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- CDS Annual Meeting / Chapter Chair Day
Saturday, January 17th
- Awards Banquet /Steffen Peters inducted
into CDS Honor Roll Saturday Night
- CDS Symposium with Steffen Peters &
Demonstration Riders
Sunday, January 18th
- Demonstration riders - invitations to
CDS 2024/2025 HOY & Futurity
Champions & Reserves

Location TBA / Tickets on Sale December 1, 2025

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President Column

by Joan Williams

There were two super spectacular social events at Great American Insurance Group-USDF Region 7 / 58th Annual California Dressage Society State Championships.

Vicki Von Arx, (CDS Northern Director) and her sister Susan Von Arx have outdone themselves in decorating and organizing-The first event was Thursday Evening starting with the Bailiwick House Howdy Hoedown Thursday at 5:30 Sponsored by Patty Mayer. It featured a big BBQ dinner from SAC City Eats, fun lawn games and fabulous prizes. There was a big western wear contest with prizes donated by Happy Horse Bakery and Scent A Tack.

Following this was the judging for the Tack Room Awards. People went all out! First place went to Alexis Martin-Vegue with The Dorado Andaluz tack room which had a tile floor and working horse head fountain complete with live goldfish swimming in the basin! Second place went to Pamela Porter Englund with the Lemoncello Tack Room that was really beautiful yellow and blue with fun adult beverages. Third place went to Caron Frisone's tack room with a beautiful Christmas display. Ana Gilmour's Tack Room was stunning with plush red velvet and it received honorable mention. Judging was done by Kevin Reining (USDF President), Joan Williams(CDS President), and Vicki Von Arx (CDS Regional Director)

Volunteer Coordinator was Christy Cadwaller and she came up with some really good gifts and swag for our Volunteers! Beautiful gift bags, lovely items like browbands and stock ties for a daily raffle, drinks, snacks and some gorgeous bracelets donated by Shareen Purcell and some wonderful bottles of wine donated by Michele Ng.

Saturday Evening was really spectacular! Dinner was provided by Fork and Vine. FABULOUS Wines were donated by Maya Dalla Valle and her families vineyards and Winery. I have to say the wine was really memorable! A HUGE thank you to the Saturday Celebration organizer Karen Nocket and hosted by the whole CDS Board and everyone for stepping up and making the evening well run, organized and FUN!!!

The evening started with a lovely drill team with American Flags ridden by the Painted Ladies. Then we had an epic rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung live by Pam Englund. The first Performance was a gorgeous Grand Prix Pas De Deux "Día de los Muertos" done by Shae Lovazanno and Manuel Pena. We had some incredibly fun Grand Prix Musical Freestyles. There was a fabulous Vaulting Demonstration done by Showtime Vaulters. Ingrid Hamar longeing Warvelwind. Vaulters Tarah,Tori, Camie, and Jojo. The final Performance of the evening was done by DG Bar Ranch and a Salute to Valeska DG. A spectacular mare owned and bred by DG Bar.

Finally our Awards Ceremony to crown our new Champion and Reserve for all Grand Prix Freestyle competitors. The additional Grand Champion Award went to Ari Lopez on Carolyn McMullen's Duarte Monterrey.

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RAAC Training Level Novice (C) Pavlich,

- 1 Lee Ramensky / *Cashelbay Autumn Bloom / 70.400%
- 2 Lisa Uchiyama / Gavotta / 68.400%
- 3 Joanna Grant / Liesmann's Isaac / 68.400%
- 4 Lee Lipton / Haute Couture / 67.400%
- 5 Amy Swanton Mills / Numerobis HW / 66.800%
- 6 Christine Dietrich / Chispa De Valor / 64.800%
- 7 Taylor Saunders / Penny Lane AG / 64.000%
- 8 Amy Wright / Touch of Talon / 63.200%

RAAC First Level Novice (C) N Lamping

- 1 Nicole Conragan / O Ava 71.667%
- 2 Stacie Rice / Cumani / 66.111%
- 3 Brigeen Houghton / Fine Amour / 63.333%
- 4 Laurie Ridge / Fara / 61.528%
- 5 Courtlan Budman / L'Arc-en-Ciel / 60.000%

RAAC Second Level Novice (C) Pavlich,

- 1 Stacie Rice / Cumani / 64.881%

RAAC Third Level Novice (C) N Lamping,

- 1 Heather Blackmore / FarleyVanWittenstein P/62.625%
- 2 Cyndi Havard / Harlow 59.500%
- 3 Sara Isaacson / Al-Marah Mosby / 57.500%

RAAC Training Level Elite (C) N Lamping,

- 1 Lenae Langford / Fidelis HSR / 79.000%
- 2 Gretta Williams / Priyanka / 71.200%
- 3 Jocelyn Dragges / For Glory KL / 66.400%

RAAC First Level Elite (C) Pavlich,

- 1 Britt Silverstein Sabbah / Delilah 111 / 71.111%
- 2 Lisa Teske / Imperial / 70.139%
- 3 Andrea Christina Brown / Breitling / 68.611%
- 4 Sharon Jantzen / Rosewood Whisper / 63.611%

RAAC Second Level Elite (C) N Lamping,

- 1 Susan Sullivan / Brhody / 67.381%

RAAC Third Level Elite (C) Pavlich,

- 1 Stephanie Gustafson / Corazana / 65.125%
- 2 Jillian Cuddy / Rhapsody / 64.750%

RAAC Fourth Level Elite (C) N Lamping,

- 1 Catherine Conk / Pairadox Bogart / 65.000%
- 2 Brian Isbell / Fanfare EMF / 63.056%
- 3 Kimberly Adams / Feliciano / 62.083%

RAAC Prix St Georges Elite (C) Pavlich,

- 1 Leslie Lange / Radar / 67.353%
- 2 Catherine Conk / Pairadox Bogart / 66.618%

RAAC Intermediaire Elite (C) N Lamping,

- 1 Leslie Lange / Radar / 66.324%
- 2 Stephanie Gustafson / Goldenrod / 63.971%



STACIE RICE / CUMANI



BRITT SILVERSTEIN SABBAH / DELILAH 111

CDS Central RAAC Special Awards: ROSES AWARDS

Novice Division 1 – Stacie Rice & Cumani
Elite Division 1 – Gretta Williams & Priyanka
Elite Division 2 – Susan Sullivan & Brhody
Elite Division 3 – Leslie Lange & Radar

HIGH POINT NOVICE DIVISION

Novice - Nicole Conragan/O Ava

HIGH POINT ELITE DIVISION

Elite - Lenae Langford/Fidelis HSR



LISA TESKE / IMPERIAL



JILLIAN CUDDY / RHAPSODY



LESLIE LANGE / RADAR



CATHERINE CONK / PAIRADOX BOGART



LEE RAMENSKY / CASHELBAY AUTUMN BLOOM



LISA UCHIYAMA / GAVOTTA



NICOLE CONRAGAN / O AVA WITH CDS DIRECTOR MELISSA CRESWICK



STACIE RICE / CUMANI



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CYNDI HAVARD / HARLOW



HEATHER BLACKMORE / FARLEY VAN WITTENSTEIN P WITH CDS MELISSA CRESWICK



GRETTA WILLIAMS / PRIYANKA



LENAE LANGFORD / FIDELIS HSR



SUSAN SULLIVAN / BRHODY



BRIAN ISBELL / FANFARE EMF WITH CDS DIRECTOR MELISSA CRESWICK



STEPHANIE GUSTAFSON / CORAZANA



LESLIE LANGE / RADAR WITH CDS DIRECTOR MELISSA CRESWICK

Dressage Finals at NewVenue

The 2025 US Dressage Finals presented by [Adequan®](#) will be held October 30 through November 2 at a new venue, World Equestrian Center (WEC) in Wilmington, Ohio. The US Dressage Finals, now in its 12th year, is a national championship competition for juniors/young riders, adult amateurs, and open riders with classes from Training Level through Grand Prix and offers more than \$125,000 in prize money. The premier event attracts competitors from every corner of the country, aiming to capture the sashes, ribbons, and titles on offer. The onsite amenities offered by WEC – Wilmington are unmatched, and the facility ensures all 2025 championship classes are held in climate-controlled arenas. Additionally, horses will be stabled in WEC – Wilmington's more than 750 permanent climate-controlled stalls, giving competitors and horses a consistent, comfortable environment and eliminating the unpredictability of fall weather conditions in the region. The venue also features multiple dining and [lodging options](#) for visitors, including pet-friendly rentals.

2025 FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding

Verden, Germany – Two U.S. combinations gained valuable experience at the 2025 FEI WBFSH Dressage World Breeding Championships for Young Horses, held at the Turniengelände Verden in Verden, Germany. Hope Cooper and O Romeo S represented the U.S. in the six-year-old division, while Rebecca Rigdon and Stay Cool competed in the five-year-old division.

"I was super happy with our riders and horses. Hope [Cooper] and O'Romeo S made it straight into the Final out of 40 combinations in the first qualifier," said Chef d'Equipe and Technical Advisor Christine Traurig. "Rebecca [Rigdon] and Stay Cool did well also. As he matures I am sure he will do very well as a six-year-old and we'll see them competing at WBC again. Both riders came home feeling inspired and motivated by the quality of the horses and riders they competed with and against and it shows how important it is for U.S. riders to have that experience in Europe."

Safety and Wellness

US Equestrian is committed to the safety and wellness of all participants – horse and human. Part of this commitment is having resources in place to support mental wellness for a wide variety of issues, in addition to abuse prevention and reporting. We want to take this opportunity to remind you of the resources you can access. Mental Health Resources

As part of our commitment to members and

to their wellbeing, US Equestrian has partnered with the McLaughlin Young Group to offer members free confidential counseling services for mental health first aid.

US Equestrian members can access professional counseling services for personal, work-related, and family concerns for up to three visits or sessions through a third-party licensed provider.

These experienced professional clinicians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Members can reach a counselor by calling 1-800-633-3353.

Location of 2026 USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship

US Equestrian announced the 2026 USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship will take place at World Equestrian Center (WEC) in Ocala, Fla., from May 13-17, 2026. The USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship will offer the opportunity for qualified combinations to test themselves in the exciting atmosphere of the Grand Arena at WEC – Ocala and compete for the title of the 2026 USEF Dressage Grand Prix Champion.

"It was important for us to make our Grand Prix National Championship a standalone event, as it should be one of the most highlighted events for the qualified combinations. It's also our intention to make it part of our selection process for the World Championships," said Chef d'Equipe Christine Traurig. "It is essential we see the top combinations on the same field of play with the same panel of judges in a comparable setting to what our experience will feel like in Aachen, Germany, at the Championships."

WEC is uniquely positioned to deliver an unforgettable championship experience for competitors, horses, and fans alike. We look forward to welcoming the equestrian community to Ocala and celebrating the best in U.S. dressage."

The qualification period for the championship will begin on September 1, 2025, and combinations vying for the championship must earn required scores at FEI events.

Do You Need Funding for Your Dressage Education?

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) may be able to help! Thanks to generous donors, financial support is available for riders of all ages and levels, instructors, judges, Para and Western dressage riders, groups/GMOs that are hosting educational events, and much more!

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2026 World Cup Finals Memo

In preparation for the 2026 FEI World Cup Final to be held at Dickie's Arena in Ft. Worth, TX USEF wanted to provide some preliminary planning information. This year's FEI World Cup Final serves as an opportunity for USA Dressage athletes to showcase their talents in front of the home US crowd.

2025-2026 FEI NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE QUALIFYING CALENDAR

Once again, the FEI North American League (NAL) will qualify based on a point system for placings in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle at CDI-W events. The NAL will receive three starting places in the 2026 FEI Dressage World Cup Final. The full FEI Dressage World Cup Final Rules 2025-2026 here. The west coast list of qualifying events can be found below (subject to cancellations / changes).

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Crozet, France

Dressage European Championships at JIVA Hill

By Pat Hart August 26-31 2025

I am hooked. Always a treat to watch the best of the best. I met 2 friends in Europe to watch the European Dressage Championships. This event proved to have many firsts. First time it was held in France, first time at a private resort and the First time for Belgium to win Gold!

This show did not disappoint. The first 2 days we watched 62 Grand Prix Riders from all over Europe in the team competition. There was not a bad seat in the house. The venue was small and intimate. We were keeping score on the teams and it was so tight up until the last moment which made it so very exciting. The riders were so good that the tiniest mistake could cost a placing. (the results are posted everywhere so I won't go thru the list)

The warm-up arena was like a who's who event. How often can you see, Carl Hester, Charlotte Fry, Ingrid Klimke, Isabelle Worth in the same arena warming up together. It doesn't get much better. We also were impressed with a guy on a black stallion from Belgium in the warm-up. Little did we know he would be making history.

After two days of Grand Prix (and several glasses of wine) it was time to watch the top 32 riders vie for the Grand Prix Special. We had learned a lot about the guy on the black stallion – Justin. I guess our eyes are well trained as he managed to capture the top placing in the special. His ride was lovely to watch. There was truly a special partnership and a lot of trust between the two.

After three days of riding, there was a down day. It was nice to have a break and see the sights with my friends, Brent Hicks and Cindy Bennett. We went to a beautiful Swiss town and toured a Chateau in Gruyere – yes like the cheese and we had our share of cheese. We also were fascinated with the cows in the countryside. They all wear bells about their neck. So if you drive slowly by and roll down your window, you can hear the chiming of cow bells. We had so much fun chasing down the sound of cowbells and finding the cows. Well two of us had so much fun. Brent was trying not to know us. (I think you had to be there)

We also toured a chocolate factory – Cailler's. After the tour you get to sample all the different types. It was amazing. To end our day – we drove along Lake Geneva and stopped for a walk along the lake and dinner. We were a bit late for dinner and the only thing left was fish and chips. But it wasn't just any fish and chips. The fish was perch from the lake and the French fries were from heaven and the wine was locally grown. What a treat. We were ready to end the day and look forward to the final day of competition.

So many freestyles, so little time. What a variety of music. Rock, Rap, Classical, Spanish Guitar, Pop. You name it. The rides kept getting better and better as the day progressed. There was some very tight scoring with the top five rides being close in points. Second to the last rider- Justin came in and began his freestyle. Shortly into it – he makes a mistake! Ugh. But he recovers quickly and then the rest of the test was flawless. He finishes and it gives you goosebumps – it was lovely. He left the arena and had no idea he had won. When the final score was posted he was shocked. It was very emotional for everyone. He finished first with less than ½ of a % point. Belgium had double gold! It was wonderful to be there and see history in the making.

Needless to say we celebrated that evening in a tiny pizza ristorante -on the street. We voted Cindy to sit closest to the cars passing by!. What a fantastic time we had.

What more could you ask for. The beautiful French countryside, a view of Mount Blanc, fantastic French food and wine and all the talented riders and horses. It doesn't get much better.



CATHERINE, JUSTIN, ISABELL



ISABELL, CATHERINE, JUSTIN



CATHERINE LAUDRUP-DUFOUR MOUNT ST JOHN FREESTYLE



JUSTIN VERBOOMEN ZONIK PLUS
PHOTOS BY N BRENT HICKS

Grand Prix - European Championships

1. Den Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour Mount St John Freestyle 80.823
2. Ger Isabell Werth Wendy 79.224
3. Bel Justin Verboomen Zonik Plus 79.084

Grand Prix Special - European Championships

1. Bel Justin Verboomen Zonik Plus 82.371
2. Den Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour Mount St John Freestyle 81.687
3. Ger Isabell Werth Wendy 79.027

Freestyle - European Championships

1. Bel Justin Verboomen Zonik Plus 89.964
2. Den Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour Mount St John Freestyle 89.821
3. Ger Isabell Werth Wendy 88.046

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Two TDF Grants

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is pleased to announce that two riders who qualified for the FEI North American Youth Dressage Championships (NAYC) U25 Division have been awarded \$2,000 grants from TDF. Thanks to a generous donor, these grants were awarded to riders who need financial help for the large expenses of traveling and competing at this prestigious competition later this month.

The two recipients are Haley Smith (CA, Region 7) and Paige Wolfe (PA, Region 1).

Haley, a member of the California Dressage Society, will compete at NAYC with her mare, Great Lady TC. Haley is an assistant trainer and believes this competition serves as a pivotal opportunity to gain championship experience in a team setting. Haley will be coached by Olympian Steffen Peters.

Haley said, "I'm incredibly honored to be selected as a recipient of TDF's NAYC U25 grant. This generous funding plays a vital role in making high-performance opportunities like NAYC possible, not just for me, but also for other aspiring athletes working to represent their country on an international stage. Grants like this are a powerful reminder that when we lift each other up, we strengthen the entire future of our sport. I'm deeply grateful to TDF and its donors for believing in young riders and investing in the next generation of both human and equine athletes. Thank you for standing behind this dream. I carry your support with me into the arena with focus, gratitude, and a deep belief in the power of teamwork and shared purpose."

CDS Elections

Be sure to vote in the CDS election for North Director and for At Large Director. Ballots go out in email from Voting Place. Election time is September 25 to October 15, 2025.

USDF Convention

USDF invites you to attend the [2025 Adequan@USDF Annual Convention](mailto:Adequan@USDF.org), December 3 through December 6, in The Horse Capital of the World, Lexington, KY. The host hotel is the Hyatt Regency Lexington. Make your hotel reservations [online](#) by November 10, 2025, to receive the USDF group rate.

Featured Educational at USDF Convention

Featured Education Session: How GMOs can best use various social media platforms
GMO Roundtable Discussions – Cybersecurity for GMOs; Social Licensing/Code of Conduct for GMOs; Group vs Personal Liability
2025 Adequan@USDF Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

You're invited! This fall, USDF members will have the opportunity to get a FREE inside look into the work of USDF's committees, and a jump start on the annual convention by attending open PRE-convention committee meetings via ZOOM. Every USDF committee will be hosting a pre-convention meeting, open to all members to share ideas, allow for questions, and provide insight into the inner workings of both the committee and the USDF governance structure. So, make plans to attend – connect with your dressage community, let your voice be heard, or just learn more about the inner workings of the organization so dear to your heart! Click <https://www.usdf.org/admin/pre-convention-meeting-email.asp?email=paula@california-dressage.org> to receive updates, reminders, and the meeting links!

Year End Awards

The CDS Year End Awards will be listed in the December issue of Dressage Letters. This will include all the Year End Plate and Certificate winners for the year. This is your chance to check your total scores for the year. The CDS Sporthorse awards will also be listed in the December issue as well as the CDS High Point Pony and PARA Awards. The Henry Burchard Memorial Trophy will be named in this issue. It is necessary for rider to apply for this award. It is awarded to the owner/rider on a single horse receiving the highest number of scores of 60% or better during the competition year. Please send an email, fax or letter to be considered for this award.

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USDF L Education Program

CDS Santa Cruz Chapter

The L Program consists of two parts: Part 1: A Judge's Perspective and Part 2: Candidate Evaluation. Each part has three sessions as outlined in these guidelines

Purpose of the Program: This program has been designed with several goals in mind:

- 1) To give competitors, trainers, instructors, and other interested people greater insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage.
- 2) To meet a requirement to enter the USDF/USEF 'r' Judge Training Program.
- 3) To qualify individuals to judge schooling shows.
- 4) To provide continuing education for licensed judges and graduates of the L Program.

For further information contact us at (831) 334-5477 or harmny_d@yahoo.com

CDS Score Check on the 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. <https://www.california-dressage.org/show-results>

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ALYSSA DOVERSPIKE BURKETT / DORI



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ALYSSA DOVERSPIKE: The year of 2025 has sped past once again—the ever elusive Lamplight in Chicago was a goal in the far distance which quickly materialized and now sits in the past along with all the short and long term milestones that come with a year of training a developing horse. I consider myself extremely lucky to own the horse I went down centerline with this year at Festival. It is a mare I purchased at 2 weeks old and have developed along with my coaches Kathleen Raine and David Wightman. Every day on this particular horse is a great day for me. She has the talent for the big sport and the temperament to take you to the ends of the earth. Most years at lamplight we arrive with a gang of young horses throughout all the levels, however this year, my horse Dori was the only horse we pursued qualifying with in the Developing PSG.

It's special to have one horse to focus on. Horse shows rarely have downtime when you travel with an entourage of four legged friends, so to spend that one on one time with Dori this year meant a lot to me and strengthened our connection that I already considered so unbreakable. Lamplight always presents quite the roller coaster of possibilities and the more years you participate, the more true that theory becomes! Our first day was not our best, in fact it was the worst score I've ever received in any level with this horse! What a day! Full of tension and small mistakes... hind sight is 20/20 and it is helpful to tap into that quickly! We had a day in between to figure out how to come back to each other and with the help and positivity of everyone around us we accomplished a major come back. We were second to start in the class in the Final and held onto first place until the top two from the day of the preliminary competed which ended up putting us third for the Final test. This ended with a 7th place overall finish for our year of 2025- and although I always go into this show with the ambitions of a better performance, I have learned so much from a come back. And I am beyond thrilled to take my best friend home with me.

I can't thank CDS enough for the support they have shown throughout the years of sending our horses across the country to compete against the top horses in the US. It is a pleasure to represent such a great state of horses, riders, and trainers.

HEATHER KENNEDY: It was such an honor to attend The Festival of Champions in Chicago! The road to qualify was vigorous for my horse, Dr. Davidoff, and my husband and myself. We made a big jump from fourth level the previous year to doing PSG and I1 in CDI's. I'm very proud of the progress Davi (Dr. Davidoff) made throughout 2025.

Unfortunately at The Festival we had many unexpected mistakes. We did not bring our A game. We got it together a bit in the freestyle to land in the middle of the pack.

Overall it was a great experience! I met new friends and got to know many of my fellow competitors. I had a lot of unexpected support from many of these people as well as from long time friends and colleagues. We are grateful to all those individuals who helped us make this trip happen. A travel grant from our California Dressage Society was greatly appreciated. We are continuing our work towards Grand Prix with the expert guidance of Steffen Peters. Hopefully we see everyone in the GP ring in the future!

LILIAN RAMIREZ: My time at the Festival was truly unforgettable. After qualifying with Christiane Noelting's Fuerst Felix at the 2024 Region 7 Championships for the 13-U equitation with a score of 86%, my family and I were inspired to pursue the 2025 U.S. Festival of Champions. We focused on the FEI Children's class and, within four months, secured a top five position with an average score of 71%. Competing at Lamplight alongside the nation's top riders was an incredible opportunity, and despite feeling inexperienced, we finished fourth in both the DSE and FEI Children's divisions, achieving a personal best average score of 73%.

Qualifying with Felix was particularly meaningful given my previous successes at various CDS championships, where I progressed from training through second level, bringing him from a young 6-year-old to a strong, experienced 8-year-old. At Lamplight, I connected with junior and young riders from California and other regions across the country. Overall, participating in the Festival of Champions taught us the importance of living in the moment and building our experience on a national stage. I am incredibly grateful to have been a part of this event!

JACLYN PEPPER: Festival of Champions 2025 was an unforgettable experience for us. We made a last-minute decision to try for the Developing Grand Prix—and to our surprise, we qualified ranked 6th. Finishing fourth overall was incredible, and achieving that on a self-trained, American-bred horse made it all the more special. A heartfelt thank you to CDS for your support—we truly felt the love all the way in Chicago.

MIKI YANG: Miki Yang and Grey C Carrus placed 8th overall in their debut U25 season. We had a wonderful time with incredible support and inspiration from all the riders and horse combinations! We look forward to continuing in the upcoming seasons

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HEATHER KENNEDY / DR DAVIDOFF



LILLIAN RAMIREZ / FUERST FELIX N



MIKI YANG / GREY C CARRUS

4-year olds - Preliminary Test

1. Charell Garcia - MW Verrazzano - 85.200% (USA)
2. Michelle Davis - Galaxena - 83.000% (USA)
3. Lindsey Holleger - Real Surprice - 81.600% (USA)
- 11. Josh Albrecht - Quellenperle SL - 73.000% (USA)**

4-year olds - Finals Test

1. Laura DeCesari - VP Ice Man - 86.200% (USA)
1. Charell Garcia - MW Verrazzano - 86.200% (USA)
3. Lindsey Holleger - Real Surprice - 83.600% (USA)
- 13. Josh Albrecht - Quellenperle SL - 71.400% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Young Horse Championships - 4-year -Overall Ranking

1. Charell Garcia - MW Verrazzano -85.800
2. Laura DeCesari - VP Ice Man -84.280
3. Lindsey Holleger - Real Surprice - 82.800
- 13. Josh Albrecht - Quellenperle SL - 72.040**

2025 U.S. Young Horse Championships - 5-year Overall Ranking

1. Charell Garcia - MW Virtuoso - 84.680
2. Justin Giles - Templeton's Milano - 82.480
3. Laura DeCesari - Peaky Blinders EDI - 81.320

6-year olds - Preliminary Test

1. Petra Warlimont - Deambulo PWD - 88.200% (USA)
2. Charell Garcia - MW Mastermind - 85.800% (USA)
3. Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen - Oliver R Tambo SV - 82.600% (USA)
- 11. Josh Albrecht - Happy AI Z - 70.000% (USA)**

6-year Finals Test

1. Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen - Oliver R Tambo SV - 82.400% (USA)
2. Petra Warlimont - Deambulo PWD - 81.000% (USA)
3. Elizabeth Bortuzzo - Vital Hit Caledonia OLD - 80.600% (USA)

2025 U.S. Young Horse Championships - 6-year Overall Ranking

1. Petra Warlimont - Deambulo PWD - 83.880
2. Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen - Oliver R Tambo SV -82.480
3. Charell Garcia - MW Mastermind -82.080
- 11. Josh Albrecht - Happy AI Z - 728.000**

7-year olds - Preliminary Test

1. Katie Duerrhammer - Rosebank VH - 78.518% (USA)
2. Kathryn Fleming-Kuhn - Vholt - 77.343% (USA)
- 3. Christian Hartung - Velantis N - 76.365% (USA)**

7-year olds - Finals Test

1. Katie Duerrhammer - Rosebank VH - 82.815% (USA)
2. Christopher Hickey - Saskatoon OMF - 78.200% (USA)
- 3. Christian Hartung - Velantis N - 76.800% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Young Horse Championships - 7-year Overall Ranking

1. Katie Duerrhammer - Rosebank VH - 81.09
2. Christopher Hickey - Saskatoon OMF - 76.94
- 3. Christian Hartung - Velantis N - 76.62**

Children - Team Championship Test

1. Grace Christianson - FHF Roulee - 78.350% (USA)
2. Gwenyth Miller - Rubinette N - 76.600% (USA)
- 3. Lilian Ramirez - Fuerst Felix N - 75.775% (USA)**
- 10. Ryder Mosqueda - Atlantico XLVI - 66.175% (USA)**

Children - Individual Test

1. Grace Christianson - FHF Roulee - 78.389% (USA)
2. Gwenyth Miller - Rubinette N - 76.769% (USA)
3. Madelynn Williams - FHF Cahlua - 75.750% (USA)
- 4. Lilian Ramirez - Fuerst Felix N - 72.116% (USA)**
- 8. Ryder Mosqueda - Atlantico XLVI - 68.023% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Children Championships - Overall Result

1. Grace Christianson - FHF Roulee - 78.370
2. Gwenyth Miller - Rubinette N - 76.685
3. Madelynn Williams - FHF Cahlua - 74.400
- 4. Lilian Ramirez - Fuerst Felix N - 73.946**
- 9. Ryder Mosqueda - Atlantico XLVI - 67.100**

Junior Riders - Team Championship Test

1. Claire Tucker - Finnur - 70.202% (USA)
2. Eila Fisk - Quaresma - 67.980% (USA)
3. Camila Tossas - King Maximus - 67.828% (USA)
- 10. Mia Folk - Gezarior - 62.980% (USA)**

Junior Riders - Individual Test

1. Claire Tucker - Finnur - 70.588% (USA)
2. Eila Fisk - Quaresma - 67.990% (USA)
3. Alexis Troutman - Mondo 'L' - 67.696% (USA)
- 8. Mia Folk - Gezarior - 65.490% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Junior Riders Championships - Overall Result

1. Claire Tucker - Finnur - 70.39
2. Eila Fisk - Quaresma - 67.98
3. Alexis Troutman - Mondo L - 67.40
- 9. Mia Folk - Gezarior - 64.23**

Developing Prix St Georges Horses - Round 1

1. Adrienne Lyle - Hussmanns Topgun - 72.549% (USA)
2. Rebecca Rigdon - MSJ For VIPs - 70.196% (USA)
3. Brittany Burson - Fiorenza - 67.500% (USA)
- 13. Alyssa Doverspike Burkett - Dori - 63.186% (USA)**

Developing Prix St Georges Horses - Round 2

1. Adrienne Lyle - Hussmanns Topgun - 73.425% (USA)
- 2. Rebecca Rigdon - MSJ For VIPs - 69.398% (USA)**
- 3. Alyssa Doverspike Burkett - Dori - 67.222% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Developing PSG Horse Championship-Overall Ranking

1. Adrienne Lyle - Hussmanns Topgun - 73.075
- 2. Rebecca Rigdon - MSJ For VIPs - 69.717**
3. Michelle Haefer - Djurre Ut, T Westen - 66.394
- 7. Alyssa Doverspike Burkett - Dori - 65.607**

Prix St Georges

1. Sabine Schut-Kery - Jojoba de Massa - 72.235% (USA)
2. Elizabeth Bortuzzo - Vincent - 70.647% (USA)
3. Lauren Sprieser - C. Cadeau - 70.235% (USA)
- 6. Natalya Slipchenko - Fortunatto EDI - 68.882% (USA)**
- 9. Hillary Martin - Chachi - 67.500% (USA)**
- 13. Heather Kennedy - Dr. Davidoff - 64.382% (USA)**

Intermediaire I

- 1. Sabine Schut-Kery - Jojoba de Massa - 71.412% (USA)**
2. Lauren Sprieser - C. Cadeau - 70.353% (USA)
3. Elizabeth Bortuzzo - Vincent - 70.294% (USA)
- 7. Natalya Slipchenko - Fortunatto EDI - 68.000% (USA)**
- 12. Hillary Martin - Chachi - 65.206% (USA)**
- 13. Heather Kennedy - Dr. Davidoff - 61.677% (USA)**

Intermediaire I Kur to Music

- 1. Sabine Schut-Kery - Jojoba de Massa - 74.150% (USA)**
2. Lauren Sprieser - C. Cadeau - 72.135% (USA)
- 3. Natalya Slipchenko - Fortunatto EDI - 71.395% (USA)**
- 7. Heather Kennedy - Dr. Davidoff - 68.800% (USA)**
- 12. Hillary Martin - Chachi - 67.340% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Small Tour Championship - Overall Ranking

- 1. Sabine Schut-Kery - Jojoba de Massa - 72.151**
2. Lauren Sprieser - C Cadeau - 70.572
3. Elizabeth Bortuzzo - Vincent - 70.062

6. Natalya Slipchenko - Fortunatto EDI - 68.861

10. Hillary Martin - Chachi - 66.443

13. Heather Kennedy - Dr. Davidoff - 63.826

Under 25 - Intermediaire II

- 1. Josh Albrecht - Goldenboy Vinckenburgh - 69.177% (USA)**
- 2. Christian Simonson - Fleau de Baian - 69.176% (USA)**
- 8. Miki Yang - Grey C Carrus - 63.029% (USA)**

Under 25 - Short Grand Prix

- 1. Christian Simonson - Fleau de Baian - 68.744%(USA)**
2. Caroline Garren - Quantaris - 68.154% (USA)
3. Allison Nemeth - Harvest - 66.461% (USA)
- 4. Josh Albrecht - Goldenboy Vinckenburgh - 66.179%(USA)**
- 10. Miki Yang - Grey C Carrus - 59.615% (USA)**

Under 25 - Kur to Music

- 1. Christian Simonson - Fleau de Baian - 72.820% (USA)**
2. Caroline Garren - Quantaris - 72.605% (USA)
3. Allison Nemeth - Leviathan - 69.575% (USA)
- 4. Josh Albrecht - Goldenboy Vinckenburgh - 68.670% (USA)**
- 6. Miki Yang - Grey C Carrus - 66.995% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Under 25 Championship - Overall Ranking

- 1. Christian Simonson - Fleau de Baian - 69.528**
2. Caroline Garren - Quantaris - 68.101
- 3. Josh Albrecht - Goldenboy Vinckenburgh - 67.753**
- 8. Miki Yang - Grey C Carrus - 62.088**

Developing Grand Prix Horses - Round 1 - Intermediaire II

1. Quinn Iverson - Gremlin - 70.098% (USA)
2. Sarah Mason-Beaty - Kanjer TC - 68.775% (USA)
3. Kelly Layne - Living Diamond - 68.431% (USA)
- 4. Jaclyn Pepper-Millard - Limited Edition - 67.402% (USA)**
- 5. Dawn White-O'Connor - Leon - 66.863% (USA)**

Developing Grand Prix Horses - Round 2 - Short Grand Prix

1. Quinn Iverson - Gremlin - 71.203% (USA)
- 2. Dawn White-O'Connor - Leon - 68.009% (USA)**
3. Kelly Layne - Living Diamond - 67.638% (USA)
- 4. Jaclyn Pepper-Millard - Limited Edition - 67.500% (USA)**

2025 U.S. Developing Grand Prix Horse Championship Overall

1. Quinn Iverson - Gremlin - 70.761
2. Kelly Layne - Living Diamond - 67.955
- 3. Dawn White-O'Connor - Leon - 67.550**
- 4. Jaclyn Pepper-Millard - Limited Edition - 67.461**

Grand Prix

- 1. Christian Simonson - Indian Rock - 73.783% (USA)**
2. Meagan Davis - Toronto Lightfoot - 67.935% (USA)
3. Karen Lipp - Infinity - 67.565% (USA)

Grand Prix Special

- 1. Christian Simonson - Indian Rock - 73.191% (USA)**
2. Meagan Davis - Toronto Lightfoot - 68.128% (USA)
3. Katie Duerrhammer - Vividus QRE - 67.234% (USA)

Grand Prix Kur to Music

- 1. Christian Simonson - Indian Rock - 79.430% (USA)**
2. Meagan Davis - Toronto Lightfoot - 72.595% (USA)
3. Karen Lipp - Infinity - 71.945% (USA)

2025 U.S. Grand Prix Championships - Overall Result

- 1. Christian Simonson - Indian Rock - 74.393**
2. Meagan Davis - Toronto Lightfoot - 68.711
3. Karen Lipp - Infinity - 68.064

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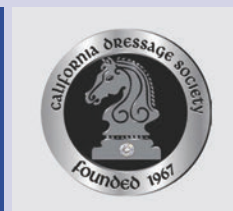
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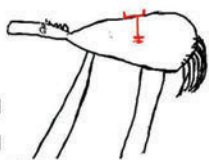


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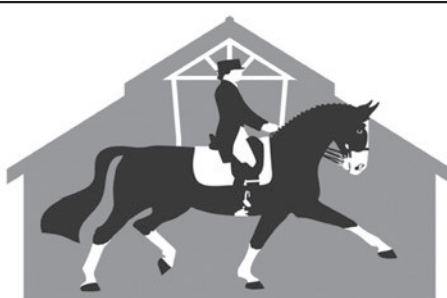


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