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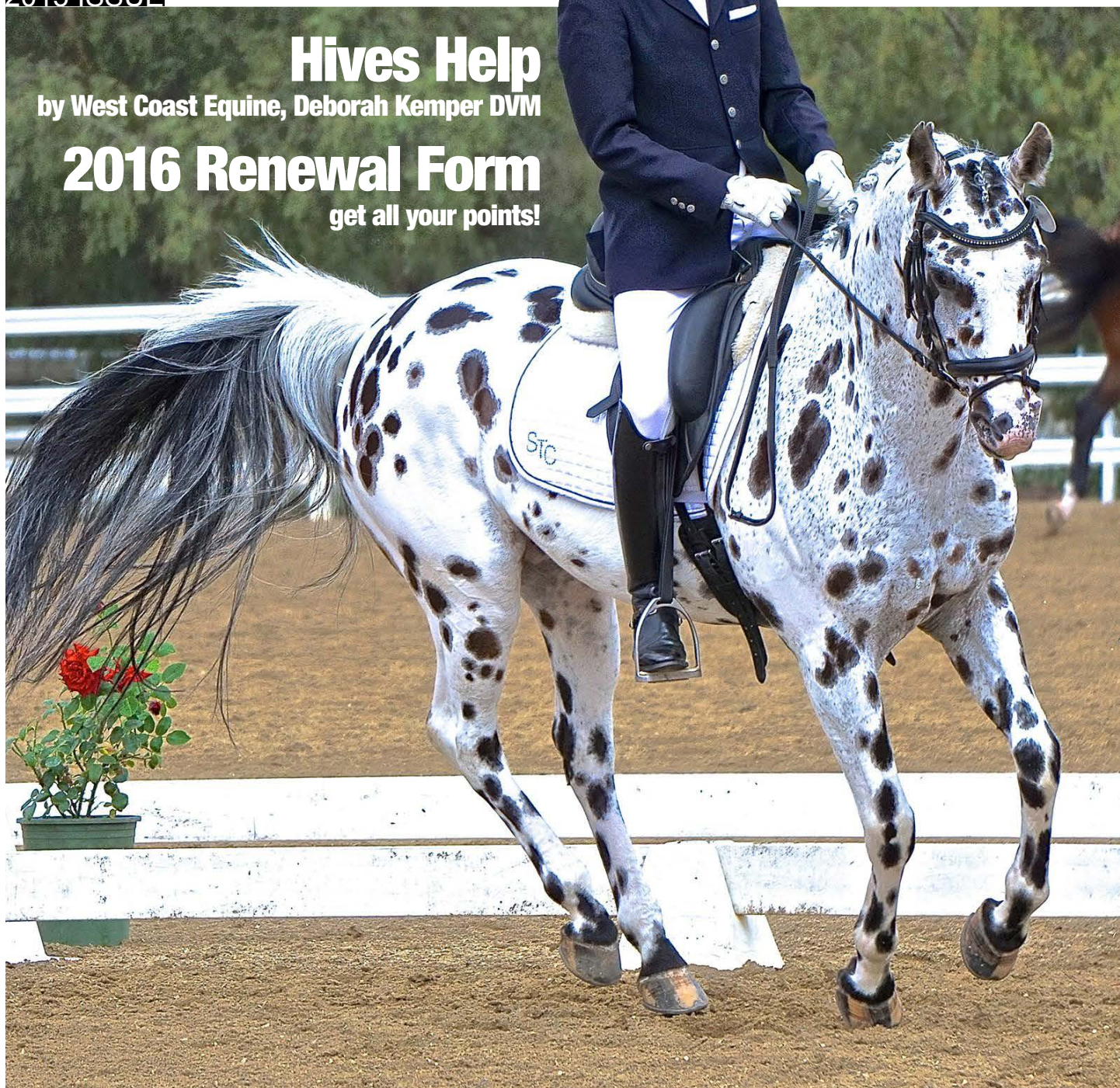
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by West Coast Equine, Deborah Kemper DVM

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Happy Holidays!

I can't believe it's almost been a year since I stepped into the stirrup at DASC! And it's been a whirlwind..... Hopefully, this year is a precursor to next. By now USDF convention is behind us and the holidays are now upon us.

Let's take a look back...

The Board, in an effort, to revive our membership in those outlying areas in Southern California, developed an "out of area" qualifying criteria. As a result, we welcomed exhibitors from a greater distance this year at our Championship show – including Riverside, Temecula, San Diego and Paso Robles. And we had a great show. (See the article by Catherine Witt in this issue.) And we are planning to do it again next year! Dates are confirmed for September 8-10, 2016, location still "to be determined."

We got the newsletter back on track. I got several compliments from the membership about the newsletter. AND THEN THE BIG NEWS **** DASC Newsletter wins USDF Photo (Honorable Mention) and First Person (Honorable Mention) and General Interest Articles (First Place) ****

We also may have started something with Dressage Extensions. The wine and cheese party held in conjunction DE and the DASC Championships show – would we get an adequate number of attendees? The Board and DE almost cancelled the event but we persevered. And it was smashing success. I think that DE actually stayed opened longer than anticipated, especially since Hilda Gurney and students showed up just before closing, checkbook(s) in hand.

DASC Mission Statement: *The Dressage Association of Southern California (DASC) is committed to fostering the growth and development of its membership in the discipline of dressage.*

DASC is a group member organization, DASC membership includes group membership in the USDF.

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In fact, this party was so successful, that DE repeated with a similar event, featuring many of the “local to Moorpark” [as that’s where DE store is....] riders and trainers, including Hilda and Jan Ebeling, as models. DE graciously donated some beautiful items to support a DASC fund raiser with funds to help support high quality educational events/opportunities for our membership. Among the items awarded were a set of custom Petrie boot! DASC raised just over \$1,300 at that event.

And our year-end awards have just been posted. So confirm your scores and come to our banquet on January 17, 2016 at Maggiano’s in Woodland Hills!

Looking forward to the New Year, the Board is already scheming (much more fun than just planning). It looks like a go for DASC volunteers to support the West Coast Adequan/USDF FEI-Level Trainer’s Conference on March 14-15, 2016. We are looking into possibly hosting a “r” judges certification program or coordinating a USDF Instructor’s Program. And of course we have our Championship Show.

So, take a look at what’s new in this issue. We have touched on the new USEF vaccine requirement – mandatory as of December 1. There are also new alternative requirements in qualifying for the DASC Championships show and year-end awards.

As always, we need volunteers to help join in the fun! If you have an idea of something DASC should offer in 2016, please let the Board / myself know as soon as possible!

Let’s make 2016 a year to remember!

~ Barb Filkins, DASC President



NEW USEF VACCINATIONS RULE

Moorpark, CA (September 3, 2015) -

GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule

1. At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhino-pneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers’ or veterinarian’s recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.

2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.

3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.

4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.

5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee. BOD 1/17/15 Effective 12/1/15.



CONGRATULATIONS

Championship Class High Point Award Winners

*USDF Open Championships High Point -
Sponsored by Sheri Heiar Dressage*
Hilda Gurney - Lotta Silver
First Level - 77.21

*USDF Adult Amateur High Point Award -
Sponsored by Symphony Dressage*
Dantia Benson - Bad Boy
Second Level - 69.70

*Rising Star High Point Award -
Sponsored by Mibber and Markee LLP*
Maggie Evans and Sir Henry
Training Level - 71.82

*Kingdom Video Adult Amateur
FEJ High Point Award -
Sponsored by Sally Swart - Kingdom Video*
Adrienne Bessey - Dido
Prix St. George - 72.70

*Freestyle Championships High Point Award -
Sponsored by Erin Marshall/SparkleFox*
Elizabeth Landers - His Highness Crusador
Third Level Freestyle - 77.67

Champion Special Championship Horse Show Awards

Crarjest Socks - Symphony Dressage Team
Best Barn Snacks - Sean Cunningham Dressage
Best Braids - Betty Irwin
Best Bling - Brenda Forsythe, DVM
Best Barn Spirit - Iron Horse Farm



Catherine Whitt and Mirage
Photo Credit: CaliPhotography

THE DASC CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW EXPERIENCE: From our DASC Member Catherine Whitt:

After more than 10 years out of the show arena, I took a deep breath and jumped back in last year. I was unprepared for the talent in the LA/Ventura area. The abilities of the riders, horses, and trainers are truly exceptional. Go to any local Dressage show and you'll see some of the best horse and rider combinations in the country. It's very exciting to be a part of this community!

And DASC helps bring this community together! Our local Dressage association organizes events, shows, and more importantly is a resource to explore our riding and showing knowledge. Each show is a test of our training up to that point in time, and with many shows throughout the year, we can see how our training has progressed. The culmination of the year's work is the DASC Championships.

This year was my first DASC Championship. El Sueno was the host location and it was fabulous! Two arenas over 3 days gave everyone the



opportunity to have a trial run before their Championship ride(s). It was awesome! At the end of the year, people feel comfortable with the test and so, they just go for it! But enough about the quality of the riding and horses, it couldn't have been possible without DASC and their amazingly generous team of volunteers. The show ran smoothly and was just a joy to be part of. From the welcome wine party, to the row of vendors, to the donuts in the morning to give me a sugar jolt, it was a lot of fun! A big thank you goes out to DASC and the volunteers for putting on an excellent show. It had the quality we expect from a SoCal show, but also a welcoming (and calming) feel of a community that is supportive and very friendly. I look forward to doing it again next year!



2016 DASC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND HORSE NOMINATION

DASC is a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) and all members are automatically USDF Group Members

DASC 2016 Membership year is December 1, 2015 - November 30, 2016

Member Information:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Cell #: _____
e-mail: _____
USDF #: _____ USEF# _____
DASC Member Number: _____
☐ Open ☐ Adult Amateur ☐ JR/YR - Birthdate: _____

I would like to volunteer (circle one or more)

☐ Membership ☐ Education ☐ Juniors ☐ Shows/Events ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Volunteers

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Signature _____

Date _____

Horse Information:

Show Name: _____
Breed: _____ USDF #: _____ USEF #: _____
Gender: _____ Birth Year: _____
** Sire _____ ** Dam _____
** Breed Registry _____ ** Registry # _____
Owner Name: _____ (owners must be a DASC member for horse to be eligible for Year End Awards)

**** Horse registration information MUST be included to be eligible for Year End Breed Awards**

(If breed registration is NOT included, all horses will be eligible for mixed breed awards and all performance awards.)

Horse AND Rider must be paid DASC members at the time the scores are earned to qualify for the Championship show and Year End Performance Awards. Owners must be members by same rules to be eligible for Year End Breed Awards.

Show Name: _____
Breed: _____ USDF #: _____ USEF #: _____
Gender: _____ Birth Year: _____
** Sire _____ ** Dam _____
** Breed Registry _____ ** Registry # _____
Owner Name _____ (owners must be a DASC member for horse to be eligible for Year End Awards)

Fees:

☐ \$60 Annual Open/AA Membership \$ _____
☐ \$45 Annual Junior/YR Membership (Under 21 years) \$ _____
AND
☐ \$10 Annual Horse Registration _____ # of horses x \$10 each = \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

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Volunteer Incentive Program!

The Dressage Association of Southern California is offering its volunteering members great rewards! Even non-members can earn work credits that can be used for a variety of DASC events and memberships.

UPDATED!

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Contact the Show Manager/Secretary of the show/event where you want to volunteer. Contact information is available on the show premium and on the DASC calendar at www.socaldressage.com. Whether you like to scribe, ring steward, run tests, work in the office, or do special projects, there are many opportunities to get even more in return!

HOW IT WORKS

YOU will need to send an e-mail to DASC to report your hours after each event. This is how WE keep track of your hours, the log is a backup in case we are missing something for you.

In an effort to help you keep track of your hours (should we miss some of your time or update incorrectly) the first time you volunteer, you should to print out a Volunteer Log here (the show manager may also be able to provide one onsite, but no guarantees!), where you can log your hours and have the show manager/secretary sign off on your time. KEEP this log throughout the

year to help keep track of your hours!! If there is a discrepancy between what we have on file and what you think you have - we can use the signed logs for verification.

Work credits can be used to defray the costs of DASC membership, Banquet tickets, educational/clinics and more. The more you generously give your time, the more benefit that will come back to you!

Even if you are a non-competing volunteer, work credits can also be used in a drawing for great prizes at our annual awards dinner – it's good for everyone!

WAYS TO EARN CREDITS

Clinic Organizer	1	
Scribe	1/4, 1/2, 1	(2 hours, 1/2 day, full day)
Scorer	1/4, 1/2, 1	(2 hours, 1/2 day, full day)
Gatekeeper	1/4, 1/2, 1	(2 hours, 1/2 day, full day)
Runner	1/4, 1/2, 1	(2 hours, 1/2 day, full day)
Ring Set Up	1/2 per ring	
Ring Take Down	1/2 per ring	
Committee Chair	1	
ACTIVE Committee Member	1/2	(attends/participates in all mtgs.)
Newsletter Contributor	1	

WAYS TO SPEND CREDITS

1/4 Credit = \$2.50 off
1/2 Credit = \$5.00 off
1 Credit = \$10.00 off

TOWARDS

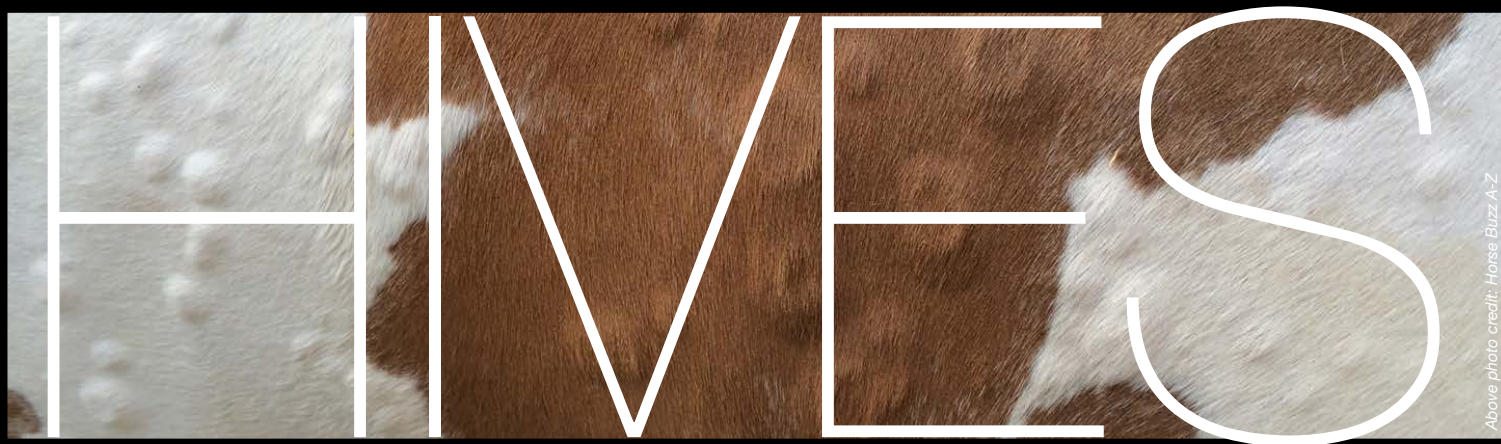
Annual Awards Banquet Tickets
Advertisements in Newsletter
DASC Membership/Horse Nomination
DASC Sponsored Clinic Fees
Prize Drawings at Annual Banquet

5 days of scribing or running tests throughout the year could pay for raffle tickets, annual award dinner tickets, or DASC membership and more. We will also hold a drawing at the end of the year for great prizes for unused work credits. There is no limit to how many work credits you can earn in a year.

Members are encouraged to maintain their own work credit records but are *required* to report them to the DASC office after each event to make sure they are recorded properly.

To report hours worked, please send an e-mail to office@socaldressage.com and note the following:

Days/Hours worked
Event name
Job performed
Show Manager (for authorization)



Hives is a very common skin condition in horses. The condition's medical name is urticaria and it is characterized by bumps that can vary in size, severity and location. The bumps are actually localized swellings, which result from capillaries leaking a clear fluid beneath the skin into tissue spaces. There are numerous causes that contribute to hives and the source cannot always be diagnosed.

MORE THAN JUST A BUMP IN THE ROAD

by Deborah Kemper, DVM

Urticaria is not a disease but rather a symptom. Common initiating factors can be food or inhaled allergens, injection sensitivities, topical applications, medications, insect bites, and environmental changes. Onset can begin within minutes to hours and they mostly occur on the head, extremities, under the belly and along the chest. There may be some itchiness associated with hives but for the most part horses do not show any recognition that they have hives, besides looking quite bumpy!

When a horse develops hives, examination of his environment for new items should be investigated. Hives can often be related to shavings, new shampoos, topical or fly sprays, new or recently washed tack or new feed. If you suspect a contact allergy, then rinsing or bathing can help remove an allergen and also cold water bathing is soothing. Remove new feed and shavings if that might be the source. Also flowering plants and trees are an important factor, so examination of the horse's housing and surrounding may give more clues to an outbreak. The best course of treatment is knowing the cause and eliminating it. This is why it is extremely important to know your horse's history such as drug exposure, vaccines, dewormers, supplements and feeds. When you first notice hives, monitor your horse closely to make sure they are not spreading rapidly. Excessive swelling near the

eyes and nose can be very irritating. Consult with your veterinarian if the hives are spreading, involving the eyes or nose or failing to go away over several days. Generally hives are self limiting especially if they are associated with insects or topical applications. Hives can be treated with antihistamines and/or steroids (one common drug is dexamethasone). Most cases of hives are short lived and respond with a combination of removal of the potential allergen and use of one of the previous mentioned medications. Long-term use of these drugs has limited benefit though, and an allergy test may be needed. Allergy testing can be through a blood sample sent to the lab or an intradermal skin test. Consult with your veterinarian about the preferred method in your situation.

Overall, hives are quite manageable and usually horses tolerate them well. But as I say that, I am sure there are many of you that have had to deal with hives that seem to never go away. How frustrating, especially when your beautiful horse needs to step in a show ring soon. They will always run their course and improve with management or medications. Or just like our bad hair days when a hat is needed, you could always resort to the use of a stable blanket to hide the offending bumps!



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DASC Newsletter wins multiple USDF awards!

USDF Congratulates 2015 GMO Award Winners
Lexington, KY (October 22, 2015) -

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to congratulate all of the winners of the 2015 GMO Awards, which will be presented during the Board of Governor's General Assembly at the 2015 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, in Las Vegas. These awards are given annually to recognize outstanding achievement within USDF's GMO community. Recognition is given in the following categories: GMO amateur photograph, website user experience, and newsletter first person experience and general interest articles.

CONGRATULATIONS DASC WINNERS! THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR NEWSLETTER! BARB WILL PICK UP YOUR HARD-EARNED AWARDS AT THE USDF CONFERENCE

This year's winners are:

Best Amateur Photograph:

GMOs with 75 to 174 members:

Honorable Mention: Dressage Association of Southern California,
DASC Collected Comments, Spring 2015,
Photographer: Cheryl Pelly



First Person Experience Article:

GMOs with 75 to 174 members:

Honorable Mention: Dressage Association of Southern California, DASC Collected Comments, Spring 2015:

Attire: What to Wear When
by Susan Hoffman-Peacock



General Interest/Informational Article:

GMOs with 75 to 174 members:

First Place: Dressage Association of Southern California,

DASC Collected Comments, Summer 2015:

Care and Maintenance of the Senior Equine

by Pamela J. Wangenheim-Hawkins



What a GREAT night at the DASC / Dressage Extensions Evening Event!

Moorpark, CA (September 3, 2015) -

Dressage Extensions hosted a fantastic evening shopping event with 20% discounts on the entire store! Prizes were won, \$300.00 Bridles and more from vendors. D.E. is reaching out to our local community to build up the enthusiasm that we have in our area. Be looking for more of these very special events!



Barb Filkins picking the DASC Newsletter drawing winner for a STUNNING new bridle from Jill at the Dressage Extensions / DASC Evening-Event Party!

OVER \$1,300. was made from the D.E./ DASC Petrie Boot Raffle to go to a DASC Educational Event! More info to come!!! Congrats the WINNERS!!!!

About DASC Show Dates

2016



DASC publishes a list of recognized shows on the website. When you compete as a DASC horse/rider member at a DASC recognized show, you automatically are eligible for qualification to the DASC Championship show and Year End Performance and Breed awards.

Shows are added throughout the year, as they are requested by show managers. If you don't see your favorite shows on our list, please contact the show manager directly and ask them to contact us for approval. Please check the website (www.socaldressage.com) often for show updates.

If you do not have DASC recognized shows in your area - there's an alternate way to record eligible scores - contact office@socaldressage.com with any questions.

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DASC Mission Statement

DASC is committed to fostering the growth and development of its riding membership, providing educational opportunities throughout the year. Our dressage shows welcome horse and rider combinations of all levels, in many cases providing first-time junior and amateur exhibitors with a friendly, non-threatening introduction to the competition arena. Several of our Junior/Young Rider members have used their DASC qualifying scores to go on to compete at national and international competitions.

NEW DASC QUALIFICATION RULES FOR THE YEAR END AWARD AND CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

The criteria for the DASC 2016 Year End Awards are as follows:

- Horse and rider must be paid DASC members in good standing at the time scores are earned.
- Owners (if not the same as the rider) must be paid DASC members for breed recognition awards.
- Horse and rider combinations may earn scores at any test in the level to qualify.
- Horse/rider combinations must earn a minimum of six (6) scores at Intro – 4th level or three (3) scores at FEI level competition (PSG-Grand Prix) and Freestyles
- Breed recognition awards include all scores from eligible horse/rider combinations (ie. Two riders/one horse)
- In keeping with USEF and USDF procedures – DASC will use the *median* score of all eligible scores to determine ranking.

DASC Championship Rules and Requirements. NEW for the 2016 show season, DASC will now offer two different methods of qualification for DASC Championship Show and DASC Year End Award Programs in an effort to better meet the needs of members showing throughout USDF Region 7.

Qualifying scores may now be obtained in two ways:

1. Through attendance at DASC rated shows
2. Through utilization of the alternative qualification method outlined below:

- Any DASC member may opt for the alternative qualification method by registering as an alternative qualifier and paying the \$10.00 alternative qualification fee.
- Alternative qualifiers may utilize score from any USEF/USDF recognized show held within USDF Region 7.
- It is the responsibility of the member to submit qualifying scores to DASC for approval by utilizing USDF horse score check verification sheet. Individualized test sheet may be accepted by DASC management if there is evidence that an omission has occurred in the USDF database (ie: introductory level)

Regardless of qualification method utilized, all fees must be paid prior to dates scores are earned, they are not retroactive.

2015 DASC YEAR-END *Awards Banquet*



January 17th, 2016
at Maggiano's in Woodland Hills.
6100 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Woodland Hills
Seating opens at 6:00
-No earlier, but there is the restaurant bar for
pre-dinner cocktails-



**TICKETS ARE \$50.00, PURCHASE ON THE
DASC WEBSITE OR VIA MAIL.
MENU AND DETAILS WILL BE POSTED ON
WWW.SOCALDRESSAGE.COM**

Nominate your "Favorite" for special Year End Awards!!

Each year, we take the nominations of DASC members for:

**TRAINER OF THE YEAR
STUDENT OF THE YEAR
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP**

These awards are given out by both quantity and more importantly, **QUALITY** of the nominations. In other words, **TELL** why you think someone is deserving of this very special recognition. Comments will be shared along with the awards at the Awards Banquet in January.

Get a head start, and nominate your choices today!
e-mail them to office@socialdressage.com
All nominations **MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 15th**



YEAR END Award Categories:

Introductory Level
Training Level Jr/YR.
Training Level AA
Training Level Open
First Level Jr/YR
First Level AA
First Level Open
Second Level Jr/YR
Second Level AA
Second Level Open
Third Level Jr/YR
Third Level AA
Third Level Open
Fourth Level Jr/YR
Fourth Level AA
Fourth Level Open

Prix St Georges Open
Intermediare Open
Grand Prix Open
Freestyle First Level Open
Freestyle Second Level Open
Freestyle Third Level Open
Freestyle Fourth Level Open
Freestyle Intermediare Open
Freestyle Grand Prix Open
Trainer of the Year
Student of the Year
Volunteer of the Year

BREED AWARDS:

Arabian
American Warmblood
Danish Warmblood
Dutch Warmblood
Friesian
Grey Poupon
(no papers, but one of these breeds)
Hanoverian
Heinz 57 *(no papers)*
Holsteiner

Iberian
Oldenburg
Morgan
Pony *(card required)*
Quarter Horse
Swedish Warmblood
Thoroughbred
Trakehner
Westfalen

1. Grey Poupon Award: Given to the highest average score horse that has registration papers on file but is not one of the breeds listed above.

2. Heinz 57 Award: Given to the highest average score horse that does not have any verifiable registration papers whatsoever.

NOTE: out of area members are not eligible for breed awards.

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On the Cover:
Sean Cunningham is riding Sparkles and Spots, aka Sparky. He is a leopard Appaloosa, owned by Geni Minot. He competed 4th Level. Sean has a peaceful, private training center here in Moorpark, accepting horses and clients of all levels and specialize in preparing them for competition and sales. Contact Sean at 815-861-3005 or www.stcdressage.com

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