

Hava Barry (right) enjoyed the new Challenged Driver classes at the Carriage Classic Pleasure Show (Greenville, Texas). Story on p. 4. Photo by Tim Branham



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Individual silver medalist Chester Weber is all focus on the marathon course at Riesenbeck. Photo by Elisabeth Hess

Bronze for U.S. at World Fours Championship

The United States—represented by Chester Weber, James Fairclough and Joe Yoder—prevailed over Sweden by just two-tenths of a point to win a team bronze medal at the 2012 FEI Four-in-Hand Driving World Championship held in Riesenbeck, Germany. Weber, who stood second individually after marathon with a score of 127.80, held on to his lead by incurring only three penalty points in Cones to capture individual silver. The U.S. team stood fourth after marathon, trailing Sweden by seven points. Weber and Fairclough, members of U.S. silver medal winning teams at the 2002 and 2010 World Championships, were able to put their international experience to good use in the final phase. (Weber also won individual silver in the 2008 World Four-in-Hand Championship at Beesd, The Netherlands.) In the Team Championship, the Dutch repeated as World Champions, finishing on a score of 256.17, and the Germans claimed silver with 271.18. Australia's Boyd Exell also retained his World Champion status on an overall score of 122.01. Individual bronze went to The Netherlands' IJsbrand Chardon with a score of 131.29.

Watch for a more detailed story about the Riesenbeck competition, with exclusive photos, in the November issue of the *Whip*.

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A Message from the Executive Director



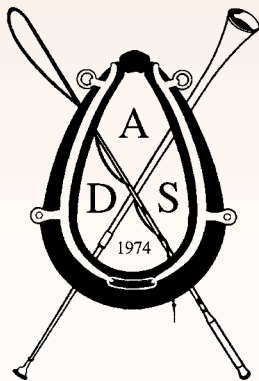
How many of you listen to the Driving Radio Show? If you haven't had a chance to tune in to this entertaining and informative podcast, it truly is worth your

while to take a moment and give a listen. You can find the show on iTunes or just by going to the Web site at www.drivingradio-show.com. Click on the player, turn up the volume on your speakers, sit back listen. Hosts Glenn the Geek and Wendy Ying invite a variety of guests covering all types of driving, from stagecoaches to driving dogs; it's all on the Driving Radio Show.

The ADS has sponsored the show from its inception and we have been rewarded by tremendous growth in listeners. Since June 2011 the number of unique downloads has doubled and grown to 4,900 per month. Considering that our membership is 2,700, we are reaching a much wider base than our own membership—which is a great benefit to the Society and the sport of driving.

Does your club participate in a unique event, or do you have a member within your ranks whom you are sure others need to meet? Let us know and help us continue to provide entertaining guests for this electronic connection between carriage drivers, all over our country and beyond.

— Susie



Pleasure Driving Officials Clinic: Walnut Hill

By Dana Bright, LOC Chair

The Walnut Hill Carriage Show hosted a Pleasure Driving Officials clinic August 9-11, 2012. Eleven officials attended, from as far away as Arizona and Texas, as well as Canadian officials who hold American Driving Society licenses. There were 10 judges in attendance, three of whom also hold Technical Delegate licenses, one Learner Judge and one Learner Technical Delegate. Clinician Debbie Banfield had a busy week, as she also judged the competition on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. The scheduled English judge was unable to come, so as Debbie had previously been invited to lead the clinic; with a little bit of adjustment to the show schedule, she was able to fill both roles. Walnut Hill provided a tent and chairs at the east end of the ring, making discussion possible away from the general spectator area, but with a good view of the ring.

A lot of mystery surrounds what actually goes on during an Officials Clinic. It is not a “sit on the sidelines and criticize everyone and everything” exercise; rather, educated evaluation takes place. The live judging topics were planned around the show schedule. During Thursday's evening classroom session, participants listed topics they wanted to focus on. As Walnut Hill is known for spectacular turnouts, there was a heavy emphasis on judging turnout.

From the beginning of the clinic, professional behavior and attitude were stressed. Group discussion made use of the wide range of participants' experience. Judges were asked questions on the spot about a turnout. Does the harness fit? Is the animal put to correctly? Is the overall picture pleasing? Is the gait shown clearly? Classes were also judged independently, and results discussed. One of the professional courtesies emphasized was never second-guessing the official in the ring. Our view was not the same as the officials' on the ground, and we certainly did not have their close-up views. It was also clear that no one ever sees everything that happens in the ring.

The mechanics of judging, and creating a system that works for the individual to place classes, were discussed. Ways to keep a running score in obstacles were shown, so that a result could be arrived at quickly and accurately. Information flow between management and officials—and teamwork—were stressed, encouraging officials to work in their area of expertise and not to overlap another person's duties. It was stressed that as long as officials judge according to class specifications without letting personal preference overly color their choices, there could be several “correct” placings in a class, especially at a show with such high quality of performance and turnout.



Clinic participants, from left: Barb Akers, Bill Venditta, Susan Koso, Anne Councill, Mary Anne Boyden, Dave Remley, Jessica Axelsson, Ruth Graves, Gerry McCallum, Dana Bright, Margaret Monnelly, Mary Lane Wark, Clinician Debbie Banfield. Photo by Tony Dantonio

New to Driven Dressage in 2012

By Tracey Morgan, Dressage Committee Chair

Dressage was in the news during the 2012 Summer Olympics. The ridden dressage community delighted in the attention drawn to it by comedian Stephen Colbert of Comedy Central and the comic routine in which he proclaimed dressage the "Sport of the Summer." Dressage became a buzz-word with the press this summer because Ann Romney (wife of presidential candidate Mitt Romney) is in a partnership that owns a dressage horse on the American team, a lovely mare named Rafalca. Colbert's act described dressage as "Horse Ballet" and "Competitive Horse Prancing," giving the general public a fun and interesting introduction to the sport.

Driven Dressage isn't in the national media yet, but watch for two introductions in the remaining months of 2012. First, a colorful and easy-to-learn version of ADS Dressage Tests will be available to all members online this fall. This learning tool should be a great visual aid for drivers, as it gives the dressage arena perspective from 'A' as if you were entering the competition ring in your carriage. When this project is complete, you will be able to print the new diagrams from the My ADS section at www.americandrivingsociety.org. The large font and color-coded movements will be easy to read even when in the carriage. Linda Yutzy, an active Combined Driving competitor, has created this new version of the tests, noting that many other drivers have expressed the desire to have dressage tests in print that are easier to understand and remember. Linda has spent an enormous amount of time and energy on this project, as she is the most computer-savvy member of the ADS Driven Dressage Committee. The new diagrams will not replace the traditional format of the dressage test that is more comprehensive and utilized by judges in scoring a competition. (For more information on the standard two-page ADS Dressage Test format, read the Hardy Zantke's "From Between My Blinders" column in the August 2012 *Whip*.)

Second, new dressage tests will be performed in competition throughout the U.S. The ADS Omnibus lists seven CDEs that will use new Intermediate level dressage tests for their competitions this fall. Intermediate Test 6 or Intermediate Test 7 will be driven at Ohio CDE, Equestrian Institute CDE, Indiana CDE, Shady Oaks CDE, Pine Tree CDE, Cowboy Country CDE and Katydid CDE this year. In addition, the Florida Fall Fling will feature the new ADT Training Test 2 and ADT Preliminary Test 2.

Speaking for the nine members of the ADS Driven Dressage Committee: We are eager to see the newest tests in competition. You are likely to see one or more DDC members in person to give us your feedback, as six committee members are ADS judges and at least six are also active competitors (see sidebar). New dressage tests for 2013 are in the pipeline now, so your comments are encouraged and can also be sent to the DDC at dressage@americandrivingsociety.org

Meet the Driven Dressage Committee Members

I would like to thank each of the DDC members for their time and dedication in the past two years, and for agreeing to continue in 2013/14. Members represent Regions of ADS, and here is a brief summary of the credentials each brings to the DDC.

Dana Bright from Pennsylvania is an ADS Pleasure Judge and TD, CDE judge, and active competitor, also Chair of the Licensed Officials Committee.

Larry Brinker from British Columbia is our Canadian representative and most recent past Chairman of the DDC, CDE judge and competitor as well as an active rider.

Mary Harrison from New Jersey is a ADS Dressage Judge and Pleasure TD and experienced in ridden dressage.

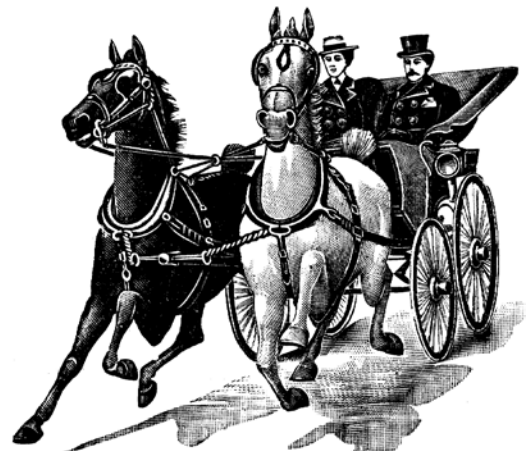
Frank Luetz from California is an active trainer and CDE competitor with 20 years of experience in the driving community in Germany.

Tracey Morgan from Maryland, current Chair of the DDC, is an ADS Judge, FEI competitor, trainer and ridden dressage competitor.

Deryn Stewart of Oklahoma is an active ridden dressage competitor with experience in CDEs.

Boots Wright of Florida is a USEF and ADS Senior Judge, FEI competitor, liaison to the Rules Committee and chair of the Events Standards Committee.

Linda Yutzy of Texas is an active Combined Driving competitor, scorer and the software spe-



A Feel-Good Day at Tejas Carriage Classic

By Eileen Leek



Challenged drivers and able bodied whips get instruction for the Timed Cones course from Cones Judge Ruth Graves.

After many thoughts and much procrastination I chose to write this article, with permission from the drivers and parents concerned; it just brings a spark to the world of driving. Many thanks to the Tejas Carriage Association and the Judge and TD who were in attendance. Photographs were from Tim Branham and parents. This was just fun, a pleasure to watch the joy it brought to the drivers who were competing.

Earlier this year the Tejas Carriage Club, in North Texas, held its annual Carriage Classic Pleasure Show at Cedar Creek (Greenville Texas). With permission from the TD, Judge, and organizer Ruthie Graves, three classes especially for Challenged Drivers were included: a Timed Cones Course, Rail Class and Super Reinsmanship (same courses for everyone).

The sheer pleasure of watching these four drivers compete and have lots of fun is almost too much, as they laugh, cheer each other on and shout with joy (“I can do it!”). They were competitive in their own way. Hava Barry loves carriage driving, according to her mother. She says she

loves the speed, and it is fun, but it takes lots of practice and hard work. “It’s very challenging for me. I had to learn to stay alert, put my wrists up, and my hands steady on the reins,” said Hava. She feels happy that she learned to drive, and she thinks it is a good sport for her. Hava’s mother reports that driving has helped Hava feel more confident, and has boosted her self-esteem.

An ABW (able-bodied whip) riding with each driver had a second set of reins for emergency use only, and control of the whip when necessary. The majority of the aids are voice for the drivers, which also assists with social communication and volume control. When competing, each driver assists with the care of the equine—grooming, harnessing and putting to—prior to driving and again after the drive. Allowing them to drive and compete makes it fun and gives them other interests and activities, while working on their sequencing, memory skills and balance.

I want to thank all who had anything to do with the event organization, assistants for supporting the students, parents and family and Tim Branham for taking the pictures.

“I tell people all the time that having a child with special needs is not harder it’s just different. I cannot imagine life without my son Dallas [driving Cones in the photo at right]. Seeing the world through his eyes reminds me that we can find happiness in the simplest thing. It seems no matter what we do or where we go, Dallas and I always meet the most caring, generous, loving people. Having the opportunity to participate at the Tejas Carriage Classic was an experience that I will remember forever. To say it was fun is an understatement. Watching Dallas drive Sammi in the classes was exciting but even more important was watching him succeed. I could tell by his expression that he was proud of himself. I can’t remember how many times he said “I did it, Mom. I did it!” All parents can relate to that emotion. The generosity of others seems to be a common thread in our lives. The people who gave their time making sure there was a place for challenged drivers at the Tejas Carriage Classic are my heroes. They gave me one more incredible experience with my son.”
—Laurie, his mom



Hello from New Mid Atlantic Director Nominee Heidi Ferguson

Meet Heidi Ferguson, nominee for Mid Atlantic Regional Director. For bios of other nominees, see the August issue of the Whip. Members will vote on the entire slate of nominees at the ADS annual meeting Sept. 29 in Madison, Wisconsin.

I guess you could say that for me the horse aspect, as it does for many young girls, began with a relative—my Uncle Lou. He was a racehorse trainer (Man o' War being the most notable). My aunt was also heavily involved in the founding of Roosevelt Raceway and, building on the foundation these two provided, my parents continued to nurture my interest. Because all of our recreational family time was spent on Fire Island, New York, however, I didn't actually get my first horse until college. I've had one ever since.

Through the years I've dabbled in just about all areas of horse activity. I showed a little locally in combined training and hunter/jumper sports in New England, where I lived for quite a few years after getting married. During this time I actively showed and hunted sidesaddle, which became my passion until our two sons arrived. The traditions associated with sidesaddle (one of the most appealing aspects for me) are so like those associated with carriage driving.

In the late 1980s my husband's career as a captain in the Merchant Marine made Delaware more favorable to family life. With the addition of children, I moved away from competition and into U.S. Pony Clubs and 4-H. I started, and was District Commissioner for, two Pony Clubs: Sakonnet in Rhode Island and Small Wonder in Delaware. For a while during this time I also became a Chief Horse Management Judge for USPC. I loved all of it, but soon sports and scouting made it time to, once again, move on. Both of our boys are Eagle Scouts.

In the mid-1990s I got into breeding for a while. I had a great little Paint/Arab stud that I crossed with Welsh/Thoroughbred mares to produce registered sport ponies. The father/son pair that I drive today is a product of that small breeding program. During this time, and partially because of my stallion's 14.2-hand size, I got into driving. It was something we could do as a family, and represented yet another equine challenge and opportunity to learn.

In 2009 my life was affected by a life-threatening illness called triple negative breast cancer. If you survive the first three years, you are allowed to start breathing again....

Well, here it is three years later and I am eager to take on other challenges. With my children now grown and my health more certain, I am excited to be moving forward. I *really* enjoyed organizing the Mid Atlantic's 2012 ADS Weekend. It gave me the chance to give back to a pastime from which I have derived a great deal of enjoyment. Together, my husband and I have logged many driving miles: Kentucky Horse Park (where I dedicated a bench in honor of my Uncle Lou), Blowing Rock, Rockefeller Preserve, Otter Creek, Gettysburg and Acadia. Having no further interest in competition, I LOVE recreational driving!

I'm an educator by profession, currently working as a Teacher Naturalist with the Delaware Nature Society at a small nature center here in town. Great fun! I get to teach kids and play with critters. My other interests include photography, traveling and sailing.

I am honored to accept this nomination.

Best Regards,
Heidi

Goodbye (for now) from Nom Com

Dear Members:

Another nominating cycle has passed and I wish to thank my committee for its gallant efforts in putting together what we hope is an excellent group of nominees for your consideration. We tried to represent the country by diversifying geographic locations where possible and tried to encourage people who had other skills than just those of driving. I always groan when asked to help with this task, but end up being amazed and gratified at the wealth of talent, interest and commitment of our many members. Thank you all for allowing me to participate in this process. Looking forward to seeing you at the September 29 Annual Meeting.

—Natasha Grigg, Nom Com Chair

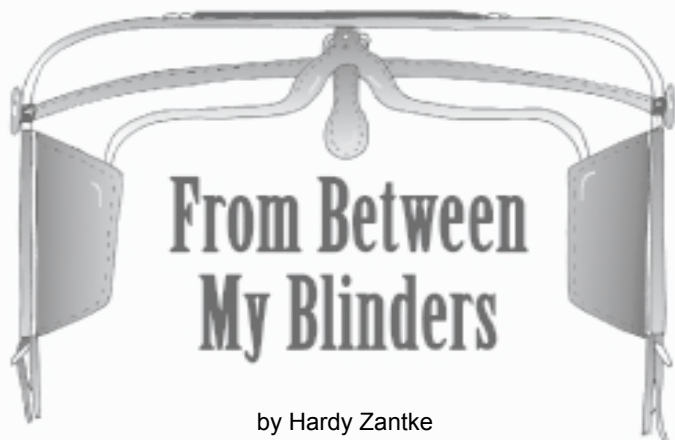
US Team Finishes Fourth at World Singles Para Championship

Breda, The Netherlands - With the cones phase complete, the U.S. team finished fourth at the FEI World Para-Equestrian Driving Championship for Singles.

Once again leading the U.S. squad was Diane Kastama (Arroyo Grande, California). She picked up 12 penalty points and 0 time faults to finish with a total score of 171.55 driving the de Rondes' KWPN Ruby R Van Stalle De Maurik; she finished the competition 14th overall. Pam Johnson (Pleasant Hill, Missouri) drove Ben Honsbeek's

KWPN gelding Night to 24 penalties and 5.85 time faults in Cones for a total score of 211.31 and 19th place individually. Completing the U.S. team's effort, Karen Gorham (Burnet, Texas) drove the Family De Bryne's New Forest Pony Rozendaal's Solomon to a 66.19 in Cones phase.

The Netherlands finished first at Breda, Germany second and Great Britain third. Heiner Lehter of Germany took the individual gold medal; silver and bronze went to Jaques Poppen and Jan Ranzijn, both of The Netherlands.



Hardy Wonders: Where Is Santa Claus?

Thank you to all who responded to my request in the last Wheelhorse to let me know if they read my column. I had 148 replies by email, three by phone, and 22 by snail mail. I guess that's close to 6 percent of our members—and not to worry, yes, I plan to continue to write. One of the snail mails included \$1 to match mine, and another \$11, so my check for \$34 to the ADS Fund is in the mail as promised.

I had not asked for a reply with an indication of media preference, but since many did share theirs, here is how that came out:

- * 54 preferred to read the Wheelhorse in a hard copy, either for lack of a computer, or for the same reason that I do—they like reading the old fashioned way;

- * eight did indicate they do prefer to read the Wheelhorse online.

It was not a scientific study, but I thought I would share the results and everybody is free to draw their own conclusions.

On to another subject that is close to my heart: the future of our sport. When you read this in the September Wheelhorse, the time for members' input to the Rule Change Proposals has closed. I hope you read the RCPs and did send in your opinions opinions pro or con, if you had any, on some of them.

I find it unfortunate that the RCPs are only available online for comments during the month of August. This leaves out all members who are not online, as unfortunately the RCPs are not printed in the Wheelhorse, and were not available yet at the July Wheelhorse deadline. Perhaps the Rules Committee can change that in the future.

There were, however, some thoughts from the Combined Driving Committee in the July Wheelhorse, with a four-point wish list of what the Committee felt the ADS should be doing. I thought it was a great wish list, but where is Santa Claus? When coming up with such good but expensive ideas, wouldn't it be prudent to also come up with a budget including how to raise the money and manpower for these programs? I'm not sure who the wish list is addressed to. Two parts are perhaps in the area of our Licensed Offi-

cial Committee, but the other two—aren't those really the job of the Combined Driving Committee?

We had some great discussions on the Course Designers idea on the Carriage Driving List (CD-L) in the meantime with good arguments on both sides, so it will be interesting to see what will come of it. I am all for education, but I am all against trying to force it by making it mandatory any time soon. Let's do it voluntarily, and see how far we get with that.

Happy driving.

—Hardy

Dr. Franz Vetter, 'O' Judge, Remembered at Riesenbeck

A trophy memorializing Dr. Franz Vetter, a respected International 'O' driving judge who passed away unexpectedly August 2 at age 65, was introduced at the 2012 FEI World Four-in-Hand Driving Championships in Riesenbeck, Germany.

Dr. Vetter, whose father was a mounted policeman, studied dentistry as a young man and established a successful dental practice in Krefeld, Germany with his wife, Carola. He was a competitive upper-level driver in Pairs for several years before he became interested in judging in the 1980s. He progressed quickly through the levels of judging and became a National German driving judge in 1994 and an FEI judge in 2001; in 2007 he became an 'O' judge. In this capacity, he judged more than two dozen competitions every year in Europe and North America. He was President of the Ground Jury at the 2008 World Four-in-Hand Championship in Beesd, The Netherlands, and at the 2010 Singles World Championship in Pratoni, Italy. He was Head of the Appeals Committee at Aachen this year and was scheduled to fill the same role at Riesenbeck before his untimely death due to a pulmonary embolism.

The Organizing Committee at Riesenbeck asked for a moment of silence for Dr. Vetter during the opening ceremony. The In Memoriam Dr. Franz Vetter Trophy was presented to the winner of the Dressage, Chester Weber of the United States, following the dressage phase on the evening of August 17.



2012 Calendar of Events 2012

Bold Type Indicates an ADS Recognized Competition

All driving activities may be listed in the Calendar, but as space is limited, please submit only dates of activities that are open to all ADS members. ADS recognized events that are printed in either Omnibus will not be listed in the Wheelhorse calendar. For a complete up-to-date calendar listing, visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/calendar.asp.

September

15-16 Colorama Classic Competitive Distance Drive, Greenbush, WI. www.umecra.com. Sun., 25 miles & 12.5 miles (no drive on Sat.). Drive in the Northern Kettle Moraine State Forest! Pam Cotton, 414-839-5792, hellsbellsfarm@gmail.com.

October

4-7 DRAWarama Competitive Distance Driving, Palmyra, WI. www.umecra.com. Four days of competition in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest. Thurs.- 20 & 10 miles; Fri., 20 & 10 miles; Sat., 20 & 10 miles; Sun., 10 miles. Barb Gardner, 920-291-5641, barb@doublebaralle.com.

7 Harvest Festival Driving Show, Willow Springs Garden, 5480 Hillcrest Dr. Wausau WI 54401. www.willowsspringsgarden.com. Peggy, 715-675-1171, pkdk@dwave.net.

13-14 Iron Oak Competitive Distance Drive, Arkdale, WI. www.umecra.com. Sat., 25 & 12 miles; Sun, 25 & 12 miles. Good event for beginners with near-level trails and good camping (private) facilities. Jack Shea, 262-313-7340, jjsheacpa@yahoo.com.

19-21 Point Chaser Competitive Distance Drive, Wabasha, MN. www.umecra.com. Fri., 20 & 10 miles; Sat., 20 & 10 miles. No drive on Sun. In a Minnesota State Forest. Bob Egerer, 320-558-6820, regerer287@aol.com.

27-28 Big River (AHDRA III) Competitive Distance Drive, Keithsburg, IL. www.umecra.com. Winds through trees; some deep sand, some riding along side of a road. Sat., 12.5 miles; Sun., 12.5 miles. Tony Troyer, 815-539-7375, il4aerc@aol.com.

OMNIBUS CHANGES

View Omnibus Web pages for complete updated information. http://americandrivingsociety.org/06_omnilistings/adsomnibusindex.asp

Sept. 7-9: Glen Willow CDE, West Grove, PA. Closing date extended.

Sept. 20-23: Shady Oaks CDE, Lodi, CA. Jury member added.

Sept. 28-30: Garden State HDT & CT, Allentown, NJ. VSEs added to HDT.

October 4-7: Kentucky Classic CDE, Lexington, KY. Dressage test info updated.

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COMPETITION FEI YELLOW CONES: \$27 each. Orange Marker Balls \$2.70 each. Number Boxes 1-20 Red and White; \$30 each. Letter Boxes A-D Red and White; \$30 each. Complete Dressage Arena with Letters now available. Accept MC/Visa. Phone Gayla Driving Center 1-800-360-5774. (KY)



James Fairclough of Newtown, New Jersey drove three of his own horses and one (Valentino) owned by Patsy Wooten to finish 14th individually at the FEI Four-in-Hand Driving World Championship on a final score of 158.3. His fourth-place Cones finish with penalties of only 1.29 raised his standing from 16th after Marathon. Photo by Elisabeth Hess

Still Time to Apply for USEF Youth Sportsman's Award

Lexington, Kentucky - Applications for the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Youth Sportsman's Award are being accepted through October 1, 2012. The award recognizes young equestrians who exhibit exceptional leadership potential, serve as positive role models for their peers, demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of equestrian sport, are involved in their community and exemplify positive sportsmanship.

The overall winner of the 2012 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award will receive a \$1,000 grant payable to the educational program of their choice, a USEF Life Membership valued at \$2,500, and a commemorative trophy. The winner will also be nominated for the USEF Junior Equestrian of the Year Award. The reserve winner will receive a \$500 grant payable to the educational program of their choice.

Applications are available online at http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/Youth/sportsmansAward.aspx or through any USEF-Recognized Affiliate or International Discipline Association. A listing of contact information for these affiliates is available on the Youth Sportsman's Award web page. Required materials must be submitted directly to an applicant's respective USEF Recognized Affiliate or International Discipline Association, and received by their respective

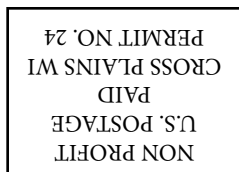
office, on or before October 1, 2012.

Each USEF-Recognized Affiliate may select a National Winner. That winner will then be considered for the overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award.

To be considered for the 2012 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award, applicants must:

- * Have a current USEF membership in good standing
- * Have a current membership in good standing with a USEF Recognized Affiliate or International Discipline Association
- * Be 17 years of age or under as of December 1, 2011
- * Demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of equestrian sport
- * Serve as a positive role model for peers
- * Participate at any level of competition, including local, regional, or national events
- * Be involved with their community
- * Exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles

For more information, please contact Jennifer Mellenkamp, Director, National Breed/Discipline Affiliates and Youth Programs, at jmellenkamp@usef.org or (859) 225-6955.



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