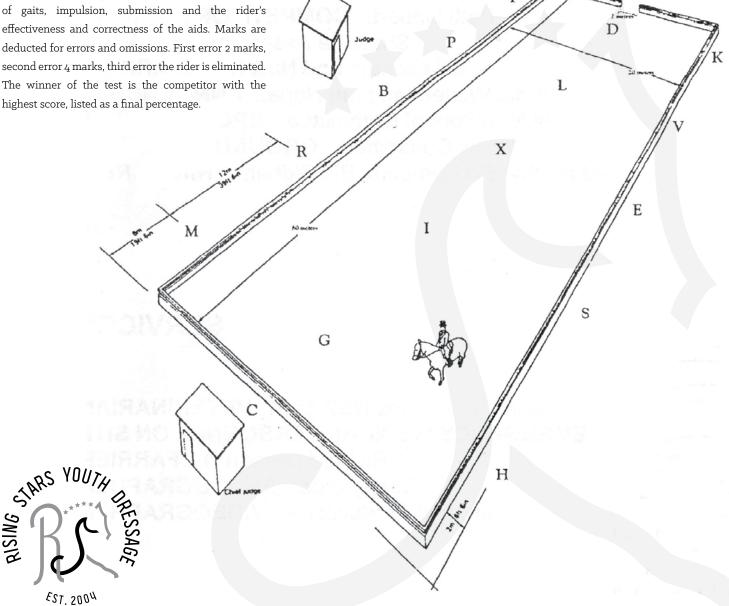
highest score, listed as a final percentage.

Satisfactory

THE ARENA

Dressage competitions are always ridden in rectangular boarded arenas, either on grass or on a prepared footing of sand or soft fibre such as tires, or wood chips.

The standard arena is 20×60 metres and is marked with letters that indicate to the riders and judges where a particular movement should begin and end. Arenas are lettered the same regardless of where a competition is held in the world. However no one can answer the question as to how the lettering came into existence.



DRESSAGE HIGH POINT - LEVEL & AGE DIVISION AWARDS

A High Point Award and Reserve High Point Award will be given for every Dressage Level in both shows. High Point and Reserve High Point will be determined by the total points from the three "C" designated classes for Training through Fourth Level. Team and Individual tests for FEI will be determined by total points from C designated single judge classes and/or panel classes. In the Bronze show W/T will be determined by the total points of Test B.

HACK HIGH POINT - DIVISION AWARDS

A High Point Award and Reserve High Point Award will be given for every Hack Division in both shows. Stake classes will not count towards High Point Awards. The total number of points won in Hack classes will determine the Awards for each Hack division. These awards will be presented at the end of the show Sunday afternoon. Winners must be mounted and in full dress to take part and receive their awards. Failure to be present will result in forfeiture of the award to the next highest placing.

OVERALL HIGH POINT - GOLD AND BRONZE

Horse/Rider combinations must ride the three "C" designated Technical Dressage tests in First to Fourth Levels (GOLD) and Training and First Levels (BRONZE), the two "C" designated Technical Dressage tests in FEI Level plus Dressage Seat Equitation and one other Hack class of their choice (Stake classes excluded). Points towards overall high point will also be awarded to riders who attend all the education sessions offered.

Overall high point will be calculated by adding each eligible rider's Dressage scores (points), points in dressage seat equitation and highest placed other hack class (stake classes excluded). In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the highest scored dressage test. This award will be presented at the end of the show Sunday afternoon. Winners must be mounted and in full dress to take part and receive their award. Failure to be present will result in forfeiture of the award to the next highest placing.

Note: The same horse/rider combination may not win this award more than once at the same level.

GOLD TRAINING LEVEL SHOOTING STARS OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

The same requirement as overall high point awards apply to this award – To qualify for the award Horse/Rider combinations must ride Dressage (3 'C' designated classes), Dressage Seat Equitation & 1 other Hack class. See Overall High Point description above.

BRONZE WALK/TROT SHOOTING STARS OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD

Horse/Pony/rider must ride both "C" designated Walk/Trot Dressage Tests, Walk/Trot Dressage Seat Eq. and one other hack class to qualify.





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have been riding for 6 years learning and riding all kinds of horses big and small. Last year, I was allowed to rehab and train a 12.1hh pony named Rocky. He was going so well I decided to take him to Rising Stars! Our journey was a short preparation but we had so much success and fun! Everyone at Rising Stars is so helpful and supportive. It is a show I would recommend to everyone! I would greatly love to say a huge "Thank You" to Vanessa Whittell for the lovely painting sponsoring the Overall Bronze Division and to all the other sponsors as well. I'm looking forward to riding at Rising Stars in 2017.

--Shalyn Svetec





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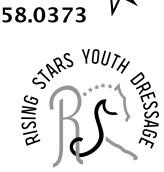
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2016 Gold Overall Equitation Division High Point Winner Message



y name is Sophia Rokstad. I am 11 years old. In the spring of 2016, my parents purchased an 8 year old German Riding Pony for me. Her name is ■ Vanjalie, she is also lovingly known as Queenie!! Last years Rising Stars was my first Gold competition with Vanjalie. Our partnership had only begun 3 months earlier. So as you can imagine, I was thrilled to win Overall Champion in the first ever Equitation Championship. I was also awarded Overall Training Champion in the Gold Division. I'm so proud of what Vanjalie and I have accomplished in such a short partnership. Vanjalie is truly a special pony with a big heart and equally as big movement. She has challenged me every day to become a strong and effective dressage rider! She is teaching me so much about riding correctly, using correct aids, and having a good seat in order to progress successfully through the levels. Vanjalie and I started out doing training level and now a year later we are competing successfully at 1st level and practicing some second level movements. I would like to thank Dog and Pony - the sponsors of last years Equitation Division for the beautiful show outfit! I would also like to thank all of the sponsors of Rising Stars who make it possible for young riders, like myself, to be given the opportunity to showcase our hard work on a level playing field with our peers. Rising Stars has allowed me to make life long equestrian besties and experience some of my fondest memories along the way. Rising stars means so much to me, it is what drives me all year long to become the best dressage rider I can be!!

--Sophia Rokstad



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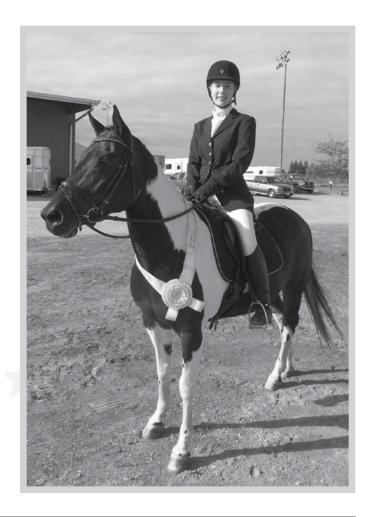
2016 Bronze Overall Equitation Division High Point Winner Message

he road to Rising star began in 2006 for Kestrel, her brother Griffon was taking group lessons at Semiahmoo Stables and she thought she might like to try it as well. She was soon hooked and it was not too long before she moved up to taking private lessons with Allison Morris, around that time her parents had also bought her and her brother their first horses. She and her brother joined the equestrian team at Semiahmoo Stables when she was 8 years old and began to show internationally in a number of disciplines. Over the next two years she enjoyed a very successful walk Trot career winning several reserve and then championship awards in both Dressage and Hunter under saddle classes.

Kestrel's first taste of Rising Star was in 2012, she finished with a reserve champion in the bronze training level and reserve champion in the bronze hack class as well with Allison Morris as her coach. Kestrel also attended the 10 year celebration of Rising Star with two horses, her Pinto, Scarlett Pistol (Shallah) and Mom's Arab, Unique Echo. She completed this show with another reserve champion in the bronze division.

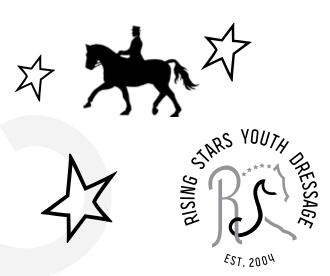
Kestrel can also thank a number of other coaches for her success as her training and skill level continued upwards including Kathy Lifton and Karen Pavicic, who's guiding hand helped her to better understand her horses movement under her. In 2014 both Kestrel and Griffon moved their horses to Excelsior Stables and now had Nicky Muller as their trainer and coach. The show team they rode with that year were champions out of 10 AAHA show teams across the country. Kestrel began taking Lessons at Home with Burgi Rommel in 2015/2016 on Shallah and focused on her Dressage passion. She attended Rising Star in 2016 under the watchful eye of Burgi . She had an amazing show and won in all of the classes she entered, she finished the show with Overall Equitation Bronze Division Champion winning an amazing vest as well as a trophy, also a neck ribbon and cooler for her faithful and willing companion Scarlett Pistol. We would like to sincerely thank the Equitation Division sponsor Dog and Pony for their support.

Kestrel practices and competes in many disciplines, including Western, jumping and side saddle, she finds the diversity of her training helps to make her a better rider overall, many times the methods or experiences learned from one cross over to improve her overall performance in all the others. She has also begun to explore showing Miniature horses, in hand as well as driving. Dressage is still her favorite by far and there is no doubt that Kestrel's love for the sport will keep her in the show ring for many years to come.



Best of Luck to the 4th Level Competitors at Rising Star from

Jan Craven



Friday's Educational Session - Rider Warm Up

Hello Rising Stars! I am delighted to be presenting once again at the Rising Stars Dressage Show this year! It is always fun and inspirational to see all of you improving your skills, working to develop harmonious partnerships with your horses and ponies and pursuing your goals of riding and competing. I especially enjoy seeing the sportsmanship, teamwork and camaraderie that you all exhibit throughout the show!

ur session this year will focus on the Rider Warm Up.

We all know how important it is to warm our horses up correctly to reduce the chance of injury to muscles, joints, tendons and ligaments, to promote relaxation and suppleness and to help horses get focused and ready for their daily ride. Do you think it makes sense to warm up your own body for the same reasons? YES! It takes our bodies time to get ready to ride well! If you are warmed up before mounting, your horse's warm up will be more productive and effective and you won't wear out your horse as you are waiting for your body to relaxed and ready!

Below is a list of some of the benefits that can be derived from doing a short warm up before you mount:

- Increases delivery of oxygen and nutrients to muscles and helps prevent you from running out of breath
- Reduces muscle tension and viscosity which improves relaxation and ability to follow horse's movement
- Warms muscles and lubricates joints to reduce chance of injury such as muscle tears, strained tendons and ligaments
- Improves body awareness and focus which helps you get centered and organized
- Improves coordination and reaction time allowing you to apply aids clearly and effectively while responding to your horse's actions appropriately
- Improves posture and alignment promoting better balance making it easier for your horse to carry you

When doing your warm up exercises remember your ABC'S! We will review these in our session this weekend!

A - Alignment

Head, shoulders, pelvis, hips and eyes ahead.

B - Breathing

Breathe fluidly to avoid holding your breath (in your tests this weekend try taking a deep breath every time you pass a letter letting out in between then repeat).

C - Core

Draw your bellybutton towards your spine to engage your core to improve balance and stay tall in your upper body.

'S - Smile

Did you know that smiling while you ride positively supports your efforts in the saddle? When you smile you activate the muscle chains running from your face through your neck to you pelvis to your feet. Smiling riders naturally follow their horse's movement better because it promotes suppleness and relaxation throughout your body.

I challenge all of you to SMILE during your rides this weekend! And I encourage all of you to do a short 10 minute warm up before mounting and experience the significant difference it makes your performance! Good Luck!

--Sandra Verda Zanatta



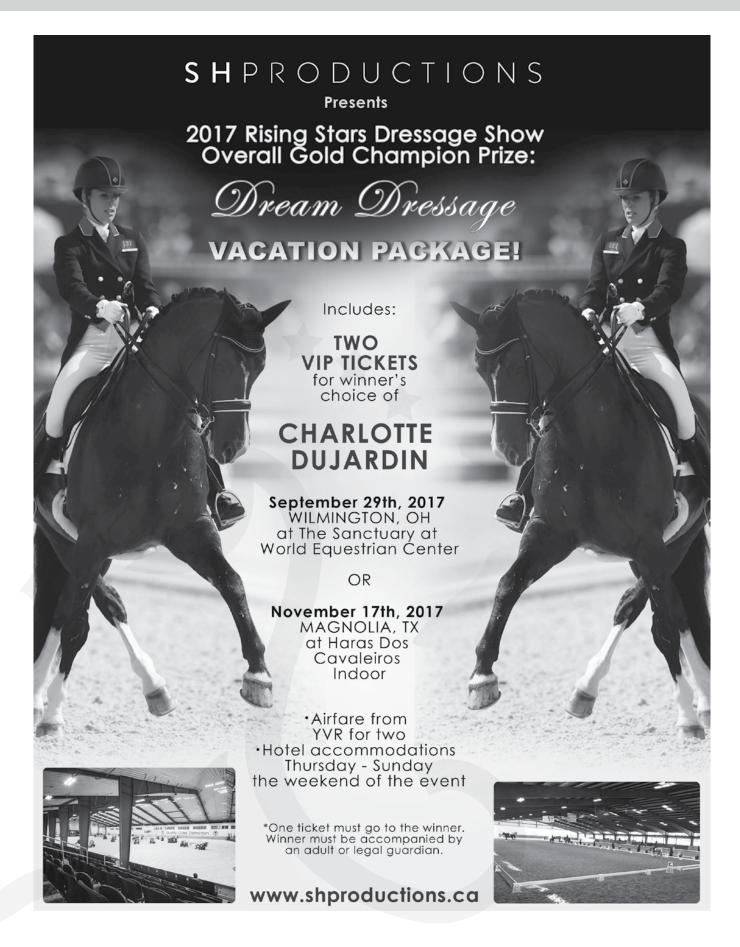
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Pat & Mark Dumont Bursary Winner Message



am so thankful to have been awarded Pat and Mark Dumont's generous Alumni bursary in 2016. I used the bursary towards a trip to Europe to be a working student at Bert Rutten's Dressage training and breeding facility in the Netherlands. This gave me the opportunity to continue my education in riding, horse care, management, and health. As the Chair of the KWPN licensing committee as well as running his own successful breeding facility, Bert is a fantastic mentor and his insight and knowledge are invaluable. This trip allowed me to build on my development as a horseman, rider and a coach. I am so grateful to Pat and Mark Dumont for their continued support to the Rising Stars alumni to further equine education and to pursue the equestrian dream. Congratulations to the 2017 winner!

--Jessica York

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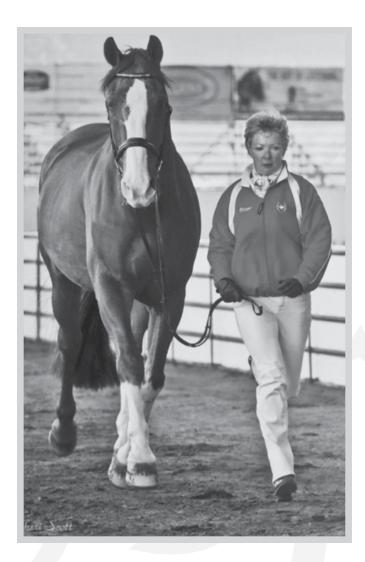
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Saturday's Educational Session - Presenting Yourself and Your Horse for the Jog



s you move up in dressage and start going to FEI sanctioned shows you will be required to present your horse for a veterinary inspection. This is to determine the overall wellbeing of your horse and the "fitness to compete " ie soundness. The "Jog " or Trot up" takes place the day before the competition in front of the ground jury which is made up of the FEI judges (the head of the ground jury) , FEI veterinarian and the FEI Steward . Other judges may be or may not be present. Your horse MUST pass the inspection to be allowed to compete so it is in your best interest to learn how to do the Jog with competence and confidence.

If any of you have competed at the BC Summer Games in Equestrian you are asked to jog your horse in front of a panel of judges and you are either "approved" or "held" for further evaluation and possibly asked to represent your horse to the panel.

While it may seem like a simple task; it can be be devastating if your horse is not approved to compete. A few helpful strategies can make your jog experience a positive and successful one.

- Practice trotting in hand with your horse. Have an experienced person show you how to hold the loose reins and how to run beside your horse to show the soundness best.
- Practice making your horse stand still while people walk around him/her.
- 3. The pattern is always: stand your horse for the jury while they match your passport to your horse; then walk a few steps and then trot to the end of the area which is usually marked with a shrub or flowers; walk and turn RIGHT around the shrub so you don't get in the way of the jury watching the walk on the turn; jog back to the ground jury area and wait for the verdict of "accepted" or "not accepted". Familiarize yourself with the pattern and set up flower pots and shrubs in the jog pattern so you can practice.
- Make sure your horse is clean and braided. Horses are presented in a snaffle bridle. Numbers must be worn on the bridle.
- 5. Wear appropriate clothing such as pants and a jacket or well fitting shirt. Scarves look nice but should not flap in case they spook your horse. Proper footwear is not only for safety but also allows you to run beside your horse easily. If you wear a hat make sure it will not blow off when you run. Gloves complete the outfit.
- 6. Keep moving in the warm up so you horse stays relaxed and loose.

 Standing around chatting with your friends does not help your horse prepare; nor does it help you mentally pre-pare for the Jog.

While doing well at the Jog will not affect your score; having the confidence to present your horse well goes a long way to giving a good impression to the ground jury. Have a good show!

--Wendy Christoff



Perfect **Entries**

The Show Secretary would like to thank the following riders for their perfect entries. In appreciation they have been awarded the coveted annual 'Perfect Entry' Rising Stars bumper sticker.

BRONZE

Rachel Green Sophie Horvath Joanne Indenbosch Madeline Patch Abigail Schulz Devlin Sheehan-Davies Ava Strebchuk Shalyn Svetec

GOLD

Angela Albertson Michelle Hawthornthwaite Danielle Hoskins Gina Klemm Laura Klemm Amelie McKeon Alexis Mulvahill Halle Nash Katherine Page Grace Robson Layla Robson Julia Ross



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A Canadian Dressage History Lesson: How Did We Get Here From There...



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CADORA BC

The journey that Cadora BC has taken in the past almost forty years has been remarkable and requires a little history. The national organization then referred to as CADORA (Canadian Dressage

Owners and Riders Association) was incorporated in 1969 through the efforts of some well-known dressage enthusiasts including one of our most famous high performance riders, Christilot Boylen. This group believed the sport needed to develop in a manner consistent with the principles of dressage as stated by the FEI. The concept was that under the umbrella of a national organization, provincial organisations would represent and develop the membership of local clubs within each province. The national organization was strongly aligned with the then Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF) whereby the CEF assumed responsibility for long term sport development for Olympic disciplines and CADORA assumed responsibility for national dressage programs.

For us in BC this meant that Cadora BC organised provincial and national championships with the support of our local Cadora club members. Directors of Cadora BC were made up by representatives of local clubs. At the height of its reach, there were twelve clubs within BC organizing their own local competitions, clinics and many other events. Cadora BC offered a variety of awards, travel funds, grants and scholarships much as Dressage BC does today.

When Dressage Canada was formed in 2002 to become the dressage voice for CEF (now Equestrian Canada), the whole structure changed. Since then, many Cadora clubs have disbanded, larger competitions

are mostly professionally managed and more importantly, in order to compete in EC competitions, competitors must be members of EC, be a dressage affiliate and a member of their Provincial or Territorial Sport Organisation, which for us in BC is Horse Council of BC, but they don't have to be a member of Cadora unless they choose to do so. The former club structure in many areas no longer exists.

Up until recent years, Cadora BC was the dressage affiliate to Horse Council BC but with declining Cadora membership in BC, it became clear that Cadora BC no longer represented the whole of the province. Therefore in 2014, Cadora BC relinquished its Horse Council BC dressage affiliate status in favour of Dressage BC. Since that time, the process of winding up the association progressed to the point that in February 2017, the remaining funds were distributed to grassroots dressage riders within the province. There were equal cash contributions to the remaining five Cadora clubs in BC and the balance distributed by sponsorships for 2017 and 2018 to the BC Dressage Championships, Rising Stars Youth Competition and the Pacific Regional Dressage Championships.

Since becoming an association in 1979, Cadora BC has been a grassroots organization supporting and encouraging the sport of dressage in BC. The organization and management of dressage has changed dramatically and the need for what was the forerunner of Dressage BC provincially and EC Dressage nationally, no longer exists as it once did. It's been a great ride which without the volunteer efforts of all the many, many present and past Cadora members in BC over this era, we would not be enjoying the sport of dressage as it is today in our province.

Continue the tradition of volunteerism, support to the grassroots and principles of dressage and most importantly enjoy your ride. Every day you ride is a good day!

--Sheila Skene



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Best of luck to all of the competitors of Rising Stars 2017!



Rising Stars Equitation Championship

orrect effective equitation does not come about by accident – It is a skill developed by understanding and practicing the principles of what is considered the standards of correct Dressage Seat equitation.

The following is an excerpt from the document 'Guidelines for Judging Dressage Seat Equitation' compiled by Lendon Grey for USEF: the full document will be posted on www.risingstarsdressage.com.

I. GUIDELINES FOR RIDER POSITION

Even when reading the texts of the "masters" there are varied opinions regarding the correct position of the rider. Below are suggestions of what judges might want to watch for. Keep in mind that the goals of correct riding are the security of the rider, the ability of the rider to positively influence the horse, the unity of the rider with the horse in motion. To be effective rider must have a correct position and weight distribution. The rider's seat should match the movement of the horse at each gait. The judge should also consider the directives of DR117 from the current USEF Rule Book: **DR117 The**

Position and Aids of the Rider.

and without apparent effort of the rider. The rider should be well-balanced, elastic, sitting deep in the center of the saddle, smoothly absorbing the movement of the horse with his loins and hips, supple thighs with the legs steady and stretched well down. The heels should be the lowest point. The upper part of the body should be tall and supple. The contact should be independent from the rider's seat. The hands should be carried steadily close together, with the thumb as the highest point and a straight line from the supple elbow through the hand to the horse's mouth. The elbows should be close to the body. All of these criteria enable the rider to follow the movements of the horse smoothly and freely.

- Not only the aids of the hands and the legs but also of the seat are of great importance in dressage. Only the rider who understands how to contract and relax his loin muscles at the right moment is able to influence his horse correctly (compare DR102.2, DR108 and DR115.3).
- 3. The effectiveness of the rider's aids determines the precise fulfillment of the required movements of the tests. There shall always be the impression of a harmonious cooperation between horse and rider.

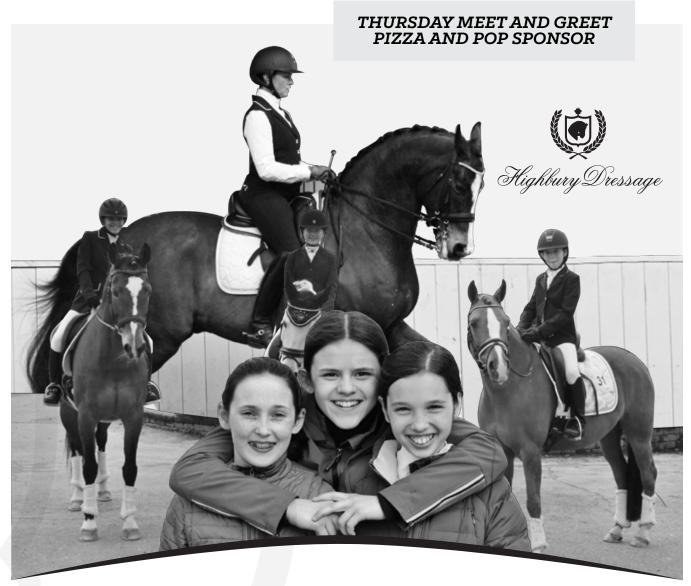
2016 marked the debut of the Rising Stars Equitation Division Championship. And what a successful debut it was. The Equitation Division will continue to be part of the Rising Stars Show now and into the future. The purpose of this program is to encourage riders and coaches to focus on improving Dressage Equitation specifically during the technical Dressage test. Rising Stars wants to promote and recognize achievement in equitation excellence as it plays an integral and vital role in the performance of the horse.

We were very fortunate to have Joan Macartney S judge (retired FEI judge) as our first Equitation Division Championship judge. She was able to give us valuable feedback which will be implemented this year. Joan has also been a strong supporter of this new Equitation Division project and because of this has generated much interest from other shows considering offering this Equitation model.

This year we welcome Lorraine MacDonald, Senior EC judge (retired FEI judge) who will judge our Rising Stars Equitation Division Championship (as well as a full slate of technical tests!) We look forward to Lorraine's insights and feedback.

--Wendy Christoff & Sue Holtby Show Co-Chairs





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Linda Dieno and Kathy Lifton





Scribing Checklist

he duty of the scribe is to record a judge's scores and comments on the individual dressage test sheets. This is an important role and the confidentiality is of utmost importance – what one hears in the judge's booth is confidential and must not be repeated.

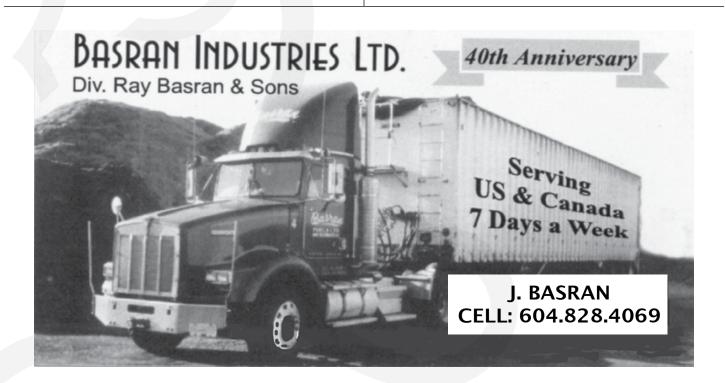
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THE ROLE OF THE SCRIBE
$\hfill \square$ Record the judge's scores and comments (confidentiality is of utmost
importance)
$\hfill\square$ Dress Code - dress appropriately for weather conditions (jeans,
shorts, tank tops or t-shirts are not appropriate)
$\hfill \Box$ Be on time - arrive a minimum of thirty minutes before the first test.
Report to the show office - pick-up the judge's package
Check the package contents:
PENS - red and blue
☐ BELL or WHISTLE (if judge is at C)
TESTS - refer to the class schedule for:
Correct tests with extras for the judge
If test sheets are filled in with the competitor
information, ensure they are in the correct order and

scratches have been removed

WHEN THE TEST BEGINS

\square Ensure that your cell phone is turned off. It is not to be used whil
in the judge's box
\square Prior to the competitor entering the ring, check the bridle number
to ensure correct identification of the rider to be tested. Write th
number on the front of the test sheet. Note on the test if a snaffl
bridle is used in an FEI test
\square If the rider does not show write "scratch" or "no-show "on the labe
\square These tests must be returned to the office
\square If a mark is changed, draw a line through it and write the correct
mark above it
\square If an error occurs, mark it on the movement with a RED pen
If whole marks are given, add .o e.g. 7.0
\square If a Para-Equestrian rider enters, ensure judge is aware of th
documentation identifying the accommodations
☐ Write legibly and clearly
Do not talk to the judge unless he/she invites your comment
If appropriate note elimination on a test where this occurs
WHEN THE TEST ENDS
Draw the judges attention to:
☐ Movements that have not been scored
☐ Changes that require his/her initials
☐ She/he has signed the test



A Few Words About Officials' Licensing

efore you ride down the center line at Rising Stars this weekend, we'd like to make sure that you know just what kind of officials are judging your rides. What do the letters mean next to their names? The letters next to our show officials' names are actually their credentials or ratings. They have been extensively trained and tested in order to be licensed and approved as EQUINE CANADA dressage judges. There are therefore three ratings below the Equine Canada "S" judge category. These are the most common and numerous ratings held by Dressage judges, because most dressage tests are ridden at the levels they are qualified to judge.

Special Note: In British Columbia, unlike all other provinces, we have a "starter" judge classification, called a "Horse Council Approved Provincial Judge" which is a rating lower than the Equine Canada credentials and is designed to teach aspiring judges how to enter the Equine Canada system, and to encourage them to enter the necessary training to become certified by Equine Canada. But they must not be confused with NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EQUINE CANADA TUDGES, as outlined below.

RATINGS

E/C RECORDED ("R") is the first rating given to an officially "recognized" Dressage Judge. "R" judges are licensed to judge recognized competitions for all levels at a BRONZE show, as well as Introductory through Second Level at a SILVER show, but only through FIRST Level at a GOLD show. US judges with this credential are not allowed to judge in Canadian dressage shows.

E/C BASIC ("B") is the second rating given to an officially "licensed and approved" Dressage Judge. These judges are licensed to judge any level at a BRONZE show, up to and including THIRD level at a SILVER SHOW, and up to and including SECOND level at a GOLD show. The US equivalent is their "R" and those judges may not judge at Canadian dressage shows.

E/C MEDIUM (M") is the third rating given to an officially "licensed and approved" Dressage Judge. These judges are licensed to judge any level at a BRONZE show, any level at a SILVER show, up to and including FOURTH level at a GOLD show, and some FEI classes at GOLD shows, most with extensive restrictions, but not FEI YOUNG HORSE classes. The US equivalent is their ("R") and they may judge in Canada up to and including SECOND Level. E/C ("M") judges can judge up to Second Level in the USA.

E/C SENIOR (S") is the highest national rating that an EC Judge can earn. The "S" literally translates to "Senior" judge, as they are the highest ranking official at any national, non-FEI-recognized competition, this rating allows them to judge any level of EC Recognized Competition through Grand Prix, including the FEI Young Horse Classes. The US equivalent is their "S" and allows them to judge all the national levels up to and including Grand Prix in Canada also. E/C ("S") judges can judge all levels in the USA also without restrictions.

The next level of credentials is issued by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) to International Judges who regularly judge competitions outside of their home countries and at events organized by the FEI. There are 3 Primary ratings given within this organization.

FEI (" 3^* ") is a CANDIDATE judge, and is the starter level for FEI Dressage Judges.

FEI ("4*") rating means "INTERNATIONAL" official. A judge that holds this rating can judge at any Dressage competition in the world recognized by the FEI. This is the most common of the FEI ratings, and is considered an elite rating. Judges with this rating can judge any dressage competition except World Equestrian Games and Olympic Games.

FEI ("5*") rating is the highest certification and credential held by any Dressage Judge in the world and they may judge at any competition, including those of the highest levels, such as the Olympics. Currently there are two ("5*") judges in Canada.

So, as you shine your boots, put on your helmets or top hats, and get ready to ride, remember the people who have the honor of sitting at C to judge you have been trained and examined extensively to have their eyes on you! Good Luck in this competition.



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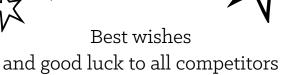
Entry #	Horse Breeder	Age Sire	Breed	Height Dam	Color	Sex	Rider Owner	Rider's Address Owner's Address
11	Laddie	17	ТВ	15.2	Dark Bay	Gelding	Halle Nash	Surrey, BC Canada
	2000.0	Happy Trap			t Shadow	e.e.ag	Steven Nemetz	Surrey, BC Canada
14	Singing in the Shower	12	TBX	15.3	Chestnut	Mare	Danielle Hoskins	Maple Ridge, BC Canada
33	Beauty	13	TBX	15.3	Black	Mare	Courtney Palleson Jennifer Palleson	Surrey, BC Canada Surrey, BC Canada
34	Continue	17	CWB	16.1	Dark Bay	Caldina	Julia Ross	White Rock, BC Canada
34	Santiago	Sagittarius	CWB		ner Hills Gen	-	*	Wille hock, bo Gallada
35	Hope's Promise	18	CSH	16.3	Dark Bay	Mare	Angela Albertson	Mission, BC Canada
33	riope's Fromise	Tah Wack			's Princess	iviaie	*	Mission, DC Canada
36	Nobel	9	GRP	14.3	Black	Golding	Michelle Hawthornthwait	Nanaima PC Canada
30	Burckhard Richter	Hilken's Bla		New		Gelding	*	Narialillo, DC Gariada
37	Dexterity	19	CLYDX	16.1	Chestnut	Coldina	Amy Jassias Cook	Surrey, BC Canada
31	Dexienty	19	CLYDX	10.1	Chesthut	Gelaing	Amy Jessica Cook *	Surrey, BC Canada
38	Miss Hayley	20	TRAK	15.3	Chestnut	Mare	Elda Hajdarovac *	Maple Ridge, BC Canada
39	Here's Johnny	10 Regal Inten	TB tion	16.3	Bay	Gelding	Alexis Mulvahill	Mission, BC Canada
40	Calypso	18	WELSH	12.2	Paint	Gelding	Amelie McKeon *	Ferndale, WA USA
41	First Watermark	13 Furst Picco	WEST	16.3 Fabio	Chestnut la	Gelding	Laura Klemm *	Surrey, BC Canada
42	Bravixen	6	SW-WB	16.3	Bay	Mare	Sophia Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
	October Farm	Braveheart		Pome	•		Angel Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
43	Movin Mountains	18	ВС	14.0	Pinto	Gelding	Amy Rogers	Langley, BC Canada
							Michelle Mills	Langley, BC Canada
44	Gaviota	11	ANDX	15.2	Dark Bay	Mare	Gina Klemm	Surrey, BC Canada
					-		Mariette Klemm	Surrey, BC Canada
45	Indy	13	WELSH	15.1	Black	Mare	Rachel Loif	Delta, BC Canada
	Avalon Acre Farms						Mary-Ann Liu	Vancouver, BC Canada
46	Blue Chaos	14	DFTX	16.0	Paint	Gelding	Katherine Page	Headingly, MB Canada
47	Sugar Coated	13	APPEND	15.2	Chestnut	Mare	Michelle Mills	Langley, BC Canada
	· ·						*	V 11
48	Birkfell Tulip	5	GRP	14.2	Palamino	Mare	Layla Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
							Christine Mazur	Langley, BC Canada
49	Das Auto	5	WELSH X	14.1	Bay	Gelding	Grace Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
	Cathy Chalack				•		Angel Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
50	Alistair	10	WEST	15.2	Liver Chest	Gelding	Cianna Beetlestone	Prince George, BC Canad
51	Simply Marvellous	17 L	JNKNOWN	14.2	Palamino	Gelding	Layla Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
						3	Angel Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
52	Bramble Fairy	9	WELSH X	14.2	Bay	Mare	Ailish Hurley	Ladner, BC Canada
	,	Braveheart			Senior		Angel Robson	Aldergrove, BC Canada
53	Solana	4	OLD	16.1	Dark Bay	Mare	Michelle Mills	Langley, BC Canada
	Bill and Lynn Blake	Sagnol		Delph	•		*	3 ,
54	Ricochet	6	WEST	16.0	Bay	Geldina	Jessica York	Delta, BC Canada
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55	Trevor	16	KWPN	16.2	Bay	Geldina	Sophie O'Bray	Richmond, BC Canada
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Entry	# Horse	Age	Breed	Height	Color	Sex	Rider	Rider's Address
	Breeder	Sire		Dam	1		Owner	Owner's Address
56	Colby	9	KWPN	17.1	Black	Gelding	Alexandra Fishman	Langley, BC Canada
		Freestyle					*	
57	Rafiki	6	WARM	15.3	Chestnut	Gelding	Lindsay Klassen	Maple Ridge, BC Canada
							*	
58	Ubaldi	15	KWPN	16.2	Black	Gelding	Rachel MacDonald	Langley, BC Canada
	Vonk-Kortleve	Gribaldi		Moni	ca		*	
59	Torbijn	16	KWPN	17.3	Bay	Gelding	Sydney Edwards	Langley, BC Canada
							Dr Robert White	Vancouver, BC Canada
60	Vanjalie	8	GRP	14.1	Chestnut	Mare	Sophia Rokstad	Langley, BC Canada
	Heiner Rohmann						Stephanie Rokstad	Langley, BC Canada
75	Furst K	13	WEST	16.1	Black	Gelding	Julia Burke	Langley, BC Canada
	Herbert Kammesheidt	Furst Heim	rich	Matc	ho's Girl		Leonore Claypool	Langley, BC Canada

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The Canadian Horse has a square-shaped head, carried high, with ears wet well apart. Canadian Horses stand between 15 and 16 hands and have a broad, deep chest, with a well-developed girth. The back is strong and straight, and the shoulders are long, sloping, and well muscled. The movement of the Canadian Horse is free and vigorous, and they are known for having a willing, energetic temperament. Canadian Horses are a presence in dressage and jumping, but driving is the breed's most popular use.

The following is an excerpt from 'A Treasure for 350 Years' an article first published in the June 2015 issue of Canadian Horse Journal and is reprinted in part with the permission of the publisher.

Good things were happening in New France in 1665.

The New World colony had been under the tight control of the Company of One Hundred Associates since 1627. It capitalized on the fur trade while expanding French colonies along the Gulf of the St. Laurence and the river valley. But they were sporadically under

siege from either native Iroquois tribes disrupting the fur trade, turf wars with the British, or conflicts with Quebec settlers resenting the company's monopoly on trade.

With their future constantly threatened, the company finally surrendered its charter. In 1663, Louis XIV made the resource-rich New France a royal province giving it the security that stimulated emigration to the far-flung colony.

Those willing to make the move had their travel paid for, especially single women 15 to 30 years of age and sometimes known as the King's Daughters or the King's Wards, since they were under guardianship. With marriages, the population of the colony rapidly began to grow.

According to the website of Maison Saint-Gabriel Museum and Historic Site in Montreal, when Louis XIV ordered the creation of a royal horse stud in each of his provinces, New France was an anomaly because of the complete absence of horses in the territory. He quickly fixed that.

In 1665, the King not only sent a French infantry garrison, the Carignan-Salières Regiment, to shore up security, but along with shipments of settlers and soldiers went two stallions and twenty mares selected from the King's Royal Stables where up to 700 fine saddle horses were kept. The King was no slouch when it came to prized horses and he was an expert horseman.

The rough voyage, though, resulted in eight mares perishing but on July 16, 1665, the stallions and the 12 remaining mares stepped onto Canadian soil to begin a legacy that, this year, celebrates the 350th anniversary of the Canadian horse.

To learn more about the Canadian Horse read the full article which can be found in the June 2015 issue of the Canadian Horse Journal.

--Margaret Evans

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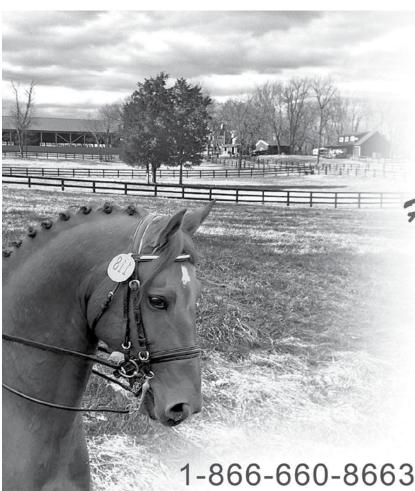
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