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The North American Young Riders 2000 Championships

The NAYR Championships were held this year at the beautiful facility High Prairie Farms located outside of Parker, Colorado. It is a fabulous place with superb permanent stabling, excellent footing in all the arenas and a fine view of the Rocky Mountains. That week the weather was extremely hot and dry. Dehydration was a real concern for both horses and humans.

ABOUT THE MEMBERS

The Region Four Team was an excellent group of riders who came together and became a real team for the competition. The group consisted of:

Jonni Adams (MO) and Rousseau

Jonni is a senior in high school this year and takes lessons with visiting clinicians that come to her area.

Natalie Hamilton (MN) and Donnerwerth

Natalie Hamilton is a working student for Kathleen Raine in California and was coached at the NAYRC by Kathleen's husband David Whightman.

Amanda Johnson (IA) and Glissade

Mandy Johnson is attending the University of Iowa and is a sophomore in the college of Engineering. For the past two summers she was a working student at Tempel Farms in Illinois and studied dressage with George Williams.

David Marcus (NE) and Catalina

David attends college in Canada and is an Economics major. He rides and trains with Cindy and Neil Ishoy.

The Chef d'Equip for the team was Christopher Taylor from Bermuda. The grooms were Kate Kostenbader, Lauren Marcus and Kahla Ishoy. They all did a fantastic job of helping things run smoothly and were very much appreciated by all the team members.

THE COMPETITION

The jog on Tuesday afternoon was a real disappointment for Dave Marcus as his mare was slightly lame and was



David Marcus, Jonni Adams, Natalie Hamilton, & Amanda Johnson

NAYRC Facts

The NAYRC began in 1974 as an eventing challenge between the United States and Canada. A Dressage Championship was added in 1981, and Show Jumping debuted in 1982. The first complete NAYRC was held in Canada in 1982.

The premier equestrian competition in North America for young riders, age 16-21, equestrians come from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Islands to vie for the Championships. The competition is run under rules of the FEI.

Many top international and Olympic riders began their successful careers at the NAYRC. Such great riders as Olympic Silver Medalists Greg Best and Karen O'Connor, as well as Megan Johnstone, Buck Davidson, Kathleen Raine, all competed at the NAYRC. Lauren Hough, a former NAYRC champion, was a member of the U.S. Equestrian Team's show jumping squad for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Find out more at <http://www.youngriders.org>

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unable to pass the inspection. She had hit herself in the front leg while spooking during a schooling session that morning. (Dave's mare was trotting sound the next day and the prognosis was very good.) Still, failing the jog meant that he could not ride in the competition and the team was down to three rides.

The remaining three Region Four team members did a great job riding the Team Test and placed a very respectable fourth place overall. It was wonderful to see the three of them leading off the procession at the awards ceremony for the fourth through tenth placings.

All three of the team members went on to ride in the individual Test this year and Jonni Adams advanced to the PSG Freestyle. This was the first year that a Prix St. Georges Freestyle was included in the Dressage Championship. It was compulsory for the top 15 competitors after the individual dressage test.

David Marcus was the proud recipient of the Captain Andrew B. De Szinay Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy, known fondly as the Captain Andy Award, for 2000. This is a great honor as only one person out of all the riders is chosen. The award winner represents the finest standard of good sports-

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manship. Although Dave was unable to ride in the competition he was a big part of the team in all other respects.

This year's team from Region Four did an outstanding job of representing our area in all the best way possible. They were a polite, gracious, and responsible group of young people. They worked so well together. They were there for each other every ride and supported each other through all the highs and lows of a competition of this caliber. Each one has made a huge commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the sport of Dressage. They sought out the best trainers and worked diligently to compete at this prestigious competition. We should all be very proud of our Region Four team this year.

In fact, they all hope to be together again next year and are already making plans for 2001!

LINDA LANDERS

Region IV Director



"Our region was where USDF was born. Out of the heartland, the heart of dressage was formed. Our region will continue to be a leader in USDF because its center of Midwestern values is not only based on strong individuals, but devotion to helping our neighbor. Our new regional director needs to continue to serve that vision. I would like to be that person."

Linda Landers

- 27+ years experience with Dressage
- Rider, Trainer, Instructor, Clinician, Judge
- Charter Member and Organizer of KCDS
- Host of numerous USDF Education Programs (Instructor Certification and L Program) and other educational programs
- Host of numerous recognized and schooling shows
- Organized Junior/YR Summer Camp
- **CARES ABOUT REGION IV AND USDF!**

Stop by the Landers Hospitality Suite at the USDF Convention and voice your concerns with Linda.

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Bill Coester at EIDCTA - April 4, 2000

by Barbara Hall

We've all been hearing rumblings about the new Hanoverian stallion coming to town, so it was extra incentive to come to the April meeting and listen to Bill Coester talk about his experience in importing horses. Not that we really needed extra incentive - it's always a pleasure to listen to Bill talk about anything. He is probably the kindest and most considerate person I've ever met, and it's really a pleasure to see him in a position to take advantage of the opportunities that have come his way.

Bill remained seated as he spoke to us, and the result was a very comfortable and informal visit rather than a lecture. He began with "The problem (with importing horses) is that Europe is over there and we're over here - which makes for extra pressure to make sure your decision is a good one."

Bill filled us in on the "auction system" - a popular way of selling horses in Europe. There might be as many as 150 horses in a sale, which is a great way to see lots of horses in a short time without having to travel. The horses are "presented" a couple of days before the sale so that you can try them out. Some of the horses aren't broke very well, but the auction riders are VERY good riders, and you may find later that the horses don't RIDE like they LOOK. He gave us quite a picture of a ring filled with horses - some well broke and some not - going every which way with riders of all types, some staying on and some falling off. "These 3 and 4 year olds are getting ridden all day and some of them are ticked off." Horses at these sales can sell anywhere from 5,000 marcs to 350,000 marcs (a marc is around 50 to 60 cents).

Personal contacts are another way to buy horses in Europe. "The single most important thing is the relationships you build while horse shopping," he said. There is so much involved in shopping for, buying and importing a horse, you must work with someone who is knowledgeable about all of the details. The Dutch and German countries are more sophisticated marketing-wise than, say, the French.

"Traveling in Europe is interesting," he said. "You have the Autobahn and basically no speed limit, and when you are riding with someone who is used to looking at horses and doesn't want to waste any time you can end up going pretty fast." He also had a little trouble with legroom on the plane, as you can imagine.

Importing the horse once you have purchased it is extremely complicated - there is so much paperwork and quarantine, and it's even more difficult if you have a language barrier. There are agencies that specialize in this - horses are shipped on "palettes", usually 3 horses to a palette. Costs are around \$6,000 for a gelding, and \$11,000 for a stallion because they require a double space.

The horse industry is huge over there - "they're the best



Bill Coester and Merrill Klemm look over pedigrees

in the world and there's a reason for that." The Volvo World Cup for example, has a huge draw from the public - the seats are sold out and they have lots of corporate sponsorship - the public supports them.

Bill found the horse he was looking for at a breeding farm up on a hill overlooking Stuttgart. The farm stands 7 or 8 stallions and has over 100 mares. We'll all have to wait a bit to see the main result of his search "in person (in horse?)", but we are pretty sure that it will have been well worth the wait. We are indeed fortunate that Bill is willing to spend time sharing his stories with us, since we know how very busy he has been. Thanks again, Bill!

ELECTIONS

According to our bylaws elections for officers in to be held November each year. We will hold a simple voice or hand vote at the November 7 meeting. Nominations will be taken for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, followed by a vote. Current officers are making it know if nominated and elected they would happily continue to serve in their current posts.

PAUL KATHEN LECTURE

We had wanted to hold a Paul Kathen Lecture this fall, but due to conflicting schedules and competing events we are postponing it until spring of 2001.



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room by the indoor arena. 6:30-7:00 Social Time.

Future Meetings & Deadlines:

December 5th, 2000

Tack & Yak at Saddle and Leather. 7 PM, use back door please as shop will be closed.. Bring dirty tack, cleaning supplies and good conversation!

January 2nd, 2000

Annual Planning Session at Brown Bottle in North Liberty. Come for dinner and socializing or catch up with us later for a round table of planning ideas.

February is the deadline for membership renewals. The membership roster has to be sent in to the USDF so we will get the USDF GMO ben-

Next meeting - Tuesday, Nov 7, 2000

ELECTION OF OFFICERS followed by -

A chance to meet **Dave Halverson**, the new **Event Coordinator** for Kirkwood's Equine program! Find out about using the new facility, and explain what we would need for our events. All those members interested in holding shows, clinics or demonstrations should be there to contribute. Here's our chance to start planning for 2001.

Meet in the New Kirkwood Equine Facility class-



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