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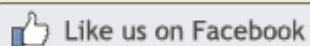
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It's Baaack: The 2017 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 3 Dressage Championships



*Gwen Poulin at the 2014 Regional
Championships.
Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*

South Florida will once again play host to the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 3 Dressage Championships Licensed by the USEF Oct. 5-8 at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC). As a qualifier for the 2017 US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, the Regional Championships are the gateway to Kentucky in November.

We've been lucky enough to host the Regional Championships when Wellington Classic Dressage put on the 2009 competition at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center and again in 2014 at the Adequan Global Dressage complex, and this year will be the first the competition will be organized by Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP) at the PBIEC venue. With more than 400+

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permanent stalls, a variety of vendors and food options, trailer parking and a myriad of arenas and rings, the location is prime for the influx for serious dressage competitors.

Show Manager Monica Fitzgerald, who was also the show secretary for the 2009 and 2014 shows, is busy juggling all the pieces that make up a first-class show.

"I know that the upper level classes and the freestyles will be in the International Arena as well as the awards ceremonies," she said, adding that she is trying to keep all the rings close to the stabling but it's all dependent on the availability of warm-up arenas and the number of entries for the show.



*Anne Zaharias riding at the 2014 competition.
Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*

"It's an ideal space," she said. "They are trying really hard to make it as successful at PBIEC for dressage competitors as it is for jumping competitors, and I think they are right on track. The way regionals are running nowadays, you just have to expect 300 plus horses."

To welcome that many serious competitors to the area, the Gold Coast Dressage Association will sponsor a Welcome Party on the first day of the show, Thursday, Oct. 5. Be watching for more information on the where and when.

Gold Coast will also feature a Rider's Lounge every day during the competition. Come relax with your fellow competitors in comfortable seating while enjoying a snack, a cold drink and some free giveaways.

"I think it's great that as the local GMO, they are setting up for the



*Jean Thornton in 2014.
Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*
and the prize list, click [here](#).

Region 3 competitors and they are supporting the show," Fitzgerald said. "Region 3 is the largest supporting region for the Finals and it has a lot of GMOs. Gold Coast is one of the largest."

For more information

Get Your Qualifying Scores for Regional Championships and Check Out Upcoming Shows



*Amy Marrich at the 2014 Regional Championships.
Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*

Not only can you grab the glory, but the regional competition features more than \$20,000 in prize money from the USDF. But, as the saying goes, you can't win if you don't enter. Qualifying scores must be received by Sept. 11.

The first two upcoming shows can help you earn qualifying scores for 2017 and, although the second show's results will be recorded for 2018, it will be the ideal chance for you to show at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center show grounds. You can get the lay of the land, figure out how long it takes to get to the warm-up arena from the barn, where to park your trailer, and suss out your favorite place to grab a bite to eat. Then, you and your horse will be cool, calm and collected when Regional Championships roll around just two weeks later.

July 29-30, 2017
Wellington Classic In the Tropics I & II

Global Dressage Stadium

Two, one-day 2017 Great American/ USDF Qualifying Competitions

USEF Level 2 Competition - USDF Introductory Level & Musical Freestyles; USEF First thru Fourth Levels; FEI PSG thru Grand Prix, including FEI Musical Freestyles; JY/YR; FEI Five & Six Yr Old Tests

See the prize list [here](#).

August 19-20, 2017

Gold Coast Dressage Made In The Shade I & II Palm Beach Equine Sports Complex

Two, one-day 2017 Great American/ USDF Qualifying Competitions

USEF Level 2 Competition - USDF Introductory Level & Musical Freestyles; USEF First thru Fourth Levels; FEI PSG thru Grand Prix, including FEI Musical Freestyles; JY/YR; FEI Five & Six Yr Old Tests

Sept. 23-24

Wellington Classic Dressage/Global Fall Challenge I & II Palm Beach International Equestrian Center

Two, one-day 2018 Great American/ USDF Qualifying Competitions

USEF Level 2 Competition - USDF Introductory Level & Musical Freestyles; USEF First thru Fourth Levels; FEI PSG thru Grand Prix, including FEI Musical Freestyles; JY/YR; FEI Five & Six Yr Old Tests

Remember: this show's scores will be recorded for the 2018 season. It is an ideal opportunity to check out the lay of the land at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center and warm-up in the same venue as the Regional Championships to be held just two weeks later.

Check out the listing for all the GCDA/WCD shows for 2017 [here](#).

We'll Miss You, Ed Borresen



Ed and Salvador JP. Photo by Susan J. Stickle.

Ed Borresen, a fixture in the South Florida dressage world and a long-time member of the Gold Coast Dressage Association who supported our shows for many years, died at the age of 62 in June. A dressage competitor and trainer as well as a fourth generation builder and stone mason, Ed was also well-known for designing and constructing equestrian estates.

As a equestrian,
Ed trained at least
eight horses to
the Grand Prix
level and
competed horses
for their owners.
His mission,
alongside his wife
Monica Sink, was
to train and
develop dressage

horses and riders from beginning to Grand Prix Levels and they believed in a deep understanding of the whole horse to create a happy partnership.

Ed and Monica were business partners with Lars Petersen and Melissa Taylor in the creation of an elite horse auction and sales business. Ed, Lars, John Flanagan and Noreen

O'Sullivan were also partners in International Horse Sport Palm Beach and their series of shows held at the Horse Park at Equestrian Estates.

A celebration of Ed's life will be held in Wellington on Sunday, Dec.3 at the Wanderer's Club. Be watching for more details about the celebration and start deciding which funny, touching, loving memory of Eddie you will want to share.



*Ed and Renaissance Lady.
Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*



*Ed was a regular at the Gold Coast Dressage Association shows.
Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*

Membership Has Its Benefits

Although it seems like the dog days of summer will linger forever, November (and season!) will be upon us soon and it'll be time to renew your GCDA membership for 2018. Membership runs from Nov. 1 through Oct. 31 annually. We provide clinics, shows, Year-End Awards and lots of fun at the best venues for showing in the upcoming year.

With your GCDA membership you will receive Group Membership Organization (GMO) benefits from USDF. You can participate in USDF licensed and USDF recognized competitions, and be eligible for USDF rider awards. If you decide you would like to qualify for the Regional Championships, you must be a Participating Member. You will also receive USDF's monthly magazine and Yearbook issue of USDF "Connection," and get

discounted rates for USDF and GCDA events. Remember: more members means better competitions and more fun with your friends. GCDA Annual Membership cost is \$75 for adults; \$50 for Juniors. You can learn more about membership [here](#).

Contact Membership Director [Sharon Paolucci](#) to renew today.



Gift Certificates



Are you looking for the perfect gift for your trainer, working student, groom or best friend? GCDA offers gift vouchers in \$25 and \$50 denominations that can be used for show fees, clinics or membership fees. Good for one year from the date of issue, these gift certificates are a thoughtful way to remember your favorite dressage enthusiasts.

Contact Sharon Paolucci at (781) 760-6435 or sharonpaolucci@comcast.net to stock up today.

Buy, Sell or Trade



Everybody's looking for something. It's time to clean out your tack room and sell or trade your no-longer-needed tack in the next

GCDA newsletter. Contact [Sue Weakley](#) to list your items and make room for all the NEW tack you will buy.



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