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St. Louis Area Dressage Society



March 2006

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President's Message

Members,

Does anyone have spring fever? Are you ready to get outside and enjoy warm sunny skies and give your horse his first bubble bath of the year? Get ready! We've got some great events coming up this spring and a lot of people to thank.

Catherine Wendt is the new volunteer coordinator for SLADS. When you see her, make sure you thank her for her hard work structuring the volunteer program. She is energetic and has numerous ideas on how to show volunteers how much we appreciate them.

Michele Inman and I have been working closely with our first panel of trainers for the first symposium of the year. Peg O'Meara, Marilyn Weber, Cathy McCord, Natalie Ottiger, and Lotta Eklund are putting together an amazing day for SLADS members and non-members. I got goose bumps last night watching this team of talented professionals working together! I appreciate and admire them for giving up their time and volunteering for the symposium. It was refreshing and inspirational to watch them get excited about topics, share ideas, and their willingness to work as a team on the event. SLADS is extremely lucky to have professionals like this in our community. Michele and I look forward to working with other trainers this year who will be volunteering their time in other symposiums.

So what are you waiting for? Fill out your registration form for the symposium (in this issue), call Catherine and sign up to volunteer, and go tack up your horse and get ready for some good times this year!

Cheers,
Colleen

IMPORTANT!

Check your mailing label. If it is highlighted in yellow, you have not renewed your 2006 membership. If you do not renew your membership, you will not receive the newsletter after June 1st.

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Calendar Of Events

March

3-5

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

25

SLAD Symposium I. Location TBA.

April

7-9

Gigi Nutter Clinic. Learn more at her website: www.touchgofarm.com. Contact Laurie at jklfarm@earthlink.net for more information.

8-9

Paul Belasik at Hamilton Stables. Contact Mimi Garner Gerrard at 314-315-0923 (day) or 636-300-9553 (evening) or email mgarner@att.net.

12-14

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28-30

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

May

20

Dressage Schooling Show held at Briar Bank Farm. Contact Gay and David Anderson at 618-887-4439 or briarbankfarm@juno.com.

26-28

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

June

2-4

SLADS Summer Festival I and II held at the National Equestrian Center. Show manager Gerri Muldrow.

23-25

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August

11-13

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October

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November

10-11

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To post your event to the SLADS calendar, email Colleen at fafetza@hotmail.com.

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News from USDF

USDF Now Accepting Nominations for YOUTH Volunteer of the Year

USDF is pleased to announce that it is accepting nominations for the 2006 USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. This prestigious award honors one outstanding youth volunteer who has contributed on a national basis to USDF's mission: "Dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage."

Nominees must have volunteered at least 25 hours during the current year on any USDF-related project at the local, regional, or national level. Nominees must be age 21 years or younger and be a current USDF Youth Participating Member, GMO, or IMO Member in good standing.

The 2006 USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year will be presented with a perpetual trophy at the USDF National Convention and Symposium, which will be held on November 29 - December 3, 2006 in Kansas City, Missouri. The award winner will also receive a "keeper" trophy and will be featured in the USDF Connection. This is the inaugural year of this award, made possible through funds raised at the USDF Youth Executive Board Silent Auction held yearly at the USDF Convention.

Nominations may be made by any USDF member and are due August 31. Forms are available at www.usdf.org/Programs/awards/index.asp. Send nomination forms or questions to Sheila Forbes, 220 Lexington Green Circle, Suite 510, Lexington KY 40503; phone: (859) 271-7879; e-mail: sforbes@usdf.org.

Meeting Minutes

SLADS 2006 January Yearly Planning Meeting

SLADS yearly planning meeting on January 29, 2006 at Colleen Murphy-Quattlebaum's house. Present: Dawn Fee-White, Carolyn Brady, Colleen Murphy-Quattlebaum, Catherine Wendt, Libby Abbott, Gerri Muldrow, Ann Benson, Chris Steffen.

Newsletter Editor: Colleen has nominated Chris Steffen as the new SLADS newsletter editor. The board has unanimously voted Chris in as Newsletter Editor.

Volunteer Coordinator: Catherine Wendt has unanimously been voted in as SLADS new Volunteer Coordinator. Catherine submitted a proposal to the board for plans to improve the recognition of SLADS volunteer program. Discussion ensued on giving 'SLADS Bucks' to volunteers that could be used towards SLADS events and merchandise. Catherine will look at past volunteer hours and Ann will look at past show budgets to propose a appropriate dollar amount. Other proposed items were to start putting an 'Honor Roll' in newsletters, to distribute flyers to encourage volunteering, to write an article for the newsletter and website on new program (once it is agreed upon), and to send out holiday cards and thank you notes.

Catherine will finalize the official recognition plan and present at the next board meeting. Discussion ensued on allowing SLADS members to offer substitutes (ie. family or friends) to volunteer in their place to earn volunteer hours. The board voted to allow 'substitutes' to count towards member volunteer hours and it was unanimously passed.

By-law changes & reviews: The proposal was made to remove the two-year, two term limit for the Treasurer officer position. The board agreed that this was a reasonable by-law change and will present it to the general membership for voting. The yearly membership fees that were previously voted in were not updated in the official by-laws and will be updated.

Award Changes Review: Colleen will research other GMO's award requirements to make sure our percentages award percentages are in line.

2007 Regional Championships- The application for the 2007 regional championships is due by 2/15/06. Discussion ensued about whether a vet on premises is required at every show once we go over 199 horses entered. Gerri will check on USEF vet rule. The board voted and unanimously agreed that we will submit our application to host the 2007 championships.

Show Fee & Misc. items review- Due to the NEC not increasing their stabling costs for 2006 and that we have found a new insurance provider at a much more reasonable rate for the exact same coverage, Ann proposed that we pass along these cost savings in the form of reduced stabling fees. The proposed fees are \$80/1 day, \$130/2 days, \$180/3 days. The board agreed to make this fee change and it will take affect for our June 2006 show. Increasing vendor fees was discussed and the board agreed to keep vendor costs the same. Dawn proposed ordering all ribbon requirements for the year by 2/15 in order to receive a 10% discount. The board agreed and Dawn will place the order.

2005 Schooling Show Review- Carolyn presented the budget from the schooling show that showed that we basically broke even. Suggestions for improvement were to publicize the show earlier in the year, hold dressage classes only, and hold a 'fun class' for our youth.

Taxes- A firm has been hired to prepare our 2005 tax documents. Our 2004 taxes are in dispute over a late filing charge and we have hired a consultant to advise SLADS on how to proceed to negotiate lower charges.

2006 Schooling Shows- The board reviewed dates for 2 schoolings shows. Possible dates to propose to Bridlespur are May 6th, 7th, & 13th for a spring show and Aug. 26th, 27th, Sept. 16 & 17th for the fall.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 27, 2006 at Olive Garden in Chesterfield Valley.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Brady

ADVERTISEMENT INFO

Deadline for ads is the 5th of each month. Ads should be submitted with full payment. There is an extra charge for ad setup and photo processing. Camera-ready ads are appreciated.

Rates are:

- \$5 for business card \$15 for a half page
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Attention Region 4 Members

Hello to Region 4 members,

I have two separate issues where your help and feedback would definitely benefit the entire USDF membership.

First some background – At our Region 4 meeting at the December USDF annual convention I volunteered to work on a committee charged with forwarding a proposal to the Board regarding the disposition of funds collected as part of the \$10 Regional Championships that was earmarked for a possible National Championship.

For the last few years, \$2 of your \$10 qualifying fee was set aside for a proposed national head-to-head championship competition. Currently these funds total about \$390,000 nationally. However at this time nothing definite is in development for this competition. I'm in need of grass roots sentiment towards proceeding with a national head-to-head competition. We need to consider the role of the Regional Championships and the future direction of the sport. Obviously a National Championship would require enormous financial support, both from the membership as well as sponsors.

A straw pole taken at the convention indicated widespread support for continuing to search for a viable National Championship competition. As this requires USEF blessings, your input is most valuable should we continue down this path.

Secondly, I also volunteered to head up a Ways and Means committee for our Region. To more fully represent our regional membership I need some additional volunteers to join me, as I would like to have something to present at our regional meeting scheduled for April 1 & 2 in Kansas City.

I see this as a guide to members in our Region for benefits available from USDF and its supporters.

One example would be a listing of all the available grants and scholarships available with criteria for applications. Many of these go unused due to lack of publicity.

Thank you in advance for your input.

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At the Water Trough

Did you hear....

Last Saturday I decided to go check out new breeches at The Tack Room. I was excited and ready to burn a hole in my pocket for a really nice pair of Cavallo breeches. It was time I had a pair of fancy schooling breeches!

They fit like a glove, made my rear end look great, and I knew I'd feel special wearing them while riding in my lesson later that day.

Of course, I had a great lesson...all because of the magical breeches! Afterwards, I went home and neatly folded my new breeches and placed them on the dresser. A few days later, it was time for my next lesson.

"The magical breeches will make me ride like a champion," I thought. I picked up the breeches and noticed some-

thing was missing. Something VERY important! THE SEAT WAS GONE!!!

Right away, I raced into the other room and looked into the guilty yet sweet eyes of my darling puppies. I knew it was them. But, there were no traces of my magical breeches any where. I am still waiting for the breeches to work its way through their little digestive systems! I'll let you know if it comes out okay!

Yours Truly,

Anonymous Member

**If you have a cute story, heard something funny, found a great deal, or just want to share something with other members please send your tale to
Christina Steffen at
chevalfelix@hotmail.com**

3 Things Not to Say to Your Shoer

1. "The shoe just fell off!"
2. "Don't cash this until Monday."
3. "You're the first shoes he ever kicked!"

Source: *The Central States Horseman Magazine*, February 2006.



Support the Sport you love

Support the riders and horses

Support your local shows

Be a volunteer

June 2006

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at The National Equestrian Center,
Lake St. Louis, MO

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Find out about our new volunteer program
Including The Men of SLADS.
SLADS - St. Louis Area Dressage Society



New Member Pony Tales

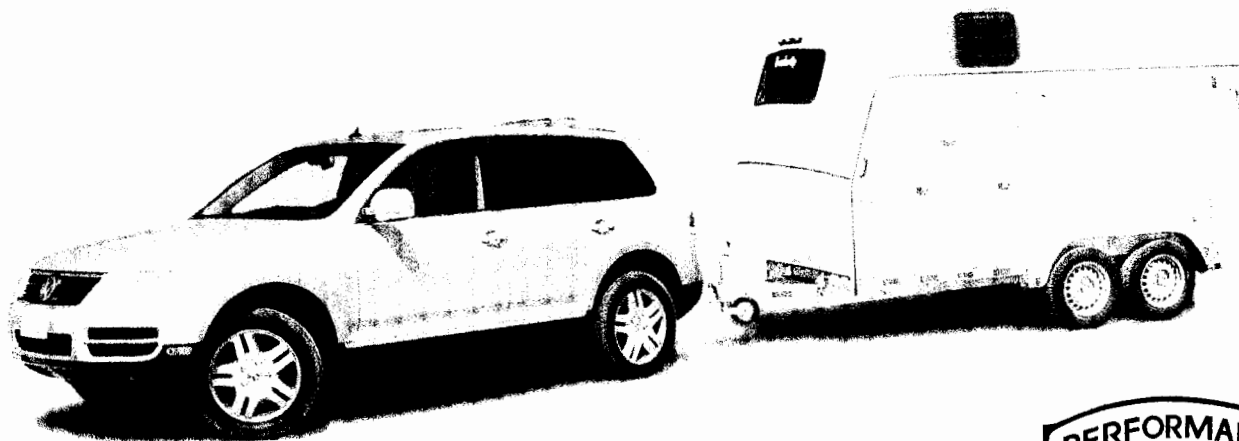
I joined the St. Louis Area Dressage Society to learn more about the discipline. After viewing the hipizzaners from the School of Vienna during their recent US tour, I decided there is no better time to pursue my interest in dressage. I have also recently decided to move my orthopaedic practice from Washington University School of Medicine Department of Orthopedics to the Orthopaedic Center of St. Louis in Chesterfield. This has been a very difficult decision for me as Washington University is a wonderful research institution as well as my orthopaedic partners are all incredible clinicians and many are good friends.

Brett A. Taylor
Adult Spine Specialist

Though I've wanted riding lessons and a horse ever since I was little, I only took the plunge at age 55! I am the proud owner of Bennigan, a Genial 8-year-old Percheron/quarter-horse cross. I'm sure he will allow me to explore every activity I might want to pursue in the world of horses. I hope to stay fit and active so I can dote on Bennigan for the rest of his life. Look for us in the Intro ring - I'll be the neophyte rider with the huge grin on the big white horse.

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EVENTING HORSE OF THE YEAR

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Preliminary Champion	Jack Be Nimble owned by Christina DeMaruo
Training Champion	Limerick's Lucky Charm owned by Karen DeMauro
Novice Champion	Arn owned by Cynthia Henderson

DRESSAGE HORSE OF THE YEAR

Intro Champion	Whistle owned by Barbara Jo Rubin	70.72
Intro Reserve	Iceman owned by Lauren Burkhardt	65.85
Training Champion	Elijah owned by Jennifer Renth	69.42
Training Reserve	Vaultair owned by St. Louis Equestrian Center	65.58
Training Third Place	Issac owned by Barbara Jo Rubin	65.51
Training Fourth Place	Muscat owned by Lisa Holderle	64.52
Training Fifth Place	Gentleman Gulliver owned by Ann Pinc	64.27
Training Sixth Place	Noble Speck owned by Stacey Endebrock	62.12
First Level Champion	Sahara's Star owned by Morgan Williams	68.74
First Level Reserve	Gracious owned by Colleen Quattlebaum	64.12
First Level Third Place	Dr. Secreto owned by Debra Buddemeier	63.95
First Level Fourth Place	Tre Awain Riverdance owned by Spencer Marston	62.19
First Level Fifth Place	JRS Patrick Pine owned by Amy Hacker	59.00
2 nd Level & Above Champion	Accatino owned by St. Louis Equestrian Center	61.49
2 nd Level & Above Reserve	Fridolin owned by Judy Ethell	60.40
2 nd Level & Above Third Place	Super Nova owned by Michele Inman	59.66
2 nd Level & Above Fourth Place	Orpheus-Marjos owned by Gail Pfleger	56.40

DRESSAGE RIDER OF THE YEAR

Intro JR/Young Rider	Lauren Burkhardt	Champion
Intro George Burns	Barbara Jo Rubin	Champion
Training JR/Young Rider	Andrew Perry	Champion
Training Adult	Morgan Williams	Champion
Training Adult	Jennifer Renth	Reserve
Training Adult	Jessie Fee	Third
Training Jack Benny	Ann Pinc	Champion
Training Jack Benny	Stacey Endebrock	Reserve
Training George Burns	Barbara Jo Rubin	Champion
Training George Burns	Lisa Holderle	Reserve
First Level JR/Young Rider	Spencer Marston	Champion
First Level JR/Young Rider	Amy Hacker	Reserve
First Level Adult	Morgan Williams	Champion
First Level Adult	Colleen Quattlebaum	Reserve
First Level Jack Benny	Wendy Neckameyer	Champion
First Level Jack Benny	Judy Ethell	Reserve
First Level George Burns	Debra Buddemeier	Champion
First Level George Burns	Dawn White	Reserve
2 nd Level & Above Adult	Lotta Eklund	Champion
2 nd Level & Above Adult	Lindsay Cross	Reserve
2 nd Level & Above Adult	Christina DeMauro	Third
2 nd Level & Above Jack Benny	Michel Inman	Champion
2 nd Level & Above Jack Benny	Marilyn Weber	Reserve
2 nd Level & Above George Burns	Gail Pfleger	Champion

Suzanne Brown Memorial Award First Level – Sahara's Star and Morgan Williams

NightWind Farm Tootsie Memorial Award Training Level – Voltaire and Andrew Perry

Brier Bank Farm Dressage Schooling Show

Saturday, May 20, 2006

CLOSING DATE: May 6, 2006

JUDGE: TBA

RIDE TIMES AVAILABLE: May 15, 2006

MANAGERS: David and Gay Anderson

PHONE: (618) 887-4439 or (618) 531-5208

E-MAIL: BRIERBANKFARM@JUNO.COM

WEB SITE: <http://www.geocities.com/BrierBankFarms>

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| <p>1. Introductory Level - Test 1 (walk-trot)</p> <p>2. Introductory Level - Test 2 (walk-trot)</p> <p>3. Training Level - Test 1</p> <p>4. Training Level - Test 2</p> | <p>5. Training Level - Test 3</p> <p>6. Training Level - Test 4</p> <p>7. First Level -Test of Choice*</p> <p>8. Second Level and above -Test of Choice*</p> <p><small>(Please specify on entry. Rider may ride more than one test).</small></p> <p><small>*Classes will be split if entries warrant.</small></p> |
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This schooling show is designed to offer a low key-type setting. Bring your "greenies" and beginning riders.

Place: Brier Bank Farm, 11656 Pocahontas Road, Marine, Illinois.

Directions: From St. Louis, take either 270 or 55/70 into Illinois. Get on 70 East. Get off at exit 21 (Lebanon/Staunton Rt. 4). Turn left (north). Go to Rt. 143 (4-way stop with flashing red light) and turn right (east). At the 4-way stop in Marine turn left (north). At the north edge of town turn right (east) onto Pocahontas Road. Go 3.2 miles; Brier Bank Farm is on the right (south) with a white sign.

Attire: Informal (breeches, boots, hard hat). No braiding.

Arenas: Dressage classes: Outside sand arena (20 m. x 60 m.) and/or Indoor sand/rubber arena (80 ft. x 200 ft.).

Parking: Large fenced pasture; quiet with plenty of room.

Stabling: 12'x12' box stalls. Call for availability.

Awards: Ribbons through 6th place.

Food: A full concession stand will be available throughout the day.

Fees: \$15 per class. No refunds.

Coggins: Mail copy of negative Coggins.

Classes Entered	Name of Horse	Rider	Owner	Fee

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Address of Competitor _____ Telephone _____

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Signature of Rider _____ Owner's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if rider is under 21) _____

Mail entries/fees to: David Anderson – Brier Bank Farm, 11656 Pocahontas Rd. Marine, IL 62061

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