



Dressage at Devon

September 29 - October 4, 2015

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July 1, 2015

DAD and USDF Launch new Youth Dressage Sport Horse Breeder/Handler Seminar

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce its partnership with Dressage at Devon to create a new sport horse seminar geared toward youth. This new seminar has been created to familiarize the younger generation with the dressage sport horse industry. The seminar will be held over two days, September 28-29 at Dressage at Devon, and will consist of classroom and practical handling sessions, along with the opportunity to observe competition classes and practice judging. Participation is limited to USDF members between the ages of fourteen and 23, with only twelve spots available.

"Developed by the USDF Sport Horse Committee, this program is oriented toward youth with an interest in sport horse breeding. We are so excited that Dressage at Devon has offered to help us kick off our first program this fall, to familiarize youth with the breeding and showing of dressage prospects and breeding stock," stated Kristi Wysocki, USDF Sport Horse Committee Chair.

Welcome to the Dressage at Devon Newsletter! Whether you're a competitor, spectator or volunteer, we've got exciting news to share with you! Read about the latest developments, and don't forget to invite your friends to Like us on Facebook!

Dressage at Devon mourns passing of Marilyn Duer

Marilyn Duer, horsewoman and longtime Committee member and friend of Dressage at Devon passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.

"It is difficult to explain the great sadness that we feel at Dressage at Devon. For almost two decades, Marilyn has been an important part of our show. We will, of course, remember her always for her great work as the head of hospitality but more important as a kind and wonderful friend," said Lori Kaminski, President and CEO of Dressage at Devon."

Spectators

Box Seat Information



BOXHOLDER RENEWAL AND BOX WAIT LIST PROCESS

Box Renewal

Dressage at Devon follows a legacy renewal policy for our boxes. Current boxholders have the right of first refusal on their boxes and relocation requests before any remaining boxes are made available to our waiting list.

Box holders received their renewal instructions through an annual mailing in late May. The 2015 boxholder renewal period will be from June 1 through August 7, 2015.

In late August, boxes not renewed are offered to the box wait list in order of time on the list and requested box size.

Our boxes seat six individuals in the main, east and lower south grandstands. The upper south grandstand boxes seat four people.

All boxes are for the entire six days of the show
- Tuesday through Sunday. Six seat boxes are priced at \$450 and four seat boxes are priced at \$375.

Boxholders receive two tickets to the Saturday evening

One of the stories that she loved to tell at the show was the time she was taking a lesson from Jeanne McDonald, and was doing her best extended trot ever! But she pulled up. When Jeanne asked what was wrong, she said "I think I'm having a heart attack." She was right. And she was fine. But through the years she would say, laughing, that it was the result of the lesson!

Many people know Marilyn as the Hospitality Queen of Devon. "Her ability to discern the details that are the key to success was translated to her passion for making DAD a continuing success. She sweated the small stuff to ensure all who attended DAD experienced only the best of the show," said Robbie Kankus, DAD Board Member.

One of the things people remember most is Marilyn's love for her family, her friends and her animals. Marilyn will also be remembered for her cooking and her sharing. Jewish Apple Cake was one of her specialties. She cooked for everyone. People were welcomed at any time of the day or night at her home, and Marilyn would always whip up a meal from a stocked freezer. So her role as head of hospitality at DAD was a natural.

"I don't think I truly knew what Marilyn meant to DAD until I went to the World Cup with her," added Kankus. "Marilyn was a true ambassador for DAD. No matter where we went - the competition venue or the hotel- there was always a DAD official, judge, competitor, vendor or spectator that greeted Marilyn with respect and friendship."

"Marilyn was known as everybody's mother. From her co-workers at dressage to the judges, people knew they could count on her - for anything they might need. She worked hard to make sure everything was right for everyone," said Jeanne. "This is a huge loss for Dressage at Devon."

Memorial donations in Marilyn's memory would be appreciated to: Large Animal Protection Society,
http://largeanimalprotectionsociety.org/_LAPS/

- P.O. Box 243 ~ West Grove, Pennsylvania 19390.

boxholder cocktail party and six or four tickets for Sunday morning mimosas. Additional cocktail party tickets may be also be purchased.

Reserved parking is not included but may be purchased for an additional \$100 with the box renewal.

Boxholders are also invited to participate in the annual boxholder decorating contest based on theme established each year.

Wait List

We have an established wait list for available boxes. A very limited number of boxes open to the wait list each year. Generally four seat boxes are more available. Please be aware that the turnover rate is low on either size box.

To be placed on the boxholder wait list, please email boxseats@dressageatdevon.org. In the subject line type - Boxholder Wait List.

In the email body, please indicate whether you would like a four or six seat box.

We will respond to your request or questions via email.

Questions regarding either the box holder renewal or the wait list process can be sent to boxseats@dressageatdevon.org.

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Competitors



Dressage at Devon Offers Increases CDI Prize Money to \$40,000 for 40th Anniversary Show

Dressage at Devon will increase the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle prize money to \$15,000 at the 2015 show - bringing the CDI total to \$40,000 in honor of the 40th Anniversary.

"This is a big year for us and we're going to celebrate!" said Lori Kaminski, President and CEO. "In addition to increasing the Grand Prix Freestyle prize money, we've added an FEI Amateur Division as well as an Amateur Handling seminar - and that's just the beginning. Stay tuned!"

Entries are Open!

Dressage at Devon's 2015 Prize List is now available online. [Click here](#) for a PDF.

2015 Officials

Breeding Division Officials

Judges:

Jayne Ayers (R-WI), Janine Malone (R-NC), Sue Mandas (R-OH), Kristi Wysocki (R-CO)

Technical Delegates: Jean Kraus (R-MO), Frances Cross (R-MA)

Veterinarian: Unionville Equine Associates, on-site

EMT: Bewyn Fire Company, on-site

Farrier: On-Site

Performance Division Officials

Remember - As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, Dressage at Devon is hosting a "40,000 Likes" Campaign on our Facebook Page.

Please Like our Facebook Page, and invite all of your friends to do the same!



Judges:

Linda Zang (USA), Wim Ernes (NED), Peter Holler (GER), Hans-Christian Matthiesen (DEN), Jayne Ayers (USA), Maria Colliander (FIN), Freddy Leyman (BEL), Brenda Minor (CAN), Jane Weatherwax (USA), Sandra Hotz (USA), Kristi Wysocki (USA)

FEI Chief Steward:

Elisabeth Williams (USA)

Assistant Stewards: Debbie Hadden, Kathy Hechler, Tamla Nichols, Delores Kaminski

USEF Technical Delegate: Jean Kraus

FEI Veterinary Delegate: Dr. Mike Tomlinson

Volunteers



Have YOU signed up yet? Be sure to get in on all of the fun Dressage at Devon volunteers have by filling out our new volunteer form!

The new sign-up is an easy way to let us know your preferred jobs and your availability. Fill out our new form [here](#).

We have extra need for volunteers in the Souvenir Shop, Ticket and Information Booths, and Volunteer Dining Room this year - so even if you don't have horse show experience, we can find a place for you!

Our first Volunteer Newsletter will be going out by mid-July, so be sure to fill out the form to get on our mailing list!

As usual, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at



phawes@DressageatDevon.org.



Photo by Jason Bannister

Toschufro TT, DAD's "Follow the Foal", moves to new home

After many months of getting ready for their arrival including making two 24 x 13 foot stalls in the main barn, shoring up the baby fencing and consulting with Buttonwood Farm on feed and care, Toschufro TT (1/1/2015), half brother, Don Rubinstein (2/21/2015) and their surrogate mums, Opal and Gem were brought to their new farm in Westchester County New York.

Normal routine for mares and foals followed



Photo by John Borys

Tempel Lipizzans to perform at Dressage at Devon

The famed Tempel Lipizzans will be featured performers at Dressage at Devon.

"We are so excited to bring these amazing animals to Dressage at Devon," said DAD CEO and President, Lori Kaminski. "Many people - equestrians and non-equestrians alike - have seen pictures of these beautiful white horses executing seemingly impossible movements. Seeing them live is an unforgettable experience for the whole family."

shortly thereafter arrival. Twice daily, Opal and Toschufro along with Gem and Don Rubinstein are lead into the main barn (into their spacious stalls) for breakfast and dinner, primarily to continue the handling and ground work started by Buttonwood. "Both colts take the halter and lead like little pros, admittedly with the occasional bounce and lateral move (they are baby horses after all) so we really have had an easy transition, and it made it easier when having our first session with professional handler, Sara Vanecek.

Sara Vanecek of Centerline Stables, came on May 21. "Our objective is that Toschufro and Don Rubinstein, Opal and Gem know what the "ask" will be when we take them for their July 12th inspection," says Elizabeth Tarbell. "Handling these foals on the first day, was a pleasure! Both proved to be an uphill, powerhouse with rhythm, elegance and presence," says Vanecek.

The mares and colts experienced being handled in the ring, for the very first time. At times, getting the massive Percherons to break into a trot proved challenging, but the colts had no trouble going forward although not always in the gear or direction desired. "I have been photographing horses for years, but photographing foals is always exciting, and challenging, because they are wonderfully spontaneous, and catching them at their best is a great moment" says photographer Jason Bannister.

We look forward to seeing Toschufro and hundreds of other foals at Dressage at Devon. Look for additional updates on the [Dressage at Devon website](#) as the show draws near.

We look forward to seeing you all this September at Dressage at Devon. Remember to check our website, [DressageatDevon.org](#) for further information and regular updates on the show.

Sincerely,

Penny Hawes
Dressage at Devon

The Lipizzans will perform Friday, Saturday and Sunday (October 2-4) during show breaks. Approximate times will be posted on the website in September. Note - the Lipizzan performances will not be live streamed.

The Moves

"Airs above the ground" are the spectacular dressage movements made famous by the Lipizzans. These include:

- *The Levade*: A horse raises up both front legs, standing at a 30 degree angle, entirely on its hindlegs in a controlled form that requires a great deal of hindquarter strength.
- *The Courbette*: a movement where the horse balances on its hind legs and then essentially "hops," jumping with the forelegs off the ground and hind legs together.
- *The Capriole*: a jump in place where the stallion leaps into the air, tucking his forelegs under himself, and kicks out with this hind legs at the top of the jump.
- *Pas de deux, Trois and Quatre* movements in which two, three and four mirror-image stallions working in perfect synchronization.

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