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Impressive Performances Highlight AGDF 10 Competition



Laura Graves and Verdades won their second "Friday Night Stars" in a row at the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Today's Equestrian and Diane and George Fellows at AGDF 10. © SusanJStickle.com

It was another spectacular evening for Laura Graves (USA) and Verdades, as the duo won the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival's "Friday Night Stars" FEI World Cup Qualifier Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W3* presented by *Today's Equestrian* and Diane & George Fellows. Lisa Wilcox (USA) aboard Pikko del Cerro HU placed second with a 76.075%, and Lars Petersen (DEN) and Mariett finished in third receiving a 74.550%.

The crowd went wild for Graves and Verdades after they finished their performance and the best is yet to come from this duo. Working closely with Robert Dover and Debbie McDonald, Graves has fine-tuned several areas of her routine that she

feels she could still improve upon. She explained, "We've tweaked some things a bit in the past few days as a group, like getting that piaffe right on the spot, and I felt really confident in there today and it was amazingly fun to ride."

Gary Rockwell, Judge at C from the United States, was pleased with the number of consistently smooth rides throughout the night. He noted, "The judging gets better when the rides are good and usually we all agree if the rides are smooth and accurate tests. Everyone tonight had a good ride and the quality was very high, truly just an overall enjoyable evening."

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Hickok, Von Lierop, Matute, and McAuliffe Triumph in Florida International Dressage Youth Championships at AGDF



The four champions of the Florida International Dressage Youth Championships holding the trophy with Sarah Davis: Chase Hickok, Juan Matute, Jr., Dana von Lierop, and Amanda McAuliffe. © SusanJStickle.com

Competition for AGDF 10 concluded on Sunday with the 2015 Florida International Dressage Youth Championships (FIDYC) as well as the FEI Intermediaire 1 Freestyle CDI-W 1*. The FIDYC, sponsored by Hampton Green Farm, Pana Cavallo and the Davis Family, and Dressage4Kids, showcased the talent of 35 upcoming riders from around the world. The Overall division winners included: Chase Hickok (USA) for U-25, Dana van Lierop (NED) in the Young Rider division, Juan Matute, Jr. (ESP) in the

Juniors, and Amanda McAuliffe (USA) in the Pony division. AGDF 12, with CDI03*/CDI3*/CDI1* competition is the final week of the circuit, held March 24-27.

Chase Hickok of Wellington, FL had a spectacular week aboard Hyperion Stud LLC's Sagacious HF. Hickok, who is a full time resident in Wellington, has been able to compete at several CDIs this season. "We took last week off to go back to training

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Stillpoint Farm Makes Its Mark on Dressage Community in Wellington

Arlene "Tuny" Page's Stillpoint Farm has been a staple of the dressage community in Wellington since 2002, when Page and her husband David purchased the land on which the picturesque farm now sits. The two both envisioned a world-class facility that the best international dressage talent could call home. The property has everything any high performance rider could ask for: a prime location in the largest dressage community in the world, easy accessibility for students and clients, and ample space to house one of the most premier dressage facilities in the world.

As Stillpoint Farm prepares to sponsor the FEI Nations Cup Series CDIO3* at the last week of competition of the 2015 season at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF), Page is thrilled to see where the sport has come and the future of dressage in the United States. "This show and venue is absolutely critical to our sport. It is the best of the best of international competition right at our own fingertips," she said. "It completely ups our game and forces us to be more demanding of ourselves in competition. It is truly a world-class international dressage competition, equivalent to anything I've seen around the world."

Page vividly remembers the first meeting held regarding the construction of the dressage complex, spearheaded by Equestrian Sport Productions CEO, Mark Bellissimo. Before Bellissimo even finished speaking to the crowd, Page sent him a text saying, "Stillpoint is in."

With the likes of a true international dressage complex coming to fruition, Page said it was something she absolutely needed her farm to be involved in. "Mark was laying out a broad plan for what he wanted to create as far as (the AGDF) and was interested in what sort of support he would get from the local community. There was absolutely no question in my mind that this was needed in Wellington. For the dressage community, it was such an easy call," she remarked.

The 2015 season at AGDF has marked a series of record-breaking moments for the circuit, between number of entries, attendance, and international presence, just to name a few. "It is actually quite incredible to be honest. The staff has done an incredible job keeping up with things. (Show manager) Lloyd Landkamer and Monica, their entire staff, just managing entries and doing a fabulous job. Just the overall management of logistics this season has been unbelievable," commented Page. But as the show grows,

the venue will need to follow suit. "I hope in the coming years we see the venue expand so that we can continue to offer world-class competition for everyone. We want to keep sending the message to the international dressage community that we can manage and produce these shows to the highest levels."

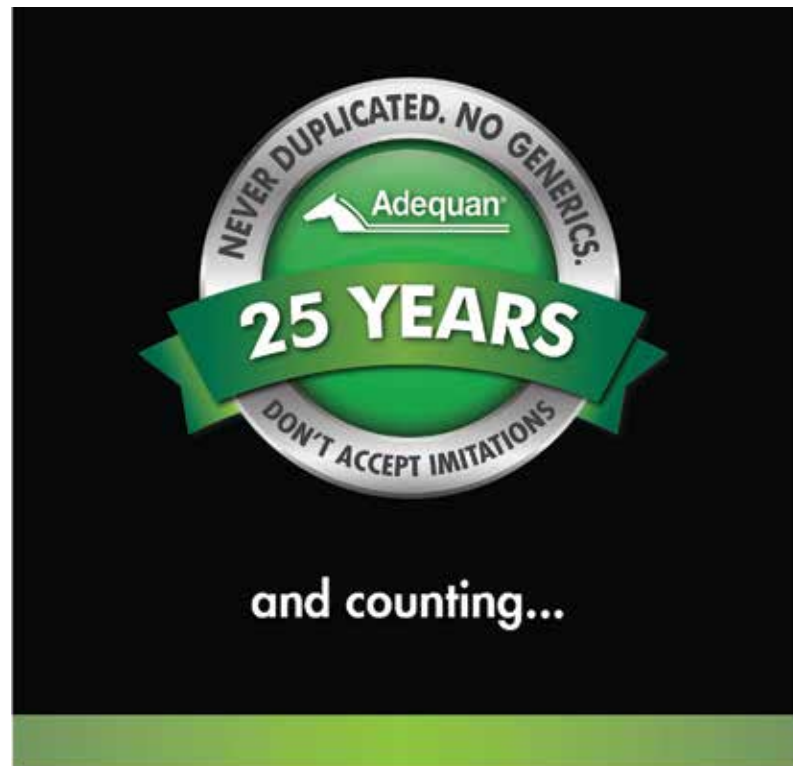
As AGDF continues to grow, Stillpoint serves as a home base for many of the elite competitors, both national and international, showing at the circuit. The environment Page has created at Stillpoint ensures that riders continue to expand their knowledge while building confidence and experiencing success. "We wanted to provide a facility that encouraged the best riders to come and populate it. I have always believed that a place is made up of the people who are there and the atmosphere they create for each other," explained Page. "We have many conscientious people with so much integrity. It has developed into a place where there's always a great atmosphere, but also the people are serious and trying to better themselves and their riding."

Alongside the thriving business during the winter season at Stillpoint Farm, Page is hoping to ramp up a newly initiated rehab program at the farm, which she believes will give owners a peace of mind about their horse's rehabilitation and showcase the incredible horsemanship of her staff. "I have two grooms who are incredible at handling and managing horses. I would love to offer people in this community a place to keep their horses locally to rehab. We have an incredible farrier, the barn is completely hurricane proof, we have absolutely everything you could need," she commented. "It's a great way to keep things ticking through the summer and these gentleman are just phenomenal and they make it a very comfortable place."

As the AGDF winds down, Nations Cup competition is an incredibly fun and emotional competition, a superb way to end an incredible season. As a sponsor, Page finds so much joy in providing an opportunity for riders to experience it. "It gives all kinds of riders a chance to be a part of a team and ride in an international venue. It is a real opportunity to showcase up and coming international riders," she said. "When you hear your anthem, it's a real moment of pride, and that is one of the greatest memories I always take away from events like this. I'm so proud that our country is offering this kind of competition. It means so much to the sport" ■



Last year's Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDIO3* saw the United States at the top of the podium. Photo © SusanJStickle.com.



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PBIEC Upcoming Events

Adequan® Global Dressage Festival

The final week of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival runs Wednesday-Saturday, March 25-28, with some of the most anticipated competition of the season, including the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDIO3*, as well as CDI3* classes presented by Martha Jolicoeur and Maria Mendelsohn of Illustrated Properties, and CDI 1* classes presented by Regal Horse Products. General admission and parking are free all week, find out more at www.globaldressagefestival.com.

Lunch & Learn

The 2015 Lunch & Learn weekly educational series will hold its final event from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in The Wellington Club at PBIEC on Thursday, March 26. The WEF 12 Lunch & Learn will feature a presentation titled "Sound Year Round" featuring 10 top tips your veterinarian may have forgotten to tell you to help maintain year round soundness in performance horses, sponsored by Theraplate. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners. All others \$25.00. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. Season finale door prizes to include a custom trunk provided by Clever Jumps & Trunks and a TheraPlate. For more information please contact Laura Bostwick, Sponsorship Events Coordinator 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com.

\$50,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 12

With great prize money throughout the 12 weeks of WEF, the Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Series is one of the most highly contested events each week. The final \$50,000 Ruby

et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 12 will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 26, in the International Arena at PBIEC.

"Friday Night Stars" at Adequan® Global Dressage Festival

Don't miss the final "Friday Night Stars" of the season on Friday, March 27, with the FEI Intermediaire-1 Freestyle CDIO 3* followed by the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDIO3*, both presented by Stillpoint Farm and part of the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup competition! Gates open at 6 pm, general admission and parking are free.

\$100,000 Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Final

The Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series will host its final class of the circuit in week twelve with a purse of \$100,000 on Saturday, March 28. The competition will host its first round on Saturday morning, and the jump-off will be held before the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5* in the evening, starting at 6:30 p.m. Following the presentation to the week twelve winner, Suncast® will present the leading rider of the entire series with a pre-paid two-year lease on a beautiful new 2015 Range Rover Evoque.

\$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5*

The highlight event of week twelve to conclude international jumper competition for the 2015 WEF circuit is the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5* on Saturday, March 28, at 8 p.m. Held under the lights in the International Arena at PBIEC, the competition will feature the week's

top horses and riders jumping a course set by international course designer Steve Stephens (USA). Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

VIP Seating for \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5*

Enjoy the grand finale of the Winter Equestrian Festival from the Special Events Pavilion at your own private table with a full view of the International Arena for the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5* on Saturday, March 28. A Chef's Buffet with open bar is available for \$250/guest or \$1,500/table of six plus tax. Contact Annette at Annette@equestriansport.com to make your reservations today.

Young Jumper Finals

The rising young equine stars of the 2015 WEF circuit will compete in their final classes during week 12 in the International Arena. The \$10,000 Holtgers 5-Year-Old Young Jumper Classic, \$15,000 Adequan® 6-Year-Old Young Jumper Classic and \$20,000 Adequan® 7-Year-Old Young Jumper Classic will be held on Friday, March 27.

\$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby

The top hunters of the 2015 WEF circuit conclude the winter season with the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. The first round will be held on Saturday, March 28, in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring, and the top 12 will return for the final round on the grass field at The Stadium at PBIEC at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29. ■



Adequan® Global Dressage Festival wishes all of our competitors the best of luck in the final week of the circuit, and thank you for your support in 2015!



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AGDF Welcomes Regal Horse Equine Products As Sponsors of Week 12 CDI1*

Meryl Squires, founder of Merix Pharmaceutical Corporation, producer of Regal Horse Equine Products, has been a long-time supporter of equestrian competition in Wellington and is proud to be a part of Week 12 of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) as the sponsor of the FEI CDI1* competition.

A dedicated horsewoman, Squires and her husband started their business, Merix Pharmaceutical Corporation, catering to people before producing several well-known products focused on equine health. With products such as Regal Horse Electrolytes and Emergency Tie-Up supplements providing the critical chlorides necessary for properly functioning cells, as well as Regal Horse Muscle Reliever and Regal Horse First Aid Spray, Squires has developed a brand of products that is synonymous with success.

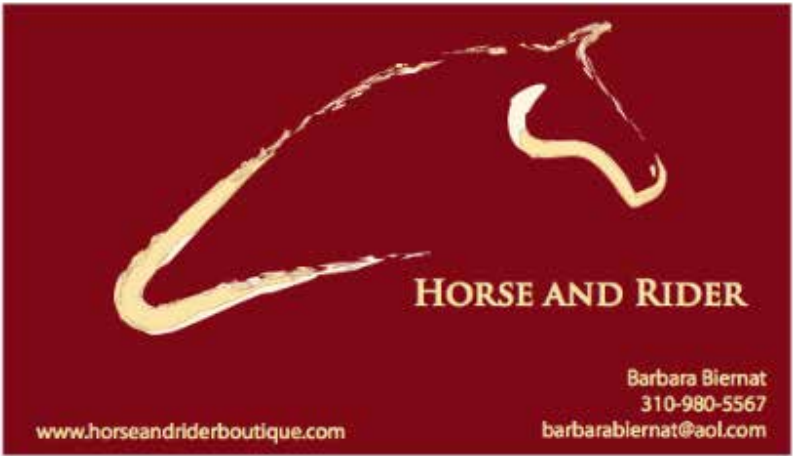
A horse owner and breeder herself, Squires felt AGDF offered an incredible platform to introduce her products to a new audience. "My husband and I attended a competition at AGDF earlier this year and after seeing the incredible atmosphere and spectator turnout, I felt that it was time to bring some of the products I use with my own horses to the owners and riders competing at the circuit," she said.


Not only does AGDF provide riders with an incredible opportunity, but it offers vendors and sponsors a unique platform to access different people and entertain a new audience. Squires noted,

"There are competitors from all around the world competing here at the highest levels, and it gives vendors and sponsors a great opportunity to reach them in ways that we may not have been able to before."

The Regal Horse Equine Products sponsorship has been a huge success in the 2015 season, and Squires is excited to be introducing a special award from the company set in place for 2016, as well as continuing their sponsorship of the event. "Every year we see more and more entries at this show. I remember in years past, if you had 12 horses as the jog, it was considered a big class and now we have upwards of 150. The growth continues to show what a success AGDF is," she remarked. "It means the word is out to the international dressage community that this is the place to be in the winter. Congratulations to Mark Bellissimo – he built it – and they came!"

Sponsoring an event like AGDF or the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) is very rewarding for sponsors, not only in terms of increasing recognition of their products, business, or brand but also through the opportunity to be a part of a life-changing experience for many of the competitors. "Presenting the awards to the winners is my absolute favorite," remarked Squires. "They are always beaming with joy, excitement, and pride, and I am so happy with them and for them and also to be a part of their achievements." ■





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The Adequan® Global Dressage Festival welcomes Martha Jolicoeur and Maria Mendelsohn of Illustrated Properties as presenting sponsors for the FEI CDI3* in the final week of competition of the 2015 season. Jolicoeur and Mendelsohn are both avid equestrians and two of the leading real estate agents in the Wellington residential and equestrian real estate industry.

Both Jolicoeur and Mendelsohn are dedicated to giving back to the community through the form of sponsorship at both The Winter Equestrian Festival and the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival. Their sponsorship has served as an integral component in the success of both competitions at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.

Jolicoeur began riding early in childhood and has been passionate about the industry and community for her entire life. A former Grand Prix rider, Jolicoeur has used the skills she learned in her competitive years in the ring to expand and grow her business for the past two decades. A family immersed in

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The sponsors for the AGDF 10 Large Tour, Ashley Holzer of *Today's Equestrian* and Diane and George Fellows, were both on hand at the press conference, delighted that the night was such a success. Holzer and Dressed In Black placed fourth in the class. "Sponsoring something so wonderful as this venue and these events brings together horses and riders from around the world and makes them available for the public to see," said Holzer. "I think it is so important that we support our own sport and that we all, as riders, do our part and sponsor events like this, if we can, to make it an even better event. I'm so glad to be a part of it and to be able to support it."

Fellows, a longtime supporter of Holzer, agreed with the sentiment and is so proud of where the event has come. "We are so excited to say that we're a part of this and to see how AGDF has grown over the years," she said. "Sponsorship is a joy, owning a horse and watching a talented rider bring your horse to this level is so exciting, and I would tell anyone who is able to, 'Sponsor a horse, a rider, a venue and come watch and enjoy.' It really enhances your life."

Numerous awards were given out throughout the night as Charlotte Jorst received the "Winner of the Prix St. George Owner's Award" presented by Jill Irving for her win aboard Kastels Adventure. Adrienne Lyle accepted the "Best Horse Owner for Overall Highest Score" presented by Jill Irving, on behalf of Pam Jones. The Best Horse Owner Award for the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty was given to Laura Graves for her win aboard Verdades. The pair also picked up the Adequan® High Score Award for the Grand Prix Freestyle presented by Allyn Mann.

Charlotte Jorst (USA) and Kastels Adventure achieved something most Adult Amateurs only dream of, when the duo placed first in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI-W 1* class presented by Mike and Roz Collins, a class that boasted more than 40 entries to open up competition on Wednesday. Jorst and Kastels Adventure won the class on a 71.842%, followed by Shelly Francis (USA) and Rubinio with a 71.605% and Tina Irwin (CAN) aboard Fancy That in third receiving a 70.553%. In just their second show back since the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games (WEG) this past August, Laura Graves and Verdades started AGDF 10 competition on Thursday and scored a remarkable 76.680% in the FEI Grand Prix CDI-W

3*, presented by *Today's Equestrian* and Diane and George Fellows. Lars Petersen (DEN) and Mariett placed second with a 72.500% and Tinne Vilhelmson-Silfven (SWE) and Benetton Dream captured third receiving a 70.760%.

Charlotte Jorst (USA) and Kastels Adventure continued their fairytale run at AGDF 10 with a win on Friday in the FEI Intermediaire 1, presented by Michael & Roz Collins. The pair, who has steadily improved throughout circuit, continues to add to their remarkable 2015 season at AGDF, and Jorst's infectious smile brightens the day for everyone on the grounds. The pair won the class on a 72.868% followed by Shelly Francis (USA) and Rubinio at 71.395%, with Brittany Fraser (CAN) and All In finishing third with a 71.132%.

Katherine Bateson Chandler (USA) and Alcazar performed a lovely test to win FEI Grand Prix Special CDI-W3*, presented by Today's Equestrian and Diane & George Fellows, on a score of 71.255% on Saturday. It was determined that Cesar Parra (USA) and Van the Man placed second after tying with Sweden's Tinne Vilhelmson-Silfven aboard Divertimento on a score of 70.569%.

Several classes contributing towards the Florida International Dressage Youth Championships took place on Saturday, giving youth riders from around the world a chance to compete against each other in Wellington. Amanda Mcaullife (USA) and Da Kiekste won the FEI Pony Individual class, sponsored by The Axel Johnson Group, with a 65.683%. Antonia Arl (BEL) and Equestricons Ziggy placed first in the FEI Junior Individual, sponsored by Equisafe, receiving a 72.711%. Dana van Lierop (NED) and Equestricons Walküre scored an incredible 74.868% in the FEI Young Rider Individual class, sponsored by Yeguada de Ymas, for the win.

Tina Irwin (CAN) and Fancy That have been knocking on the door of the winner's circle the entire season at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival and today the pair got it done with a mistake free test in the FEI Intermediaire 1 Freestyle CDI-W1*, presented by Michael & Roz Collins. The duo edged out Charlotte Jorst (USA) and Kastels Adventure with a 74.375% to take the win. Jorst finished in second with a 74.350% and Silva Martin (USA) came in third aboard Aesthete receiving a 72.550%. ■

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AGDF 10 Award Winners

Clockwise from top left:

Michael Klimke wins the Neue Schule Best Hands Award.

Barbara Bertschinger (right), riding Sonnenbergs Solisco, is presented the Piaffe Performance Adult Amateur Achievement Award by Dr. Cesar Parra (left) of Piaffe Performance with her trainer Christoph Koschel (center).

Debbie McDonald wins the Premier Equestrian Sportsmanship Award.

Shari O'Halloran was awarded the Horse and Rider Boutique Best Horse Turnout Award.

Betsy LaBelle of Wellington, Florida won the Vita Flex Tack Trunk filled with Vita Flex supplements at the Key to Success contest at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival.

Something Special C, ridden by Adrienne Pot, wins the TheraPlate Award.

From left to right: Dana Van Lierop of The Netherlands, Rosalie Bos of the Netherlands, Antonia Arl of Belgium, and Vivien Niemann of Germany win The Tackeria Stabling Award for Equestricon.

Charlotte Jorst wins the Custom Saddlery MVR (Most Valuable Rider) Award.



before the championships and I think it was overall much better than previous weeks, so I'm really happy with that," she said. "It's a great feeling to be a part of a championship weekend and it's a great sense of camaraderie and a great opportunity to compete with so many great riders."

Juan Matute, Jr., a familiar face around Wellington this circuit, has continued to improve this season and had great rides with both horses competing in FIDYC this week. He mentioned, "I think this show was a big success, and it's a great experience. I was very pleased with all of my tests and it gives me a better idea of areas to keep working in and improving on. All across the board (it was) very positive."

With an incredible performance in the Young Rider Freestyle this morning, receiving a 77.925%, and an 80.500% from the Judge at M, it is clear that van Lierop is an incredible talent for the Dutch in dressage. "I'm thrilled and proud of everything that we accomplished this week. It's amazing to see all of the other riders here and be able to compete in a new environment. I have to truly thank the owner, Jochen Arl. He made this all

happen, and I am so incredibly thankful for him giving us the opportunity to compete here," she expressed.

This was the first CDI competition for Amanda McAuliffe and the duo gained much needed experience in the international arena for them to continue excelling in the Pony divisions. "This was my first winter in Florida and my first CDI, and I'm really happy to be riding him and to have been able to compete here. It was really fun, and we have learned so much."

Antonia Arl (BEL) and Equestricons Ziggy placed first in the FEI Junior Freestyle receiving a 74.325%. Alexandra Meghji (CAN) and Iliado II followed in second with a 70.075% and Ashleigh Conroy-Zugel (USA) and Ungaro in third earning a 66.650%.

Dana van Lierop (NED) and Equestricons Walküre finished atop the leaderboard in the FEI Young Rider Freestyle with a 77.925%, followed by Vivien Niemann (GER) and Don Vertino in second on a 73.450%, and Rosalie Bos (NED) and Equestricons Bolita rounding out the top three receiving a 72.725%. ■

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