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The St. Louis Area Dressage Society Newsletter

September, 2011

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## ***President's Letter***

Can you believe this crazy weather we have been having?! There is nothing like having August weather in July, and again in August! I think we are all ready for cooler weather and for the horse flies to go away. The best part is that cooler weather means our October show is just around the corner. If you have not already contacted Sarah to volunteer, please do. We always need lots of help. And most important, don't forget to send in your entry by September 10th. Enter early and enter often!

I would like to thank Kate Walter for all of her hard work as the Membership Chair. She has recently contacted the board to let us know that she would be resigning. She has been our Membership Chair for many years and has done a fantastic job...THANKS KATE!

So you know what is coming now, we are looking for a new Membership Chair. Kate will work with the new person to show them the ropes. The job entails receiving the membership forms, entering them into our spreadsheet and sending the updated information and money to Debbie for processing. I'm sure there is more to it than that, once we have a volunteer we will hook them up with Kate for proper training.

Have a great rest of summer and a smooth start of school to our Junior/Young Riders. See you in October!

Ann

## **HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY SLADS MEMBERS!**

*Angel Bommarito*

*Liz Drew*

*Erin Herzog*

*Antoinette Kanne*

*Eleanor Maynard*

*Heather McKee*

*Pat McNamara*

*Pat Purnell*

*Brittany Stanley*

*Seanna Tetzlaff*

The next General Meeting will be held Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the National Equestrian Center.

**Check out of our website  
for all the latest show  
information in our area.**

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Last winter I was blessed to be the first person to receive the SLADS \$1,000 scholarship. So far, I have been able to use this money to cover my showing expenses at the April SLADS schooling show. At that show I moved up to first level which was one of my goals for this year. I am planning on using the rest of the scholarship for lessons and to show again in the August schooling show. I really enjoy the SLADS schooling shows and have learned so much from the judges' comments. I also like the relaxed atmosphere because I can get really nervous at shows. I cannot thank SLADS enough for this amazing scholarship opportunity. It has given me opportunities to improve my riding and get more experience. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this scholarship to make it possible. I especially want to thank my trainer, Liz Drew, for her lessons, advice and encouragement. Also I appreciate the individuals who have allowed me to lease and show their horses, and my parents for all the trips to the barn. I think this is a great idea and will help young riders advance in the sport of dressage. *Thank you so much!*

*Malia Murphy*

*The wind of heaven is that which blows  
between a horse's ears.*

~Arabian Proverb

## *What Is Sportsmanship?*

Sportsmanship is defined as:

- playing fair
- following the rules of the game
- respecting the judgment of referees and officials
- treating opponents with respect

Some people define good sportsmanship as the "golden rule" of sports — in other words, treating the people you play with and against as you'd like to be treated yourself. You demonstrate good sportsmanship when you show respect for yourself, your teammates, and your opponents, for the coaches on both sides, and for the referees, judges, and other officials.

Everyone feels great when they win, but it can be just as hard to be a good sport when you've won a game as when you've lost one. Good sportsmanship takes maturity and courage — when you work really hard at a sport, it's not easy to admit you made a bad play or that someone has more skills than you. In competition — as in life — you may not always win but you can learn something from losing, too.

When you do lose — and it will happen — don't take it out on your opponent, blame the officials, or blame your team. Take it in stride. When you lose, lose with class. Being proud of how you performed, or at least being aware of things you need to improve for next time, is key. When it comes to losing, good sportsmanship means congratulating the winners promptly and willingly. Also, it means accepting the game's outcome without complaint and without excuses, even if you sometimes might suspect the referees made some questionable calls.

Good sportsmanship means not having a "win at any cost" attitude. Most athletes who don't have a "win at any cost" attitude are more likely to talk about how much they love their sport and how much personal satisfaction and enjoyment they get from participation.

Most people won't go on to play professional sports, and only a few will win scholarships to play at college. But many forget to have a good time during the years they do play because they're so focused on winning. And, unfortunately, parents and coaches sometimes put too much pressure on athletes, emphasizing winning at all costs. So although it's great to be a champion, it's even better to have enjoyed the process of trying to reach the top. It's best to play fair while having fun.

## **SLADS Board Meeting Minutes – July 11 2011**

### *In Attendance:*

Ann Gioia, Debbie Price, Mari Jebens, Leslie Burket, Sally Waite, Daniel Eplett, Kim Eplett, Jenn Buck, Liz Drew, Leann Zelasky, Sarah Szachnieski, Pam Davies, Kathy Yamaguchi

Meeting called to order by Ann Gioia at 7:08 PM.

First order of business was discussion of June show. It was noted that Jessie Fee was not available to give the report because she was scheduled to work this evening. Ann gave the report. There were 94 entries, and TD report was positive.

Ann asked for comments that were heard by those at the show. Liz said that she liked the TD. Mari said she did not get her shavings delivered that were ordered. Ann and Debbie discussed that changes to how shavings are handled are going to be made for the October show.

Sally commented that the scoring room needs written instructions on how to link to Susan's computer. Ann and Debbie said this problem will be solved by requiring all secretaries to use SLADS equipment. In October there will be three computers, one for the secretary, one for scoring and one for competitors to check their scores (read only).

Sally also noted that we need to work to make sure that the show manager and TD have copies of all the required contracts when they arrive on site because we had some confusion with this in June. The show committee is addressing this and the show manager, show secretary and TD will be provided with these documents at the start of the show in October.

Mari noted that the kitchen staff complained that there were too many people, that were not assisting with lunch, walking in and out of the kitchen. This will be addressed with volunteers in the future. Also, she stated that the office needs to stay open until 7:30 the night before the show for late arrivals. This will be addressed in October.

A discussion was held about the days of the week to hold the two shows in June. It was noted that a Friday/Saturday followed by a Sunday show would allow for two chances to qualify for those who are not able to show on Fridays. A vote was called and all were in favor of holding the June show as a Friday/Saturday followed by a Sunday show.

Ann stated that Sandi Lewis has resigned from being show manager for the October show. She also retracted her bid for the 2012 shows. Because there was only two bids for show manager and three for secretary it had been mentioned that SLADS should re-submit bids for these positions. Ann asked for suggestions on how this process be completed. Pam suggested hiring someone who provides both the show manager and show secretary positions. Debbie suggested that we ask managers what they do and for what fee instead of a bid sheet since our bid sheet process has produced a low number of bids. Kim suggested doing a RFP for 2012 and sending them out, but Debbie and Ann said this is what SLADS has done. It was then discussed to send bids out individually. Debbie will work to find who can do level 3 shows and draft something to send out. Leslie discussed what makes the level of each show and offered to draft an article to submit to the newsletter on the topic as well. Kathy suggested that perhaps SLADS have a scholarship fund to assist someone in becoming a show manager because the process is difficult for a 3 and requires 2 years of shadowing a level 3 manager.

Trish Dalton discussed needing someone to help Kate with the newsletters as she is going to need to take a break from doing this. Kim Eplett accepted the proposal of assisting with the newsletter. Kim is an IT person and said she would also assist Debbie with the website.

Debbie presented the Treasurers Report. It was noted that three participants were refunded \$120.00 each for the June show as they were not able to use scores to qualify because they did not ride under different judges for the same class.

Jenn Buck discussed sponsorships and presented ideas to the board for getting sponsors for the show and will work on implementing this for the October show.

Other business discussed included Pam asked if the Indiana show could be added to the list of qualifying shows for SLADS. Sally said that they have a 200 mile radius for shows now. She will look into what it takes to have a 400 or 600 mile but they are trying to keep the distance close enough to drive from St. Louis and back in a day.

Leann Zelasky introduced herself, she is new to SLADS and does equine and canine massage therapy.

Ann thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned. The general board meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm



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## SLADS 2011 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE

All shows will be held at the  
National Equestrian Center

**Saturday, October 29th**

See [www.slads.org](http://www.slads.org) for prize list  
and entry form.

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*To have an article, ad, or event included in  
HoofPrints, please email the item to Kate  
Walter at [walterIII@aol.com](mailto:walterIII@aol.com).*

## SLADS Junior/Young Rider Scholarship

This needs-based scholarship was established in 2010 to assist a single committed SLADS Junior /Young Rider with the financial burden associated with furthering their dressage education.

One SLADS Junior/Young Rider will be awarded this scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 on an annual basis with the first payment in the amount of \$500 presented at the Annual SLADS Awards Banquet and the remaining \$500 in June of each year after the written report on how the first payment has been utilized is received by SLADS.

All applicants MUST be SLADS members the year the application is submitted as well as the year the Scholarship is awarded. Example: An applicant must be a member of SLADS when applying for the scholarship. That means they are a SLADS member on or before 30 June 2011. This same applicant must be a member of SLADS for the year 2012 before the SLADS Awards Banquet is held in late January 2012.

This needs-based scholarship may be used for training, attending clinics and seminars. It is to be used to support the recipient's dressage education. If they wish, it can be used to help with showing expenses for both recognized and schooling shows. It may NOT be used to purchase tack, clothing, pay for veterinarian costs, etc. As stated, it is to be used to support and further the applicant's dressage education and goals.

All entries must be post-marked on or before November 15 of each year. A committee comprised of one SLADS Board Member and two to four people with distinguished dressage backgrounds will then review the applications. These people may or may not be members of SLADS. The Committee will review the applications and give consideration to those who have proven a serious level of commitment to the discipline of Dressage. The applications that meet the criteria will be presented to the Board of Directors for a vote on the final recipient.

For more information and an application,  
please visit the SLADS website at [www.slads.org](http://www.slads.org).

## 2011 Calendar of Events

September 9-11: Region 4 Regional Dressage Championships, MidWest Championships, and West Central Sporthorse Finals. North Iowa Fairgrounds in Mason City, Iowa.

September 17: Al Khamsa Fall Dressage Show, Tower Hills Equestrian Center Dawson, IL. Alice Martin at 217-546-9400.

October 1-2: Wolfgang Scherzer Clinic at St. Louis Equestrian. Auditors welcomed (\$10 fee). For information please email ethellja@aol.com.

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 walterIII@aol.com. See prize list in newsletter and on [www.slads.org](http://www.slads.org).

November 5-6: 2011 USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic featuring Lilo Fore. Palmyra, Nebraska. Cost for rider participants is \$250 for a 30-45 minute private session. Auditing is available for pre-registered USDF members at \$40/day or \$70 for both days else \$50/day or \$90 for both days. For more information, go to [www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp) or email Lisa Van Stratten at [lisavanstratten@yahoo.com](mailto:lisavanstratten@yahoo.com).

### Stallion & Young Horse Exhibition

To be held by  
St. Louis Area Dressage Society  
at their  
**FALL CLASSIC SHOW**

October 8-9, 2011

This Exhibition is open to stallions & young horses that may or may not be entered in the Fall Classic Show. Horses may be shown either In-Hand or under saddle. This exhibition is to promote horses produced by local breeders and by our competitors. Please include a full bio of the horse to be printed in the show program and used by the announcer.

For more information, contact  
Jessie Fee at [jessiefee@gmail.com](mailto:jessiefee@gmail.com).

## SLADS FALL CLASSIC SHOW

Recognized by USDF, USEF, AQHA and MHSAA

**8-9 October 2011**  
*at the National Equestrian Center*

Judges:  
Tami Batts (S),  
Barbara Ebner (S), and  
Marilyn Heath (S)

[Prize List \(.doc\)](#)

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Changes have been made to early editions of the Prize List. Click below for a synopsis of these changes.

[CHANGES - Oct 2011 Prize List](#)

Photography for the SLADS Fall Dressage Classic will be provided by Photography by Jesse Franks. Please visit us at [www.jessefranks.com](http://www.jessefranks.com)

## **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who showed at the August 14th Schooling Show. We were thrilled to see many new faces and hear the appreciation for providing you with this opportunity. Thanks much for being a great group of people and dealing with the multiple “issues” that cropped up just days before the show.

Our next Schooling Show will be October 29th at the NEC. We have decided that in order to serve you better throughout the weekend, we are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. While this job is not half as tough as it would be for a recognized show, it is vital to the success of our schooling shows. If you are interested in being an essential part of the Management Team, please notify one of us and we will help you get started!

Again, thank you for your support, kind words and enthusiasm!

*Mari and Kate*

## **Volunteering is Easy!**

The October SLADS Fall Classic is just around the corner! If you are interested in volunteering or need to volunteer to complete your hours requirement for end of the year awards, now is the time!

### **Recognized Show Hours:**

#### ***Volunteer Year End Reward***

##### ***4 hours worked***

\$10 gift certificate and SLADS apparel

##### ***8 hours worked***

\$20 gift certificate, SLADS apparel, and a lunch ticket

A volunteer's name will be drawn at the SLADS Year-End Banquet. The individual's whose name is pulled will be credited with up to \$150 to participate in a SLADS-sponsored clinic, symposium, or schooling show.

To be eligible to have your name entered in the drawing, you must have worked 16 hours as a volunteer (8 of those hours must be worked at a recognized SLADS show). For each 8 hours that you work, your name will be entered into the drawing; doubling, tripling, your chances to win.

*SLADS Board members are not eligible for this drawing.*

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Sarah Szachnieski at [seszachnieski@gmail.com](mailto:seszachnieski@gmail.com)

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

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Make checks payable to: SLADS Questions: walterIII@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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