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Don't Miss October 16th Deadline for the Three \$1,000.00 Instructor Education Grants Offered to OnTRA Centres!

OnTRA has revised the Instructor Certification Grant Program to include OnTRA Centres that have instructors at the AI or AII level as well as those that do not have any certified instructors.

3 grants of \$1,000.00 being offered to Member Centres aimed at providing education and training for their instructors.

Therapeutic riding establishments that are current members of OnTRA are invited to apply.

Requirements for eligible Instructors include:

- Instructors must have been teaching/volunteering at a CanTRA centre for at least 200 hours (CanTRA certification requirement) with preference given to volunteer instructors.
- Instructors must have demonstrated dedication to therapeutic riding

Applications must be received at OnTRA by Friday, October 16, 2009.

Further information, full list of requirements and the application form are available on the OnTRA website at: www.ontra.ca



Madison Lawson



Judi Island



Jody Schloss

Above:
Advanced Level
Gold Medalists

Entry Gold Medalists



Olivia Brown

2009 OPSG Gold Medalists:

Advanced: Gr.3-Madison Lawson, Gr.1B-Judi Island, Gr.1A-Jody Schloss

Entry: Gr.2-Olivia Brown, Gr.1B-Amber Walker

The 2009 Ontario ParaSport Summer Games, Saturday July 25, Cupar Farms, Woodstock, ON.

The ParaSport Summer Games played host to a National qualifying ParaEquestrian Competition. Three riders who earned Gold Medals in the Advanced Level also achieved ParaEquestrian National qualifying scores.

Paralympics Ontario will now hold the ParaSport Summer Games every other year. The ParaSport Torch has been passed to the next representatives from the City of Kingston, which will host the 2011 Ontario ParaSport Summer Games.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the 2010 OnTRA Provincial ParaDressage Championships.

For information and complete competition results see www.ontra.ca



Amber Walker

2009 OnTRA MEMBER CENTRES

- ASHBURN:** The Stables at WindReach Farm - 905-655-5827
BANCROFT: EQUALL - 613 474-1556
BARRIE/ORILLIA: Stonegate Farm - 705-327-7801
BELLEVILLE: Quinte Therapeutic Riding Assn. - 613-395-4472
BRACEBRIDGE: With Care Oke-Cook Family Farm - 705-645-5866
BRAMPTON/CALEDON: Caledon Equestrian School - 905 584-2022
CALEDON EAST: Peace Ranch - 905-584-9156
CARLETON PLACE: Lanark County Therapeutic Riding Program - 613 257-7121
CORNWALL: Brave-Hearts Riding Club - 613-528-1616
CORNWALL: Second Wind Acres - 613-528-1616
DURHAM REGION: Durham Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 905-668-6680
GREELY/OTTAWA: Therapeutic Riding Assoc. of Ottawa-Carleton - 613-821-1844
GUELPH: Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre - 519-837-0558
HAMILTON: T.E.A.D. - 905-679-8323
INNISFIL: Springland Riding Stable - 705-431-7009
KINGSTON: Happy Heart Hippotherapy (Uniquistri Ltd.) - 613-546-7770
KITCHENER: CODRP / Pride Stables - 519-653-4686
LONDON: SAFI Therapeutic Riding - 519-866-1123
MILTON: Windrush Stable Therapeutic Riding Centre - 905-854-6008
NEWMARKET: Horse At Heart Therapeutic Equestrian Centre - 905-898-3201
NIAGARA ON THE LAKE: Red Roof Retreat - 905-684-0235
NORTH AUGUSTA: Touch a Rainbow - 613-926-2116
ORO STATION: Bit by Bit, 212 Line 6 N., RR#1, Oro Station, ON L0L 2E0
OWEN SOUND: G.R.A.C.E. - 519-372-2721
PETERBOROUGH: PARD Therapeutic Riding - 705 742-6441
PETROLIA: Tomlynn Acres Reg. Quarter Horses - 519-882-0958
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PORT BURWELL: Jabez Therapy Ranch - 519-874-1168
PORT ELGIN: P.R.A.N.C.E. - 519-832-2522
PORT HOPE: T.R.A.I.N. - 905 372-6191
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ST. CATHARINES: Horse Alternative Therapeutic Services - 905-704-9820
SAULT STE. MARIE: Therapeutic Ride Algoma - 705 945-8546
SHELBURNE: Traditions Farm Therapeutic Riding Centre - 519-925-1866
STOUFFVILLE: GIDDYUP - 905-642-8001
THUNDER BAY: Thunder Bay Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 807-472-5650
TIMMINS: Timmins Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 705-269-5994
TORONTO: C.A.R.D. - 416-667-8600
TORONTO: Saddle Up for Success - 416-932-1919
WINDSOR: Windsor-Essex Therapeutic Riding Assoc. - 519-969-1261

Please volunteer at a centre near you!

DISCLAIMER: Please be advised that OnTRA is not responsible for the accreditation, actions or activities at any OnTRA Member Centre. OnTRA has no legal or structural authority over any Member Centre as each Centre is autonomous. Be aware that horseback riding can be a dangerous sport therefore you should verify the safety procedures & the certification of the instructors at the therapeutic riding facility of your choice.



2009 OPSG Riders Congratulations to the 2009 Ontario ParaSport Competitors!

OPSG Silver Medalists



Geraldine Lewis



Hanna Jeppesen



Tim Dack



Elaine Davidson



CLASSIFIED ADS

Horse Alternative Therapeutic Services
H.A.T.S. RIDE & WALK-A-THON

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Registration 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Classic Farms, 1020 Kilman Road, Pelham
PRIZES: include a Kelli Plas photo shoot (value \$350) and a \$100 gas card

Riders and Walkers must preregister by September 19, 2009

Contact: Sue at 905-650-7850 or Susan_anna@yahoo.ca or Krista at 905-704-9820 or hatson@becon.org

Leased Horses needed for May 2010 CPEDI3* event

Ottawa, ON—Para-Equestrian Canada is seeking out dressage horse owners, requesting they lease or loan their animals for the upcoming May 2010 WindReach International Para-Dressage Competition CPEDI3* near Toronto. International riders will be looking to lease dressage horses of all levels from walk/trot through to Prix St. George for the event held May 28-30th, 2010 in Ashburn, Ontario.

"This event is going to draw accomplished Para-Dressage athletes from all over the world," said Isabel Reinertson, Chair of Para-Equestrian Canada, "and we hope Ontario owners will offer them the talent and ability of their horses."

The desired horses will be in good physical health, have an even temperament and work ethic while also possessing some dressage show experience. It should be noted, however, that horses must be exclusively available to the rider from May 20th through to May 30th, 2010. The pricing, lease arrangements and training period will be arranged by the horse owner and rider.

Other competition requirements include that Canadian-owned horses be registered with EC and have a valid vaccination certificate. They may be subject to FEI Equine Medication Control Testing at the event, and must pass a horse inspection, or trot up, to be eligible to compete.

For more information, interested owners are requested to contact Amie O'Shaughnessy of Para-Equestrian Canada by phone (1-866-282-8395 ext. 134)

or via e-mail at aoshaghnessy@equinecanada.ca.

About the Para-Equestrian Discipline

In para-equestrian, each rider is classified according to his or her functional ability. They are assessed by trained physiotherapists and doctors who evaluate either muscle strength, coordination, or a combination thereof throughout the athlete's body. The rider is then given a functional profile that indicates the grade in which they can compete. There are five grades of competitions in dressage, with Grade IA representing the more severely impaired riders, and Grade IV representing the least severely impaired riders. The competition within each grade is judged on the functional skill of the rider, and not the level of disability.

About Para-Equestrian Canada

Para-Equestrian Canada is the discipline committee of Equine Canada that is responsible for developing and implementing programs on behalf of the para-equestrian community and administering the high performance program for dressage riders with a disability. For additional information regarding Para-Equestrian Canada please visit www.equinecanada.ca/para-equestrian.

About Equine Canada

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Karl Slezak Top Canadian in CIC 3* Richland Park Horse Trials

Ottawa, Ontario—Karl Slezak of Tottenham, ON, and Don J. Good's 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, Charley Farley, topped the Canadian entries in the advanced CIC 3* division at the Richland Park Horse Trials in Richland, MI, held August 20-23, 2009.

Posting a dressage score of 54.8, adding only 4.8 time penalties over Ian Stark's cross-country course, and dropping one rail, for four faults, in the jumping test, Slezak, 27, and Charley Farley finished with 63.6 penalty points, earning them an eighth place finish.

Close behind Slezak was Waylon Roberts, 20, of Port Perry, ON, and his own Myrddin's Sebastian, a nine-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, in 10th place. Roberts, who is in England to compete in the CCI 3* Blenheim Three Day Event on September 10-13, added 5.2 cross country time penalties to his dressage score of 67.2 to finish with 72.4 penalties overall. Waylon's father Ian Roberts, also of Port Perry, ON, rode Kelly Plitz and Tracey Newman's 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse, Napalm, to an 18th place finish. Rounding out the top 20 was Robert Holman of Hawkestone, ON, and Catmantoo, Nancie J. Evans' 14-year-old American Thoroughbred gelding.

Olympic gold medalist Leslie Law of Great Brittan won the CIC 3* division with Fleeceworks Mystere Du Val repeating their 2008 victory.

In the intermediate CIC 2* division, Lindsay Pearce, 24, of Tecumseh, ON, and Tangle Top, Patricia Pearce's nine-year-old English Thoroughbred gelding, finished sixth overall on a score of 59.2. Kendal Lehari, 22, of Uxbridge, ON, rode Gwendalayne Lehari's Daily Edition to a 17th place finish with 86.5 penalty points.

American Tamra Smith riding Bubbles at Brickly won the CIC 2* division with a score of 47.6.

For complete results please visit www.richlandpark.com.

About Canadian Eventing

For more information about Canadian Eventing, visit www.equinecanada.ca—Sport—Eventing.

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Para-Equestrian Canada Launches Search for Development Coach

Ottawa, ON—Para-Equestrian Canada has launched a search for an Ontario-based regional development coach.

The ideal candidate would be a qualified dressage coach and rider, possessing knowledge of or experience with riders with disabilities. The selected individual will fill an important role within the organization by transitioning athletes to higher levels of competition, both nationally and abroad.

"Our development coaches assess athletes who demonstrate an interest in Para-Dressage," said Elizabeth Robinson, chair of the Para-Equestrian Canada High Performance Committee. "They identify and train future team members — and in this way contribute to the integrity of the sport within Canada."

Para-Dressage already has a strong national development program, as demonstrated by impressive international standings in the last several years.

The regional development coach will operate with the instruction of the national team coach, as well as under the leadership of the organization's Para-Eques-

trian High Performance Committee.

Para-Equestrian Canada will accept applications for this position up to September 15th, 2009. They can be sent to the attention of Amie O'Shaughnessy, Manager Para-Equestrian at the Equine Canada office 2685 Queensview Dr., Suite 100, Ottawa, ON, K2B 8K2. Fax: 613-248-3484 or e-mail aoshaghnessy@equinecanada.ca.

About Para-Equestrian Canada

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Para-Equestrian Canada to host Athlete Development and Classification Clinic Oct. 3-4 in St. Lazare, QC

Ottawa, ON— Para-Equestrian Canada (PEC) is pleased to offer developing athletes the opportunity to attend a Para-dressage workshop in St. Lazare, Que. Oct. 3-4, 2009. Fiona Christensen, chair of the PEC Coaching Committee, will lead the clinic, and participants will be provided with the chance to train directly under the experienced coach.

Christensen will be providing instruction to riders on improving competitiveness, and will also share her knowledge about classification, competition and ranking procedures.

"These clinics bring together the Para community, and really highlight the competitive opportunities available to them," said Sharon Buffitt, chair of the PEC Athlete Development Committee. "These clinics are wonderful teaching tools."

In addition to the participating in, or auditing the clinic, aspiring will have an opportunity to attain a classification grade on the second day of the clinic. Marion Slatter-Bliststein, a physiotherapist and international FEI Para-equestrian classifier, will be the classifier at this event.

"Classification is the first step for riders that want to compete in Para-Equestrian competition," added Sharon Buffitt.

The classification system uses five grades to rate a rider's level of ability, and these grades are used in competition to level the playing fields. There are five grades of competitions in dressage, with Grade IA representing the more severely impaired riders, and Grade IV representing the least severely impaired riders. The competition within each grade is judged on the functional skill of the rider, and not the level of disability.

The clinic is free of charge and is open to riders,

coaches and individuals interested in the sport of Para-dressage, though registrants must be a member of Para-Equestrian Canada. Those who ride in the clinic must have at least one year of independent riding experience, and be a minimum of 15 years of age. Riders bringing their own horses can rent stalls for a nominal daily charge.

Clinic space is limited, and all interested riders are encouraged to register with Equine Canada as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Para-Equestrian program coordinator Irena Seifert by e-mail at iseifert@equinecanada.ca, or at 1-866-282-8395 ext. 143.

About Fiona Christensen

Christensen is an experienced rider and coach with over 15 years of involvement in therapeutic riding. She has coached riders of various ability and competitive levels including a Paralympic contender, and understands the challenges Para-riders face relating to body alignment, firing core muscles and learning to use relaxation and tension to influence a horse. She is the head instructor at North Fraser Therapeutic Riding Association in British Columbia, and is a certified CanTRA examiner and coach. She is also a level two Equine Canada coach specializing in dressage.

About Para-Equestrian Sport

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