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PVF Peace of Mind Named USEF 2015 International Horse of the Year

By: USEF Communications



PVF Peace of Mind (Statesman Signature x JPR Have Mercy/Saddleback Sky Pilot) 2007 Morgan mare (Photo by Jennifer Manderscheid)

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Upper left: Deirdre Pirie, 1990 World Team Driving Championship, Stockholm. Photo courtesy Holly Pulsifer.

PVF Peace of Mind, the charismatic eight-year-old Morgan mare, reached unbelievable heights in 2015 and has proven to be unbeatable with owner Suzy Stafford. In the carriage, in an astonishing feat of competitive excellence, “Hunny” won in each of her three FEI combined driving events this year, including the CAI2* Hermitage Classic in Goshen, Ky., the prestigious CAI2* Kentucky Classic in Lexington, Ky., and a second consecutive win at the CAI2* Live Oak International in Ocala, Fla. Most importantly, Hunny’s dominating performance in all three phases of competition at Hermitage earned her and Stafford the 2015 USEF Single Horse Driving National Championship by an incredible 14-point margin over their closest rival. Hunny has been undefeated in the dressage arena this year with Stafford. Demonstrating her versatility under saddle, Hunny was undefeated at First Level ridden dressage and crowned First Level Show Champion at the popular Massachusetts Morgan Horse Show this summer.

See the video honoring PVF Peace of Mind at the USEF Year End Awards Gala video on the USEF Network at www.usef.org Helena “Lana” DuPont

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A Message from the ADS Office



It's hard to believe that 2016 is here - in fact we are a month in! I'm not a fan of New Year's resolutions, but I certainly tend to reflect on the past year and think of things I'd like to do differently. On my list are things like eat more vegetables, less time on the phone and devices and of course, more time with my horse.

Regardless of age, dedicating time to equine pursuits contributes to your mental and physical health and helps to strengthen the human-animal bond. My guy had surgery this past fall so our time has consisted mostly of stall grooming and treats, but he's making progress and we hope to be doing light riding by summer. Sometimes I wonder what life would be like without horses. Like all of you, horses have been there through the good - and not-so-good times in life. I know I would not be the person I am today without my horse involvement. I'm sure my husband wouldn't mind having more money in the bank, but then he'd have to deal with the 'cost' of an unhappy wife. I think we'll keep the horse!

During the new year, we also reflect on those who have passed recently. About a week ago, we received word that Deirdre Pirie passed away. Ms. Pirie was one of the original founders of the ADS and is arguably one of the most influential drivers in the sport. Our condolences go out to her family and friends during this difficult time. Please watch future ADS publications for a proper celebration of her life and driving accomplishments. In 2014, I had the privilege of communicating with Ms. Pirie when we compiled the commemorative history of the ADS to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Society.

As always, thank you for your support and membership. Please take a moment to turn to page 7 for a listing of the individuals and organizations who donated to the ADS in 2015.

*Until next time,
- Maria & Stacy, ADS Staff*

Official Business: Nominations Sought ADS Board of Directors

By: Pat Cheatham, Chair - ADS Nominating Committee

It's time to begin assembling a slate for Officers and Directors who will serve a two-year term between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018. These slates will be published on the 1st of July this year and will be voted upon during the 2016 Annual Membership and Board of Directors-elect meetings in Southern Pines, NC respectively. The membership will elect the Board of Directors and the elected Directors will elect the Officers.

I ask all ADS members to think about the tasks and challenges faced by our Society and submit names of persons they would like to have as an Officer or Director. You may send suggestions to

ADSNomCom@americandrivingsociety.org. Please tell us which position you would like to see your candidate serve and why, along with the individual's e-mail address and phone number. Your submissions will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee and the person suggested may be interviewed. Your suggestions should be submitted no later than April 15, 2016. Any information received by the Nominating Committee will be held in strict confidence.

Members may also nominate someone for the Board of Directors from the floor during the 2016 Annual Membership meeting. Details for nominations from the floor will be published along with the proposed slate of candidates in July.

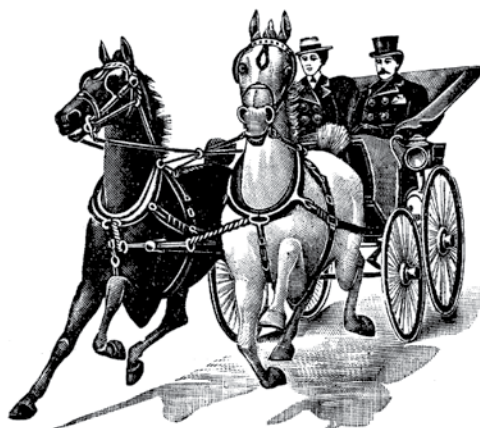
The ADS Nominating Committee makes every attempt to select individuals with the knowledge and expertise necessary to carry out the duties of the Board for the good of the Society and our sport. All nominees must be members in good standing with the ADS. In addition to the Regional Directors, we work toward a geographical spread so all areas of the country are well represented.

Resources: Current Roster of Officers & Directors:

www.americandrivingsociety.org/board_of_directors.asp

Description of Positions, Nominations and Elections:

www.americandrivingsociety.org/meeting_Docs/Policies_Procedures_10209.pdf



USEF Awards (Continued from page 1)

Additionally, Helena “Lana” duPont Wright, who was first woman ever to compete on an Olympic Eventing team, was honored for her devotion to equestrian sport as the Lifetime Achievement Award winner with the Jimmy A. Williams Trophy.

Wright, of Chesapeake, Md., has done it all, from being the first woman ever to compete on an Olympic Eventing team, to winning a medal at the 1991 Pairs World Driving Championships more than 20 years later. For her years of service, Wright has been awarded the 2015 USEF Lifetime Achievement Award and will receive the Jimmy A. Williams Lifetime Achievement Trophy at the Pegasus Awards gala.

Wright started riding, foxhunting, as a young girl. Her equine interests stemmed from her mother, Allaire DuPont, who is perhaps best known as the breeder and owner of the renowned Thoroughbred racehorse Kelso, who was an unprecedented five-time Horse of the Year.

Perhaps one of Wright’s most notable accomplishments was that of breaking the glass ceiling for women eventers everywhere as the first woman ever to compete on an Olympic Eventing team in 1964 at the Tokyo Olympics, where she also won a Team Silver medal. Until Wright broke the gender barriers, eventing, originally called “the military” was dominated by just that, the military, which was, essentially, an all-boys club. Until Wright, eventing was considered too strenuous for the fairer sex - but she proved them all wrong. Battling treacherously slick footing and heavy rains, she and her Maryland-bred Mr. Wister triumphed over the cross-country course, despite enduring several falls. In the U.S. Equestrian Team Book of Riding, she describes her first fall and her eventual completion with brutal objectivity: “We fell hard, Wister breaking several bones in his jaw. We were badly disheveled and shaken, but Wister was nonetheless eager to continue. We fell a second time near the end of the course, tripping over another spread. When we finished, we were a collection of bruises, broken bones, and mud. Anyway, we proved that a woman could get around an Olympic cross-country course, and nobody could have said that we looked feminine at the finish.” She and Mr. Wister defied the prevailing belief that the sport was too demanding for the gentler sex by completing a grueling competition in the rain and mud to stand beside her male teammates on the podium.

Wright later had the pleasure and pride of taking another horse from the same lines as Mr. Wister to the World Championships, this time in combined driving. Greystone Sir Rockwell (“Rocky”) was a homebred Connemara-cross whose Thoroughbred dam shared bloodlines with Mr. Wister. Rocky, sired by Greystone McErrill, eventually became her sentimental favorite after he helped her medal at the Pairs World Driving Championships in 1991. “He was my spare, but he was an awesome spare,” remembers Wright. “You know, you are always trying to qualify for something, and although I drove him and

had competed him some locally, I had never really done anything with him. You get scared because at that level you want to use your proven competitors. But I drove him that morning, and he and his pair felt so good, I knew I just had to use him that day in the marathon. And I honestly think he is one of the reasons why we did so well.”

Like everything else Wright has done, she didn’t set out to become a World Champion driver; it just happened. She started driving when her children outgrew their ponies. “One day, I heard that Radnor was having a combined driving event, which I never heard of. I knew what eventing was, and this sounded kind of fun, so I did it and just had a good time!” And, thus, she was hooked. Her husband gave her a lovely three-year-old Connemara, which she broke to ride, then drive. Wright then decided she might like to have a pair, so she bought his two-year-old brother. “He [the brother] was ugly, but together they made a nice pair and they moved exactly the same.”

As her involvement with driving grew, she soon found herself organizing driving events with Diane Trefry. During this time, the old Chesterland International Three-Day Event was dismantled and somewhat reincarnated as the Fair Hill International. The first few years, the eventing entries were so low that Wright was approached about organizing a combined driving event in conjunction with the riding event. The two competitions meshed well, with Wright and Trefry organizing driving and designing the marathon course, and eventually the entries grew so heavy in both competitions that the organizers needed to split off the driving marathon from the eventing endurance (cross-country) phase.

Meanwhile, Wright’s involvement with endurance riding (now an FEI-recognized discipline) grew just as naturally and organically as her involvement with the other disciplines. Her first endurance ride was in 1957, a three-day 100-mile competitive trail ride in Vermont on one of her mother’s horses. She says she did her first “real” endurance event in the early ‘90s aboard the Connemara stallion Thor Greystone. “We completed 100 miles in 22 hours - and that obviously was not a good enough time to be serious. Besides, Connemaras aren’t meant to do that job; they have another job.” So, Wright got



Lana DuPont Wright and Jimmy Wofford at the USEA Hall of Fame Dinner held during the 2012 USEA Annual Meeting and Convention. Photo by stockimageservices.com

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an Arabian and got competitive. “There is a lot of training for endurance, but it is much more relaxed; I really enjoy it. Endurance doesn’t have the same technical strain as does training for dressage. You don’t have to be so technically perfect to do well.”

Outside of the competitive side of things she was also a visionary. She was one of the founding members of the United States Combined Training Association, now known as United

States Eventing Association (USEA), and gave so much to the grassroots of the sport by holding Middletown Pony Club horse trials at her Unicorn Farm and continues to support the local Pony Club to this day. They still host regular cross-country schoolings and unrecognized events.

Happenings in the Driving Community *Driving News - As Submitted by Partner Groups*

Equine Affaire - April 7-10, Columbus, OH

Elevate your equestrian experience this spring at Equine Affaire—North America’s premiere equine exposition and equestrian gathering. The 2016 Equine Affaire will take place at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus on April 7th through the 10th and offer horse owners not only the opportunity to attend literally hundreds of clinics, seminars, and demonstrations, but also to participate in dozens of clinics on a wide range of equestrian disciplines. Through Equine Affaire’s unique “Ride With The Best” program you can ride, drive, and have your horse trained in clinics conducted by many of the nation’s

foremost coaches, competitors, judges, and horse trainers—for clinic fees designed to fit almost any budget.

Sterling Graburn will present two clinics: “Preparing Your Horse for Driving: Starting the Horse in Long Lines & Tips for Successful Ground Driving” on Saturday, April 9 and “Preparing for a Driving Derby: Improving Your Hazard Driving Performance” on Sunday, April 10.

For more information about Equine Affaire and to view the full schedule, go to www.equineaffaire.com

Get Ready for Spring Driving Conference Saratoga Driving Association February 13, 2016

Organized by: The Saratoga Driving Association

Location: Verdoy Fire Department, 988 Troy Schenectady Road Latham, New York 12110

Topic: Improving & Prolonging the Performance of Sport Horses

Featured speakers:

Jeff Morse - Driving Derbies

Steve Krauss - Sport horses from the “hoof up”

Michelle Delco DVM - Diagnosis and treatment of joint injuries.

For more information and to register, go to www.saratogadriving.com or email questions to info@saratogadriving.com.

NYC Carriage Horses Update

Have you been following the ongoing issues related to the carriage horses of New York City? As an organization, the ADS supports the city’s carriage horses and drivers.

Jeff Morse, ADS Pleasure Driving Committee Chair has created a news hub for articles related to the carriage horses of NYC. Learn more at nychorses.blogspot.com

Send us your news!

Do you have club news or events? Submit your information to the Wheelhorse editor at maria@americandrivingsociety.org

USDFD/Triumph Foundation Para-Driving Clinic

By USDFD

On January 23rd and 24th USDFD and the Triumph Foundation (<http://www.triumph-foundation.org>) introduced 22 individuals with spinal cord injuries to the exciting sport of carriage driving at the Cutler's Oak Run Farm in Moorpark, CA. Hardy Zantke and Diane Kastama kicked off the clinic with explanations of the sport, adaptive equipment, and Q&A sessions.

The highlight for everyone attending was the opportunity to actually drive a horse, pony, or mule by themselves using one of the various types of adaptive carriages (accompanied by an experienced able bodied driver equipped with a second set of reins for safety). The clinic was a huge success and opened new vistas to many individuals some of whom had limited experience with horses previously.

Thanks go to all our horse and carriage owners, volunteers, the Brass Oak Driving Society, Whip n Snappers Driving Club, and the Triumph Foundation for helping to organize and sponsor the clinic which was free to all participants.

In particular we would like to thank Diane Kastama, Hardy Zantke, Gregg and Jody Cutler, Ronda and John McPherson, Lee Worsham, Melanie Brooker, Blythe and Fianna Wilde, Sharon and Geoff Gee, Lilla and Aleks Hewitt, Katie Twohy and Johanna for making this such a memorable event!!

United States Driving for Disabled, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization, seeks to improve the lives of physically challenged individuals by providing the experience of driving horses in a safe and challenging environment throughout the United States and Canada.



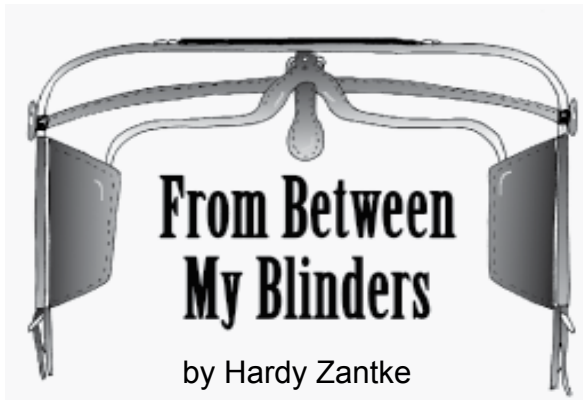
Left to right: Janet Klein driving the Gee's Freckles, Blythe Wilde on back, Linda Lamsus with Jody Cutler, Anne Tebbetts Frankl driving Doug Russell's pony Cisco with Doug. Photo by USDFD.



Alanna Flax Clark driving Diane Kastama's Rupert. Photo by USDFD.



A group photo of clinic participants. The event included both educational sessions and hands-on driving opportunities for attendees. Photo by USDFD.



2015 Youth Champions

As every year since 2008, I am happy to announce the Annual ADS Youth Championships in my January Column.

Let us start this year with our Recreational drivers:

Here our winner this year is now 17 year old ABIGAIL SIMMONS from Bellevue, Nebraska with a total of 125.5 hours driven! Abigail certainly is no stranger, as she also won this two years ago and last year she was runner up both in this category as well as in Pleasure Driving. Last year she had placed sixth in CDE driving. So she is well versed in all our disciplines. I understand she broke a foot this year which probably is the reason we didn't see any results from her in CDE & Pleasure Driving. But, as we can see, she still drove a lot! Well done, Abigail.

In second place we see 19 year old COLTON PARKER from Batavia, Ohio with 78.2 hrs. Colton was our winner last year, as well as 5th in Pleasure Driving and 8th in CDE Driving. Colton is also third in the CDE category as we'll see below and did not enter Pleasure Driving this year.

In third place we have a newcomer to our program, 9 year old RILEY SCHOENECKE from Madison, Wisconsin with a total of 49.2 hours. Well done, Riley and welcome to the program.

Now further to Combined Driving - where low score of penalty points win:

Our winner is 19 year old KAYLEE ANGSTADT from Bradford, Massachusetts with a total of 90.279 penalty points from driving Intermediate 2 at the GMHA CDE in August in Vermont. The new hybrid events like this needed a new way to adjust the total scores under this program, which is based on Preliminary Level CDE scores, with a penalty of 15% for any HDT, and a bonus of 15% for an Intermediate Level score and a bonus of 30% for an Advanced Level score. So with any hybrid event we apply the bonus on the score of each individual competition, thus Kaylee's 53.33 dressage penalties for an advanced test received 30% bonus and became 37.33, her 59.74 Intermediate marathon score became a bonus of 15% and became 50.779 and her 3.10 Advanced Cones score received a 30% bonus and became 2.17, thus the three scores

together came out as 90.279 the winning score!

Kaylee of course is well known in our program as CDE winner in 2013, third place in 2010 and fourth in 2009. So Kaylee is sticking with it. Well done!

In second place we have 18 year old SABRINA CAMERON from Stephentown, New York with a total of 91.429 achieved at the Waldingfield HDT Intermediate / Preliminary, so with a similarly adjusted score: 39.84 Interm. Dressage - 15% = 33.86 plus 45.64 Prelim. Marathon plus clean = zero in Interm. Cones, so ttl 79.504 plus 15% HDT Penalty = ttl 91.429. Sabrina was also in second place last year, but then with 97.27, so she has improved! And she was in third place in Pleasure Driving already in 2011.

Third is COLTON PARKER as mentioned already above with 115.24 penalties earned with a Preliminary Pony Pair at the Buckeye CDE in Ohio.

Fourth is 15 year old CHASE GILLISPIE from Ona, West Virginia with 117.487 penalty points earned from the Intermediate Level Kentucky Classic CDE - originally 138.22 penalty points less 15% bonus for Intermediate level. Chase was also one of our CDE winners last year.

And in fifth place we have 17 year old Eli Decker from Yuba City, California with 120.58 penalty points from the Knollrest CDE in Oregon. This is also Eli's second year with us in the program.

Congratulations to all of you! As always, the three winners should get an ADS jacket, a write up in the spring WHIP and are entitled to a grant of up to \$ 750 towards expenses to attend an ADS Training Camp or similar event.

It has been great fun for me to start this program in 2008 and having handled it ever since. But please note my young friends that this was my last year. The office has altered some of the parameters, and changed the annual cut-off from November 30th to a month earlier which created some confusion. (Perhaps that is the reason that we did not have any Pleasure Driving Entries this year?) So I think it's a good time for me to step down and end my term. I hope the office will find somebody else to volunteer to take it on from here into the future. I am very proud of all you young drivers and what you have accomplished during these eight years and I wish you all the very best also in the future.

Happy driving
Hardy

Thank You

We gratefully acknowledge the donations to The American Driving Society, as of December 31, 2015. These generous individuals and groups are the backbone of our efforts.

Our Sincere Thanks to All!

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January-June 2016 driving events are posted!

Feb 24-28, Live Oak International - Secretary change
March 4-6, Black Prong - Fee Change and NEW Entry form
April 2-3, Sunrise Ridge DT - Added Intermediate
May 21, Carolina Carriage Club HDT - Secretary change
June 11-12, Columbus Carriage Festival - Date change

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