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GET A JUMP START

ON YOUR COMPETITION YEAR!
Submitted by Wendy McGraw

Hello fellow KCDS members and dressage enthusiasts! The 2010 competition year has arrived and I'm excited to start the New Year as your Awards Chairperson. We've just wrapped up another year of fun and hard work, and celebrated the success of those who participated in the 2009 KCDS Awards Program. A great night of festivities was had on December 13th at our new venue for the banquet, Piropos in Parkville. The ambience was second to none, and the culinary delights and service were superb. The award winners have been recognized in the January Extension and are also listed on our website: www.kcdressage.com . For the members who helped put this lovely event together, and everyone that was able to attend the awards banquet, a big thank you is in order for supporting KCDS. Those who were not able to attend, hope to see you next time!

Speaking of "next time", if you have the desire to compete and things are looking good, why not take the leap now and sign up early for the 2010 Awards Program? Show season is just around the corner, and the "KCDS Recognized & Schooling Show 2010 Awards Registration Form" can be found on the website. I will also have registration forms available at the recognized shows this year, and encourage all you barn managers/show managers for the schooling shows to help by having registration forms available at your facilities.

The *KCDS "Award Rules" criteria for participating in recognized shows state that "horse must be registered with the Awards Chairman... and the registration fee must be paid by the last day of a show in order for

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

KCDS Awards Eligible Schooling Shows

March 13, Stoney Meadow Farms

April 24, High Point Farm

May 15, High Point Farm

September 18, Stoney Meadow Farms

KCDS Open & Championship Schooling Show

October 16, Longview Horsepark

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scores from that show to count towards year-end awards". Schooling shows require "each horse/rider combination to be registered and fee paid in advance of any show in which a score from the show is to be used." With all of the effort & preparation required to show your horse(s), signing up early for the awards program is one less thing to have to worry about come show time!

When the final scores are tallied at the end of the year, awards participants must submit their scores to the Awards Chairman by November 15th for them to count for the year. We are currently in the process of updating the "Score Qualification Form" on the website. Also, if any member has an achievement that doesn't fall within the curriculum of the KCDS Awards Program this coming year, e.g.: Breed Shows – PLEASE bring it to our attention as we would love to recognize you and/or your horse. Good luck and best wishes to all for a healthy, happy & fulfilling year of enjoyment with your equine companions!

*Complete description of KCDS "Award Rules" can be found on the website under the "KCDS Awards" tab or the new 2010 Directory to be issued.

GETTING POINTS FOR YOUR BREED ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Submitted by Katie Beth DeSchepper

Many breed organizations have begun annual award programs for open competitions. These award programs help you and your horse to be recognized in the breed while competing in open (not breed specific) competitions. KCDS would like to help our competitors gain points with these associations for a couple of reasons. First, it helps our members reach even greater heights with their horses. Secondly, it helps to increase the turn-out for our shows. Thirdly, one of our goals as an organization is to help teach others about dressage and its application across disciplines, in 2010, we are striving to reach out to other equine groups for better camaraderie and spread knowledge about dressage.

There are a couple of breed associations that have published, documented, and provided rules on-line regarding accumulation of these points through open competitions. These include (but are not limited to) American Paint Horse Association, American Morgan Horse Association, and Arabian Horse Association. KCDS has received information regarding how we submit our March and May shows for consideration for these referenced organizations. These organizations are very detailed in the needs and make it very easy for KCDS to offer this to our competitors. In addition, this is free to KCDS to offer these programs. The individual competitor is responsible for submission of the scores, tests, documentation, and fees to the breed organization. KCDS will just register the event for point consideration with the association as long as our understanding of requirements for these associations does not change. The 2010 associations that

KCDS will register the May and March show events with are American Paint Horse Association, American Morgan Horse Association, and Arabian Horse Association.

American Quarter Horse Association recently has been publishing some information regarding their program to their membership. However, this program is in its beginning stages and the rules are still in flux. Therefore, KCDS will not be able to provide our shows for submission to AQHA for a couple of reasons. One, right now, the judges for AQHA member-competitors have to be members of AQHA for the points to count and we have not limited our judging pool for this consideration. Secondly, one of the current rules in question for AQHA is the requirement for the judge to wear a cowboy hat. Though this image is a fun one to think about being a Western Pleasure competitor in the past myself, this proposed rule again is being debated at AQHA. Once the AQHA rules are further established, KCDS will review them for consideration again. However, for the 2010 show season, we will not be able to offer our events to AQHA members for AQHA points, though we welcome them to participate in KCDS Year-end awards.

Now, there are other organizations out there that may also have a program that KCDS should review. I would ask that if you are a member of a breed association that you would like for KCDS to review for the 2011 show season, please provide rules, forms, and a fee schedule to Katie Beth DeSchepper (deschepperk@gmail.com).

We are very excited to begin to offer our members/competitors this opportunity if they choose to utilize it. Since this is the first year, I am sure that there may be bumps down the road, so I would ask for your patience and understanding. If you have participated in one of the breed association programs, we would love to hear from you about your experiences as well.

KCDS Recognized Shows

March Kick-Off Show

March 27-28

Hale Arena, KC, MO

Dressage at Longview

May 1-2

Longview Horsepark, KC, MO

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USDF CONVENTION REPORT

Submitted by Janet Blauvelt

On December 2 through 5, I attended the United States Dressage Federation 2009 convention in Austin, Texas, as your delegate and representative. KCDS, as a Group Member Organization of USDF, carried nine votes at the convention, which were utilized at the Board of Governors' meeting ("BOG") on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. All KCDS members are automatically members of the USDF, under a category called GMO memberships, which entitles our members to many of the benefits of that organization. A portion of the KCDS dues goes to the USDF. USDF currently also has a category of membership called Participating Members, who belong individually to the organization.

The first major item to come to a vote at the BOG was the election of officers. As many of you have already read in the USDF Connection, rider and trainer George Williams was unopposed in his bid for the president's position. There was a contested race for Treasurer, with a fairly new USDF member edging out the favorite. In the Region IV election to replace Sarah Patrick, who was stepping down, Lloyd Landkamer was nominated from the floor and defeated Barb Zakowski, an active member from Des Moines. Lloyd has been an exceptional friend to KCDS, assisting us with shows and navigating the USDF intricacies for many years.

Some will recall that last year at the BOG, the officers attempted to balance the budget with a dues increase. This measure was soundly defeated last year, but not so this year. In the intervening period, a task force of regular members, chaired by the Membership Chair for USDF, considered the budget situation for the organization and came to the convention this year with recommended dues increases that had been thoroughly researched. Effective with the December 1, 2010 year, the USDF dues will be as follows:

Participating Member	\$75
Youth participating member	\$60
GMO membership	\$20
GMO Family membership	\$10
Business membership	\$200

In addition, a new category of USDF membership was approved: Education. The dues for this level of membership will be \$35 for an adult and \$10 for a youth. These will be non-voting memberships that give the members access to USDF educational opportunities only. Time will tell about whether this level of membership will be utilized. The Intercollegiate membership category was eliminated because there were very few members who took advantage of that category.

Another governance issue addressed at the BOG involved electronic voting. The Board approved a method of presenting issues to the representatives of the GMOs and the participating

members throughout the year with an electronic vote taken. Therefore, the delegates designated by the GMOs will serve for an entire year, not just at the convention.

Several rule changes affecting the show season were approved. First, the rules regarding eligibility for musical freestyles changed. A rider must have two non-freestyle scores of 60% or higher at the highest test of the level or in any test at the next highest level earned in the current USDF competition year in order to ride the musical freestyle. Second, a rider may change her region for purposes of competing in the regional championships from August 1 through the closing date for the championship upon payment of a \$300 fee. Under the prior rule, no change could be made after August first.

As in years past, the topic of "Santa Claus" judges was the buzz in many of the sessions at the convention. Discussions were had regarding how to govern this perceived problem, but no clear consensus was reached. One committee proposed a rule change that two judges evaluate the rides together, purportedly so that younger judges could learn from more experienced ones, but that measure failed. One can see the potential drawbacks of such a system, for one judge could easily influence the other. For now, the topic remains under discussion, with no real solutions in sight.

Although the expected weather in Austin should have been a big draw to the 2009 convention, both the weather and the convention proved to be a bit of a disappointment. The weather was in the 20's (I think it was warmer in Kansas City!), and there was a pretty small crowd at the convention. Unlike some prior conventions, the education sessions were minimal, and were held at night, when we all were pretty tired. The event itself was scaled back; there wasn't even a trade fare where we could spend money we didn't need to spend! It was clear that the economy had hit USDF, but all hoped for a revitalized event in Jacksonville, Florida in 2010.

Looking for...
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Meeting Minutes have moved online to: [Board Minutes](#)
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AROUND THE BARN

KCDS ADULT CAMP 2010 DETAILS ANNOUNCED

Submitted by Terri Becker

Camp will take place at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri, June 23-27, 2010.

Camp includes:

- Group lesson and private lesson daily
- Dormitory accommodations and three meals/day
- Evening lectures and demonstrations
- Stall and shavings for your horse
- 5 days of fun!

Participant Fee: KCDS Members \$725 Non-Members \$750

Overnight Auditors: \$300 (dorm + meals, no horse)

Walk-ins: \$25/day (no meals) or \$35/day (with lunch)

Instructors:

Sarah Geikie is a USDF Certified Instructor training through 4th Level, a USEF "S" Judge and a FEI "C" Judge and a member of the USDF Instructor Certification Faculty. Sarah offers an educated approach to training, utilizing her combined experience as an FEI dressage judge, trainer, instructor and competitor through grand prix for over 25 years. She emphasizes the development of sound basic skills in the horse and rider for effective communication and harmony. Sarah is very popular returning KCDS Adult Camp instructor and trainer and is from Lebanon, CT.

Vicki Hammers-O'Neil is a USDF Certified Instructor through 4th level and a member of the USDF Instructor Certification Faculty. A dressage trainer and instructor for over 20 years, Vicki teaches riders of all ages and levels at Cecilia Flagg's Once Again Farm, in Meriden, Connecticut. Vicki has earned her USDF Bronze and Silver Medals. Vicki's positive teaching style makes her a popular clinician, and a returning KCDS Adult Camp instructor and trainer.

Stacey Schettkoe Hastings is a USDF Certified instructor through 4th level and a USDF "L" graduate. Stacey has accumulated an impressive list of riding accomplishments, certifications, and other credentials during her professional career. She has earned her USDF Gold Medal, is a USDF Certified instructor through 4th Level, and a USDF "L" graduate. Stacey has trained and competed horses through the FEI levels during her career, and has had many successful students. She is currently based at Finncastle Farms, located in Mooresville, NC.

Deposit check of \$375 for participants or \$150 for overnight auditors is due by March 15; balance due April 30, 2010. Walk-ins may pay at the door. Camp application form is available at kcdressage.com.

Questions? Contact Terri Becker at terribecker@kc.rr.com or 913.851.2407.

CENTERED RIDING GRANTS

The Dressage Foundation announced that a new fund has been established to provide financial support for Centered Riding® clinics. The Sally Swift Memorial Fund has been created with donations to The Dressage Foundation from Sally's friends and supporters. This fund will provide grants up to \$1,000 to United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Membership Organizations (GMOs) hosting a Centered Riding® Clinic.

USDF GMO/chapters may apply for these grants by visiting www.dressagefoundation.org for guidelines and application forms. Grants will be awarded to the first qualified GMOs whose applications are approved by a joint Centered Riding® and The Dressage Foundation's selection committee.

"Sally has had a major impact on riding. It is very exciting to be able to offer this fund, to create this legacy for her and for Centered Riding," said Melissa Filipi, Development Director for The Dressage Foundation. "This is a wonderful, lasting tribute to a wonderful woman," said Filipi.

"I know Sally would be very pleased to know her work was going to be carried on in the dressage world through The Dressage Foundation," said Deb Moynihan, Level IV Centered Riding Instructor/Clinician, USDF Certified Dressage Instructor/Trainer and USEA Certified Eventing Instructor.

For more information about The Dressage Foundation, visit www.dressagefoundation.org.

ALL-BREEDS AWARD CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE ONLINE

USDF Year-End All-Breed award certificates are now available to print online at usdf.org. To print a personalized year-end all-breeds award certificate, you first log into the USDF Web site and then click on the word "certificate" located after the horse or rider's name in the rankings.

DRESSAGE CRUISE

The Dressage Cruise offers dressage enthusiasts a chance to meet, mingle and relax with top riders and professionals. Group discounts for USDF GMO's are available for those wishing to put together a group. The 2010 Dressage Cruise will travel October 16-23, 2010 round trip from San Diego to the Mexican Riviera (Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Cabo San Lucas) on Holland America's Oosterdam. Guest Speakers include FEI rider/Olympian Cesar Parra, FEI/"O" judge Axel Steiner, equestrian photographer Terri Miller. Onboard events include a welcome aboard reception, free educational seminars and farewell party. For information, DressageCruise.com.

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MEET YOUR BOARD

TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT KATIE BETH DESCHEPPER
KCDS Vice-President, Horse Show Committee Chair



10) Have been riding horses since before I was born as my mom rode while she was pregnant with me.

9) Competed in Western Pleasure and Hunter Pleasure at Morgan Horse Grand Nationals and World Competition as a Junior.

8) Currently ride a Morgan mare, "Prairie." Even geldings go "ga-ga" over this fuzzy liver chestnut goof-ball. She is a sensitive overachiever, but continues to teach me a lot.

7) I will answer to "Katie," but just be prepared for me to ask you to address me as "Katie Beth" moving forward.

6) My husband and I are building a home in Baldwin City, Kansas this year on our 10-acres.

5) I help with my parent's breeding program of Morgan horses, meaning I also care for nine other horses.

4) I joined KCDS in August of 2008, so there is a lot of history that I am learning and appreciate constructive feedback as that is the only way to learn some of the nuances of the club.

3) Currently stable my mare at Trinity Farms in Olathe and love working with Tracy Maher, Jenny Gardner and Michael Beining. I am found there about 4-5 days a week even with my crazy schedule.

2) I do not handle emotional arguments well. Give me the facts, pros and cons, and we will come to a conclusion based on objective information. Emotional arguments or comments are a waste of everyone's time.

1) My husband and I (married six years) are expecting our first baby in June – and yes, I am still riding. Picked an OB that specifically supports it. Priorities!!!

Contact Katie Beth with suggestions and comments for improving KCDS, its shows and programs at deschepperk@gmail.com.

HORSE HUMOR

HORSE VOCABULARY LESSON

Arena

Place where humans take all the fun out of forward motion.

Bucking

Counter-irritant.

Crossties

Gymnastic apparatus.

Farrier

Disposable surrogate owner; useful for acting out aggression on without compromising food supply.

Fence

Barrier that protects good grazing.

Flower box

An opportunity for self-expression.

Grain

Sole virtue of domestication.

Hitching post

Means by which to test one's strength.

Horse trailer

Mobile cave bear den.

Latch

A type of puzzle.

Leather halter

Chew toy.

Longeing

Procedure for keeping a prospective rider at bay.

Owner

Human assigned responsibility for one's feeding.

Rider

Owner overstepping its bounds.

Trainer

Owner's mob connection.

White riding pants

Artistic canvas.

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