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The ManeLine

After a busy pre-show day when riders eagerly met their new mounts for competition, Saturday August 20 dawned sunny and 20°C. After enjoying a hot breakfast at the hotel in Sarnia, riders began to arrive at Fiddick's Stables in Petrolia by 8am to begin preparations for the 9am start of the 2011 Ontario ParaSport Summer Games Para Equestrian competition. This year the show supported two levels of competition; an Equine Canada sanctioned Gold Dressage show, and a non-sanctioned Entry level Dressage show. This allowed for wider access to competition for our rider members. A total of 14 riders competed at the OPSG's and everyone had a wonderful time. After the show, everyone was treated to a demonstration of trick riding by the Sarnia Trick Riding Troup who train out of Fiddick's arenas twice a week.

The festivities wrapped up by 1pm and the riders were back to the hotel in Sarnia for the closing banquet. Geraldine Lewis won the Bob Secord Award of merit for her performance and determination to show

once again after health problems had kept her from riding after the 2009 OPSG competition in Woodstock. Gerri was riding on lead only two weeks before the OPSG's, and won 2 silver medals for her performance at the competition. Gerri is a symbol of the heart and determination shown by all of our riders and is an inspiration to us all.

We would like to thank our judges, Jennifer Maynard of Vancouver BC and Stephanie Newman of Kitchener. Thanks also to our steward Gwynne Rooke. Special thanks goes out to Megan Vance for helping to organize the day as well as Pauline Fiddick, Lisa Archer and Donna Archer of Fiddick's Stables for without them, we would not have had a venue for the show. Thank you also to all of the volunteers for their



Left to right: Maria Simpson, Brock Bontje, April, Dax Adam, Judi Island, Geraldine Lewis



Left to right: Jennifer Young, Karima Hassan, Emily Colbert, Cassandra Smith, Zach Bemister-Damen

tireless work and to the owner's who so graciously loaned their horses to our riders so they could compete.

Please visit the OnTRA website www.ontra.ca and Jaye Tatone's website www.jayetatone.com to see pictures from the show.




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Results:

Gold Show - Judge: Jennifer Maynard

# Rider	Horse	Grade	Test	Score	Placing
008 Geraldine Lewis	Charlie	Ia	Team Test	59.71	Silver
007 Maria Simpson	Gus	Ia	Individual Championship	67.5	Gold
008 Geraldine Lewis	Charlie	Ia		57.75	Silver
030 Judi Island	April	Ib	Team Test	61.59	Gold
030 Judi Island	April	Ib	Freestyle	65.5	Gold
024 Brock Bontje	Breeta	II	Novice	57.86	Silver
025 Dax Adam	Gus	II	Individual Championship	62.14	Gold

Entry Show

Judge: Stephanie Newman

# Rider	Horse	Grade	Test	Score	Placing
019 Karima Hassan	Chloe	Ib	Novice	64.52	Gold
051 Jennifer Young	Breeta			63.81	Silver
015 Zach Bemister-Damen	Simon			61.76	Bronze
050 Cassandra Smith	Chloe			60.95	4th
018 Emily Colbert	Simon			60.95	5th
026 Catherine Bridges	Homer	II	Novice	64.52	Gold
029 Amber Walker	Ram			62.14	Silver
028 Tim Dack	Howard			61.43	Bronze
026 Catherine Bridges	Homer	II	Team Test	66.19	Gold

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Above: Amber Walker, Tim Dack, Catherine Bridges

Gin & Juice Named as 'Omega Alpha Horse of the Month' for July

Ottawa, ON—Equine Canada has named Gin & Juice the 'Omega Alpha Horse of the Month' for July.

Paired with two-time Olympian Hawley Bennett-Awad, Gin & Juice won the CIC 3* division at the 10th annual Event at Rebecca Farm, held in Kalispell, Montana, USA, July 21-24, 2011.

Gin & Juice, an 11-year-old bay Thoroughbred mare owned by Bennett-Awad and Linda Paine, had a very good dressage test with an excellent trot tour to start the competition off with a score of 48.6, which left the duo in third. They added only 0.8 cross country time faults and four jumping faults to their dressage score to finish with 53.4 penalties for the win in the CIC 3* division.

"I am so excited that Ginny has been named horse of the month," said Bennett-Awad, who was also paired with Gin & Juice for their team silver medal at the 2010 World Equestrian Games. "She was a rock star in Montana and I credit Omega Alpha for playing a big role. I have been using Omega Alpha products since Ginny's big win in the CCI 3* at Bromont in 2009. Ginny has been a work in progress and the thousands of hours in the tack are paying off."

The next stop for this dynamic pair is CCI 4* Land Rover Burghley Three Day Event taking place in Great Britain September 1-4, 2011, where Bennett-Awad is aiming for a top ten finish.

Bennett-Awad added, "I absolutely love riding Ginny and can't wait to cross the pond for Burghley."

The Omega Alpha Horse of the Month program was developed to recognize a performance of exceptional merit by a horse from the disciplines of dressage, eventing or show jumping. Equine Canada is very pleased to have Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals' generous support of the horse recognition program. Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals will be providing the selected horse/rider combination with Omega Alpha product of their choice, up to a value of \$1,000.

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