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## From the Editor



At our **February meeting** we had a Vet Lecture by Dr. Terry (pictured left) from River Basin Vet Clinic. She did a great job of explaining the process of breeding a mare. From deciding why you want to breed, to the clinical procedures involved, to choosing the best options for a successful breeding. She brought in a mare for an ultra sound so we could see and understand how this technology

can help determine if and when to breed. She showed us the nitrogen tanks where frozen semen is stored. It was a cold February night but as soon as you entered the door you were greeted by a great spread of food that helped us shed the cold. Thank you River Basin, Dr. Terry and host, Lynn Birkland, for warming our hearts and tummies!



Dr. Terry, who had just undergone knee surgery, prepares a mare for an ultrasound.



Here is the tank that holds straws of frozen semen or as I like to say, little pop-fillies and colt-cicles.

At our **March meeting** we had Jasmine Hobart give us a Safety Primer for Eventers.

We learned about new rules created to make this sport safer. Some of them involve the way jumps are created. Stadium jumps now have to use very flat or shallow cups. The



Jasmine Hobart was also our representative at the 2009 Iowa Horse Fair.

*Thank you to Barbara Hall for all photos on this page.*

deeper cups let the poles roll without falling and sometimes the poles got between a horse's legs.

Jumps are now measured from ground poles instead of the base of the jump. This gives a more accurate height and width measurements.

Cross Country jumps must now be able to break away. They are trying to create objects that have some give but won't break, shatter or splinter. While the courses are becoming much more technical, the jumps themselves are becoming safer.

New rules about the falling of horse and/or rider at a jump can eliminate them from the competition. Riders can be sighted for dangerous riding and be suspended from competing. A horse and rider team must qualify at lower levels before moving up to bigger and higher jumps.

Other **EIDEA notes** - Members voted in Lois Pienkos as Treasurer and James Sturgeon as Vice President.

Ideas for upcoming meetings are being worked on. Diane Riccolo is working on getting a Physical Therapist to speak. Kate Kostenbader may do a lecture about training options - lessons, clinics, working student and full training. Anne Sushko & Lynnea Courtney from Dubuque told Anne Cizadlo that they wanted Jimmy Mandala to demonstrate how to clip a horse. Jimmy agreed and Anne is working on the location and date.

It's April and time to make plans for horse adventures!

## Adventures in Florida

By Anne Cizadlo

As many of you know, I recently returned from an 8 week sabbatical in Florida. Florida in the winter (especially the Wellington area) is quite exciting. For those of you who have not been there, it is quite intense compared to anywhere in Iowa!

Besides the fact that the city is bursting with horses, it is really nice to live in an area where you feel, for once, like you are normal. In Iowa, if you walked into any grocery store wearing your breeches, boots and spurs, people would look at you like you are from Mars. In Wellington, people come up to you and ask how much you like your Cavallos. They sell wormer and fly spray at the end of the aisle with the ice cream. There are as many horse trailers driving through town as there are sports cars. People in restaurants often look like they literally just came from the barn and no one cares. For once, you don't feel out of place.

The landscape is just as welcoming to horse lovers. Instead of a garage, people have a barn in the back yard and some paddocks. Drivers have to give right of way to pedestrians and horses. It's tough not to get distracted by the grooms trotting the jumpers over to the ring from their barns or the polo ponies out in the fields going for their daily gallops. Horses are everywhere you look.

That, combined with the continuous sunshine makes for a really fun time. The headline news one night in Wellington was several home owners complaining that the iguanas were crawling out of the canals and eating the plants around their pools. It's a rough life there in Florida.

For dressage enthusiasts, the competitions are amazing. Every winter riders are competing (and fiercely, I might add) for the few spots that are given to riders on the USET teams. This year, they were trying to qualify for the World Cup. Next season, it will be for the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky in September. It's always a fight for the top spot and everyone is watching. There were often 15 to 20 horses in the Grand Prix classes, and often more like 35 or 40 in the Prix St. Georges. Those PSG horses will be the next Grand Prix competitors, so it's important for them to get out and get the exposure.

Judges are always discussing the details of the rides on the breaks; competitors are complaining that the judges are blind. Everyone has a strong opinion!

I was lucky this year to have the opportunity to scribe for several of the CDI qualifying shows. I e-scribed for the CDI 5\* (the invitational in January.) E-scribing is great since all you have to do is enter the number in the computer. I got to watch 99% of the rides and heard the judges' comments. They are NOT blind, by the way!

I can remember specifically some of the 9's and 10's



Ashley Holzer and Pop Art at WIHS Invitational Dressage Championship.  
Photo Credit: Diana De Rosa.

from that show. Ashley Holzer, from Canada, on Pop Art, received a 10 on a piaffe in her freestyle. She did the piaffe right in front of my e-scribe position and it was AMAZING. It almost made me cry it was so pretty. Anky had 9's on her extended trots, one canter pirouette, her piaffe & passage. (OK, that's a lot of 9's!!) Steffen Peters had 9's on his trot half-passes. They were also breathtaking. Michael Barrisone had 8's on his piaffe and 9's on his passage as well. It was really exciting and inspiring to watch so many quality horses and riders in one place and at that high of a level.

If dressage isn't your primary focus, there is still plenty of high quality riding to watch in Wellington in the winter. The hunter/jumper circuit runs for 12 weeks straight, starting in mid-January. Their shows start on Tuesday and run through Sunday every week. At almost any time, you can watch hunters, ponies, small jumpers, mid-size jumpers or the large jumpers in a class on the show grounds. The grounds have at least 8 or 9 competition arenas. The Grand Prix jumpers go on Wednesdays, some times Friday nights and every Sunday afternoon. You can get a table for 8 on Sundays in the VIP tent for \$80,000 for the season, in case you need a tax write-off next year.

Or, if that just isn't enough to float your boat, then you can watch the polo horses. They start on Wednesdays, playing tournaments all week. The top two teams go head to head on Sunday afternoons also for the big weekly play-off. So make sure to pack your designer clothes and shoes and a fancy hat for the divot stomping at half-time. The champagne is served out of the back of a Hummer mid-field.

Wellington is a great place to visit, but it's nice to be back in Iowa. If you ever get sick of the cold and the snow, consider a week in the sunshine watching fancy horses; it is the best spa treatment in the world!

## Calendar of Events

### Symposiums & Fairs

May 9 & 10, 2009

Region 4 Symposium w/Mary Wanless, Hilary Clayton, and Heather Blitz at Leatherdale Equine Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. More info at [www.nakedtruthofriding.com](http://www.nakedtruthofriding.com)

May 15-17

From the Judge's Perspective (USDF University Program) at Brier Bank Farm, 11656 Pocahontas Rd, Marine, IL 62061. Contact Sue Hughes at (734) 455-7273

May 23 - 24, 2009

Learner Judge Program, Session C, Basics, Collective Marks, Rider Biomechanics, Equitation w/ Sandy Howard at Roma's in East Troy & LoRoge Eq Ctr, Mukwanago WI. Contact Kathryn Dunn at 608-223-9238 or [dunndressage@hotmail.com](mailto:dunndressage@hotmail.com)

Jun 27 - 28, 2009

Learner Judge Program, Session D, Judging Full Tests w/ Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez at Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake WI. Contact Kathryn Dunn at 608-223-9238 or [dunndressage@hotmail.com](mailto:dunndressage@hotmail.com)

Sep 25 - Oct 10 2010

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

### Local Shows

May 16-17, 2009

2009 MCPC (Mill Creek Pony Club) Horse Trial at Longview Horse Park

May 16, 2009 (Saturday)

Wapsi Valley Spring Schooling Show at Tanamarack Stables, 4097 County Road x40, Anamosa, IA 52205. Contact Tammy Lisi, at 319.480.2056 or [tlisi@tamarackstablesiowa.com](mailto:tlisi@tamarackstablesiowa.com)

June 14, 2009 (Sunday)

Wapsi Valley Summer Schooling Show at Tanamarack Stables, 4097 County Road x40, Anamosa, IA 52205. Contact Anne Cizadlo, 218.349.3452, [kodester1@yahoo.com](mailto:kodester1@yahoo.com)

July 18, 2009 (Saturday)

Wapsi Valley Mid-summer Schooling Show at Tanamarack Stables, 4097 County Road x40, Anamosa, IA 52205. Contact Tammy Lisi, at 319.480.2056 or [tlisi@tamarackstablesiowa.com](mailto:tlisi@tamarackstablesiowa.com)

August 29, 2009 (Saturday)

Wapsi Valley Harvest Schooling Show at Tanamarack Stables, 4097 County Road x40, Anamosa, IA 52205. Contact Anne Cizadlo, 218.349.3452, [kodester1@yahoo.com](mailto:kodester1@yahoo.com)

### USDF Dressage Shows

May 23 & 24, 2009

Bara Trac I and Bara Trac I Too in Mason City, IA. More info at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com)

Friday, June 26, 2009

USDF Region 4 Youth Championship (We had a two EIDEA teams last year) More info at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com)

June 27 & 28, 2009

Dressage Lite and Dressage Lite Too More info at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com)

Friday, July 31, 2009

Region 4 Adult Team Championship (We have teams every year!) More info at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com)

August 1 & 2, 2009

Bara Trac II and Bara Trac II Too in Mason City, IA. More info at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com)

September 4-6, 2009

Great American/USDF Region 4 Championship in Mason City, IA. More info at [dressageshowinfo.com](http://dressageshowinfo.com)

October 3-4

Iowa Dressage Classic I & II at Dallas County Fairgrounds in Adel, IA.

### USEA Horse Trials & Events

(get more info at [usea4.org](http://usea4.org))

May 16-17 Mill Creek PC HT at Longview, Grandview, MO

May 22-23 Otter Creek HT Wheeler, WI

May 23-24 Briar Fox Farm HT, Augusta, KS

May 31 Carriage House Farm CT, Hugo, MN

June 13-14 Queeny Park HT, St. Louis, MO

June 13-14 Silverwood HT, Camplake, WI

June 26-28 Fox River Valley PC HT, Barrington Hills, IL

July 9-12 Maui Jim HT & CIC, Wayne, IL

July 25-26 Briar Fox Farm HT, Augusta, KS

August 1-2 Silverwood HT, Camplake, WI

August 1-2 Catalpa Corner Charity HT, Iowa City

August 14-16 Wayne DuPage HT, Wayne, IL

September 5-6 Trott Brook Farms HT, Anoka, MN

September 5-6 Silverwood HT, Camplake, WI

September 9-13 American Eventing Championships, Wayne, IL

September 19-20 Dunnabeck HT & Area IV Championships, Carbondale, IL

September 25-27 Otter Creek HT, Wheeler, WI

October 3-4 Heritage Park HT, Olathe, KS

October 10-11 Hunter Oaks HT, Carlock, IL

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 Briar Fox Farm HT, Augusta, KS

### Clinics

2009 Open Winter Ride at Kirkwood's Iowa Equestrian Center is offering indoor riding to the general public this winter Tuesdays and some Thursday evenings 7-9 PM. Fee is \$20. Reservations are required. More info online at [iowaequestrian.com](http://iowaequestrian.com).

April 9 - 12, 2009

Jeff Griffith Clinic - at Kirkwood's Iowa Equestrian Center. For more information please contact Megan Green at 319-361-2595.

April 11-12, 2009

MCPC Cross-Country Schooling at Longview, More info at <http://millcreek.ponyclub.org>

April 24-25, 2009

Liz Steacie Clinic at Tamarack Stables, 4097 County Road X40, Anamosa, Iowa. More info at [www.tamarackstablesiowa.com](http://www.tamarackstablesiowa.com) or contact Tammy Lisi at 319-489-3469 or 319-480-2056.

MAY 9-10, 2009

BECKY HOLDER XC Clinic at Pratt's Wayne Forest Preserve, Wayne, IL. Contact Erin at [undertheoaks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:undertheoaks@sbcglobal.net)

May 15 - 17 2009

IaDCTA Dressage Camp at Jester Park Equestrian Center, Granger, IA. Clinicians are Fred Weber and **Anne Cizadlo**. More info at [iadcta.tripod.com](http://iadcta.tripod.com)

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## NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 5th 2009 at 7 PM (social time: 6:30-7)  
*Meeting Leader is Judy Nauseef*

### RETRAINING THE HORSE FOR A NEW CAREER DEMONSTRATION BY BILL COESTER AT WINDS REACH

DIRECTIONS to Winds Reach Farm, 4427 Kotts Lane, NE Iowa City, IA ph. (319) 338-2673  
From Highway 1 turn onto Newport Road. Go a few miles and turn left on Kotts Lane. Take the first drive to the right and follow it past house and buildings to the large barn / indoor arena.

Tuesday, June 2nd 2009 at 7 PM (social time: 6:30-7)  
*Meeting Leader is James Sturgeon*

### ROUND PENNING DEMONSTRATION BY JAMES STUGEON AT WILLOW SPRINGS

Directions to Willow Springs: Going north from Cedar Rapids on I-380 take the Urbana exit #41. Immediately past

the BP truck stop, turn left on N. Union Ave. Follow Union Ave. (W26) through town about a mile and turn left onto 56th St. Trail. Then turn left again onto 56th St. Drive. Willow Springs is the second drive on the right. Our address is: 3334 56th St. Dr. Center Point, IA 52213. If you have questions or would like assistance with directions call James Sturgeon's cell phone at 319-521-8694

Tuesday July 7th, 2009 at 7 PM (social time: 6:30-7)  
*Meeting Leader is Lois Pienkos*

### POLOCROSSE DEMONSTRATION BY TIMBER RIDGE PONY CLUB AT SHARON AND MIKE DOOLEY'S FARM

Members of Timber Ridge Pony Club will explain the rules and strategy of the game of Polocrosse. If weather and conditions permit, they will play a couple of chukkas for our enjoyment and entertainment. Please bring a chair.

Directions to Sharon and Mike Dooley's farm, 2915 Newport Rd NE, Iowa City. From Hwy 1 take Newport Road to the west. Dooleys will be on your right across the road from Winds Reach Farm / Kotts Lane entrance.

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