



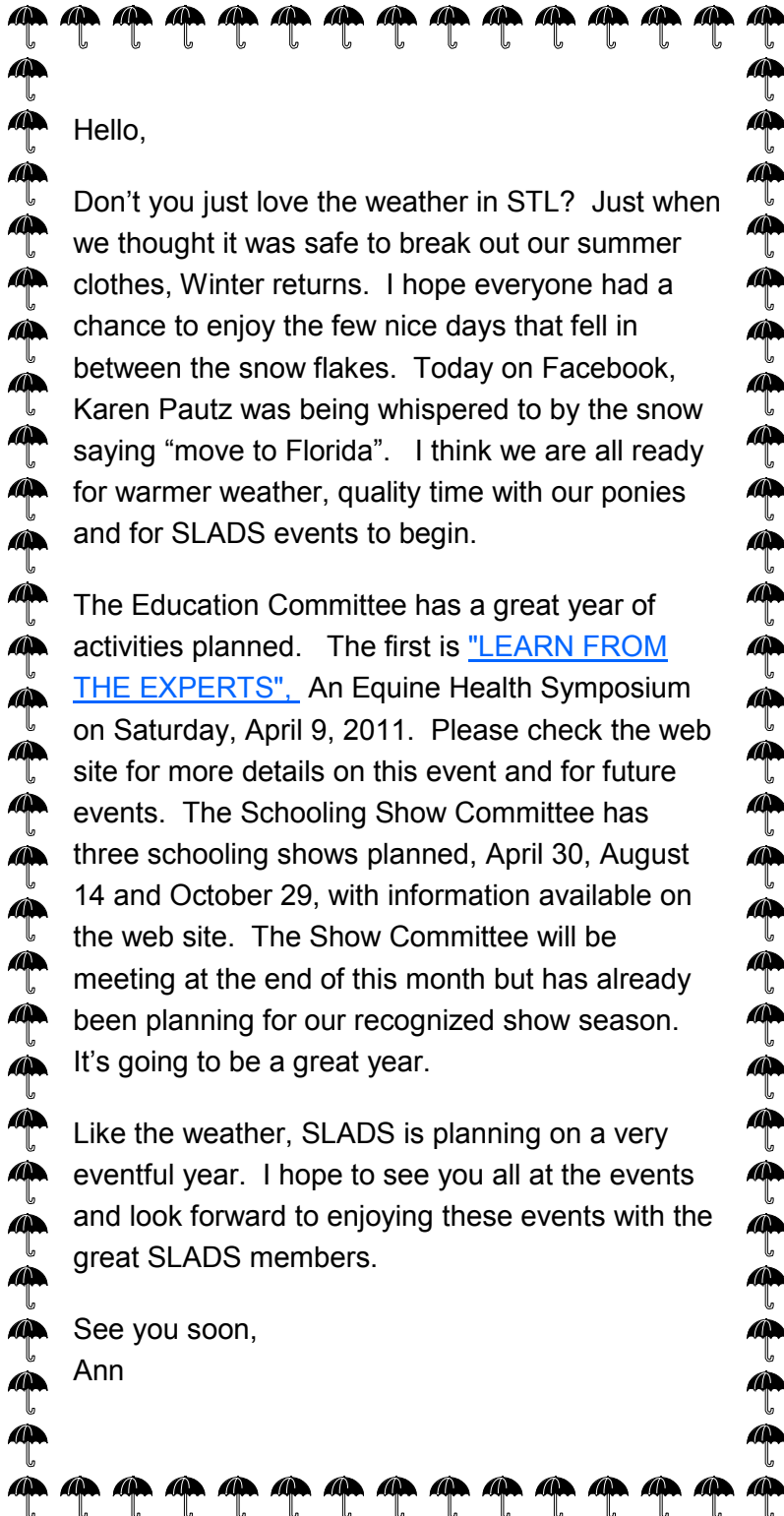
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The St. Louis Area Dressage Society Newsletter

April, 2011

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Hello,

Don't you just love the weather in STL? Just when we thought it was safe to break out our summer clothes, Winter returns. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the few nice days that fell in between the snow flakes. Today on Facebook, Karen Pautz was being whispered to by the snow saying "move to Florida". I think we are all ready for warmer weather, quality time with our ponies and for SLADS events to begin.

The Education Committee has a great year of activities planned. The first is ["LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS"](#). An Equine Health Symposium on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Please check the web site for more details on this event and for future events. The Schooling Show Committee has three schooling shows planned, April 30, August 14 and October 29, with information available on the web site. The Show Committee will be meeting at the end of this month but has already been planning for our recognized show season. It's going to be a great year.

Like the weather, SLADS is planning on a very eventful year. I hope to see you all at the events and look forward to enjoying these events with the great SLADS members.

See you soon,
Ann



HAPPY APRIL
BIRTHDAY!

MARY JEAN GORSE
KRISTY HOBBS
MARI JEBENS
EMILY LAYESKI
CAROL MOFFATT
CASEY MORRIS
AMY WHITAKER

2012 Show Manager and Show Secretary Positions

SLADS is now accepting bids from all interested parties for the positions of Show Manager and Show Secretary for our June 2012 Summer Festivals and our October 2012 Fall Classic.

All qualified individuals are invited to submit their bids. If you would like to know more about what is required, just go to www.slads.org and click on either of the two Request for Bids shown on the home page. If you know of someone who may be interested, please let them know about our website or print a copy and share it with them.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Fee at jessiefee@gmail.com.

WELCOME TO SLADS

Heather McKee

Heather's interest in riding and showing started at the age of five while at Jane Dillon's Junior Equestrian School in Vienna, Virginia. While on a path of competitive equitation, she was lured away from that discipline by the excitement of eventing and dressage.

Heather and her husband moved to the St. Louis area in 2000. She now balances a career, family and horses, which she finds a rewarding challenge. She hopes her American Warmblood Society gelding CoCo will one day introduce her two year old daughter to the world of riding and showing.....when she is a little bit bigger!

SLADS Shows to be AQHA-approved

By Eleanor Maynard

As many of you may already know, on January 1, 2010, the American Quarter Horse Association ("AQHA") recognized dressage as an event in which points could be earned. This year, both the SLADS June Festival and October Fall Classic shows will be approved AQHA shows at which Quarter Horse exhibitors may earn points. To be eligible, the horse must be AQHA registered and the exhibitor must have a current individual membership and pay a one-time AQHA competition license fee of \$85.00 for the lifetime of the horse. The highest test at Training Level (Test 3) and all tests at the higher Levels are eligible for points with the percentage score converted to points as follows:

Scores				
	60-65%	66-70%	71-75%	76+%
Training Level-highest test	1	2	3	4
First Level	1.5	3	4.5	6
Second Level	2	4	6	8
Third Level	2.5	5	7.5	10
Fourth Level	3	6	9	12
FEI	4	8	12	16

All points earned will be recognized for AQHA year-end awards, Incentive Fund, and lifetime achievement awards such as Register of Merit. In addition, during each of the nine USEF/USDF Regional Championship shows, an AQHA trophy will be awarded to the three high-point registered American Quarter Horses competing in the championship class with the highest percentage scores for open, amateur, and youth divisions, with a minimum qualifying score of 60.

NOW AVAILABLE! Vote online at www.SLADS.org on the

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 SLADS BYLAWS

Details about the amendment can be found on the following page and on the SLADS website.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2011 SLADS BYLAWS

In summary, the proposed Amendment No. 1 does the following:

- 1) Deletes the write-in option on the ballot. The right to nominate from the floor of the meeting remains.
- 2) All nominees to the SLADS Board of Directors must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Must be a member in good standing (i.e., paid their dues and completed a membership form at the time of the election.)
 - b. Must have been contacted and agreed to the nomination PRIOR to being nominated.
 - c. If nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting, in addition to being a member in good standing and previously agreeing to the nomination, the nominee must be physically present at the election meeting.
- 3) Prior to the election of Board Members, the general membership will be informed of the number of positions on the Board which are open for election and the names of all people running for those positions.
- 4) All SLADS members in good standing may mail their signed ballots to the SLADS Secretary prior to voting at the Annual meeting. Ballots received after the election at the Annual meeting will not be considered.

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PROPOSED CHANGE

3. The Nominating Committee shall notify the Secretary of the names of the persons so nominated at least thirty days (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall submit a ballot of nominees to be published in the newsletter and posted on the website no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The ballot will list the names along with the number of positions open for election.
4. All SLADS members in good standing are eligible to vote. If unable to attend the Annual Meeting, a member may complete and sign a ballot which must be received by the SLADS Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots received after the date of the Annual Meeting will not be considered.
5. At the Annual Meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor. In the case of a nomination from the floor, the suggested nominee must be a current member of SLADS in good standing, must be physically present at the meeting in which the election is held, and their consent to be nominated must be obtained prior to nomination. The Nominating Committee will ensure that the names of all nominees for elected position(s) along with the number of positions presently open are known to the electing membership at the Annual Meeting prior to the actual election.

CURRENT

The Bylaws (approved 22 Jan 2011) regarding the Nominating Committee and the process for nominating members to the Board of Directors. (Section 10.11 C) are written as follows:

C. Nominating Committee.

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint, in September, a Nominating Committee of two (2) to four (4) members of SLADS. The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least one Board member. Every effort should be made to select the remaining members of the Nominating Committee from the membership.
2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to determine the open positions on the Board of Directors, as defined by these bylaws and Standing Rules, and to provide to the membership the list of open positions along with their associated duties. The Committee will accept nominations for the listed positions from the membership. In all cases, consent of the suggested nominee must be obtained prior to the nomination.
3. The Nominating Committee shall notify the Secretary of the names of the persons so nominated at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall submit a ballot of nominees with space for write-ins to all current members no less than thirty (30) days prior to the last date on which the ballots must be returned. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting and added to the ballot. Again, consent of the suggested nominee must be obtained prior to nomination.

Ballot for the SLADS Amendment to the Bylaws

Yes, I agree with the proposed Bylaws' amendment

No, I do not want the amendment made

Member's Name and Signature

Deadline for receiving your ballot is April 10, 2011.

**Please mail your ballot to: Debbie Price, 2110 Meadow Oaks Dr, Innsbrook, MO 63390
or email Debbie at djprice@centurytel.com.**

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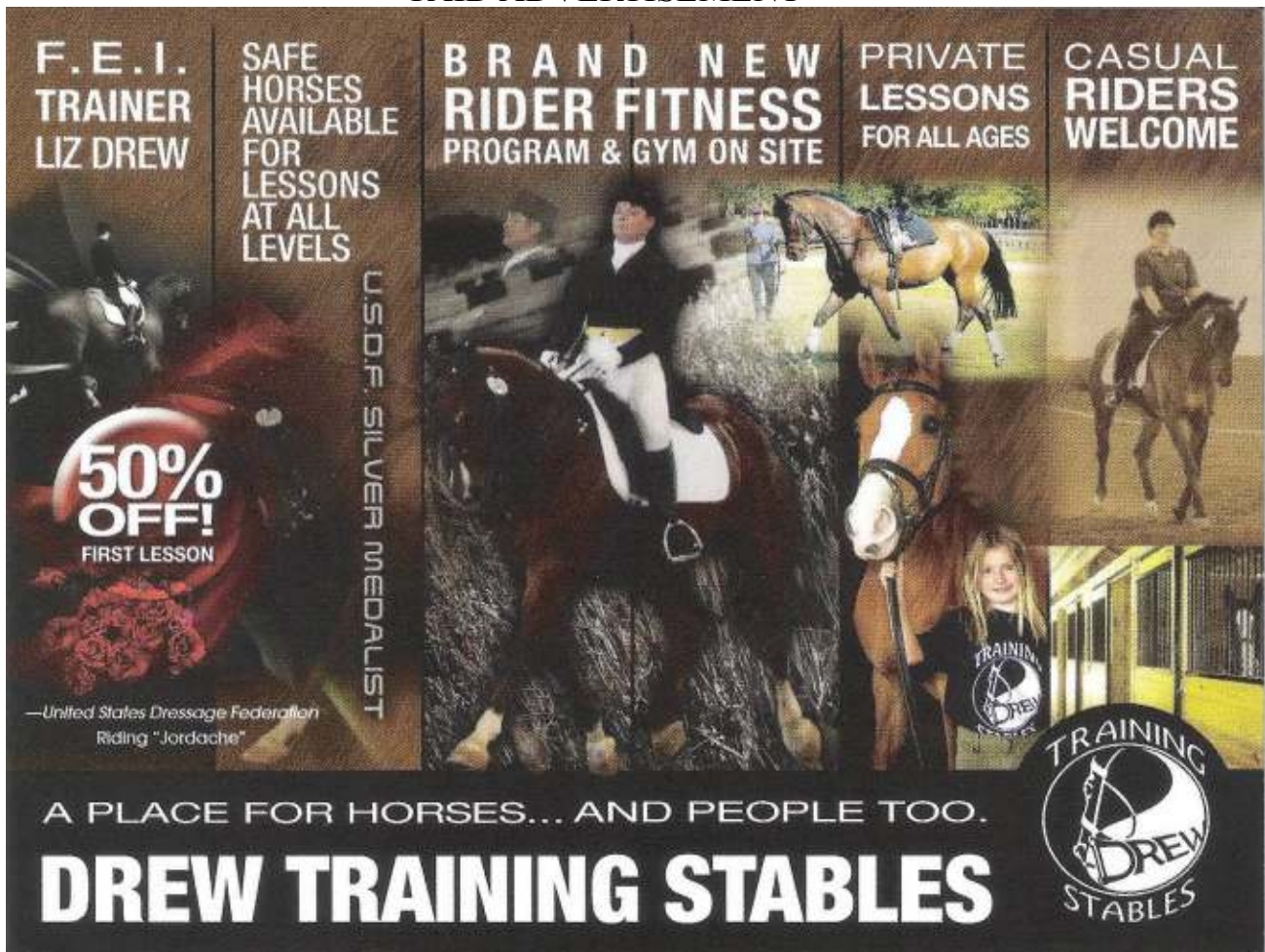
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REQUEST FOR SLADS BOARD NOMINATIONS

SLADS will be holding a Special Election for a Board Member. Per the Bylaws approved in January 2011 (Section 10.2), SLADS must have an uneven number of Board members.

If you would like to nominate yourself or if you would like to nominate another individual, please use the form on the SLADS website: www.slads.org.

To have an article, ad, or event included in HoofPrints, please email the item to Kate Walter at walteriii@aol.com.

St. Louis Area Dressage Society Spring Schooling Show

Saturday, April 30, 2011 - Closing Date: Friday, April 22, 2011



At the National Equestrian Center
6880 Lake St. Louis Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63367



Judge: Kim Kriekhaus

Website: www.slads.org

Entry Fee: \$15 per test for SLADS members ~ \$20 per test for Non-Members

A full refund will be provided before closing date minus a \$20.00 Office Fee. NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE. Prize List is available on website. Ride times will be available after April 27, 2011. Rides will be in Ring A at the NEC. There is no jump out. Stalls are Overnight - \$50.00 per stall or for Day Only - \$40.00 per stall. Shavings may be purchased at the National Equestrian Center. **Questions?** E-mail Mari Jebens at mari@slads.com

Send completed ENTRY FORM with current negative COGGINS Certificate and signed CHECK payable to **SLADS** to:

Kate Walter
4608 McPherson
St. Louis, MO 63108

DRESSAGE CLASSES* - Dress is informal (breeches, boots/chaps, riding helmet). No braiding required.

The tests are the NEW 2011 USEF Tests.

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Introductory Level A (walk-trot) | 7. First Level –Test of Choice** |
| 2. Introductory Level B (walk-trot) | 8. Second level and Above –Test of Choice** |
| 3. Introductory Level C (walk-trot-canter) | 9. Dressage Equitation |
| 4. Training Level – Test 1 | 10. Sport Horse in Hand |
| 5. Training Level – Test 2 | 11. Suitability to become a Dressage Horse |
| 6. Training Level – Test 3 | 12. Lead Line (\$5 for SLADS members/\$10 for non-members) |

* Rider may ride more than one test. Limit of three rides per horse. Please specify Junior Young Rider (Y), Adult Amateur (AA), or Open (O)

** Please specify on entry. Riders may enter classes 6 and 7 more than one time. Classes will be split if entries warrant.

NOTE: Horse must be at over three years of age and in good health in order to participate.

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Make as many copies of entry blank as you need. **One horse/One rider Per Entry.**
Out of State horses **MUST** have a Health Certificate.

Rider:	Please Circle: Young Rider AA Open SLADS Member: Yes No
Address	Phone: E-mail:
Horse Name: Date of Birth:	Horse Owner:
<u>Classes Entered:</u>	
#1:	#2:
#3	

Special Requests/Stall By: _____

Make checks payable to SLADS.

Class Fees: _____
Stall Fee: _____
TOTAL Fees: _____

Agreement to hold harmless: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I agree to hold harmless any directors, officers or members of the St. Louis Area Dressage Society (SLADS), as well as the owners or agents of the National Equestrian Center (NEC) from any claim of loss or accidental injury or death which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to myself, child, or horse.

Signature of Rider or Parent/Guardian if rider is under 21: _____

Signature of Horse Owner: _____

SLADS Board Meeting

March 14, 2011

7 PM @ National Equestrian Center

In Attendance: Trish Dalton, Lisa Hollenbeck, Jenn Buck, Liz Drew, Mari Jebens, Sarah Szachnieski, Ann Gioia, Marketa Matthews, Kathryn Kent, Leslie Burket Jessie Fee, Pam Davies, Debbie Price.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Budget

2011 Budget was presented by Debbie and Ann. Budget was reviewed. Trish noted that the ribbons purchased were \$1300 and budget was \$950. It was decided to leave the budgeted \$950 for the ribbons in the budget, some ribbons purchased will be used next year. Question was called by Ann to approve the budget, all were in favor and vote was unanimous.

Recognized Show Committee Update:

Ann and Debbie met with Liz and they worked on drawing up a 3 year contract with NEC with a 1 year cancellation clause. This will allow SLADS to plan farther into the future for shows.

Discussion was held on FEI jackpot classes to increase attendance at shows. Marketa recommended asking several car dealers about sponsoring event, Dean Team. Kathryn Kent mentioned a second dealership. Ann will work with Marketa and Kathryn to see if we can get a sponsor for this event.

We have three judges and are waiting to see if we need a fourth.

Ann presented two bids from hotels, one for Holiday Inn Express and one for Hilton Garden. Discussion was held and many were not in favor of the Holiday Inn Express for the location and transportation issues we had last year. Hilton Garden was selected as hotel for the judges for June show.

Schooling Show:

Dates are April 30, Aug 14, Oct 29. Judges are Kim Kriekhaus, Joyce Hardesty Coleman, and Paula Briney. There was a discussion to look into other dates as the Aug 14 date conflicts with Nancy Roth's event and there is some crossover between riders. Mari will check into this with NEC and other calendars.

Mari and Debbie will work to get Fox Village ready for schooling show.

Leadline classes will be offered at the schooling show for \$5 for member, \$10 non-member.

Educational Committee:

Pam said that April 9th is the Educational Symposium. Information on this is available on line as well as flyers being mailed out.

May 21 will be a Equi-center class, Liz Drew is donating this service to SLADS.

Next spring looking into doing a "How to ride the test" clinic

Awards Committee: We will be getting Manna Pro horse treats for 1st place prizes, looking into other items.

New Business:

Liz will get together scholarship items and make corrections and adjustments before the next meeting.

Debbie said that they have had a positive response to the bylaws changes, no negative comments have been received.

Discussion held to add additional board members. Vote was called for increasing the number of board members according to the bylaws. All in favor, vote was unanimous. Debbie will do this online and Trish will put this in the newsletter as well.

Marketa said that the GMO website still shows past board member info. Debbie will check and correct this if needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Sarah Szachnieski
SLADS Secretary

The next General Meeting will be held on
Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm
at the National Equestrian Center
(Room over looking Ring 1- Use side stairs)
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Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

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For more information go to www.slads.org

"LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS"

An Equine Health Symposium

Presented by SLADS

on

Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 10:00 am

at

Hamilton Stables in Wentzville, MO

(Go to www.slads.org for more information and to RSVP)

SLADS 2011 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE

**All shows will be held at the
National Equestrian Center**

Saturday, April 30th

Sunday, August 14th (tentative)

Saturday, October 29th

**See www.slads.org for prize list
and entry form.**

2011 Calendar of Events

April 9: Learn From the Experts!, An Equine Health Symposium presented by SLADS at 10:00 am at Hamilton Stables in Wentzville, MO. (Go to www.slads.org for more information and to RSVP)

April 16-17: William Woods USDF Dressage Show, WWU, Fulton, MO. Karen Pautz at kpautz@williamwoods.edu.

April 22-23: Axel Steiner Clinic, St. Louis Equestrian Center, Pacific, MO. Auditing \$15 per day or \$25 for both days. Contact Chris Perry at 314-749-2696.

April 30: SLADS Schooling Show, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Contact Kate Walter at walterlll@aol.com. See prize list in newsletter and on www.slads.org.

May 7, 2011: Queeny Park Dressage Schooling Show, Queeny Park, St. Louis, MO. Libby Abbott at 636-225-3977.

May 7-8 2011: Carousel Connection Dressage Show I and II, Springfield, IL. Lloyd Landkamer at 612-290-8523 or www.dressageshowinfo.com.

May 14: Brier Bank Farm Schooling Show, Marine, IL. David Anderson at 618-531-5208 or David@brierbankfarm.com or www.brierbankfarm.com.

May 21: Equi-Center Class given by Liz Drew at NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Sponsored by SLADS. See www.slads.org for more information.

June 11: Al Khamsa June Dressage Show, StarWest Stables, IL. Alice Martin at www.centerlinedressage.com.

June 11: Queeny Park Horse Trials, Queeny Park, St Louis, MO. Libby Abbott at 636-225-3977 or www.qpee.org.

June 17-19: SLADS Summer Festival I and II, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Sandi Lewis at sandy.marnie@att.net.

July 14-17: Dressage Camp at Amity Farms with Katie Minter Dykehouse. FULTON, MO. Contact Sarah Patrick at 573-590-1703. See camp flyer on SLADS website for details. Sponsored by CDCTA.

July 30: Show-Me State Games & USDF Region 4 Team Competition Dressage Show at Fox Run Farm in Columbia, MO. Stacey Bates at 573-694-2648 or summitvet08@yahoo.com.

August 6: Brier Bank Farm Schooling Show, Marine, IL. David Anderson at 618-531-5208 or David@brierbankfarm.com or www.brierbankfarm.com.

August 14: SLADS Schooling Show, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Contact Kate Walter at walterlll@aol.com. See prize list in newsletter and on www.slads.org.

August 27-28: The Kirkwood Show, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Sandy Venneman at vennemansandy@gmail.com.

August 27-28: Centerline Dressage Classic I and II, Springfield, IL. Jeanne Craven at mowanda@aol.com or www.centerlinedressage.com.

September 17: Al Khamsa Fall Dressage Show, StarWest Stables, IL. Alice Martin at 217-546-9400.

September 24: AAALSHA Open Dressage Show, NEC, Lake St Louis, MO. Nancy Nathanson at 805-448-3027 or www.andalusian-lustano-alliance.com. This show is open to all breeds.

October 8-9: SLADS Fall Festival, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Sandi Lewis at sandy.marnie@att.net.

October 29: SLADS Schooling Show, NEC, Lake St. Louis, MO. Contact Kate Walter at walterlll@aol.com. See prize list in newsletter and on www.slads.org.



St. Louis Area Dressage Society (SLADS) 2011 Membership Form

Date of Application: _____

SLADS is a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) and SLADS members are automatically USDF Group Members (GMs). For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

Membership Categories: New (please include a short bio for the newsletter) Renewal

Membership Type: Individual (\$47) Family (\$64) Jr/Young Rider (\$37)

General Information

Name: _____ This will be the "Primary" for Family Membership.

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone(s): _____ (home) _____ (cell) USDF No: _____

Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ * Rider Category: _____ (enter one: Silver/Gold/Platinum/Professional)

* 4 Rider Categories: Silver = Ages 21 & Under Gold = Ages 22 to 39 Platinum = Ages 40 & Up Professional

Horse(s) Name/Breed: _____

I keep my horse(s) at: Home / Board at _____

Family Membership Information

Two per SLADS family membership (i.e. primary + 1). Added names are \$17 each.

Name	USDF No	Birth Date	Rider Category

Family member = members in an immediate family who either live at the same address or have the same legal address.

Please choose how you would like to receive your SLADS newsletter: E-mail Paper/U.S. Mail
(one newsletter per Membership Type)

May we include you in the annual Buzz Book: Yes No Total Enclosed: \$ _____
(the Buzz Book is mailed only to SLADS members)

Make checks payable to: SLADS Questions: walterlll@aol.com Website: www.slads.org

Mail fees & form to: Kate Walter, 4608 McPherson Ave, St. Louis, MO 63108

All current members of SLADS and their horse(s) listed on this form are **eligible** for SLADS year end awards. Additional horses may be added at any time during the competition year, but scores from past shows will not count towards SLADS year end awards. Scores from any remaining SLADS recognized shows will count towards the SLADS year end awards.

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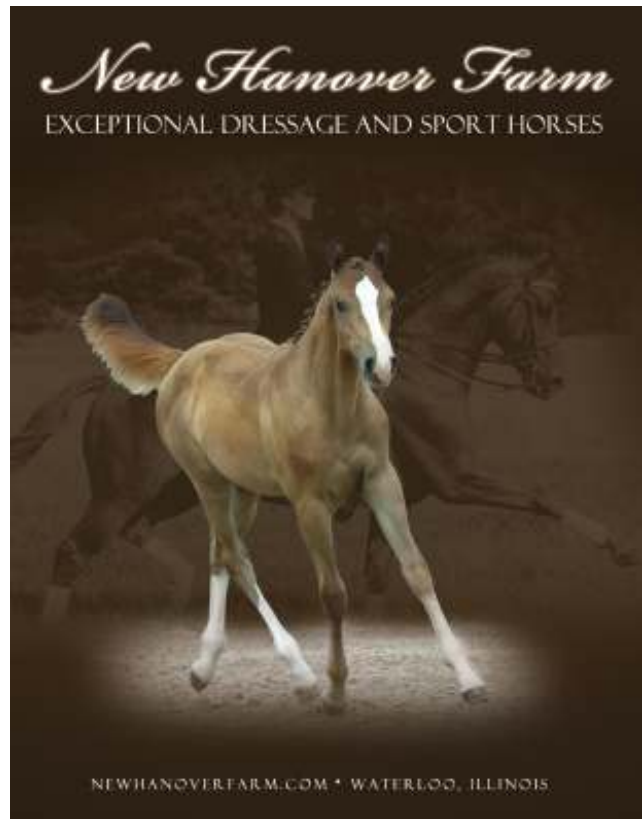
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