

Not Quite Ready for Introductory Level?

Maybe the Advanced Leadline classes are for you.

By Annie Houchin, Vice President

The Advanced Leadline classes that Central Plains offers were created for riders who have surpassed the requirements of the basic leadline movements but haven't attained the comfort level to move up to the Introductory Level. This class would be best suited for competitors who feel the need to do more advanced skills such as trotting/jogging but, still need the security of the lead rope and guide.

This is a great opportunity for trainers to expose their students to the dressage ring yet still feel in control. The Advanced Leadline tests are very affordable at \$15/entry and can be found on the Central Plains Dressage website.

Central Plains member Rachel Francies is the author of the Advanced Leadline classes, which are posted on our website.

Annie with her Haflinger, Noah, preparing for an Advanced Leadline class with Emery Collins, age 6. Emery is working on trotting this year; Noah is surprisingly forward but he knows that Emery isn't capable of a big trot so, he gives her the nicest putzing gate possible. Noah and Annie are competing this year at First Level. Photo: CPDS



News in Brief

Central Plains Year-end Awards Score Tracking

All four year-end awards files are now available. The link to check your scores and current standing is <https://www.horseshowconsulting.com/2019-cpds-year-end-awards>. Remember that we are offering four categories of awards this year:

- USEF/USDF recognized shows
- USEF Lite recognized western dressage shows
- East area schooling shows
- West area schooling shows

Rankings are based on the median score of the top 7 scores earned. All scores that are not in the top 7 are not considered.



Welcome

With the warm weather come ticks, and we want to be vigilant about searching for and destroying the nasty creatures. You'll find them everywhere, but prime tick spots include your horse's ears (use a flashlight), mane and tail. One of our horses got a nasty infection on his tailbone from a tick we missed! You can try a topical insect repellent

or add garlic flakes to your horse's feed. We've been feeding garlic flakes for about a year now and while we're not ready to "publish our results" we do seem to be seeing results and all the horses gobble it up. Barn smells good too! I'll report more on our findings.

Best,
Nancy Spring

Central Plains Dressage Society Schedule April and May 2019

April						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	1 Clinic Melissa Cheswick Valley View	2	3	4	5	6 Schooling Show Rocking C Rescheduled for April 20
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Schooling Show Rocking C
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 USEF/USDF Recognized Show, Valley View
28 USEF/USDF Recognized Show, Valley View	29 Clinic Thomas Poulin Valley View	30				

May						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Schooling Show and Arabian Horse Assoc. Sport Horse Value Valley View
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 USEF/USDF Recognized Show, Valley View
19 USEF/USDF Recognized Show, Valley View	20	21 Clinic Donna Meyer Valley View	22	23	24	25 Schooling Show Rocking C
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOTE: East Area Schooling Shows will be held at Rocking C, not Sheridan Stables.
Please visit horseshowconsulting.com for a complete and printable master schedule.

We Have Our First Medalist of the Year, Beth Circle!

By Chris Cashel, President

Congratulate Beth Circle who earned her bronze medal Sunday, March 31, at our first recognized show. It is a wonderful accomplishment that was earned over several years and with a couple of different horses! Way to go Beth!!!

So what are medals? The USDF offers rider awards at all levels. It is a recognition of riders who compete in recognized shows. You can submit paper work to demonstrate your success over time and/or on multiple horses. For a bronze medal a rider must earn a minimum of 60% for two tests at first level, second level and third level. Different judges are required at each level. In other words, you must

have two different judges at each level. You can ride any test at each level. A silver medal is earned with two tests over 60% at fourth level and two tests over 60% at Prix St. George. Again different judges are required. A gold medal can be earned with four scores at Intermediate and Grand Prix with two scores required at Grand Prix.

Trying to earn medals makes showing exciting and it is little wonder that big celebrations occur with each successful effort. We have many riders "going for" medals this year. We have produced a fairly large number over the years. This is due to the multiple opportunities to ride in recognized shows in Oklahoma. We

just hosted our first recognized show and there are five more scheduled for this year. All remaining shows are two-day shows so that means more chances to achieve.

There are other horse and rider awards offered through USDF. Look at their website and find an award that would celebrate you and your horse. Going for awards helps focus our training and provides worthy goals. Go for something. Good luck and good riding.

Show Report

By Stacia Wert-Gray, Show Secretary

The March 9 schooling show at Valley View was windy but fun. We started the day with working equitation. That discipline is growing by leaps and bounds. We had 17 horses competing in that portion of the show. After working equitation we moved on to dressage and western dressage. The show did live stream and was well received. A total of 78 people tuned in to watch the webcast. Below are the show high points. Please visit www.horshowconsulting.com for class results.

March 9 Schooling Show at Valley View High Points			
Introductory Level	A Fae's Promise	Amy Kramer	66.25
Training Level	Barbie	Chloe Patterson	71.724
First Level	Barbie	Chloe Patterson	69.483
Second Level	None		
Third Level	Won Direction	Courtney Vaughn	66.622
Fourth Level	JC Keely of Texel	Nancy Litsch	65.513
FEI	None		
WD Introductory	Playboy's Bit O'Honor	Marlene Miller	65.000
WD Basic Level	Shine	Holly Huffaker	64.792
WD Level 1-3	Checkers	Kyriana Beard	64.815

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The first Central Plains East area schooling show was held on March 23 after being rescheduled from March 16. Our judge was Deryn Stewart. Competitors dodged the rain and managed to stay mostly dry and no rigs got stuck in the mud so it was a successful start to the East area show season. Class results are at www.horseshowconsulting.com. High point are as follows.

March 23 Schooling Show at Rocking C			
Introductory Level	Red	Patty Couch	76.875
Training Level	Florentina	Anna Droegemuller	73.966
First Level	Rojo Diamante	Audrey McKenna	70.139
Second Level and Above	Rojo Diamante	Audrey McKenna	72.297
WD Introductory	PWR Brienne of Tarth	Patty Couch	71.75
WD Basic Level	PWR Brienne of Tarth	Patty Couch	74.13

March 30 - 31 Extravaganza

Central Plains offered three shows on one weekend at Valley View. On Saturday, Melissa Creswick judged a USEF Lite western dressage show and a Central Plains West dressage only schooling show. On Sunday, she judged the first USEF/USDF recognized show of the year. Central Plains member Beth Circle earned the final score needed for her USDF bronze medal. Congratulations to Beth. The show was live-streamed and well over 200 people tuned in from all around the country to watch their friends and relatives compete. As always, a big thank you goes out to all the volunteers, trainers, competitors, vendors, and staff who braved the very cold conditions on Saturday to make the show a success. Below are the high points for each show. Complete class results are available at www.horseshowconsulting.com.

Riders at the Western Dressage Lite Show, March 30. Photos: Camille Fuller



Anna Droegemuller



Richal Flannery



Angela Stokes

USEF Recognized Lite Western Dressage Show High Points

Introductory Level - Junior	Anna Droegemuller	Dragon	65
Introductory Level - Amateur	Shari Bross	Rowdy	74.318
Introductory Level - Open	Patty Couch	PWR Brienne of Tarth	66
Basic Level - Open	Richal Flannery	OM EL Pashan	67.25
Basic Level - Junior	Alexandra Delozier	Zeke	61.995
Basic Level - Amateur	Angela Stoke	PWR Smart Alex	64.25
Level 1 - Open	Susan Lang	Peter Pan	64.327
Level 3 - Open	Patty Couch	Galant Prince von G	64.63
Level 4 - Open	Patty Couch	Galant Prince von G	61.379

Dressage Schooling Show High Points

Introductory Level	Alischka WF	Mimi Benton	71.563
Training Level	Swirl's Semper Fires	Mimi Benton	68.276
First Level	Lupo	Chloe Patterson	68.966
Second Level	Dior WF	Mimi Benton	66.757
Third Level	Corona	Lee Ann Alf	64.865
Fourth Level	JC Keely of Texel	Nancy Litsch	64.487
FEI	Vashti	Kristin Knutson	62.206

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March 30 - 31 Extravaganza show results, continued from p. 4

Introductory Level			
Amateur	None		
Junior	CBMF Drive Me Wild	Eryn Duncan	66.563
Open	Alichka WF	Mimi Benton	72.813
Training Level			
Amateur	Fabienne SWF	Whitney Vess	68.966
Junior/YR	LV High Country Wrangler	Elizabeth Ontiveros	68.966
Open	Swirl's Semper Fires	Mimi Benton	76.713
First Level			
Amateur	Mocha	Joanna Bartlett	65.556
Junior/YR	Lupo	Chloe Patterson	67.241
Open	Gallant Prince von G	Patty Couch	65.556
Second Level			
Amateur	Constatijn	Katie Edsall	56.429
Junior/YR	Deer Park Echoing Lark	Hensley Moses	63.784
Open	Dior WF	Mimi Benton	67.857
Third Level			
Amateur	Corona	Lee Ann Alf	66.892
Junior/YR	Deer Park Echoing Lark	Hensley Moses	62.750
Open	None		
Fourth Level			
Open	Reatta	Gall Matheus	66.667
Amateur	JC Keely of Texel	Nancy Litsch	65.256
Junior/YR	None		
FEI Level			
Open	Vashti	Kristin Knutson	66.618
Amateur	Buena Vista	Chris Cashel	61.176
Junior/YR	None		

Photos taken by our judge, Susan Lang, at the March 30 - 31 show in Valley View.

