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President's Column

by Joan Williams

A call to all show managers. Para Dressage is a growing sport. We need to be able to assist in this growth by offering classes to our Para Riders.

“Para Dressage is the sport of Dressage, the highest expression of horse training, for Athletes with an impairment. Conducted under the same basic rules, but with Athletes classified according to the level of their impairment, the horse has to perform at a walk, trot and canter, and all tests are ridden from memory and follow a prescribed pattern of movements. The only exception is the Freestyle which is specifically choreographed for each horse and is performed to music.”

“Para Dressage is the only Equestrian discipline included in the Paralympic Games, where it has been a regular fixture since 1996. The Paralympic Games are the second largest sporting event in the world after the Olympic Games, and are contested immediately after the Olympic Games in the same city and at the same venue.”

I know the arena changeover can be a concern. There is a systematic way to change a 20 x 60 arena into a 20 x 40 arena...and back! It is fun to watch, Walter Nef is a master at this. I wish someone would take a time lapse video of the change over and back. They do not actually dismantle the whole thing. It is a simple matter of moving the short end down 20 m and moving 4 letters into the new place. Watching a well organized arena crew do this in a few minutes is impressive!

A huge thank you to Paula Langan with CDS Central office and Regina Antonelli for updating a fresh new look for CDS Letters and our CDS Website! I love the colors and photos and new layout. I think CDS has a great shot at winning the USDF Awards for larger GMO newsletter and website awards for 2025. Fingers crossed!

Would you like to become a PM delegate and represent USDF?

Participating Member (PM) delegates are elected annually in all nine USDF Regions.

In February, March and April an ad is posted in the USDF Connection and monthly E-news alerts are sent requesting nominees to run in the PM delegate elections. Any current USDF member can nominate someone by sending their name to nominations@usdf.org.

A PM Delegate Nominee:

MUST be a current USDF PM, and if they are not must be willing to renew or upgrade to a Participating Membership. Nominee cannot be a member of the USDF Executive Board.

When the USDF office receives a nomination, an official Acceptance Form is sent to the nominee via mail and email. The Acceptance Form explains in detail what the nominees' responsibilities will be if they are elected (the primary responsibility being that they are required to attend the Board of Governors meeting at the annual convention. The deadline for all nominations and all Acceptance Forms to be received in the USDF office is April 15th. If a nomination or an Acceptance Form is not received by this date, the nominee's name will not appear on the voting ballot.

Election results will be available early to mid-August

Members will be notified of the PM delegates that were elected to represent their region at the Board of Governors meeting during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention. It is a huge honor to be selected and you will represent USDF if any voting occurs. I hope to see you there!

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The organizers must notify the Regional Organizers of the name(s) and contact
information including telephone numbers, email address and CDS membership
number of the chapter members selected in order.

CLINIC RIDER ORIENTATION

- The clinic begins with a mandatory meeting for the riders on Friday night.
 - A potluck/pizza dinner is planned for the first evening and is open to the riders and their parents.
 - Riders are encouraged to bring a groom. Trainers are encouraged to attend and support their riders.
 - Riders will be introduced to the Clinician and the Clinician will explain what to expect from the clinic and answer rider questions.
 - The schedule is handed out and all release forms are signed and collected.
- On the two riding days of the clinic, the riders are required to attend all portions of the clinic which may include attending discussion sessions during the day.

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... in the U25 division
... has competed for the US Dressage
... major international Nations Cups competitions,
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the FEI Dressage World Cup Finals in Leipzig, Germany.
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Dressage World Cup Finals in Omaha, Nebraska where she
finished sixth.



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Tamara

CDS JR/YR Clinic North with Anna Buffini

February 21-23, 2025 at Pacific Equestrian Center

Seraphina Allen~Sacramento Valley Chapter

I had the amazing opportunity to participate in the CDS clinic with Anna Buffini in February 2025. Everybody there was so nice and the host was very welcoming. I learned and progressed so much with my pony. We worked on the training level skills and Anna Buffini was so encouraging the whole time. I am so grateful that I was able to take part in this clinic.



Kiran Banga ~ Valley Oaks Chapter

It was an amazing opportunity from CDS and The Valley Oaks Chapter of CDS to give me two rides with Anna Buffini at the CDS JR/YR clinic. Anna Buffini was patient and kind and reminded me of the fundamental truth that my dressage position was paramount in achieving my goals at Training level and beyond. Although I started my riding career at the age of two in a dressage saddle I have recently been learning hunter jumper the last 18 months.

My mount, For Pete's Sake, also referred lovingly as "Pete" has been my dance partner for the last year and our dominant focus has been jumping, however, I have always believed dressage to be extremely important to master (if that is an attainable goal in one lifetime). Anna explained to me that I must sit back more and bend my elbows more when I am riding in my dressage saddle. When I am riding in my jump saddle I have the ideal hunter position of heels extra down, looser rein, slightly off the horses back, hands releasing forward and head turned to the next jump. In my dressage saddle I need to sit back and keep my head facing forward with my nose pointing to Pete's bridle. Anna told me I could use my eyes to turn, but not to turn my head. This was easier said than done. Controlling my body after having this habit of looking for the next jump with my head was a challenge. We also practiced this type of body control on a 20m circle. Anna told me to only look with my eyes at the next quarter of the circle. Gradually my body started to cooperate and we slowly mastered the 20m circle at the walk, trot and canter in both directions. Next, Anna wanted me to go through my Training level test 2. I focused on my position, the geometry of the test and also trying to keep my pony on the bit. Anna gave me helpful reminders while going through the test. She was very pleased with the test. She encouraged me to continue to practice and told me it would get easier in time to keep him on the bit more consistently.

Overall, I took away a lot of information from the clinic, but Anna's passion and focus of dressage will stay with me forever. She was riding with me every step and I was looking forward to working and applying all of her knowledge I had obtained in those two days to my future rides. I also found it very helpful to watch the other Jr/Yr lessons. All of the riders initially focused on their position and use of their aids in a methodical warmup before asking their horse for lateral work and collection. A quick update: Two weeks later I rode my pony in a dressage



show and we were very competitive at training level test 2 and received a 66.552%.

Thank you Anna Buffini, from the bottom of my heart for coming to Pacific Equestrian Center for the CDS Jr/Yr Clinic! I also want to thank CDS, Valley Oaks Chapter, Mari Naten for hosting us at her lovely dressage training Stable, and Le Mieux for supporting all of the riders with their generous donation of a saddle pad and shirt. I also want to thank my friends and family for always believing in me, Marissa Nielsen for finding me this amazing pony and training me on a frequent basis as well as the other trainers that have shaped me into the rider I am today, thank you Hannah Lingo and Kalli Bowles! Lastly, I want to thank my pony Pete for teaching me so much and always being a great partner!

Gracelyn de Nijs ~ Foothills Chapter

Thank you so much for this opportunity to participate in the CDS JR/YR clinic with Anna Buffini. This clinic helped me improve my dressage a lot. I'm so grateful to participate in this clinic. I had a very good time and Anna was so nice and positive about everything. Thank you so much for letting me participate in this clinic. I loved every minute of it. Thank you again.



Marie Charlotte Guion ~ Sonoma Chapter

I received the marvelous opportunity to ride in the CDS JR Clinic with Anna Buffini on my 15 year old Connemara mare, Sweet Mimi. I would like to offer my thanks to the CDS Sonoma Chapter for sponsoring me as a rider and to Mari Naten for hosting this clinic on her beautiful property, Pacific Equestrian Center. And a special thanks to Anna Buffini, of course. Throughout the weekend, Anna was very fun to be around, she was inspiring and kind, as well as very knowledgeable. I really appreciated riding with her, as she helped me continue to move up towards second level with my pony. What I especially liked about her is that she wasn't afraid to push for more difficult and complex exercises, but she understood and acknowledged that the horse (and rider!) were both still learning and she coached me through the learning process and not just the end result. In other words, she pushed me to keep educating and training my horse, but with an eventual goal of showing in mind. Her focus was truly putting the horse first, something she said that I think is very important to keep in mind is, "When you're riding her, the place we want her to be in is her happy place". She was very encouraging and I could tell she was very committed, which inspired me to keep working hard and riding my pony with joy and dedication. Aside from the rides, I also really enjoyed watching others ride which was still quite educational. Mari also organized for all the riders to have dinner (with ice cream!!) together which enabled me to meet some new people and make new friends which I really appreciated because it helped me see what a large community



of young and talented dressage riders there is, not to mention knowing these people helped me become more embedded in that community. Thank you once again to CDS, Mari Naten, and Anna Buffini for making this incredible experience possible!!!

Lilian Ramirez~Sacramento Valley Chapter

I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the CDS JR/YR Clinic with one of my favorite dressage riders, Anna Buffini. As a JR/YR with big goals, I appreciated learning from a talented rider who also once had these same goals and now has incredible experiences. A fun clinic with everyone being kind, helpful and supportive. It was amazing to meet and learn with others who have a passion for dressage. In the clinic I was reminded of the importance of using my seat to communicate with my horse, riding the correct lines, and having patience with both myself and my horse as we learn new skills together. Thank you to CDS for arranging this clinic and to Mari at Pacific Equestrian Center for hosting at your beautiful property. I am especially grateful for this clinic in Northern California, it was nice to meet locals and be close to home. Thank you to Kristin Mills with SVCCDS and my trainer Christiane Noelting for helping facilitate my participation.



her inspired and motivated with the horses, was that you can always spend time doing the little things with them, whether it be walking around, brushing, or simply existing with them. It is important to remind yourself why you fell in love with the horses – because they are such beautiful animals and all we can ever do is give them our best everyday. Anna also mentioned that her trainer once shared with her: you don't have to see the end of the tunnel, you just have to keep walking through the tunnel.

Anna gave light onto what we can do as riders to best help our horses, and never failed to show that we can get far with hard work while always putting our horses first. With this said, I walked away from the clinic excited, looking forward to keep working on all the things mentioned in the clinic as well as begin working on other riding tools outside of the barn that can only strengthen my own riding and horsemanship. Nonetheless, this clinic gave me the confidence, comfort, and inspiration needed to keep going in my riding and relationship with the horses.



Thank you Pacific Equestrian Center for the beautiful facility and nature surrounding the barn. It was a breathtaking facility and I am grateful that I got the chance to ride and have Jacobo at such a one of a kind barn. Thank you Mari Naten too for being so helpful and supportive through the process. Thank you Gavilan Chapter for sending me to this wonderful clinic and experience and for giving me the opportunity to participate in it. Also a special thank you to California Dressage Society for providing such a cool and unforgettable experience that I am super grateful to have witnessed and been a part of. As always I am also super grateful for Kate and KEL equestrian for helping me every step of the way, I wouldn't have been able to do this clinic if it wasn't for all your amazing coaching and support. It was also super cool to have experienced all the other riders and beautiful horses present at this clinic as I not only learned more from it, but also gained insight and inspiration from watching everyone's ride that I hope I can incorporate on my time.

Dominique Scarpete ~ Shasta Chapter

I am 10 years old & I am a member of Shasta CDS. I am showing training level and schooling first and second levels.

My goal is to qualify for and compete in the CDS Jr championship as well as the USDF Regional Championship.

I really enjoyed the CDS Jr Clinic with Anna Buffini. She made the entire experience fun. Anna felt like she was one of us kids not just an instructor. In the evening she sat with us and talked like we were a bunch of friends. She asked us questions and we played games. During the clinic she was very encouraging and easy to understand.

I understood for the first time how to do a counter canter by watching her teach other riders the movement.

I tried it on my own in warm up. I was so happy I could do it!! I really hope to get to ride with her again some day.



Ellen Gudiksen ~ East Bay Chapter

I wanted to say a massive thank you for the incredible Jr/YR dressage clinic experience. Anna's patient and thorough approach to teaching made such a difference in my understanding of what I'm feeling in the saddle and helped improve my horse's way of going. I particularly appreciated how generously she shared her knowledge, taking the time to answer all my questions, both related to riding or to horses in general. She was so approachable, whether I was sitting in the saddle or asking later when the questions came to mind. The insights I gained about my riding were invaluable, and I'm excited to continue practicing and developing the skills I learned. Having the opportunity to observe other junior riders and their horses was also special and informative. Watching Anna adapt her teaching to each horse's tendencies has given me valuable tools and new perspectives that I'm excited to try with all the horses I ride.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Pacific Equestrian Center for putting



Tilde Elfving ~ Gavilan Chapter

Thank you CDS, Anna Buffini, and PEC for this amazing experience and opportunity. This weekend was nothing short of educational and inspiring. I want to give Anna a super thank you, seeing as after a long rehab process, my goal with this clinic was to be inspired again and to gain some insight into where I was at with my horse, and refining any gaps in my own riding. This clinic surpassed my expectations by not only giving me the comfort needed to continue working hard towards my goals of hopefully showing PSG again, but also gave me the inspiration needed in order to improve myself with regards to helping my horse become stronger. One thing that Anna said after I asked about what keeps



together such a wonderful event and to the California Dressage Society for their support. The beautiful venue was the perfect learning environment, with lovely stalls for the horses and peaceful spaces for the humans. Lunch breaks on the lawn and dinners on the patio were highlights, meeting and laughing with fellow riders and creating a sense of community at this clinic that was so unique. The presence of auditors added another wonderful dimension, fostering an engaged and supportive atmosphere throughout both days. The entire experience was both educational and genuinely enjoyable, making memories I'll cherish for years to come. This clinic has not only improved my riding, but has given me new inspiration as I continue the challenging and rewarding journey of working with horses.

Amelia Vann ~ Foothills Chapter

“I am so incredibly grateful to the California Dressage Society for organizing the Junior/Young Rider Clinic with Anna Buffini and to the Foothills Chapter for sponsoring me. The experience was truly unforgettable. In just one weekend, my horse and I grew so much in our partnership thanks to Anna’s careful and encouraging training approach, which emphasized not just technical skills but also horsemanship and gratitude for our amazing horses. It was also such a great opportunity to meet and connect with other juniors in our area which made the experience even more fun. Pacific Equestrian Center provided such a beautiful and



welcoming atmosphere that made everything even better, and I really appreciate all the effort Mari Naten put into organizing meals and get-togethers so we could connect personally with Anna. Plus, it’s been so fun to see the TikTok videos Anna has posted since the clinic! Thank you again to everyone who made this weekend so special. I feel incredibly lucky to have been a part of it.”

Rachel Westover ~ Sierra Nevada Chapter

“Last month I had the pleasure of being selected to attend the 2025 Junior Clinic with Anna Buffini. Over the weekend I learned a lot about skills when riding and how to manage an overall lifestyle as an equestrian. Anna had a unique method of teaching that I have never experienced before which made the clinic different and fun. She came from a perspective as a professional rider instead of only a trainer which made it easier to understand what she was teaching since she also understood the point of view of riding too. Outside of my own lesson I watched all the other girls with their young horses or ponies to get a better understanding of seeing the movements and listening to the corrections Anna was giving. This was a wonderful experience and meeting Anna, and the other girls was super fun since there aren’t many juniors in my district. I am extremely thankful for getting this opportunity and being able to better my overall abilities as a dressage rider. Thank you.”



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Suppenkasper & Steffen Peters Lead The List Of Adequan/USDF 2024 Award Winners

By: Regina Antonioli

The March/April issue of the USDF Dressage Connection publication is by tradition the “Yearbook” issue. It features the significant accomplishments of US horses and riders from the previous year. California Dressage Society members were well represented throughout the pages. Here are some of the notable standouts:

Gracing the cover was our own Suppenkasper, owned by Akiko Yamazaki and ridden by Steffen Peters (San Diego, CA). The newly retired 2008, 18 hand gelding was the 2024 Adequan/USDF Grand Prix Horse of the Year. “Mopsie” is one of the most successful and well know Dressage horses in US history. He has represented the US in two Olympics (including a Team Silver Medal in Tokyo); a World Cup Final; two World Championships (another Silver Medal); and numerous Nations Cup competitions. He and Peters were mainstays in the winner’s circle at West Coast CDI’s. In addition to his victories, Mopsie became a great ambassador for our sport after being dubbed the “Rave Horse” following his 2021 Olympic Freestyle. The USDF cover story noted that NBC commentator and TV personality, Snoop Dog declared the horse as the Olympian he would most like to meet. And at the 2024 Paris games, Snoop Dog and friend, Martha Stewart met Mopsie as well as other Olympic riders and horses at a TV interview.

Mopsie is now retired, along with another US Yamazaki/Peters star mount, Ravel at Yamazaki’s Four Winds Farm in Northern California. CDS’ pride and gratitude cannot be overstated as we thank, horse, rider and owner for all they have given dressage and a special thank you to Adequan/USDF for this final honor.

Sabine Shut-Kery (Oceanside, CA), Peters’s Silver Medal teammate from Tokyo, also rode a 2024 Adequan/USDF Horse of the Year Champion. Sonnenberg’s Jersey, the 2014 black, Dutch Warmblood Stallion owned by Gina and Dan Ruediger’s Sonneberg Farm won the Intermediaire I title. The Ruedigers first saw “Jersey” in 2017 and then when the opportunity arose in 2023 they were able to purchase him.

Shut-Kery and the impressive young stallion started their journey together preparing for and then winning the Developing Horse Prix St. Georges at the 2023 Festival of Champions. The pair continued to earn top scores (Median score-72.941%) competing in California and then again earned a championship ribbon at Festival. This time for the Intermediaire I. Shut-Kery describes her partner as “...a true gentleman with consistency and honesty”. That consistency earned Shut-Kery the 2024 \$25,000 Advanced Dressage grant from the Dressage Foundation. She will use her prize to continue her training with longtime coach, Olympian and US Team Coach, Christine Traurig (Carlsbad, CA). She also plans clinics with FEI judge, Lilo Fore (Santa Rosa, CA) and video lessons with German trainer, Jan Nivelle all in preparation for Grand Prix competition.

The Adequan/USDF Intermediaire II Championship also went to a California horse/rider team. Christian Simonson (Ventura, CA) guided Christina Morgan’s Son of a Lady to the top spot with a median score of 70.877%. Simonson started riding “Sonny” in the Young Rider Division, having good results representing the US in European competitions like Hagen and Aachen. He then piloted the 2011 bay, Danish Warmblood gelding to Individual and Team Gold at the Pan American Games in Santiago. In 2024 the pair moved up to the U25 Division, continuing under the guidance of Olympian Adrienne Lyle. Simonson described the level move as “a huge step [but] a really good experience,” adding his horse has an “impressive work ethic.” A step the combination seems clearly ready for, as



STEFFEN PETERS AND SUPPENKASPER PHOTOS BY TERRI MILLER



CHRISTIAN HARTUNG AND VELANTIS N PHOTOS BY TERRI MILLER

they have not only earned that plus 70% median score, in their FEI competition this year, they have placed 1st or 2nd in all classes.

CDS members and their horses were strong at the lower levels as well, starting with Willy Arts (Hanford, CA) and the impressive 2020 chestnut, stallion, Pharaoh DG. “Pharaoh earned the Adequan/USDF Training Level Horse of the Year honors with a median score of 77.307%. In California, many are aware of the partnership from the CDS State Championships and Great American/USDF Region 7 Championships. “Pharaoh” won the CDS Championship (77.2%), the Region 7 Championship (76.000%), the Dutch Warmblood High-score award, CDS Cal-Bred Champion, and the CDS Four-Year-Old Futurity. Arts, who is both breeder and rider, felt the foal has a special presence and power right from the start. He earned 90’s for movement and conformation as a yearling and a 90 at the KWPN stallion licensing. At the 2024 Festival of Champions, Willy guided the stallion to a 90.800 (including a 10 for talent) on the way to winning the Four-Year-Old Championship. Pharaoh’s first foals are already on the ground, and in addition to a breeding schedule in 2025 Arts plans on competing him in the Five-Year-Old divisions.

Another exciting chestnut stallion from California also earned a top spot. Velantis N, owned and bred by Christiane Noelting and ridden by Christian Hartung (Vacaville, CA) won the Adequan/USDF Second Level Horse of the Year title with a median score of 75.247%. Raised in Noelting’s pastures until he was three and a half, the owner notes the 2018, 17-hand, Hanoverian’s most impressive trait was his manners. But his victories are quite impressive as well. Earning the hat-trick at the CDS State Championships and Great American/USDF Region 7 Championships, Velantis and Hartung won the Second Level title for USDF (75.238%), for CDS (73.512%) and won the CDS Six-Year-Old Futurity. He took time off from competition for about 40 breedings in 2024 and is already earning scores in the 70’s at Third Level.

Christiane Noelting and DG Bar Ranch also earned honor in the Adequan/USDF Dressage Breeder of the Year standing, placing second and third respectively.

One of the most inspiring 2024 accomplishments was noted in the front pages of the issue. CDS member, Laura Mollrich (Laguna Beach, CA) became the first Classified Para rider to become a member of the Dressage Foundation’s Century Club. For those unfamiliar with the award, it is presented to horse and rider combinations whose combined age totals 100 or more. Mollrich is 72 ½ and earned the honor riding a USDF Intro Test B during a competition at Rio Vista Stables in San Juan Capistrano, CA last November on Pabatsa, her 27 ½ year-old, Dutch Warmblood Gelding. Laura is often accompanied at shows by her biggest fan and husband, Stu.

Mrs. Mollrich was also Reserve Champion for the Adequan/USDF Para-Rider of the year (Grade IV)

Over 130 CDS rider members earned USDF Medals in 2024. Robyn Fisher (Moorpark, CA) and Miki Yang (Woodside, CA) led the way, earning Gold with Distinction. Other Gold Medal winners included: Melissa Bingham; Kasey Cannon; Marisa Festerling; Faith Grimm; Margaret Lee; Jennifer Nuckton; Dennesy Rogers; Molly Schiltgen; Erin Silvera; Susan Sullivan; Anne Warner; and Yvonne Kaul Weiss. Fisher and Rogers also earned Silver Medals with Distinction joining other Silver Medalists with Distinction, Lauren Ogden; Paula Paglia; and Triana Pangrcic. Thirty-four other riders earned Silver Medals and over sixty earned Bronze Medals, thirteen of which were with Distinction.

California Dressage Society is a GMO of the United States Dressage Federation and while we were only able to list some of the victories in this article, we are so proud of the accomplishment of all our members. CDS membership comes with a Group Membership in USDF, so find your hard-copy or login to the USDF website and take a moment to read more about 2024 winners featured in the pages of the “2024 Yearbook”.



LAURA MOLLRICH / PABATSA WITH AXEL STEINER, JAN CURTIS



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Horse Protection Act

US Equestrian recently received an update regarding the pending amendments to the Horse Protection Act (HPA) and the Horse Protection Program. **The USDA has announced that there will be no regulatory changes between the 2024 show season and the 2025 show season.** This includes a stay on enforcing the new requirement that was to take effect April 2, 2025, mandating that competition and event management of any equine event held in the United States that is covered under the Act, register with and report their competition or event to USDA/APHIS. **Based on this recent USDA announcement, the written notification to USDA of covered events is NOT required.**

The Horse Protection Act is a federal law instituted in 1970 that prohibits sore horses from participating in shows, exhibitions, and sales. All horses are included at all covered events. Events where speed is the primary factor, rodeo events, parades, and trail rides are excluded.

US Equestrian continues to monitor the situation and will provide further updates as they become available.

Important Links [Overview of the HPA Rule](#)

US Equestrian Announces Combinations for 2025 FEI World Cup™ Finals for Dressage, Jumping, and Vaulting

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the combinations who will represent the United States at the 2025 FEI World Cup™ Finals hosted in Basel, Switzerland, from April 2-6, 2025. The FEI World Cup Finals are held annually as an international individual final and will feature the disciplines of dressage, jumping, and vaulting across four days of competition.

[Kevin Kohmann](#) (FL) and Duenensee, a 2009 KWPN gelding (Dancier x Davignon I) owned by Diamante Farms and cared for by German Rodriguez

[Adrienne Lyle](#) (FL) and Helix, a 2012 KWPN gelding (Apache x Jazz) owned by Zen Elite Equestrian Center and cared for by Marina Lemay

[Geñay Vaughn](#) (CA) and Gino, a 2011 KWPN gelding (Bretton Woods x Haarlem) owned by Michele Vaughn and cared for by Alex Levine-Nevel

The Yellow Card

During the 2025 Annual Meeting, the US Equestrian Board of Directors approved amendments to GR1037 (formerly titled Yellow Warning Card System – Stewards and Technical Delegates). This revised rule will go into effect on

April 1, 2025.

The Warning Card System rule was amended to encourage and empower Judges, Stewards, and Technical Delegates to address conduct as it happens and correct behavior that should not be repeated.

The goal of the revised warning system is to have conduct addressed and documented immediately, be it an infraction that rises to the level of a Yellow Warning Card or is less severe and warrants a Recorded Warning. For the full text and updates of the rule, see [GR1037](#).

It is also important to note that at any point during a competition, if you observe conduct that you believe may qualify as unethical treatment of the horse, you must report that conduct to a Licensed Official immediately. In addition, you should submit an unethical treatment report through the [Online Reporting Portal](#).

Dressage Assistant Pathway Coaching Positions

US Equestrian is now accepting applications for two new USEF Dressage Pathway Coachpositions. The USEF Dressage Pathway Coaches will work closely with USEF Dressage Chef d'Equipe, Development & Young Horse Coach, Christine Traurig and Dressage Pathway Development Advisor & Youth Coach, George Williams.

The ideal candidate will have a track record of competitive success as well as depth of experience with program and athlete development including a track record of accomplished students in the international arena. Candidates should exemplify strong horsemanship skills, communication skills, owners, personal coaches and support teams.

While supporting Traurig and Williams, the responsibility of the USEF Dressage Pathway coaches will involve collaborating with program athletes to pinpoint specific areas of improvement within their individual training programs. They will offer their expertise, guidance, and coaching during designated training sessions and extend their support during competitions. The goal of the USEF Dressage Program Pathway is to deliver sustainable success and podium finishes at Games and Championships.

To learn more about the USEF Dressage Program Pathway, please visit [here](#).

USDF Nominations Open

April 15, 2025 is the deadline for nominations for Participating Member (PM) Delegates in all Regions. To accept the nomination, and if elected, a PM delegate nominee must: Be a current Participating Member of USDF. Have a permanent residence and reside in the region for which they are running to represent. Agree to

serve a one year term from the time of election in 2025 until the election in 2025. Attend the 2025 Adequan / USDF Annual Convention, Dec 3-6, 2025, Lexington, KY

Contact Paula Langan paula@california-dressage.org

Happy New Year from The Dressage Foundation!

As we look forward into the new year, we are pleased to announce that TDF will be awarding up to 150 grants totaling nearly \$500,000 for this year. These grants represent potential funding to approximately 100 individuals and 50 equestrian organizations/dressage clubs. If you or your GMO members are interested in applying for a TDF grant, visit www.dressagefoundation.org.

Don't forget our [group education grants](#) that you can apply for as a GMO. There is quite a variety:

Dancing Horse Fund: to host a musical freestyle clinic or purchase a sound system.

Dreizler International Clinician Fund: to host educational events with clinicians from countries outside of the United States.

Edgar Hotz Judges Education Fund: for GMOs that are hosting USDF's "Continuing Education for Judges and USDF 'L' Program Graduates" events.

Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund: to host Western Dressage educational events.

Max Gahwyler Instructor Education Fund: to host educational events for dressage instructors.

Michael Poulin Fund for Innovative Events and Programs: to host unique, innovative, collaborative events or programs that work toward advancing dressage.

Oregon Dressage Society Linda S. Acheson Fund: grants to ODS, ODS Chapters, and ODS Committees that are organizing educational events.

Sally Swift Fund for Centered Riding Clinics: grants to non-profit equestrian groups hosting a Centered Riding® Clinic.

Violet Hopkins Fund for GMO Events: for GMOs hosting educational events for dressage riders at all levels.

Find information about all these grants at <https://bit.ly/47b0JoM>. If you have questions, please contact TDF at (402) 434-8585 or info@dressagefoundation.org.



Nominations for CDS Executive Board 2026

Guidelines for the Nominating Committee

1. The Nominating committee is to be named by the CDS Board. It shall be the duty of this committee to present a list of nominees for all offices open for election to the Executive Board. The committee shall receive nominations from the Active Membership and shall, where necessary, nominate individuals for office. Nominations from the membership shall be made by submitting a petition to the nominations committee, signed by ten (10) Active Members.

2. Candidates to submit a Declaration of Intent to run for the CDS Board to one of the members of the Nominating Committee and indicate which position they are running for, i.e. Director at Large or Regional Director.

Along with this declaration should be the required petition with ten signatures of CDS members in good standing and a short biography to be published on the ballot.

3. Deadline for receiving Declarations of Intent will be August 15, 2024.

4. Ballots are to be emailed to the membership and CDS will conduct online voting and the last day to vote or return your ballot will be September 15, 2024.

5. Ballots shall be counted five days after the deadline and the CDS Board President shall be notified.

6. Candidates shall be notified by the Board President as soon as possible. Positions open for nominations for the 2026-2028 terms

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Consider getting involved with CDS and run for the Board.

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Scholarship deadlines

Six of the CDS Scholarships have deadlines for their applications. Don't miss your chance to apply for a scholarship grant to help you with your dressage education. All applications are available on the CDS website:

www.california-dressage.org

Judge Candidate Scholarship \$500– deadline April 30

This Scholarship will be considered from April 30 to April 29 of the following year. This scholarship is available to assist aspiring judge candidates to defray some of the significant expenses related to obtaining USEF certification.

It is in the interest of growing the sport of dressage to encourage qualified L Program graduates to continue their education and to become the rated judges of the future, and to assist current judges to progress to higher ratings if desired.

To be considered, applicants must have been accepted to a specific program and must produce an acceptance letter along with the dates and place where the program will be held.

Hans Moeller Memorial Scholarship \$1500 deadline April 30

This individual rider scholarship honors Hans Moeller. In 1967, Hans was one of the founding members of the California Dressage Society where he held the position of Professional Advisor from the founding of CDS to 1986. Applicants must be 30 years of age or older and have competed at Third Level or above. A rider may receive this scholarship AND a competition travel grant the same year. Individuals who are amateurs or professionals may apply.

Jane Jackson Scholarship \$1500 deadline April 30

This individual rider scholarship honors Jane Jackson. Jane was a founding member of CDS. She was active in the organization in many capacities. She served on the Scholarship Committee, as LA Chapter Chair, and as a SD Chapter board member. She was an USEF licensed judge in hunters, jumpers, hunt seat equitation and of course dressage. Applicants must be under 30 years of age and have competed at Third Level or above. A rider may receive this scholarship AND a competition travel grant the same year. Individuals who are amateurs or professionals may apply.

Carol Plough Scholarship \$250 deadline April 30

This individual rider scholarship honors Carol Plough. Carol served on the CDS Board for two terms. She volunteered countless hours with the year long planning of the 30th Anniversary Celebration. She organized the Southern California Junior Championship for years and was the Advanced Young Rider Chef for many years. Applicants must be 21 years of age or younger and have competed at First Level or above. Applications must also include a letter of recommendation from an instructor or equestrian professional. The amount will increase as the fund grows.

Sharon Carpenter - Pomona Chapter Scholarship \$500– deadline April 30

Individual rider scholarship, applicants must be 21 years of age or over, a member of Pomona Chapter for minimum one year, competed at Training level or above within the last three years and have contributed to the Pomona Chapter in a volunteer capacity within the last three years. Individuals who are amateurs or professionals may apply. Candidates are required to submit an

application which describes for what education the grant will be used.

RAAC Scholarship - deadline April 30

Individual rider scholarship, applicants must be 22 years of age or older, possess a USEF Amateur Card and have competed at any level. Rider must have ridden in the Regional Adult Amateur Competition (RAAC) and use the scholarship funds for dressage education or competition. Three scholarships will be available each year, one from the North, one from the Central and one from the South Region. A \$200 scholarship will be available to each Region.

Schedule for 2025

South RAAC and JRYR – San Diego Road to Championship July 17-19, 2025

Central RAAC – Summer in Santa

Barbara August 16-17, 2025

North RAAC and JRYR – Golden State Dressage June 13-15, 2025

CDS State Championship – Murieta Equestrian Center September 18-21, 2025

Score Check on CDS Website

Want to see what scores you have earned already? Scores from 3 Star and CDS only scores will now be posted on the CDS website under Show Results. <https://www.california-dressage.org/show-results>

Go to www.california-dressage.org; choose programs, choose SHOW RESULTS.

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2025 Omnibus

The Omnibus is digital for 2025 and will be available online to all members of CDS and will cover the entire 2025 show year. There will also be a limited number of printed copies. Please email the Central Office if you wish a hard copy of the Omnibus.

Central Office

The CDS Central Office phone is 831/659-5696; e-mail a request or question: paula@california-dressage.org. Check out CDS on the web: www.california-dressage.org.



2025 Linda O'Carroll Memorial Adult Amateur Clinic Series with Lilo Fore



Participate as a chapter rider, wait list rider or auditor

Contact your chapter chair to be considered as a chapter rider. Contact the clinic organizer in your region to be considered for a wait list spot. Auditing is free to CDS members and \$20 per day for non-CDS members

Lilo Fore-USDF Hall of Fame Inductee 2017

Lilo Fore is a highly esteemed figure in the world of Dressage, with over five decades of experience as a judge, trainer, and breeder. She held the prestigious FEI International 5* Judge status and has judged at top international events, including CDI competitions, Olympic qualifiers, and the Pan American Games. Fore has also served as President of the Ground Jury for the World Cups and judged at the World Equestrian Games.



Retired from international judging, Lilo has made significant contributions to the sport as an educator and examiner for the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). She co-founded the USDF Instructor/Trainer Certification Program and chaired the Instructor/Trainer Council. Over the years, she has bred champion Sporthorses and developed riders and horses who have competed at international levels. A Dressage Trainer and Clinician since 1972, Fore's legacy extends beyond the show ring, influencing the future of Dressage in the U.S. and globally through her teaching and dedication to the sport

So Cal – Jan 24-26 La Cresta Equestrian Center, Murrieta

Clinic Organizer – Lynda Palmer lynda@getmymail.org 310-927-7527

Waitlist checks are sent to 31009 Rue Langlois, Rancho Palos Verdes CA 90275



Nor Cal - March 7-9 Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center, Elk Grove

Clinic Organizer – Michele Vaughn svequestrian@icloud.com 916-869-7942

Waitlist checks are sent to 7541 Sloughhouse Rd, Elk Grove CA 95624

Central - May 23-25 Twin Rivers Ranch, Paso Robles

Clinic Organizer – John Rees john@johnarees.com

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Linda O'Carroll Memorial Adult Amateur Clinic North with Lilo Fore March 7-9, 2025 at Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center

Kimberly Aguilar ~ San Francisco Chapter

It was a privilege to be drawn as the SFP chapter rider for the AA Clinic with Lilo Fore on March 8-9. I grew up in the Bay Area and trained with Lilo in my teenage years before focusing on eventing. I was thrilled to have the opportunity to work with her again all these years later. Michele's facility at Starr Vaughn was the perfect venue and the clinic was very well run. On the evening before the clinic, Lilo gave a great talk about her approach to training dressage horses, as well as her perspectives on succeeding in today's show world. By the end of the evening we were all excited about the weekend ahead and taking our horses to the next level. My goals for the clinic were to work on activating my mare's hind end and achieving the level of collection required at 4th level. Lilo was able to share new exercises and visualizations to achieve this goal. Her approach is energetic and direct, but also motivational with a touch of humor. It is clear that she still loves teaching and seeing improvements in horses and riders from all backgrounds. To improve the collection, one exercise Lilo had us do was from a collected walk to the half-steps in the form of three short trot steps, then back to collected walk, and repeat. Keep the horse straight. No hovering passage strides. For our problematic flying lead change from left to right where we usually get a buck, counter canter on the circle, whip to the outside, activate a little with outside leg and whip, inside leg on the girth, sit a bit to the inside, supple on inside rein, haunches a bit to the inside, then ask for the change. Lilo helped me to enhance my effectiveness as a rider while developing Iszabella's strength and engagement. She also gave us clear direction for continuing this training back at home. Finally, the AA clinics are such a great way to meet or re-connect other like-minded AA riders. Giving us the opportunity to uplift each other in recognizing both the challenges and rewards of the great sport of Dressage!



Cathy Divodi ~ Valley Oaks Chapter

I am incredibly grateful for the experience at the CDS Northern California Adult Amateur Clinic. Working with Lilo Fore was an invaluable experience to refine the connection, half pass and gaits. Her insightful feedback and personalized guidance helped me understand how to enhance the fluidity and precision of the movements.

The facility at Starr Vaughn was perfect for this clinic, offering excellent amenities and a welcoming environment. I left feeling



more confident in my skills and excited to continue improving my riding. Thank you Valley Oaks CDS for sponsoring me as I am thankful for the opportunity to participate.

Barbara Fogarty ~ Shasta Chapter

Thank you CDS for another great Linda O'Carroll Memorial Adult Amateur Clinic-North. What a fantastic opportunity to learn from Lilo Fore, an instructor with so many years of riding, teaching and judging experience. I was fortunate enough to be given a spot from the waitlist to attend and I couldn't have been happier. Lilo was straight forward, but fair, in her instruction and taught me easy to learn tools to use with my young gelding. She stressed the importance of getting JR to move forward off my leg into a light and steady hand, to the bit, but remembering to look between his ears to stay centered. I could tell the difference in how he moved off the leg by the end of our lesson.



It was windy and cold but Lilo explained to me how to keep JR's attention on me and not on the youngsters running in the field nearby or things moving in the wind. This was achieved by getting him to slightly flex away from the distraction, while still moving forward; and incorporating 10, 15 and 20 meter circles throughout the court.

Also, a very big THANK YOU to Michelle Vaughn for hosting the clinic at her beautiful facility Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center. She was always available to answer any questions

Heather Greaves ~ Shasta Chapter

My highlight of the adult amateur clinic was meeting and observing such a great group of riders. I was honored to be among the chosen few to receive Lilo's instruction. Lilo Fore is a fantastic clinician and I enjoyed her explanation of each exercise and how it contributes to higher level movements.

Thank you for an educational and enlightening weekend.



Isabell Gross ~ Sacramento Valley Chapter

I had the pleasure of riding in the Northern AA Lilo Fore clinic. I got in at the last minute off of the waitlist.

The highlight of the clinic for me was having a massive breakthrough with my canter pirouettes. Never having gotten a formal education on how to ride them, I have played around with different aids, and have struggled to get my mare to really shift her weight back in



them. This was the first thing Lilo and I worked on. Not only did I get clarity on my aids, I also was able to implement them... and holy heck, we actually did some real half pirouettes!! Lilo was so happy with them that she moved us right onto full pirouettes, which I had never tried before!!

At the last show we scored between 4-6 on our half pirouettes in the PSG. I'm so excited to see what we can score on them this weekend at GSD's March Mania! (Talk about incredible timing for that clinic!)

Overall, the clinic was an incredibly fun and educational experience. Additionally, it was really confidence building for both me, and my mare. We are learning together, and while it sometimes feels like the blind leading the blind, this weekend it felt like we were able to rise to the occasion. We tried some new things and despite neither of us having ever tried them before, it felt as though the pieces were, and continue, to steadily be falling into place.

I cannot express how grateful I am to have gotten to participate in such a fantastic event. I have so many more takeaways than just the one listed here, and I cannot wait to continue implementing them and growing!

Thank you again so very much for this incredibly and memorable opportunity,

Maureen Lamb ~ Foothills Chapter

Last weekend I was fortunate enough to be the adult amateur representative from the Foothills Chapter for the Lilo Fore clinic at Starr Vaughn. I rode my ten year old Hanoverian mare Fiana, who



I plan to compete at Prix St. Georges this year. Not surprisingly, our insightful clinician Lilo was able to pinpoint immediately what areas to work on with me and my willing partner. In particular, in the canter work, she asked for a higher level of throughness that will help in the FEI levels. Lilo also helped me to work on half steps and we were able to work through some tension with the mare afterwards, when we moved to other exercises. Of course, Lilo's comments on position and aids were right on and

gave me many things to work on at home. Watching the other riders from day to day we all saw improvements as the exercises were tailored to the needs of each horse and rider. These clinics are fun, educational and a great chance to meet other dedicated riders. Thanks to all the sponsors and organizers- CDS, the Dressage Federation, Michele Vaughn, Laurie Daniel and Starr Vaughn and the Valley Oaks chapter.

Rachel Masen ~ East Bay Chapter

I was so happy to be the rider for the East Bay Chapter for the North AA Clinic with Lilo Fore this year. Lilo was ready to get down to business to help me fix my lead change issue. While day



1 we didn't get the change, we got it within the first few minutes of the clinic on the second day and got to move on to other things.

Lilo was able to read what each horse needed from their rider and demanded that the rider provide that: no matter if that meant more forwardness, more quickness, better connection, more straightness, better precision/geometry, etc. I enjoyed

seeing the improvements for myself and for the other riders I had the opportunity to watch Saturday and Sunday. It was a good learning experience for all. I look forward to taking my new learnings (and attention to details) home to keep improving. It was also wonderful to get some social time to meet and get to know riders from other chapters. I look forward to seeing my new found friends at shows in the future.

Thank you to CDS, Starr Vaughn/Michele Vaughn, Laurie Daniels/Harlequin Show Experience, The Dressage Foundation, the Valley Oaks Chapter and Marin Chapter for making the weekend amazing!

Julia Mitchell ~ Marin Chapter

I'm very grateful to have been chosen by the Marin Chapter of CDS to participate in the Adult Amateur Clinic with Lilo Fore. Thank you to USDF, The Dressage Foundation, CDS, Starr Vaughn Equestrian, Lilo, and everyone else involved in creating a wonderful educational weekend. When Lilo stressed that straightening helps with balance and collection and using corners is critical to organizing your ride that really resonated with me. I also enjoyed watching the other rides and look forward to seeing all my new friends at future clinics and shows.



Pam Porter Englund ~ Sacramento Valley

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to CDS and the Sacramento Valley Chapter for supporting the Linda O'Carroll Memorial Adult Amateur Clinic. I had my fingers crossed hoping my name would get drawn to ride with Lilo Fore. I was really excited for this great opportunity and it was really educational. I wanted to focus on getting my horse to gain a better sit in preparation for 2nd level.

Lilo focused on straightness, suppleness and engagement through gymnastic exercises and working toward half steps. She shared that we need to focus on paying attention to every moment and every movement step of our riding. That is the way to influence your horse. She also shared the height of the poll and lift of the forearm will only happen if you get a lift under the saddle and have



active strides in the hind leg. I really had a fabulous time with my rides and learned a lot. We had a great mix of levels so it was really educational to watch the other lessons and see the improvement with her keen eye and instruction. I walked away with a lot of tools to apply to my horse as we pursue our journey together. It was a great group of riders who were very supportive of one another. We all really had a great time! A special shout out to Michele Vaughn for offering her beautiful facility and organizing the clinic with all the details, Laurie Daniels for all your support during the clinic, Nancy Johnston for coming to take video and Elizabeth Ruiz for the beautiful pictures.

Thank you again for this amazing opportunity!

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Ruth Shirkey ~ East Bay Chapter

I couldn't believe my luck when I managed to get into the 2025 CDS North AA Clinic with Lilo Fore. This woman is an icon. Who else do you know who can come teach a bunch of adult amateurs one



week then go to the World Cup and be a supervising judge? She's accurate and direct, also relentless, did I mention that? Roxy and I worked on shortening steps to improve collection, while staying round and on the bit. That's quite a challenge for a 7YO, 17.1 hand, long backed mare. She rose to the challenge in a good way and kept her energy level both days. Watching the other riders facing their individual challenges showed everyone

at the Clinic just how difficult and intricate our passion sport is. There was something to be learned from everyone by everyone. I hope Lilo comes back again in the future to provide her wisdom to us well deserving adult amateurs.

Thank you so much Michele Vaughn for hosting and Laurie Daniel for assisting the entire weekend! Also thanks to the Dressage Foundation for providing lunch both days.

Lisa Sires ~ Sonoma Chapter

Being from Sonoma County, one would think I had the opportunity to ride with Lilo before this clinic, especially since I drive by her barn every single day on my drive to the office! However this past

weekend was my first time riding with her and it was an incredible experience. A couple things really stood out to me from the experience:

The first was how she was able to quickly identify the needs of each horse and rider team and really personalize the lesson plan, even only having 35 minutes to do so. My guy is a wonderful little 14.3 hand GRP, but he is extremely sensitive and at times anxious and reactive. Lilo immediately gave me new tools that brought his attention to me so we could get to work. I'm thankful to have these tools going forward, and I plan to use them again at a show this weekend!

Another great tidbit I got from our group discussion Friday night was that it's normal and OK for the horse to have a movement or gait that is not as "good", and it doesn't mean anything negative about the horse. All it means is you ride those the best you can as a team, BUT you have the opportunity to really focus on what they do well and improve those movements and scores.

I loved auditing and seeing Lilo work her magic with horses and riders from training level, all the way up. Many themes repeated themselves throughout the levels, and it was inspiring to watch each team improve from start to finish. I left the clinic with several new tools to take home, both in working through my horse's sensitivity but also pushing us to really improve the quality of the gaits. I am very grateful to CDS for putting on these AA clinics and to Sonoma Chapter for giving me the opportunity to attend!



Julie Wood ~ Valley Oaks Chapter

Thank you to California Dressage Society for making clinics possible with renown clinicians for adult amateurs. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to ride in the most recent AA clinic with Lilo Fore. Riding under the instruction of Lilo was helpful, she doesn't miss a thing!

Watching the other rider's lessons was also very educational. Experience ranged from training level to Grand Prix, for a total of 12 rides a day. It was a very fun weekend bonding with other adult amateurs from northern chapters and learning from each other.



Thank you, Michele Vaughn, for making your beautiful Starr Vaughn Equestrian Center available for this event.

Thank you to:

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Marin Chapter ~ lunches

Valley Oaks Chapter ~ breakfast and coffee, drink, snacks.

Laurie Daniels / Harlequin Show Experience ~ Saturday night appetizers

Nancy Johnson ~ videography.

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A graphic with a blue and orange mosaic background. It features a detailed illustration of a horse's head in profile, facing right. The text is arranged around the horse's head.

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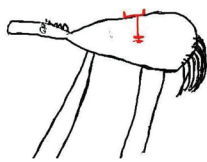


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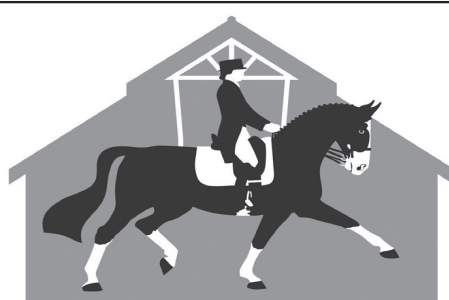


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