



Curly Sporthorse International NEWSLETTER DOWN THE CENTERLINE

Dedicated to the training, recognition, improvement and promotion of curly sport horses

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CSI 2015 Competition Award Winners USDF ALL BREEDS AWARDS



*Spar Trek

Owner/Rider: Lynda McNeely
Rider picture is Bella Z.
Earning a USDF Silver Medal
GRAND CHAMPION
Prix St. Georges



*Bold Adventure

Jr. Rider:
Alyssa Beunting
GRAND CHAMPION
Training Level Dressage

HORSE OF THE YEAR



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Alyssa Beunting
GRAND CHAMPION
Training Level Dressage



*Theodorable

Owner & Rider:
Blaine Hendrickson
CHAMPION
Combined Training

RIDER PERFORMANCE MEDALS



Linda VavRosky
SILVER MEDAL WINNER



**LINDA COMPETES SKYBLUE
DUN LEGACY AT THE WINE
EQUESTRIAN CLUB HORSE
DRIVING TRAIL. ROBIN KENNY
NAVIGATOR.**

CSI COLORING CONTEST



Caitlin T.
DIRECTOR'S CHOICE
AWARD



LESLY GOETZ
HORSE OF THE YEAR
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From the Director

There will not be a 2016 calendar produced...due to lack of photos...the calendar will return for 2017, and I have a good start on photos.. those who submitted photos rest assured your photos will be in the next calendar

2015, it seems it just arrived, and now we are close to embracing 2016. Some of the usual competitors in the Horse of the Year, and the USDF All Breeds Awards were on "injured reserve" this year, some because of their horse, some because of the rider...they were certainly missed !!!! and I hope all of you have a strong comeback in 2016. We also had new curly addicts that competed and succeeded. Other highlights for the year include the November 2015 Horse Illustrated article. Instead of the usual method of writing the curly article, the author focused on Curly horses out there doing something! This is what CSI has been about from the start...getting our horses out there and showing the public what fantastic partners they truly are. CSI's annual Coloring contest brings entries from all over North America, and promotes the curly horse to youngsters and possible future curly horse owners

Turning to the Dressage Training Scale again, we learn that the Second rung of the ladder is all about relaxation. You first must conquer rhythm, and then it is possible to get your horse to relax. Just think of rocking a baby, when your rocking is consistent and has a secure feel to it, the baby responds by relaxing and falling asleep...now...we don't want our horses asleep of course! but we want them relaxed and willing so they can learn and perform. Relaxation is the next step towards the top of the ladder.

As CSI director I love creating this newsletter. I am always searching for content, ideas and suggestions. In the future I would love to add classified ads. New to this issue are quotes that my own Dad had copied down as a young man, and kept until he left this world in 2007. I found these quotes to be spot on even though this is 75 years later... watch for the Quotes of desirable habits from Ralph August Meiling these quotes will be listed as "Quotes by RAM" my Dad's initials he so commonly used

Grab yourself a chair, a cup of something hot and check out of 2015 CSI annual newsletter.....and...remember to relax!

Linda VavRosky



Coggins and why we test... a simple explanation

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It really amazes me that so many horse owners seem unwilling to have their horses tested for EIA even though the test is easy and accurate, I have found that folks simply do not know a great deal about the Coggins test or Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), the virus which the Coggins test was designed to detect. The USDA states that about one third of horse owners have never even heard of Equine Infectious Anemia; another twenty percent of horse owners have heard of the disease, but know very little about it. At our spring meeting, members were offering facts about the Coggins test, which although well meaning, were later proven wrong by a little fact checking. I believe that if we all have the same information, we are much more likely to agree about the need for Coggins testing prior to PNFFPG events. The following information was supplied by several articles, written by veterinarians:

Equine Infection Anemia: EIA is viral disease which affects horses and other equidae. It is infectious and incurable. There is no vaccination to prevent your horse from contracting the disease. The death rate of acutely infected animals is thirty percent. There are three phases of the disease:

- **Acute:** The horse's body temperature will be highly elevated and he will exhibit weight loss, anemia, weakness and edema. The horse has approximately a thirty percent chance of dying within two to three weeks. The acute horse may be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms are very general and he will not test positive on the Coggins test for a month and a half – this is because the Coggins test detects antibodies which have not yet developed in the acute horse. If the horse survives the acute phase and is not subjected to a Coggins test, it may escape being diagnosed with EIA, and therefore, be permitted to travel and move within the greater horse population.
- **Chronic:** If a horse survives its first acute bout of the disease, it may develop chronic clinical signs with intermittent fevers and other symptoms previously mentioned. Flare-ups are often provoked by some type of stress. Chronic horses will test positive on a Coggins test.
- **Inapparent or asymptomatic carriers:** Asymptomatic horses do not show any overt or recognizable signs of the disease. However, they carry the EIA virus and can infect other horses. Asymptomatic carriers will test positive on a Coggins test. Asymptomatic carriers, in particular, pose a great risk to other horses because they do not show any overt signs of the disease and their owners do not realize they are infected. [1]

EIA Transmission: EIA is transmitted from animal to animal by horse flies, deer flies and other biting insects. The virus does not live for very long on the insects, so horses must be in close proximity to each other, such as at a horse show or boarding stable. The so-called "hot zone" for the disease is in the South and Midwest, where environmental conditions are ideal for the insects which transmit the disease. There have been outbreaks in other geographic areas however, including a significant outbreak in Western Canada in 2012 – British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan were all affected.[2] Please remember that we have Canadian members in the PNFFPG. We also have American members, including myself, who transport horses into Canada every summer for clinics and competitions.

Infected horses: If a horse tests positive on a Coggins test, the owner should certainly insist on a re-test just to confirm the bad news. If the re-test confirms the presence of the EIA virus, there are two legal choices:

- Euthanize the horse

Lifetime quarantine: A quarantined horse must be identified as a "reactor" by either hot brand or freezemarking. The distance which reactor horses must be kept from healthy horses differs by state. Many owners who initially opt for quarantine later decide to euthanize the animal. [3]

The potential for disease transmission at horse events should not be underestimated. In 2007, I competed with a pair of fjords at the PNFFPG Moses Lake Show. When I returned home, one of my horses developed a fever exceeding 107 degrees. I immediately contacted my veterinarian and initiated treatment. The vet stated that one of my horses had picked up "a virus" at the show. In spite of our best efforts, the unspecified virus spread through my barn and all but one of my horses became ill. The vet bills were substantial. Fortunately, none of my horses died and none have ever tested positive for EIA; however I offer this as a personal example of the very real risk of disease transmission at a horse show.

Admittedly, the Northwestern United States has not had an outbreak of EIA in quite a few years. I consulted with our own vet, Dr. Bob Peters, prior to writing this article. Dr. Peters stated that if your horse never comes into contact with another horse from outside the tri state area (Washington, Oregon or Idaho), the risk of EIA transmission is very remote. We have many members though who transport their horses into Canada and other U.S. states for training, clinics and competitions – areas where there is a higher risk of EIA transmission.

The simple fact is that the Coggins test is a very accurate and relatively inexpensive test. Most veterinarians agree that if all horse owners had their equines tested, EIA could be eliminated. Unfortunately, 75-80% of equines in the U.S. remain untested and it is these untested horses that are actually perpetuating the problem of EIA in North America. [4] Requiring a Coggins test, which typically costs less than \$40, is a nearly full proof way to eliminate the risk of EIA transmission at our club events. I hope that we as a club will revisit this issue. I invite you to share your thoughts at fjord4inhand@gmail.com

Respectfully,

Michael Sabatini, PNFFPG Vice Chairman

[1] "Equine Infectious Anemia and the Coggins Test", by Robert N. Oglesby, DVM. [2] "Equine Infectious Anemia Outbreak Hits Western Canada", by Stacy Oke, DVM. [3] "Your Horse, Equine Infectious Anemia, and the Law", by Robert O. Dawson, Professor of Law, University of Texas. [4] "Equine Infectious Anemia and the Coggins Test", by Robert N. Oglesby, DVM.

2015 CSI "Horse of the Year" ribbons were provided by Lesly Goetz of Xqwisit Sport Horses. See her website at www.curlysport.com thank you Lesly for helping CSI have the classiest awards in the world of curls.



With *Spar Trek helping out so many folks earn their medals this year, I thought it would be enlightening for folks to see what a real challenge it is to earn these medals” Congrats to Marley (*Spar Trek) the medal maker!



USDF Rider Awards

BRONZE MEDAL RIDER AWARDS

- Must have six scores of 60 percent or higher:
- Two at First Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Two at Second Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Two at Tird Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Score Equivalents:
- FEI Pony Team and Individual Tests = Second Level
- FEI Junior Team and Individual Tests = Tird Level
- Certificates are issued as received and verified by USDF.
- Medal will be presented at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.

SILVER MEDAL RIDER AWARDS

- Must have four scores of 60 percent or higher:
- Two at Fourth Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Two at Prix St. Georges from two different judges and two different rides
- Score equivalents:
- FEI Young Rider Team and Individual Tests = Prix St. Georges
- USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges Test = Prix St. Georges
- Certificates are issued as received and verified by USDF.
- Medal will be presented at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.

GOLD MEDAL RIDER AWARDS

- Must have four scores of 60 percent or higher:
- Two at Intermediate I, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, and/or Intermediate II from two different judges and two different rides
- Two at Grand Prix from two different judges and two different rides
- Score equivalents:
- USEF National Young Adult “Brentina Cup” Test = Intermediate II
- FEI Young Rider Grand Prix 16-25 Test = Grand Prix
- Certificates are issued as received and verified by USDF.
- Medal will be presented at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.

MASTER’S CHALLENGE AWARDS

- Award may be achieved at each level, Training through Fourth, and FEI levels.
- Competitor must:
- Submit birth date to USDF before September 30 of the award year
- Earn scores after January 1, 1990
- Be age 60 or older at the time the scores are earned

- Certificates are issued as received and verified by USDF.
- Award will be presented at Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.

TRAINING, FIRST, OR SECOND LEVELS

- Must have four scores of 60 percent or higher:
- From four different judges
- From four different rides

THIRD, FOURTH, OR FEI LEVELS

- Must have three scores of 55 percent or higher:
- From three different judges
- From three different rides
- Score equivalents:
- USEF Developing Horse Prix St. Georges Test = Prix St. Georges
- FEI levels are combined. Scores may be earned from one level or any combination thereof.

MUSICAL FREESTYLE RIDER AWARDS

- Musical freestyle rider awards can be awarded only after a rider has earned the respective regular USDF Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medals.
- Riders can earn a freestyle bar in the same year they are earning the respective regular medal.
- Certificates are issued as received and verified by USDF.

- Freestyle bars will be presented at the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention.

FREESTYLE BRONZE BAR AWARDS

- Must have six scores of 65 percent or higher:
- Two freestyle scores at First Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Two freestyle scores at Second Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Two freestyle scores at Tird Level from two different judges and two different rides
- Score equivalents:
- FEI Pony Freestyle Test = Second Level Freestyle
- FEI Junior Freestyle Test = Tird Level Freestyle

FREESTYLE SILVER BAR AWARDS

- Must have four scores of 65 percent or higher:
- Four freestyle scores at Fourth Level from four different judges and four different rides
- Score equivalents:
- FEI Young Rider Freestyle Test = Fourth Level Freestyle

FREESTYLE GOLD BAR AWARDS

- Must have four scores of 65 percent or higher:
- Two freestyle scores at Intermediate I from two different judges and two different rides
- Two freestyle scores at Grand Prix from two different judges and two different rides

Using your Warm Up to win the day

It has often been said you win (or lose) your show in the warm up. Here are some tips to help you achieve the perfect warm up and do your best in the show ring. Consider all the time from your arrival to stepping into the ring as your warm up and then plan, plan and plan.

Arrive early- arriving late stresses everyone, getting to the show grounds early gives you an edge of time. You can tie or stall your horse, give him an extra bag of hay to munch on and get your own stuff arranged. Keep an eye on your watch, you could even practice this at home to see how long it takes to get arranged. A little extra attention here will help you though out the day. Take an extra bucket of water to have ready and you won't have to make extra steps between tests. If you leave home with clean, complete tack, you will be confident things will be there and ready when you need them...reducing stress for you and your horse!

Know your distances-most folks love to watch their friends and foes compete. When you get to the show grounds, figure out the amount of time it takes to get from your stall or trailer, to the show ring, and back again. Don't let their rides/drives influence your plan for the day...watch and then clear your mind.

Practice at home- practice taking a fresh horse and see how long it takes to get your desired results. If you take a fresh horse at home, and need to school for 1/2 hr...you can use that as a starting point at a horse show. Your horse may not be super fresh at the show grounds, so knowing where to quit before your horse gets "past" the target results is essential. Lunging is a common practice, but training your horse to accept a rider and aids without lunging is a real bonus. Most driving horses are not lunged before going to work. This should be trained at home. Learn what suits your horse best.

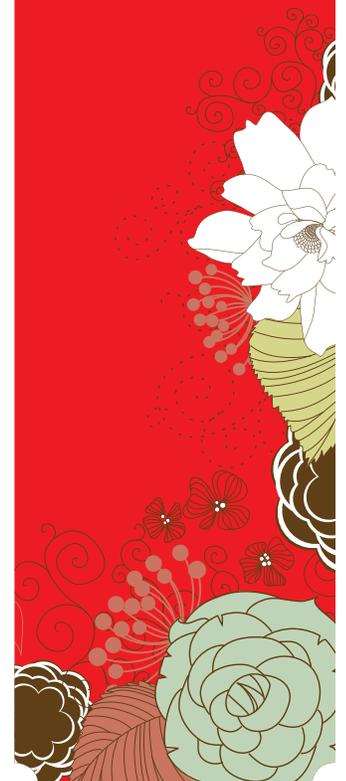
Scope out the surroundings- again, if you arrive early and are at a show grounds your horse is not familiar with, scope out the surroundings and see where potential problems may be hiding. If possible hand walk your horse around the grounds, If hand walking is not possible, ride until your horse is paying attention to you, then scope out the surroundings on horseback.

Don't win the show in the warm up arena...be quite careful not to overdo, Don't make your best moments in the warm up arena, and go into the ring with a tired horse that has already done his best.

Have the basics down. Sure, you practice and practice riding/driving and need to know those basics...but consider all the "prep" as basics also. Knowing how long it takes to braid, to tack up and to warm up under saddle or harness are valuable tools to know and give you an edge for the day...happy showing, may it be planned and stress free!

QUOTABLE
QUOTES
FROM RAM

**“Teamwork-
working
in helpful
harmony”**



CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

If you have moved/
changed phone or
email, please contact
the CSI office so we
can update you in the
database! We like
to keep our records
current, in case we
need to reach you.

8 ways to be the one that the show management is happy to see!

1. I will send in my entry on time, complete and legible.
2. I will not arrive early in order to get the best parking spot, and take up TWO parking spots. (Arriving early is certainly allowed)
3. I will not wait until the last minute to sign the show liability lease.
4. I will not assume my dog is "exempt" from the no dogs allowed rule.
5. If dogs are allowed I will clean up after my dog where ever he/she does their business... no exceptions!
6. I will not argue with show management about scores or other peoples scores. I will use my scores as constructive knowledge and work on improving next time.
7. I will every last speck of manure in my horse's stall before I leave the show grounds.
8. I will remember to say "THANK YOU" send an email as soon as I get home, or send a hand written thank you note. I will do this, even if I came in last.

Technology update- I need help!!!!

The CSI Facebook page is under used. I hope someone can send me ideas to help there. The CSI yahoo group is stuck in a time warp, Yahoo and I seem to have conflicts that can not be resolved. The group used to be very active, does anyone have an idea on how to solve the problem, OR should a new method of mass communication that is more relevant be planned? CSI belongs to its members. Members participating make things happen and draw strength from different talents. Your ideas matter at CSI, just let me know!

Linda VavRosky



Who is showing Who

A RECAP OF CSI MEMBERS AND CSI HORSES IN COMPETITION

- Spar Trek- Lynda McNeely- Prix St; Georges
- Also of note.....*Spar Trek (Marley) expanded his role as a high level dressage horse and took several other riders to earning their USDF Medals. Here is his accomplishments.
- Bronze medal scores for 12 year old Bella Zdolshek (12 years old)
- Silver medal scores for Bella Zdolshek
- Silver medal scores for Dana Zdolshek (18 yrs old)
- Silver medal scores for Amy Rothe-Heiter (Professional)
- Lynda McNeely will also be getting her silver medal at the USDF convention in Vegas! 4 silver medals thanks to Marley the Medal Maker!!!
- SkyBlue Dun Legacy- Linda VavRosky- Horse Driving Trials- Driven Dressage
- Khatmandu and Luna Mattke - combined training
- RR Black Rose and Kendahl D'Uva- TL Dressage- 4H.qualified for and competed at the Washington State Fair
- Bold Adventure and Alyssa Buenting -Dressage- Training Level ***HOY winner
- OYY Queen Jane and Blaine Hendrickson- starter level- Combined Training
- Theodorable- Blaine Hendrickson- Senior open- Combined Training ***HOY winner
- YS Kokara - rider Inara Garrett- TL dressage owned by Trish R. of Yangai Stables
- Rock Robin's Summer Trouble- Owned by Alene McCoy- shown by Jr. Rider at TL Dressage
- Curry - Lynn Legg- Curry competed in Combined Driving events at Preliminary Level
- Draco was shown in 2015 by his trainer Debbie Evans. He competed at Third Level and was the winner of Third Level with a score of 69.74%

Fun Bonnets

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As I spend winter hours surfing my equine catalogs I have always been drawn to those fantastic looking ear bonnets that help prevent insects from getting in your horse's ears.....the cost, though, for the high quality ones, has always been prohibitive.....and then, quite by accident I found "Fun Bonnets" Fun Bonnets is a Canadian company that makes by hand their high quality Fun Bonnets. This company has a simple website that shows all your color choices, and some ingenious combos of materials. Fun Bonnets are custom made, each is made to fit the horse that will wear it, and my, how nice they do fit! There are dozens of colors, trims, double trims and rhinestones. My tack room now has a few of these bonnets, for \$25 (base price) each plus shipping. I do recommend you dream up your fun bonnet this winter, and order early as the fun bonnet can take up to 6 weeks or more, depending on the season. This is a fantastic company and has been so easy to work with! I just love my Fun Bonnets!

Luann Urban received the USDF Master's Challenge Award for Second Level and the USDF Rider's Performance Award for Second Level.





Curly Sporthorse International

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Instructions: To join CSI, please print this form and mail it along with \$35 for a one year individual membership, \$50 for a one year family membership. The answers to these questions will help CSI tailor future programs according to our members' needs.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Web Address: _____

If this is a family membership, how many members in your family? _____

Do you own Curlies? _____ If so, how many? _____

Are you a Sport Horse Breeder? (yes/no) _____

What other breeds do you own? _____

Do you have a stallion? (yes/no) _____ If so, what breed(s)? _____

What equestrian sports are you most interested in? _____

How can the CSI help you achieve your goals? _____

Would you be interested in participating in Sport Horse Inspections as part of the CSI Sport Horse Improvement program?

(yes/no) _____

Please mail your completed form and payment to:

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