

St. Louis Area Dressage Society



September 2006

SLADS is a USDF Charter Group Member organization.  
This organization's members are automatically USDF Group Members.

### President's Message

Members,

We had a lot working against us at the schooling show. Thank you to all the volunteers for toughing out a long weekend. Kudos to Ann Benson and Gerri Muldrow for volunteering to be the "weed whacking princesses" late Thursday night to make Bridlespur look more presentable and make the In Hand ring. You all deserve a pat on the back.

The October show is going to be eventful. Libby reported over 107 entries, which is good for SLADS. We're going to spice up the show a bit and try some new things! First, at least two gift certificates in the amount of \$50 to the Horse of Course will be awarded in a drawing Saturday for perfect entries. You must be present to receive your gift certificate. We are trying to encourage competitors/owners to complete entries correctly. We will continue to have the Saturday evening Competitor's Party with complimentary food and non-alcoholic beverages. In addition to this, there will be wine tasting tables sponsored by Hermanhoff and Bias wineries. A \$5 charge gets you all the wine you can drink (until we run out) and a chance to win prizes in a raffle. Money raised by the wine tasting tables will go towards a scholarship fund SLADS is raising for the new St. Louis Area High School Dressage Club. Some of these young dressage enthusiasts' will be around to help Saturday, so introduce yourself to them. Lastly, yes there is more, a Trail Class Exhibition will take place in the main arena during the Competitor's Party. At the last two schooling shows, everyone had a great time in this fun class. Any competitor can sign up in the show office. Remember, it's a fun class...not rated. Its soul purpose is for your enjoyment!

Make sure you read all articles in this newsletter. There is important information regarding membership changes and our By-Laws. Mark your calendars for January 27, 2007. This is the banquet date. You will receive more information and an invitation to the banquet at a later date. It's important that you attend the banquet (not only for the beautiful awards) but also to vote on important issues.

I look forward to seeing you at the show.

Cheers,

Colleen Quattlebaum, SLADS President

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**Calendar Of Events**

**September**

16-17

SLADS Schooling Show at Bridlespur...stay tuned for details!!

16-17

CDCTA Fall Schooling CT & Dressage Show at Sunny Oak Farm and Stony Hill Farm, Columbia, MO.

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Southern Illinois Dressage Classic at Southern Illinois Equestrian Center, Marion IL. Judge: Sharon Winkler, "L" graduate, contact: [cld\\_south@yahoo.com](mailto:cld_south@yahoo.com), 618-303-0575, [www.foxrunfarm.net](http://www.foxrunfarm.net)

30-October 1

Wolfgang Scherzer Clinic at Hamilton Stables. Riders and auditors are welcome. Contact Julie Snitzer at 636-391-1252. Limited stabling available.

**October**

7-8

SLADS Fall Festival held at the National Equestrian Center. Show manager, Gerri Muldrow.

**November**

4-6

Mary Wanless Clinic at IRUS Stables, Lebanon IN. Contact Susan Moran at 317-896-3912 or [suziehorse@aol.com](mailto:suziehorse@aol.com)

10-11

Brad Cutshall Clinic at Corinth Valley Farm & Veterinary Service, LLC. Call 573-308-0275 or 573-467-7174.

18-19

Paul Belasik at Hamilton Stables. Contact Mimi Garner Gerrard at 314-315-0923 (day) or 636-329-1251 (evening) or email [mgarner@att.net](mailto:mgarner@att.net).

Nov. 29-Dec. 3

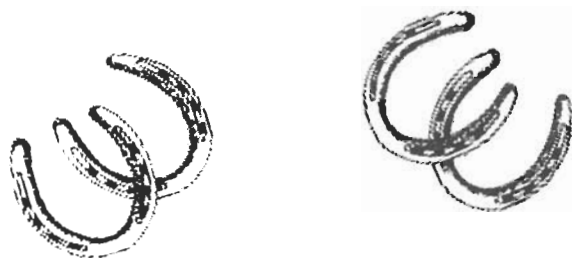
USDF Annual Convention at Westin Crown Center In Kansas City, MO

**December**

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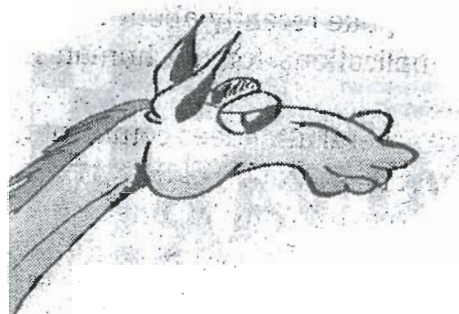
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**Meeting Minutes**

SLADS general membership meeting on September 19, 2006 at Mimi's Restaurant in Chesterfield, MO. Present: Carolyn Brady, Colleen Murphy-Quattlebaum, Gerri Muldrow, Kim Perry, Catherine Wendt, Michelle Inman, Paula Sewell, Dawn White.

**September Schooling Show:**

Carolyn gave an update on the schooling show. The show was rained out Sunday afternoon due to lightening and thunderstorms. Total entries for the weekend were 50. Carolyn will present a budget at the next meeting. Refunds were given to competitors that had to strip their stalls due to dirty stalls at Bridlespur. Carolyn will send volunteer hours to Catherine, will mail out High Point awards that were not given out at show, and will send point totals to Leslie Granger and to Lisa Holderle at MHSA.

**October Symposium:**

Michele reported that the panel will be meeting on September 30 at her farm to go over last minute details. The location of the symposium is at Michele Inman's facility in Ballwin. The symposium flyer will be in the September newsletter and available on the website.

**October Show:**

Libby reported 107 entries and 125 stalls. We are in good shape. 4 rings will be in use with 23 hours of rides on Saturday and 20 1/2 hours of rides on Sunday. A drawing will be held on Saturday for "perfect entries." At least 2 \$50 gift certificates will be awarded. A Trail Class Exhibition will take place during the Competitor's Party. Competitors may sign up for it at the show. Colleen reported that Hermanhoff and Bias wineries will donate wine for a Saturday night wine tasting during the Competitor's Party. A \$5 charge per person to participate will go towards scholarship funds for the new St. Louis Area High School Dressage Club.

**Treasurer Term Limit:**

Dawn reviewed and proposed a change to the SLADS By-Laws. A general membership vote will be held at the January meeting regarding eliminating the term limit for treasurer. All other officers will maintain the current term limits. Suggestions from members are encouraged and information will appear in the newsletter for the remainder of the year.

**2007 NEC Contract**

Colleen and Ann Hamilton will be meeting with the manager of the NEC in October to discuss the SLADS facility contract for '07.

**Next Meeting Date:**

October 17 at Mimi's Café in Chesterfield Bottoms. 6:30 p.m. Please contact Colleen if you plan on attending.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Brady and Colleen Murphy

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### News from USDF

#### Dressage Training DVD for 2007 Tests

September 6, 2006 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is taking pre-production orders through its bookstore and online for the 2007 version of the popular, "On The Levels" DVD. The DVD retails for \$39.95. Until December, when the DVD will be available, individuals can also order the book, *The Anatomy of Dressage*, for \$13.95 - \$10 off the retail price - when they order the new DVD.

Dressage riders, instructors, trainers and judges will be able to see and hear how each of the newly designed dressage tests for USDF Introductory through USEF Fourth Level-Test 3 should be ridden from the comfort of their living rooms or from a clinic setting where it could be used as a visual aid. A new feature for 2007, "On The Levels," 4th Edition will also highlight three movements that riders often ride inconsistently or judges judge inconsistently," according to Janet Brown-Foy, FEI "I" Judge, USDF "R" Sport Horse Judge and "L" Program faculty member from Colorado Springs, CO. To help bring insight to problematic issues, each of these movements will be ridden for an insufficient score (4), a satisfactory score (6) and a good score (8). This way a viewer can actually see the differences. Premier Equestrian of Salt Lake City, Utah is producing and sponsoring "On The Levels," 4th Edition. Production began in August from Blackwood Farms in Redmond, Washington.

Brown-Foy credits USDF "L" Program Faculty member, Marilyn Heath of Naples, FL; FEI "I" Judge and USDF "L" Program Faculty member and Lois Yukins, FEI "I" judge and USDF Judges Committee Chairperson and USDF "L" Program Faculty member of Manchester, MA; and former USDF Regional Director for Region 6, Gail Vandemoere of Issaquah, WA for helping make "On The Levels," 4th Edition possible. Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage. For more information about "On The Levels" or USDF membership and programs, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), eMail [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org) or call (859) 971-2277.

#### New Online Registration Process for 2006 Adequan/USDF Convention & Symposium

September 5, 2006 (LEXINGTON, KY) In keeping with the commitment to provide excellent customer service to its membership, the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) launched a new online registration capability for the upcoming Adequan/USDF National Convention and Symposium in Kansas City, Missouri. Cvent Online Registration is live at [www.usdf.org/convention](http://www.usdf.org/convention). The convention is November 29 through December 3. "We have tested our process," said Melissa Holzwarth, USDF's

Membership & Events Coordinator, "and we're ready to go. The new online registration system is very user-friendly and gives us all the information we need without a lot of staff time or hands-on involvement."

USDF's previous online process did not glean and manage data effectively, thus requiring staff to manually input information or re-contact members for better information to meet registration needs, Holzwarth explained. With Cvent, registrants can make updates and changes online for themselves.

Another value-added benefit for members is the automatic discount credit. "Now when members register using their membership number," Holzwarth said, "the system will recognize their membership status and type and automatically credit discounts at the time of registration. "In the past, extending the proper discounts was a logistical nightmare."

Other benefits of the Cvent Online Registration include the ability to register guests and family members at the same time as the USDF member registration; making payments online; and the capability to send eMail invitations to up to 10 friends.

According to Linda Schultz, USDF Director of Marketing, another important benefit to Cvent is that it frees up membership services staff for other, more immediate membership needs. "Because of its inherent efficiencies, Cvent is bringing greater membership service capability to the organization without costing members anything additional in their convention or symposium fees," Schultz explained. "For members, the 2006 fee is actually less than in 2005, and for non-members it is the same."

Cvent is an online service company headquartered in McLean, Virginia that has handled event registration for other associations, including the PGA Golf Tour, PBS Television and the American Marketing Association. For more information on USDF, the annual convention and symposium, or to register online, go to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Early-bird discounts expire November 5.

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### News from USDF Con't...

#### Great American Insurance Group Signs 10-Year Deal To Sponsor USDF Regional Championships and Breeders Championship Series...

August 3, 2006 (Lexington, KY) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced that it has renewed and expanded its sponsorship agreement with Great American Insurance Group in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Great American Insurance Group is the title sponsor for the nine USDF Regional Championships and is also the new title sponsor for the USDF Breeders Championship Series. The new agreement solidifies support for two of the biggest USDF member programs for ten years.

The Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships are held in each of nine regions from Training Level through Grand Prix. The horse and rider pairs must meet a series of qualifications, including the acquisition of at least two qualifying scores from two different judges that meet nationally-standardized minimum percentage levels.

The Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders Championship Series is designed to promote breeders and quality sport horses. Each series is regional and consists of at least three qualifying events culminating in the championships. Only champion and reserve champion horses from the filly, colt/gelding, mare and stallion qualifying classes are invited to compete in the final.

"Our relationship with Great American continues to grow," states Stephan Hienzsch, Executive Director of USDF. "We are thrilled to have expanded our partnership to include the Breeders Championship Series as we believe it's a great next level of growth in the exposure to our market for this equine insurance provider."

Great American Insurance Group is one of the world's leading providers of equine mortality insurance and related types of farm coverage through professional equine independent agents. They offer a full line of equine and farm insurance products that can be found at [www.myagritrust.com](http://www.myagritrust.com).

#### Major Robert Borg, Sarah (Sally) Swift, and Roemer into Hall of Fame

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) will induct Major Robert Borg, Sarah (Sally) Swift, and Roemer into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame (HOF) at the Salute Gala on November 30, 2006 at the USDF National Convention & Symposium in Kansas City, MO. Inclusion in the HOF is an honor bestowed on horses and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of dressage in the U.S.

Major Robert Borg (1913-2005), as well as being a competitor, trained the horses and riders for the early Olympic dressage and 3-day teams from 1948-1956, first as a military officer and then as a civilian. Overshadowing the significant recognition by his Olympic success was the inspiration he brought to all who studied dressage with him following a crippling accident in 1959.

Sarah (Sally) Swift, author of "Centered Riding," published in 1985, is widely appreciated as allowing, through her teaching, everyone in every body type, on every horse to better enjoy riding in a correct balanced seat with body awareness. Her book "Centered Riding" has sold over 500,000 copies and has been translated into 14 languages. Through four decades of teaching and powerfully influential writing, Sally has made invaluable contributions to the sport of dressage.

Roemer was one of the first approved Dutch Warmblood breeding stallions imported into the United States in 1985. Roemer moved from a career as an International Grand Prix Jumper in Holland to a Grand Prix Dressage horse in the US with Mary Alice Malone. Listed as the top producing sire of USDF Horses of the Year over an eleven year period in the U.S. (1989-1999). Roemer is the first breeding stallion to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Horses inducted into the HOF are those who have made outstanding contributions to dressage through their competition records in dressage or sport horse breeding, and/or served as ambassadors of the sport. Individuals inducted into the HOF are those who have made outstanding contributions to the development of dressage in the U.S. through their creativity, originality, vision, and sustained effort.

Each year, the Historical Committee invites USDF members to nominate worthy candidates for the Hall of Fame. All nominations are thoroughly reviewed, researched, and discussed by the committee. Only those nominations that receive a unanimous vote are forwarded to the Executive Board for final approval. A display of all HOF inductees, including the 2006 inductees, will reside at the new Hall of Fame within the USDF National Education Center at the Kentucky Horse Park, where they will be publicly recognized.

Information about the Hall of Fame can be obtained by contacting Kim Sodt at (859) 271-7876 or by e-mail at [ksodt@usdf.org](mailto:ksodt@usdf.org).

Next year's nominations for HOF inductees are due to Ms. Sodt, at the USDF office, by May 1, 2007.



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- ❖ Answering emails, and requests to post information on the site including:
  - ❖ Posting items for sale, changes and new items on the Calendar and changes to the Barns and Listing pages, Sponsors, Links, Past Winners and Awards, and any other information
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- ❖ Working with the Board on any requests from members for changes to the web site
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  - Ability to see the person's face - if under a hat or helmet, please be sure that it is not creating a shadow over their eyes.
3. Completed entries will be accepted only if postmarked on or before November 1st, 2006.
4. A participant may submit any number of entries. Please send them in the same envelope.
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## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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**USDF HAS CHANGED THE MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

**SLADS MUST CHANGE TOO**

As most of you are probably aware, in 2006 the USDF is transitioning to a new membership year to coincide with the USEF. The new 2007 USDF membership will now be **December 1 to November 30**. To ensure continuation of your USDF Group membership through SLADS, we must change our membership year to run December 1 through November 30 as well. I will begin taking 2007 SLADS memberships immediately. According to USDF, I must submit our **initial roster by November 1, 2006**. I will continue reporting member updates at the end of each month. If you join SLADS and wish to become a participating member of the USDF, you will receive a discount on your participating membership. This is handled directly through the USDF, not SLADS. Also, don't panic if you visit the website to see if you are a USDF member and your name shows up as a "nonmember". This only means you have a Group Membership with the USDF and are not eligible for their national awards, programs or Regional Championships. For these you must be a participating member.

For 2007, if you are a renewing SLADS member, you will receive a membership card confirming I have received your information, electronically if I have an e-mail address (prefer) or hard copy. New members will also receive a copy of the SLADS By-Laws (renewing members should still have their 2006 copy). I will send out an update to our Buzz Book and newsletters will cease to be sent non-renewing members in March.

This message will repeat. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 314-298-9787 evenings or e-mail at [horseridermom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:horseridermom@sbcglobal.net).

Respectfully,  
Dawn White  
Membership Chair



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#### "Common Dressage Training Issues Thru the Levels"



Date/Time: October 21, 2006 10-2 p.m.



Location: Biggs Mountain Equestrian Facility  
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Featured Trainers: Michele Inman, Reba Bryson, Marilyn Weber,  
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# of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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