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## Florida International Youth Dressage Championships Brings World's Top Youth Dressage Riders to AGDF 10



Last year's Florida International Youth Dressage Championships winners: Chase Hickok, Juan Matute, Jr., Dana von Lierop, and Amanda Mcauliffe with Sarah Davis. © SusanJStickle.com

The 2016 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, presented by Pana Cavallo, Hampton Green Farm, and Dressage 4 Kids, will bring a talented group of young international riders to Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) from Wednesday, March 16, to Sunday, March 20. Competition at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) 10 will also feature FEI CDI 4\*/3\*/1\* competition presented by Havensafe Farm, The Dutta Corporation, alongside Mike & Roz Collins, featuring the world's largest CDI competition ever outside of the Europe.

Showcasing riders in the Under 25, Young Rider, Junior, and Pony divisions, the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships offer a growing platform for young riders wishing to compete at the international levels of the sport, bringing them to the forefront of one of the world's largest dressage competitions. The sport continues to expand as an equestrian discipline around the world and entry numbers for the competition at AGDF continue to increase. A massive FEI Young Rider division will highlight the week, boasting 24

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## Lars Petersen and Mariett Victorious in FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Everglades Dressage



Lars Petersen and Mariett won their first FEI Grand Prix Freestyle of the season at AGDF 8. The class was sponsored by Everglades Dressage. ©SusanJStickle.com

Lars Petersen (DEN) and long-time mount Mariett proved they have hit their stride at the right point during the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) circuit, taking a commanding win in the Palm Beach Dressage Derby FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Everglades Dressage, with a score of 78.025%. Fellow Danish rider Mikala Gundersen and My Lady finished in second with a 75.700%, while Katherine Bateson-Chandler and Alcazar represented the United States in third place, receiving a 73.450%.

Petersen and Mariett have been working towards their big score all season long, as Petersen has discussed getting back into a rhythm with the 1998 Danish Warmblood mare (Comeback II x Zendi) this season. After enjoying most of the 2015 season off after AGDF competition concluded, Petersen and Mariett seem to be peaking at the right point in time as Danish riders are still looking to fill their four-member squad for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The pair performed a balanced and energetic test, which judge at C, Gary Rockwell (CAN), commented may

have been the best freestyle routine he's ever seen the pair perform. Petersen was quick to praise the seemingly ageless mare on her efforts in the ring, which earned them a personal best score this season, nearing the 80% mark.

"For Mariett, it's very important that she stays fresh. That is my main goal with her. She's not the easiest horse in the world, but tonight, you know, I've had some good tests this season and more not so good. I was just determined," continued Petersen.

Gundersen and My Lady have dominated the circuit again this season, but their test tonight could not match the fellow Danish combination of Petersen and Mariett. Gundersen opened up about a moment of distraction, which led her to forget the first moments of her test.

"The pilot didn't remember where to go tonight. I started going the wrong way, and I lost my focus a little bit. I was not riding the way I normally ride the test and I will say that," commented Gundersen. "On the other hand, I'm so proud of this second place. I'm really happy that Lars won tonight. It was so important that he got a really good score

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# Havensafe Farm Looks Forward to Supporting the CDI4\* at AGDF

Havensafe Farm and owner Betsy Juliano are proud to support the 2016 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) through their sponsorship of the CDI 4\* at Week 10, which runs March 16-20.

The 2016 season of AGDF is already considered an enormous success, but Juliano and Havensafe Farm are also excited for the continued opportunity to see dressage riders competing at the highest levels of the sport.

"It became clear to me when Equestrian Sport Productions started this show that it would become a venue and circuit that would have national and international significance to our community," said Juliano. "I'm dedicated to supporting the sport, including the education and health of riders. These competitions allow dressage riders, both national and international, to come full circle and have the opportunity to showcase their training. Of course, this is a particularly special year because riders from many countries are here to qualify for Rio (Olympic Games). It is an honor to be part of the support of this effort."

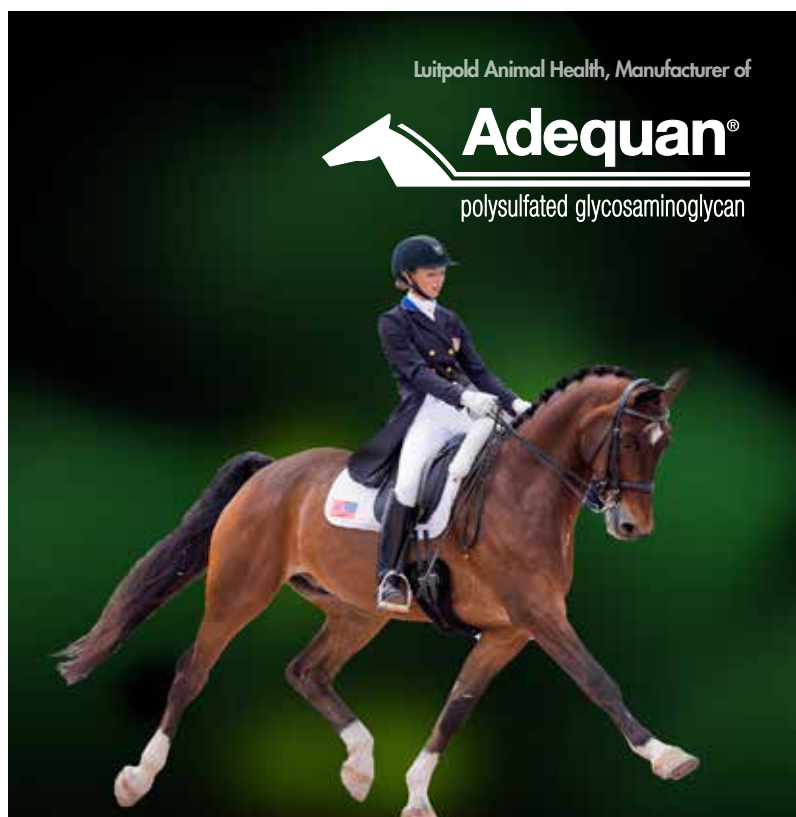
Not only has Juliano been impressed with the expansion of the show, but its continued commitment to quality in every aspect. She said, "Each year we come back to this circuit the systems are better. The management, the staff, the service, it all continues to excel and it allows people from Europe and other areas around the world to see that this is an elite, world-class show. It is always about growing, but it is growing with quality that really separates you from the rest, and that is exactly what we continue to see at AGDF."

"Mark Bellissimo and the leadership team at Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP) continue to implement innovative ways to include everyone involved in this sport. The owners, riders, trainers, horses, and grooms; everyone is acknowledged and that is what makes this event so great. What ESP does so well, is not only their skill of organizing world-class competitions, but also their incredible ability to celebrate success, and that is what truly brings the community together," explained Juliano.

Not only does Juliano commit to ensuring the success of AGDF each year, but she also is a generous sponsor of the Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC). In 2015, Juliano made the lead gift to establish the USEF's Human Sport Science and Medicine Program. She serves on a variety of non-profit boards, including the United States Equestrian Team Foundation. Juliano is the Founder and CEO of Litigation Management, Inc., a company she started 32 years ago to provide medical litigation support to companies defending product liability litigation.



Elizabeth Juliano of Havensafe Farm presents the winning award to Anna Marek and Unico at the 2015 AGDF. ©SusanJStickle.com



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## PBIEC Week 10 Upcoming Events:

### YOUTH PARENTS TEA RECEPTION

On Wednesday, March 16, at 4 pm is the Youth Parents Tea Reception at the AGDF Global Pavilion. The topic is "Meeting Expectations: Grants and Scholarships Available to the Youth Dressage Athlete" and speakers are Michael Davis, Lendon Gray, and Hannah Niebielski. Youth athletes and their parents are welcome.

### LIGHTNING PROTECTION 101 – EDUCATIONAL LUNCH SESSION

You're invited to the Lightning Protection 101 Educational Lunch Session on Wednesday, March 16, at 12-1:30 p.m. Bonded Lightning Protection is pleased to invite you to a free lunch and education program on Lightning Protection, in The Wellington Club. Florida receives 1.45 million lightning strikes each year. Come learn how to keep your projects safe. Space is limited! RSVP by March 11- please contact 561.746.4336 kim@bondedlightning.com.

### PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Palm Beach International Academy will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the school located at 13421 South Shore Blvd. There will be an open bar and small bites served. Please RSVP by phone (561) 338-3811 or by email cwathey@pbiafl.com. We will be highlighting our Summer Academic Programs and our Year-Round Learning Opportunities.

### FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Florida International Youth Dressage Championships are set to begin at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival grounds and will welcome riders of different ages and levels to compete in the International Ring. The competition will run throughout Week 10 on March 17-20. The Florida International Youth Dressage Championships are proudly presented this year by Dressage4Kids, PanaCavallo and Cavalleria Toscana, and Hampton Green Farm. The championships will host four separate FEI divisions for participants

under the age of 25. There will be a Pony Division, Junior Division, Young Rider Division and a U-25 Grand Prix.

### LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 17, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners, while all others are \$25. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. The season finale door prize includes a custom trunk provided by Clever Jumps & Trunks and TheraPlate. The subject for WEF 10 is "Biomechanics of the Horse's Movement and What Affects It" sponsored by Otto Sport International and Premier Equestrian. Contact Laura Bostwick at 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com for more information.

### "FRIDAY NIGHT STARS" – FEI GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE CDI 4\*, PRESENTED BY HAVENSFAIR FARM

Dressage returns to the Global International Arena for the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival on Friday, March 18, with the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4\*, presented by Havensfair Farm. Watch the top dressage horses and riders perform choreographed tests to music at the highest level. Performances by Fusion Opera from West Palm Beach complement the night. Gates open at 6 p.m., competition starts at 7 p.m. General Admission and parking are free!

### "SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" – \$130,000 HORSEWARE IRELAND GRAND PRIX CSI 3\*

Under the lights of the International Arena at PBIEC, the "Saturday Night Lights" series continues with the \$130,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI 3\* on Saturday, March 19. Gates open at 6 p.m., the class starts at 7:30 p.m., and there is free general admission.

### AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT FINALE

American Equestrians Got Talent brings

together equestrians from all disciplines to show off their non-horse-related talents and compete for a \$5,000 top prize. Contestants have earned their spots in the Finale through a series of auditions over the past several months in Wellington. The finale is on Sunday, March 20, at 6 pm at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Their diverse talents range from singing and dancing to stand-up comedy and fire-baton twirling and the finale grand prize is \$10,000. The AEGT benefits USEF High Performance programs through the USET Foundation.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR WEEKS 11 & 12 UPCOMING EVENTS

### CORNELL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE EVENT

Please join Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and Richard Schechter of Bainbridge Co. for a cocktail along with brief faculty presentations at The Wellington Club, Thursday, March 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. We will gather to talk about equine recovery post-surgery/ anesthesia, and offer a fresh perspective on possible causes and solutions for this problem. To Register, go to [bit.ly/WellingtonTalk](http://bit.ly/WellingtonTalk) and for more information, contact Alison Rose Smith at [ars1@cornell.edu](mailto:ars1@cornell.edu).

### AREA GAMES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Athletes from Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, and Broward counties will be competing in the Area Games for Special Olympics on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Van Kampen Covered Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Approximately 100 riders will compete in English or Western Equitation, Trail and Obstacle, Dressage, and Pole Bending (a speed and agility class). Come support them as they compete to qualify for the State Games.

### EQUILINE BRUNCH AT DERBY FIELD

Equiline welcomes all exhibitors and spectators to join them for a light brunch at the Tiki Tower on the Derby Field during the

Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series Final, presented by Equiline, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. Equiline is proud to be an Official and Major Sponsor of the 2016 WEF, as well as a participating sponsor of the Artisan Farms U25 series. They welcome everyone to celebrate these talented young riders and how their futures will define our sport.

### GEORGE MORRIS BOOK SIGNING

The Winter Equestrian Festival is proud to host a book signing with George Morris for his new book, "Unrelenting – The Real Story: Horses, Bright Lights, and My Pursuit of Excellence," written with Karen Robertson Terry. The book signing will be held on Sunday, March 27, at the derby field at The Stadium at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (AGDF show grounds). Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the WEF Boutique.

### USEF WINE AND CHEESE RECEPTION

On Tuesday, March 29, at 5 pm is a Wine and Cheese Reception at the AGDF Global Pavilion. The topic is "Rio Taking Shape," and we will hear from speakers Will Connell of the USEF and U.S. Dressage Chef d'Equipe Robert Dover. High performance athletes and owners are welcome. Please contact Austyn Erickson for more information at [aerickson@usef.org](mailto:aerickson@usef.org).

### RIDE & LEARN WITH DARRAGH KENNY

The Ride & Learn Series will take place each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. during WEF. Each week will feature a mounted riding clinic instructed by highly esteemed industry professionals and will be held in various venues and arenas at PBIEC. Week 12 features top show jumper Darragh Kenny teaching jumpers, with location TBD at either the PBIEC Ring 7 or PBRA/AGDF grass field on Tuesday, March 31. The clinic is sponsored by Equiline Participation to ride in the clinic is \$100 per horse/rider per clinic, with a maximum of 12 horses, so sign up today! Auditing is Free. For more information or to sign up for a clinic, please contact Jessica Nichols at 561-784-4275 or [jnichols@equestriansport.com](mailto:jnichols@equestriansport.com). ■



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# The Dutta Corporation Proudly Supporting AGDF 10

Tim Dutta and The Dutta Corporation are proud to continue their support of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF). The Dutta Corporation, longtime sponsors of the event, has continued support the AGDF and will be the presenting sponsors of Week 10's CDI 3\* competition on March 17-20, 2016.

The Dutta Corporation, founded in 1988 by J. Tim Dutta, is a global shipping company exclusively dedicated to horses. Since its inception The Dutta Corp. has always maintained a core vision to provide a top-class equine airfreight service worthy of its precious clients. This vision has allowed The Dutta Corp. to rapidly expand to service clients around the world. With his deep knowledge of both the equine and business worlds, Tim Dutta has created a structure that has the well-being of the horses at its core. This ethos has proved extremely successful as The Dutta Corp. has grown and become the shipping company of choice for world-class horseman and top international athletes.

Tim strongly believes in supporting the industry he loves and is passionate about. The Dutta Corp. has chosen to support many worthy causes throughout the years.

"We always make a priority to give back to this industry in absolutely any way that we can. It is in the fabric of this company to support those who support this sport," said Dutta. "The Dutta Corp. continues to support the

AGDF because of their commitment to grow the sport, deliver top-notch competition, and the pursuit of excellence.

"The growth at this competition has just been spectacular. It is so incredible for the sport and the equestrian industry as a whole," said Dutta, whose wife, Susan Dutta, competes in the Large Tour classes at AGDF. "It has grown so quickly, and it is exceptionally organized and maintained. It is not just one of the best shows in North America, but a truly world-class event."

The Dutta Corp. will continue to support elite and up-and-coming athletes through venues such as AGDF. Dutta believes it is an honor to be in a position to help grow and strengthen our sport.

"In years such as this with the 2016 Olympics on the horizon, watching athletes from across the globe converge in Wellington is truly exciting. We wish all the athletes good luck, and we look forward to transporting their equine partners to wherever their next competition leads them, be it Rio or Ruila."

To learn more about The Dutta Corporation, please visit [www.timdutta.com](http://www.timdutta.com) for more information. AGDF 10 FEI CDI 3\* presented by The Dutta Corp. will begin March 17 with the FEI Grand Prix and the highlight class, with the FEI Grand Prix Musical Freestyle CDI 3\* held the next day, March 18, and concluding with the FEI Grand Prix Special on Saturday, March 19. ■



Tim Dutta (center) of The Dutta Corp. in last year's winning presentation at AGDF.  
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## Performers From Opera Fusion Offer a New Approach to A Traditional Art Form



Opera hits, musical theater classics, and American standards will be the entertainment at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) during the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle events on March 5, March 18, and April 1 when singers from Opera Fusion take the stage.

The talented South Florida vocalists' selections will range from the serene "Flower Duet" (well known from the British Airways commercial) from "Lakme" to the rousing "Libiamo" drinking song from "La Traviata" to the love song "Nessun Dorma" from "Turandot."

The more contemporary songs Opera Fusion will showcase at the AGDF will include "The Prayer," "All I Ask of You," "Granada," "Be My Love," "Stranger in Paradise" and "Some Enchanted Evening."

The fledging company, which is in its second season, has made it its mission to cultivate a new audience for opera in South Florida, offer educational outreach, and provide opportunities to local talent. The bottom line is making "the voice" accessible and affordable to a wider segment of the community, and combating perceptions that opera is stuffy and elitist.

The Opera Fusion singers coming to the AGDF include sopranos Robyn Marie Lamp, Kyaunnee Richardson and Birgit Fioravante; mezzo-soprano Christina Overton; tenor Lievens Castillo; and baritones Xavier Garcia and John Whittlesey. They will be accompanied by pianists Sergio Puig and Gordon Roberts. All live and work in South Florida.

"We really want this to be a company that supports the local artists," said Garcia, a West Palm

Beach veterinarian and president of the board, "because the local artists will support us."

The non-profit artist-driven company is based in West Palm Beach and mounts shows throughout South Florida. It opened its second season in December with its "Viva La Zarzuela" master classes and a finalists' concert at Florida International University in Miami.

In June, the company will premiere "Not In My Town," a musical drama by a Fort Lauderdale composer about the events surrounding the story of Matthew Shepard, a gay Wyoming college student murdered in a 1998 hate crime.

In its first season, Opera Fusion successfully put on two musical revues, "The Sopranos: An Opera You Can't Refuse" and "Duelling Divas," as well as two operas, the company's debut with "Bluebeard's Castle" and later "Cosi Fan Tutte/ Die Fledermaus" in a summer "bootcamp" workshop.

Birgit Fioravante is executive director of Opera Fusion, Dean Peterson is artistic director, Robyn Lamp is company manager and Dr. Sally Brown is director of education.

The board of directors comprises West Palm Beach veterinarian and baritone Dr. Xavier Garcia, president; Lake Worth Playhouse board president Michael McKeich, treasurer; attorney Joseph R. Fields Jr., secretary; and members Renee Greenberg, Peter Ludescher, Elizabeth Giles, Emily Pantelides, Richard Gaff and Carol Carnevale.

For more about Opera Fusion and its leadership, visit [OperaFusion.org](http://OperaFusion.org). ■

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entries, the largest Young Rider division in the history of AGDF. Competitors from around the globe are set to take to The Stadium at PBIEC representing nations from North America, South America, and Europe.

"We're very proud of the growth and expansion this show has seen over the past few years, and the representation this year in the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships attests to that," said Thomas Baur, Director of Sport for AGDF. "This is the first step for many of these riders pursuing the FEI Grand Prix level, especially the individuals we will see in the Young Rider division. We're honored to host this championship and are thankful to our sponsors Kim Boyer, the Davis family, and Lendon Gray for their continued efforts each year."

Amongst the four FEI divisions offered to riders competing in the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships this year, competition will see two competitors in the FEI Pony Rider division, 11 riders in the FEI Junior Rider division, 24 entries in the FEI Young Rider division, with eight combinations contesting the FEI Intermediaire II 16-25 division.

Top-ranked U.S. rider Barbara "Bebe"

Davis, currently ranked seventh in the FEI Young Rider World Rankings list, will compete two mounts: Feivel Mousekewitz, owned by Michael Davis, in the FEI Young Rider division, and Equestricon's Carrera, owned by Antonia Arl, in the FEI Intermediaire II 16-25 division. Juan Matute Jr. (ESP), who has been competitive in both the Large Tour and Small Tour classes at AGDF this season, will compete Dhannie Ymas, owned by Yeguada de Ymas S.L., in the FEI Young Rider division as well, looking to add another win to his already successful campaign this season.

As the sport of dressage continues to garner exposure each year, this year's record number of entries at AGDF 10 are a positive indicator of the growing popularity of the sport within the equestrian community.

This is the fourth year the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships will be hosted by AGDF, and the competition is organized by Equestrian Sport Productions. For more information on the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival and the 2016 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, please visit [www.globaldressagefestival.com](http://www.globaldressagefestival.com). ■ Carly Weilminster



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## Faces of AGDF: Q&A with Official Announcer Nicho Meredith



**Q. What do you enjoy most about announcing AGDF for the winter circuit?**

A. First of all, it is a real honor to be the announcer of AGDF. I just love seeing the international quality of horses that we're seeing at this competition and being part of some of the largest CDIs in North America. Whenever I look up I'm seeing a really superb ride and the quality of international dressage has been so promoted by AGDF that it just is amazing to be a part of it. Ten years ago, before this ever happened, you'd have maybe 12 to 15 entries in a Grand Prix class and now we're getting upwards of forty horses in a single Grand Prix.

**Q. How do you think AGDF has impacted the sport of dressage?**

A. When you look at the entries we have for this week's CDI 4\*, what is really making me so positive about dressage in this country is that we have 24 Young Riders competing this week, 17 juniors, and nine Under 25 Grand Prix riders. To me, in my mind, what Mark Bellissimo, Michael Stone, and Adequan® have done here is absolutely raise the bar in the world of dressage across all of the divisions. It's such an amazing prospect for the sport of dressage in this country.

**Q. You've become "the voice" of AGDF. Everyone recognizes and expects to hear your voice. What does that mean to you?**

A. I truly am humbled and honored to be the announcer here at this show. I absolutely love it. It's amazing. I enjoy doing the awards ceremonies and feel very grateful that I get to be a part of this organization and competition.

**Q. What has been the most iconic horse show you've announced in your career?**

A. Oh absolutely Burghley Horse Trials in the 1980s. I haven't announced Burghley since 1989 when I moved here, but Burghley Horse Trials is one of the happiest 3-Day events in the world. It never ceases to amaze me what these horses are willing to do for us and to watch what they do everyday is a blessing. I have always loved horses and understand that it all comes down to the relationship between horse and rider. It really does.

**Q. What is one of the hardest parts of announcing a show like AGDF?**

A. I'm a perfectionist. I know that I can always do better, so I try to improve every time I announce. The day I say I can't get any better is the day that I have to quit.



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tonight, as we're still trying to get the fourth spot for the Olympics. I'm very happy for my second place tonight!"

The only American pair to sit in the top three in the freestyle, Bateson-Chandler and Alcazar have also been a pair steadily improving throughout the season. Typically based in England during the remainder of the year, Bateson-Chandler finds importance in basing in Wellington, FL, for the winter months.

"He was quite nervous in the warm-up, and he's been pretty solid the past couple of times I've gone under the lights. It threw me a little bit in the warm-up, but he came into the ring and actually is learning that's his safe place and he settles," she said. "He's still a green horse and is getting used to having more atmosphere, which is why I keep putting him into more 'under the light' situations. He keeps stepping up to the plate, and I'm really proud of him."

Judge at C, Gary Rockwell (USA), who will also sit on the panel for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, noted the several combinations that seemed to struggle in the nighttime atmosphere, but praised Petersen for his accurate and forward ride.

The Palm Beach Dressage Derby is a staple for the dressage community each season, and has been a part of the winter circuit in south Florida for nearly three decades. Everglades Dressage is a key sponsor in the success of the AGDF circuit. Representative Endel Ots sat on the press conference panel to discuss the importance of dressage in Wellington.

"Everglades Dressage, with Bethany and Rose Peslar, have sponsored dressage here in Florida for two decades and to sponsor the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) is super important to them. They want to continue to support the sport and the riders here every year," noted Ots.

#### AGDF 8 Highlights: Thursday through Sunday

Thursday's competition at AGDF highlighted the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI-W, presented by Peacock Ridge Farm. Myburgh (GER) and Belissima 23 won with a score of 71.474%. Juan Matute, Jr. and Dhannie Ymas finished in second place with a 69.763%, while Leida Collins-Strijk (NED) and Zantros collected third receiving a 69.711%.

Belinda Trussell (CAN) and Anton, who have performed with impressive consistency this season, rose to the occasion once again at the AGDF 8 Palm Beach Dressage Derby in the FEI Grand Prix CDI-W, presented by Today's Equestrian and Diane

George Fellows.

Trussell and Anton received a 73.700% to secure first place in the FEI Grand Prix CDI-W, presented by Today's Equestrian and Diane & George Fellows, while Mikala Gundersen (DEN) and My Lady fell just short of the win with a 72.980%. Lars Petersen (DEN) and veteran mount Mariett rounded out the top three with a 71.080%.

The FEI Intermediaire I, presented by Peacock Ridge Farm, was held Friday in the Van Kampen Covered Arena. Neve Myburgh (GER) and Belissima 23, who won yesterday's FEI Prix St. Georges, also presented by Peacock Ridge Farm, took the class with a 72.675%. Juan Matute, Jr. (ESP) and Dhannie Ymas earned an additional second place with a score of 71.009%, while Jaimey Irwin (CAN) and Donegal V finished in third place with a 70.482%.

In what has become a tradition at AGDF, a number of owner awards were distributed throughout Saturday night, recognizing performances at both the national and international levels of competition, each sponsored by Adequan®. Rocking Diamond S, owners of Bismark J, were awarded with the AGDF 7 National Show High Score Award, as Bismark J and rider Melissa Fladland earned 78.409%. Joanne Troat accepted the Prix St. Georges Owner Award for the performance of Belissima 23, ridden by Neve Myburgh (GER), where the duo earned a 71.474% for the win. Marcia Pepper accepted the Grand Prix Freestyle Owner Award for Petersen's win aboard Mariett. Petersen's groom, Mallory Brown, accepted the Groom's Initiative Award, presented by Thomas Baur on behalf of Mark Bellissimo and Equestrian Sport Productions, LLC.

Juan Matute, Jr. (ESP) and Dhannie Ymas, owned by Yeguada de Ymas S.L., took top honors in the FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle, presented by Peacock Ridge Farm, with a score of 74.917% on Saturday. Katharina Stumpf (AUT) and her own For My Love, earned second place with a personal best score of 71.583%. Christer Egerstrom (CRC) and his own Bello Oriente finished in third place, scoring a 69.833%.

Belinda Trussell (CAN) and Anton secured another victory at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival on Sunday, continuing their consistent showing on the winter circuit this season, solidifying themselves as one of Canada's strongest Large Tour combinations. The pair earned a personal best score in the Palm Beach Dressage Derby FEI Grand Prix Special CDI-W presented by Today's Equestrian with Diane and George Fellows on a score of 75.529%. Arlene "Tuny" Page (USA) finished in second place aboard Woodstock with a 73.431%, while Laura Tomlinson (GBR) and Rosalie B captured third place with a 72.078%.

Chris Von Martels (CAN) won the second annual Palm Beach Dressage Derby Exhibition at AGDF, besting fellow international riders Laura Tomlinson (GBR) in second, Juan Matute, Jr. (ESP) in third, and Adrienne Lyle (USA) in fourth.

Jane Suwalsky won the Vita Flex Key to Success tack trunk contest with her lucky key.



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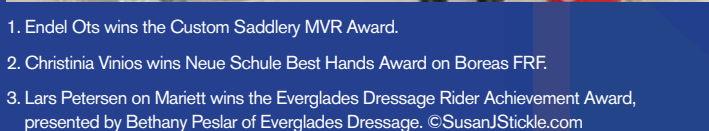
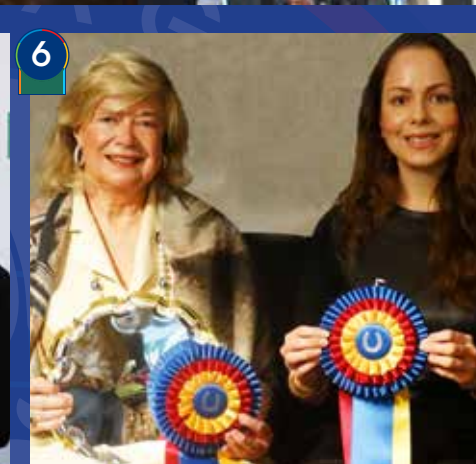




1. Tuny Page and "Woodstock" were presented the Kastel Denmark Best Seat Award by Charlotte Jorst on "Kastels Nintendo".
2. The Perfect Products Perfect Conduct Award went to Laura Tomlinson with "Rosalie B," presented by Ashley Perkins from Perfect Products.
3. Mikala Gundersen, with "My Lady" and owner Janne Rumbough, was named the winner of the People's Choice Award from Ann Louise Cook, Realtor.
4. Camille Bergeron with "Delfiano" won the FarmVet Youth Sportsmanship Award from Emilie Taylor of FarmVet.
5. Ellesse Tzinberg with "Pavarotti" were presented with the Gumbits Happy Horse Harmony Award by Walter Bagley.
6. Naima Moreira Laliberte rode "Belafonte" to win the N2 Saddlery Junior/Young Rider High Point Award, presented by Chelsea Barrett.



# AGDF 8 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS PHOTO GALLERY



1. Endel Ots wins the Custom Saddlery MVR Award.

2. Christina Vinios wins Neue Schule Best Hands Award on Boreas FRF.

3. Lars Petersen on Mariett wins the Everglades Dressage Rider Achievement Award, presented by Bethany Peslar of Everglades Dressage. ©SusanJStickle.com

4. Diona, ridden by Catherine Malone (right) and owned by Iron Spring Farm, wins the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award. Pictured with her trainer Todd Flettrich (left).

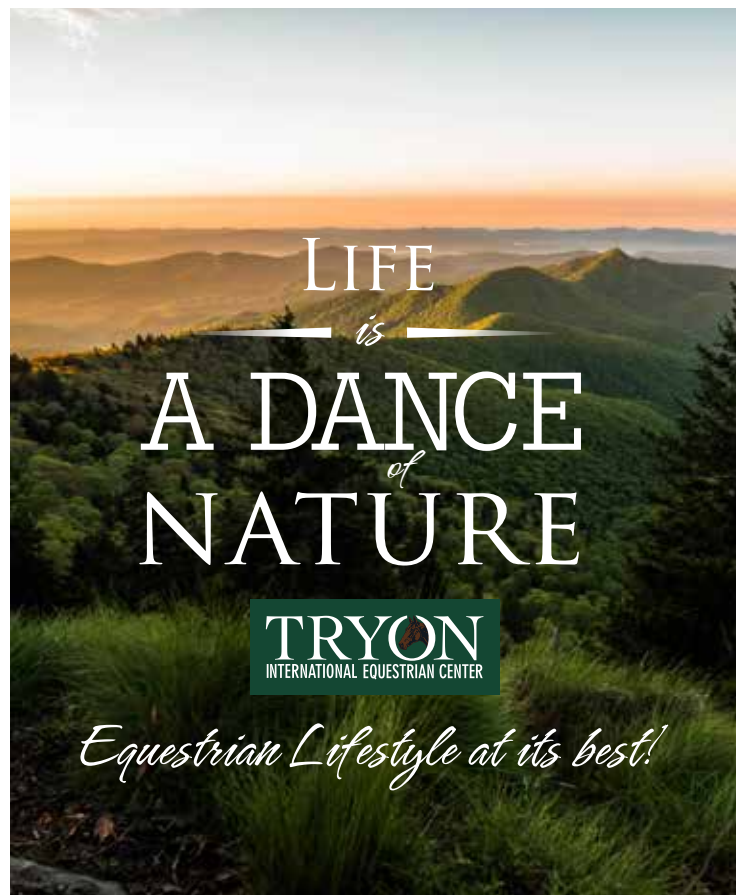
5. Carol Cohen presents Janne Rumbough with Global Dressage Visionary Award.

6. Rose (left) and Bethany (right) Peslar of Everglades Dressage win the Premier Equestrian Award.

7. Shannon Dueck (right) and Serpico accept their Vita Flex® Victory Pass Award with owner Sally Alksnis.

8. Quantico Ymas, ridden by Juan Matute Jr. (left) and owned by Juan Matute, wins the TheraPlate Peak Performance Award.





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