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Emotional Victory for Bateson and Alcazar in FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4* Presented by Havensafe Farm



Katherine Bateson-Chandler and Alcazar won their first Friday Night Stars freestyle at AGDF 10. ©SusanJStickle.com

Katherine Bateson (USA) and Alcazar were victorious during Friday night's FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm, at week ten of the 2017 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) in Wellington, FL.

Bateson and Alcazar, a 2005 KWPN gelding (Cantango x Polina) owned by Jane Forbes Clark, climbed to the top of the leaderboard in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm, earning a score of 73.325%.

"I'm thrilled to win tonight," said Bateson. "Alcazar felt amazing. He always gets a little excited with the clapping, so when we are warming up next to all of the clapping he sometimes gets a bit hysterical. He became calmer as time went on. When he got into the ring, I think he was relieved to take a breath for the rest of my test. He really tried though super hard for me, and that means a lot. We've been through a lot this past year, so this is really special."

Alcazar underwent serious colic surgery less than a year ago and has overcome many challenges to work back into the competition ring.

Bateson continued, "He had colic surgery during the show in Aachen, and it was quite serious. He had a lot of gut removed. We had incredible surgeons, and we were blessed to be in the right place. I was unlucky to have it happen, but lucky to be where we were. To be honest, he had the surgery and then he never looked back. He was off

for three months and then came back, almost better than ever. Just to have him alive, because they didn't give him much of a chance, (and) for him to be back not long after and winning a CDI 4*, is pretty amazing."

Of her freestyle ride to Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk," Bateson commented, "It's the same basic music that I had last year, but I knew that I had to increase my degree of difficulty. Marlene Whitaker did this one for me and put her heart and soul into this freestyle. I was determined to have 'Uptown Funk' as my song, as soon as I heard it on the radio. I like to pick my own music, so I went through picking it out and then Marlene worked her magic. I just wanted something fun, because he's that kind of horse. I thought it really fit him."

Second place in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4* was awarded to Shelly Francis (USA) and Doktor, a 2003 Oldenburg gelding (Diamond Hit x Gurena x Renoir I) owned by Patricia Stempel, with 72.950%.

"We got through the test without any big bobbles," said Francis, "but we still have little things where he gets a little nervous. This summer he got really afraid of the audience in Rotterdam when we went, so now he's still really afraid of them. Otherwise, he was a little easier to ride than the last show. At least we made our canter pirouettes on the correct lead this time! He's a good boy, and he's really fun. He tries super hard; sometimes a little too hard. He's a really cool horse."

Juan Matute Guimon (ESP) and Quantico Ymas, a 2006 Hanoverian gelding (Fighting Fit x Hauptstutbuch) owned by Juan F Matute, took third place with a 71.775%.

Matute rode Quantico to the FEI Grand Prix CDI 4* victory on Thursday. Of his freestyle ride, Matute said, "This is only his second season doing Grand Prix, so I have to keep that in mind when we decide which shows he competes in. The goal is to keep gaining experience in the Grand Prix. He felt really good today, very calm. I was actually worried that with the crowd and the lights and the noises, he was going to be overwhelmed, but today we've learned that he can take the pressure pretty well."

Florida International Youth Dressage Championships Crown Four Overall Winners



Lisa Widmayer, Jade Ellery, Vanessa Creech-Terauds, and Diana Porsche were the four overall winners at the 2017 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships. ©Kate Kosnoff

The 2017 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, presented by Sarah Davis, Terri Kane, Kim Van Kampen, The Van Kampen Boyer Molinari Foundation, Hampton Green Farm, and Dressage4kids, took place over the duration of week 10 at the AGDF. The week featured competition for riders in the Under 25, Young Rider, Junior, and Pony divisions, offering them a chance to compete on a larger scale. Young riders wishing to compete at the international level are provided with an opportunity to showcase their talent at one of the largest dressage competitions in the world.

Within the FEI divisions offered to riders competing in this season's FIYDC, there were five horse and rider pairs in the FEI U-25 division, 15 entries in the FEI Young Rider division, eight riders in the FEI Junior Rider division, and a rider in the FEI Pony Rider division.

This year, youth riders represented seven countries, including Austria, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States. The overall scores were computed as Team Test 40%, Individual Test 40% and Freestyle 20%. Awards were presented to the top eight riders in each division, and prizes included a trophy donated by Kim Van Kampen, prize money donated by Dressage4kids, Sarah Davis, and Terri Kane, and the personal use of a stall at Hampton Green Farm for the 2018 season, donated by Kim Van Kampen, for each of the four overall division winners.

This year, the FIYDC also worked in partnership with JustWorld Inter-

national, and winners chose JustWorld Programs to ride for, that will then receive a percentage of added prize money.

Ranked as the Number One rider on the FEI Youth Dressage World Ranking List- U25, 21-year-old Diana Porsche (AUT) and her own Di Sandro, a 2008 Oldenburg gelding (De Niro x Gentina x Sandro), rounded out the weekend with an Under 25 Division win, sponsored by Diamante Farms. The combination scored a 70.711% in the FEI Intermediaire II 16- 25 CDI U25, a 71.860% in the FEI Intermediaire I 16- 25 CDI U25, and a 73.875% in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle 16-25 CDI U25.

"I'm really happy that I won this year," said Porsche. "Sandro did a really great job. It's perfect here, (and) it's great preparation for Europe. This week, my freestyle was a little complicated because it's really hot out, and we aren't used to that because there is actually snow in Austria right now. I'm really happy with my test from yesterday. I think that we had a lot of highlights. The first day was also a really good test, especially the piaffe/ passage tour."

Seventeen-year-old Vanessa Creech-Terauds (CAN) and Fleur de Lis L, a 2009 Hanoverian mare (First Dance x EM De La Rosa x De Niro) owned by Louise Leatherdale, bested the FEI Young Rider Division, sponsored by Yeguada de Ymas. The duo scored a 70.500% in the FEI Young Rider Team Test CDI Y, a 69.167% in the FEI Young Rider Individual Test CDI Y, and a 74.725% in the FEI Young Rider Freestyle CDI Y.

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*The U.S. team were champions at last year's Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup at AGDF.
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Stillpoint Farm is proud to sponsor week eleven of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) and the 2017 FEI Nations' Cup™ CDIO 3*, held March 22-25.

Week 11 is the concluding week of the 2017 competition season at AGDF and will feature the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations' Cup™ CDIO 3*. Stillpoint Farm is a founding and continuous sponsor of The Adequan® Global Dressage Festival.

Stillpoint Farm is the home to top international riders, as well as dedicated dressage riders at every level, and strives to create an atmosphere where horses and riders alike can be trained in a state-of-the-art atmosphere and facility.

Stillpoint Farm owner Arlene "Tuny" Page believes that the competition highlights quality for dressage in the United States.

"What has transpired at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival since its inception," said Page, "is nothing short of incredible. There is an obvious synergy between the sponsors, the competitors, the owners, the spectators, and the wonderful management team. I don't believe that there is another dressage show series anywhere in the world that can compare with the familial atmosphere here at AGDF."

Page credits AGDF for the continuous growth throughout the level of competition within the United States, and North America in general.

Page commented, "As competitors we enjoy a top-quality facility, fantastic management and judging, and the support of our community, which has



Tuny Page with Daisy and her father, proud supporter Giffy Full.

grown tremendously thanks to AGDF. I believe strongly that the increase in strength of the United States Dressage Team can be directly linked to the development of AGDF."

As participation numbers continue to grow, the founding sponsors take the time to appreciate all that has come out of AGDF thus far, and look forward to watching it develop even more than it already has in the past six years.

"Here in south Florida we have a wonderful history of dressage originating with people full of passion for this sport," continued Page. "These pioneers were willing to do all they could to develop international competitions, and it's on their shoulders that the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival sits. I hope they are as proud of it as we are."

Page concluded, "Stillpoint Farm and the Page family are proud to be founding sponsors of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival, and we are very happy to have our farm name attached to the 2017 FEI Nations' Cup CDIO 3*."

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David Page of Stillpoint Farm and fellow AGDF sponsor Michael Collins.



PBIEC Week 11 Upcoming Events:

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 23, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. The topic is "Advances in Equine Anesthesia: Allowing Standing Laryngeal Surgery", presented by Dr. Luis Campoy, Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesia and Analgesia, and Dr. Normand Ducharme, Professor of Surgery, Cornell University Hospital for Animals, sponsored by The Bainbridge Companies. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses and health. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. Contact Kailey Blasius at 561-784-1137 or kblasius@equestriansport.com for more information.

GEORGE MORRIS EXCELLENCE IN EQUITATION CLASS

The best junior riders at WEF have been competing all season to qualify for the George Morris Excellence in Equitation class. Held Friday, March 24, at 5 p.m. in the Van Kampen Covered Arena at Equestrian Village (AGDF Show Grounds), they will compete on their own with no trainers; walking the course, warming up, and heading into the ring by preparing themselves. See the young talent of WEF in this interesting class - who will rise to the top this year? Free general admission and parking.

AGDF STILLPOINT FARM FEI NATIONS CUP™

The final week of competition for the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival is on March 22-25 at Equestrian Village at PBIEC. See some of the best competition of the season as riders represent their countries in the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup™ CDIO 3*. Will the United States retain their winning

streak? Who will stand on the podium for the final "Friday Night Stars" FEI Grand Prix Free-style, presented by Stillpoint Farm, on Friday, March 24? Come watch the finest dressage competition in North America to find out! General admission is free the whole week, parking is \$10/car on Friday night.

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SAVE THE DATE! PBIEC WEEK 12 UPCOMING EVENTS GLADIATOR POLO™, PRESENTED BY U.S. POLO ASSN.

The next event of the Gladiator Polo™ series, presented by U.S. Polo Assn., will be held on

Friday, March 31, at Equestrian Village - The Stadium at PBIEC. Gates open at 6 p.m., and it is a perfect family-friendly event. There will be free general admission and a BBQ buffet for \$40/per person and \$10 for children under 12. Visit www.gladiatorpolo.com for more information and to buy buffet tickets.

\$50,000 HOLLOW CREEK FARM UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES FINAL

The best 30 riders under the age of 25 at WEF have qualified through the series this WEF circuit to compete in the \$50,000 Hollow Creek Farm Under 25 Grand Prix Series Final on Sunday, April 2, in the International Arena at WEF at 10:30 a.m. Cheer them on as the top entries compete to win to prizes, including a trip to compete in Chantilly, France. Free general admission and parking.

LEADLINE CLASS

A special Leadline class will start at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 2, in the International Arena at the main grounds of PBIEC. Little riders on ponies and horses will ride for ribbons and great prizes in this entertaining exhibition. Stay to watch the best Under 25 show jumpers immediately following!

\$50,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

One of the most exciting hunter classes of the season is the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. The first round is on Saturday, April 1, and the top 25 move on to compete in the second round on the Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Sunday, April 2, at 1 p.m. They will compete over natural obstacles like the table bank and show off their style galloping around the beautiful grass field. Don't miss the final event of the 2017 WEF!

INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB HAPPENINGS

The prestigious 26-goal USPA Gold Cup® continues this week at IPC. The semifinals are Wednesday, March 22. The final takes place Sunday, March 26, on Engel & Völkers field at 3 p.m.

Come before the Sunday game for a meet-and-greet with professional polo players, including members of Team USPA. Players will be happy to talk with the public and sign polo balls starting at 2 p.m.

The savory brunch and after party will continue at The Pavilion this Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. Special brunch packages are available to get guests closer to the action. For

\$25, brunch ticket holders can upgrade their seats to the front row. Beverage package add-ons allow brunch-goers to continue the party with bottles of Veuve Clicquot and Ketel One.

The newly expanded Veuve Clicquot Champagne Garden opens at 1 p.m. and is a great spot to socialize and grab a drink before The Pavilion opens. The garden lets guests show off their unique polo style. Every Sunday, fashionistas can be named Sunday's Most Fashionable on the Field by using the hashtags #ClicquotStyle and #IPCSundayPolo.

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Judge at C, Janet Foy (USA), noted, "I think to have these three top riders tonight is really thrilling for all of us. Their freestyles were very difficult, the choreography was really wonderful, and I know that they were all a little disappointed after the Grand Prix because they all made some little mistakes. Tonight, you could really see the determination on their faces. As judges, I think that looking at the results, we all loved the top three and we all found some wonderful highlights."

Betsy Juliano, of AGDF 10 sponsor Havensafe Farm, said, "It's a real thrill to be participating in this, particularly tonight because I've watched these riders for a long time and I think that the privilege of being in Wellington in the winter is that you get to see horses and riders grow and improve over a long period of time. It's a privilege and honor to watch the elevation of the sport year after year, and this facility and atmosphere really promotes that."

The FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp, presented a victory to Shelly Francis (USA) and Danilo, a 2004 Hanoverian gelding (De Niro x Annabella x Andiamo) owned by Patricia Stempel, scoring 73.100%.

The win was the second of the week for the pair, after a victory in Thursday's FEI Grand Prix CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp.

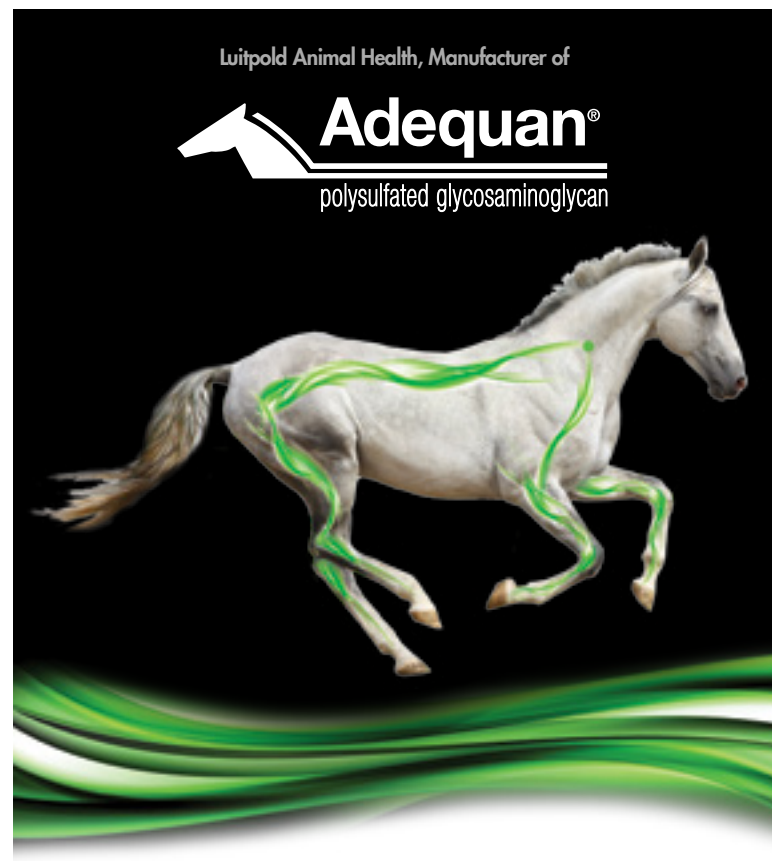
"It was kind of fun," said Francis. "The music was a little new, so he was excited. I was really happy with him."

He worked really hard to do everything I asked of him. At one point, I looked up at the big screen and I was like, 'Oh, I've got to go more sideways!' and then, 'What are you doing, pay attention to what you're doing!' It was a funny moment for me. Overall I was very happy with him; he's trying to be more honest in the ring and is doing better and better. He's a talented horse, and I'm just now trying to ask a little more of him because there's a lot more in there."

Barbara Bertschinger (SUI) and Rubin Cortes OLD, a 2001 Oldenburg gelding (Rubin Royal x Carmen x Calmiro) owned by Bertschinger, took second place in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 3* with 68.450%. Third place was awarded to Ellesse Tzinberg (PHI), and her own Triviant 2, a 2000 Dutch Warmblood gelding (Olivi x Diant x Saluut), with a score of 64.050%.

Earlier in the day, Lars Petersen (DEN) and Quascai Nexen, a 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding (Quarterback x Pearl Nexen x Argentinus) owned by Altersgait LLC, won the FEI Intermediate I CDI 1*, sponsored by CaptiveOne, with a 69.605%. Second place was awarded to Adrienne Lyle (USA) and Harmony's Duval, a 2008 KWPN gelding (Rosseau x Riverman) owned by Kylee Lourie, with 68.333%. Lyle also captured third place with Elizabeth Juliano's Horizon, a 2007 Hanoverian mare (Hotline x Don Schufro) with a score of 68.070%.

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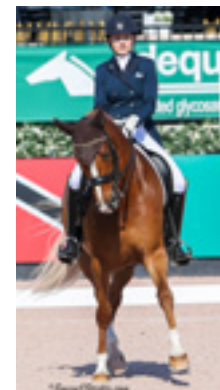
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Creech-Terauds commented, "This has been such a great experience. It's so wonderful to be here competing against youth competitors and getting to meet people from different countries. It's a really fun event, and you get a chance to ride under pressure. I was very proud of Fleur de Lis L this week. She was absolutely fantastic and very consistent in the ring. We tried to take some risks because I knew that it was a strong group of competitors, and I think that those risks really paid off."

The FEI Junior Rider Division, presented by The Axel Johnson Group, was won by 18-year-old Jade Ellery (GBR) and Porsche's Eloy, a 2004 Hanoverian gelding (Earl x Wadina) owned by Diana Porsche. The pair scored a 69.595% in the FEI Junior Rider Team CDI J, a 69.386% in the FEI Junior Rider Individual CDI J, and rounded out their weekend with a 73.375% in the FEI Junior Rider Freestyle CDI J.

This is Ellery's first year competing internationally and her first season in Wellington.

"I can't believe how amazing it is here," said Ellery. "With the wonderful facilities and the weather, it's a great place to be this time of year. I'm very fortunate to be riding Eloy. He's a fantastic Junior horse to learn on, always giving me so



Vanessa Creech-Terauds rode Fleur de Lis L to the Young Rider division title.



Diana Porsche and Di Sandro were the U25 division winners.

much confidence in the ring."

Fifteen-year-old Lisa Widmayer (GER) and Paso Double, a NRPS mare (Bodo x Iris x Inselfurst) owned by Katja Widmayer, captured victory in the FEI Pony Rider Division, scoring 66.513% in the FEI Pony Team Test CDI P, a 65.650% in the FEI Pony Individual Team Test CDI P, and a 68.275% in the FEI Pony Rider Freestyle CDI P.

"This is my first season in Wellington as well," said Widmayer, "and it's been such a great experience. My weekend with Paso Double went well. I could feel her improving after every ride. This weekend was not our best weekend, but I feel very happy about our improvement and I feel very prepared for a season in Europe."

For their victory, Widmayer and Paso Double were presented with the Poldy 10 Memorial Trophy.

This was the fifth year that the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships were hosted by AGDF, and the competition is organized by Equestrian Sport Productions.

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Lisa Widmayer and Paso Double were the Pony division champions.



Jade Ellery and Porsche's Eloy captured the Junior rider division.

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AGDF 10 Competition Wrap Up



Adrienne Lyle and Horizon won the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI 1*, presented by CaptiveOne. ©SusanJStickle.com

Week ten commenced on Wednesday, March 15, at the 2017 Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) in Wellington, FL, with a victory for Adrienne Lyle (USA) and Horizon in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI 1*, presented by CaptiveOne.

Lyle and Horizon, a 2007 Hanoverian mare (Hotline x Don Schufro) owned by Elizabeth Juliano, bested a talented class of 31 riders in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI 1*, presented by CaptiveOne. The duo earned themselves a top spot on the leaderboard with a solid start to the week and a score of 71.447%.

“I couldn’t be happier with her,” commented Lyle, “at the end of a long season, to be able to have her just as fresh and confident and happy. That’s the main goal, to have them loving it just as much the last time they go down centerline, as they did the first time. She is for sure not burnt out. She’s always ready to go.”

Horizon is owned by Elizabeth Juliano, founder of Havensafe Farm, and sponsor of AGDF Week 10.

“Being here means so much,” said Juliano. “I’ve had that horse since she was three, and I couldn’t be happier with how she’s going. Step-by-step, this pair has been very careful and classical and kind, and she shows it. She loves what she does, (and) she’s a huge busy body. She loves going to these shows, and the atmosphere never intimidates her. I just can’t wait to see her continue to develop because she just loves what she’s doing, and I’ll love to see it happen.”

Juliano also spoke about Jennifer Baumert (USA) and Handsome, a 2005 Hanoverian gelding (Hochadel x Wyona x Weltmeyer) owned by Juliano. The pair placed fourth in today’s competition with a respectable 69.342%.

“Handsome is newer to me,” continued Juliano, “and I’m really thrilled with them too. They’re figuring each other out, but there is such great promise there as well. This has been a really thrilling season for me with four horses competing, and it’s fantastic to be able to do it here at such a great facility.”

Taking the second-place position in the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI 1* was Lars Petersen (DEN) and Quascai Nexen, a 2008 Danish Warmblood gelding (Quarterback x Pearl Nexen x Argentinus) owned

by Altersgait LLC, with a score of 70.447%. Third place was awarded to Juan Matute Guimon (ESP) and Dhannie Ymas, a 2007 Hanoverian gelding (Don Crusador x Welina) owned by Yeguada de Ymas, with 70.368%.

Thursday saw victories for Shelly Francis (USA) in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp, and Juan Matute Guimon (ESP) in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm.

Francis and Danilo, a 2004 Hanoverian gelding (De Niro x Annabella x Andiamo) owned by Patricia Stempel, took the winning spot earlier in the day in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp, earning a score of 70.020%.

Second place in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp, was awarded to P.J. Rizvi (USA) and her own Breaking Dawn, a 2001 KWPN gelding (Akribori x Eveline x L. Ronald), with 68.200%. Third place went to Anna Marek (USA) and Dee Clair, a 2008 KWPN mare (Sir Sinclair x Rolls Royce) owned by Diane Morrison, with a score of 68.020%.

Juan Matute Guimon (ESP) and Quantico Ymas, a 2006 Hanoverian gelding (Fighting Fit x Hauptstutbuch) owned by Juan F Matute, bested the competition in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm, with 68.660%. This is Matute’s first Grand Prix victory of the 2017 season.

The second-place award went to Arlene Page (USA) and Dr. House 2, a 2005 Oldenburg gelding (Don Schufro x Rinerfa JS x Krack C) owned by Page, with 67.600%. Capturing third place in the FEI Grand Prix CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm, was Shelly Francis (USA) and Doktor, a 2003 Oldenburg gelding (Diamond Hit x Gurena x Renoir I) owned by Patricia Stempel, earning 67.220%.

P.J. Rizvi (USA) and Breaking Dawn, a 2001 KWPN gelding (Akribori x Eveline x L. Ronald) owned by Rizvi, climbed to the top of the leader board on Saturday March 18, in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI 3*, presented by The Dutta Corp, earning a score of 70.588%.

This was the pair’s first time competing together in the FEI Grand Prix Special.

Second place in the FEI Grand

Katie Poag and her own Zonnekoning, a 2004 Dutch Warmblood stallion (Florett As x Maraba), captured a victory in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm. Their score was 67.941%.

Second place in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI 4* went to Arlene Page (USA) and Dr. House 2, 2005 Oldenburg gelding (Don Schufro x Rinerfa JS x Krack C) owned by Page, scoring 67.451%.

Earlier in the day, Jennifer Baumert (USA) and Handsome, a 2005 Hanoverian gelding (Hochadel x Wyona x Weltmeyer) owned by Elizabeth Juliano, earned a score of 74.875% and a victory in the FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle CDI 3*, presented by CaptiveOne.

Second place went to Catherine Malone (USA) and Dilona, a 2008 KWPN mare (Lord Leatherdale x Vajda x Kennedy) owned by Iron Spring Farm, with 73.458%. Third place in the FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle CDI 3* was awarded to Anna Marek and Einstein JP, a 2009 KWPN gelding, owned by Lorna Donahue, scoring 71.750%.

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AGDF 11 Presents its First CDIO-U25 Nations Cup



The United States will be represented by two teams. The first team consists of 22-year-old Anna Buffini (USA) on her Sundayboy, a 1999 KWPN gelding (Kennedy x Ezelma x Zevenaer), 24-year-old Sean Sierra Keasler (USA) and Lux Stensvang, a 2002 Danish Warmblood gelding (Lobster x Verona Stensvang x Diamond) owned by Keasler, and 20-year-old Kerrigan Gluch (USA) with HGF Brio, a 2005 Andalusian stallion, owned by Hampton Green Farm. Debbie McDonald will serve as Chef d'Equipe.

The second United States team features 24-year-old Kaitlin Blythe (USA) and Don Principe, a 1999 Hanoverian stallion (Donnerhall x SPS Papagena x Rince Thatch XX) owned by Maryanna Haymon, 21-year-old Molly Paris (USA) and her own Countess, a 2002 Danish Warmblood mare (Don x Compeed x Solos Carex), and 22-year-old Genay Vaughn (USA) with Donarweiss GGF, a 2001 Hanoverian stallion (De Niro x SPS Highlight x Hohenstein) owned by Starr Vaughn Equestrian, Inc. The team will be directed by Chef d'Equipe George Williams.

Canada will be represented in the CDIO-U25 Nations Cup by two riders, 21-year-old Tanya Strasser Shostak (CAN) and Action Tyme, a 2000 Oldenburg gelding (Aktuell x Ann Lady af Hvarre x Aleksander) owned by Evi Strasser, and 25-year-old Mathilde Blais-Tetreault riding Utah, a 2001 KWPN gelding (Jazz x Kolinda x Landwind II B) owned by Tetreault. The Canadian teams will be supported by Chef d'Equipe Liz Steacie.

The team for Spain consists of 23-year-old Pablo Gomez Molina and Tarpan Ymas, a 2000 KWPN stallion (Waterman x Iriantha x Renovo) owned by Yeguada de Ymas S.L., as well as 19-year-old Juan Matute Guimon on Don Diego Ymas, a 2004 Hanoverian gelding owned by Juan Matute.

New to the 2017 AGDF schedule, the CDIO-U25 offers a unique way for young riders to also gain experience by participating in a team dynamic on an international stage. Everyone at AGDF looks forward to another fantastic team competition at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center.

Kim Beaudoin

The Adequan® Global Dressage Festival is set to host its first CDIO-U25 Nations Cup side-by-side with the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup™ CDIO 3*, during its final week of competition on March 22-25.

The CDIO-U25 competition will provide an excellent opportunity for riders from around the world to compete in a team atmosphere, whilst representing their country on an international platform.

The idea of hosting a CDIO-U25 at AGDF was initially proposed by US Equestrian Dressage Youth Coach and FEI Dressage Committee Member, George Williams.

"George approached me last year with this idea," said Thomas Baur, AGDF Director of Sport. "We both agreed that 2017 is the right time to host a CDIO-U25 at AGDF. We have seen growth in the U25 classes this year, and we are very encouraged to have four teams from three countries in our inaugural event."

Classes offered in the CDIO-U25 division include: the FEI Intermediaire II team test on Wednesday, March 22; the FEI Grand Prix CDIO-U25 Individual test on Thursday, March 23; and the FEI Grand Prix Free-style CDIO-U25 Individual test, held during "Friday Night Stars" on Friday, March 24.



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Life After the Olympics: Allison Brock



Allison Brock and Rosevelt competing at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games and helping the United States win a team bronze medal. ©Lindsay Berreth/The Chronicle of the Horse

Allison Brock (USA) is a 2016 Olympic Bronze Medalist and a USDF Gold and Silver medalist. Allison began riding at the age of seven in her home state of Hawaii and left home at 17 to further pursue her career in dressage. Allison furthered her education working for dressage professional Sue Blinks and accompanied her and Flim Flam to the 2002 FEI World Equestrian Games, where the pair earned a silver medal. In 2004, she ventured out on her own, still working for Blinks part-time, until the professional moved to the West Coast. Brock is now the head trainer at DeerMeadow Farms, owned by dressage enthusiasts Fritz and Claudine Kundrun.

How would you describe the dynamics of your USA Dressage Team?

Ali: We are all friends and very supportive of each other, and I feel very, very privileged and grateful to have gone to my first Olympics with these guys as my teammates. They are the best!

How did Rosevelt handle the trip to Rio?

Ali: He flew well, but it took a lot out of him. It had been a long year of competing to qualify, and he had a nice long break after Rio.

Did you learn anything new about Rosevelt during your trip?

Ali: He dug really deep into himself to do the job for me, and I am still in awe of his generosity.

What is your next big goal in the saddle?

Ali: I would love to compete at Aachen!

What was your favorite memory from your trip to Rio?

Ali: I think my favorite memory was when we all stepped on the medal podium together. It still seems a bit surreal.

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Juan Matute Guimon riding Dhannie Ymas accepted the Accuhorsemat Accuracy Award.



Evi Strasser riding Rigaudon Tyme won the Custom Saddlery Most Valuable Rider Award.



Adrienne Lyle and Harmony's Duval were awarded the WorldEquestrian Brands Tack Matters Award.



Patricia Koschel of Germany was presented with the Gumbits Award after riding Leuchtfeuer DE in the Intermediare A for Amateurs.



Marcela Parra of Piaffe Performance Presents the Piaffe Performance Adult Amateur Achievement Award to Dr. Heather Boo riding Divertimento.



Craig Bernstein awards Jan Brons with the Triple Crown Dressage Excellence Award.



Laura Graves and Verdades are presented with the Illustrated Properties People's Choice Award from Ann Cook of Illustrated Properties.



Barbara Bebe Davis, pictured with Fiderhit Old, accepted the Theraplate Peak Performance Award.



Charlie O'Hara (left) presented Jennifer Baumert (center), her mount Handsome, and owner Besty Juliano (right) with the Corta-Flx Sport Horse of the Week Award.



Dr. Cesar Parra (left) presented Katie Riley (right) and Don Cesar with the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award.



From left to right: Krystalanne Shingler of ShowChic, Jog Turnout Award winner Ann Sterling Hart, award judge Betsy Juliano, Charlie O'Hara of Corta-Flx®, and Michele Hundt of ShowChic.



Beth Haist awards Adrienne Lyle with The Horse of Course High Score Award.



Adrienne Lyle, pictured with Betsy Juliano of Havensafe Farm and owner of Horizon, was awarded the Vita Flex Victory Pass Award.

Faces of AGDF: *Felicity Biggans*



Felicity Biggans. ©SusanJStickle.com

If you've spent time in the Global Pavilion this season, you've probably been welcomed by Felicity Biggans. Biggans works in Guest Services for AGDF & WEF, and is always the first to offer a warm smile or a friendly conversation.

What is your favorite part about working at AGDF?

Biggans: Meeting all of the wonderful people from all around the world and watching their magnificent talent with these beautiful horses.

What do you do when you're not here working at AGDF?

Biggans: I play polo, and I have a popular clothing line that I own and created, called Mane Goal. I designed these logos so women and girls feel empowered wearing a sports player they can identify with.

What is a fun fact that you want others to know about you?


Biggans: I love awesome people and traveling the world to meet them.


Where are you originally from?

Biggans: I am from Philadelphia and went to the Performing Arts School and played in daytime soap operas. I got accepted to college in London, England, at the London Academy of Dramatic Arts, and the London Academy of Film Art. I toured through Europe as an actor and lived there for ten years. After ten years, I moved to New York City where I was a designer for Ralph Lauren. As time went on, I knew I needed a change, and Wellington was calling my name.

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Opera Fusion Executive Director Birgit Fioravante surrounded by cast members of the Matthew Shepard-Romaine Patterson musical drama, which the company produced as a world premiere. ©F. Suzanne Hindle

Opera hits, musical theater classics and American standards will be the entertainment at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival on Friday, March 24, when singers from Opera Fusion take the stage during Friday Night Stars.

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 "Li-

biamo" drinking song from "La Traviata" to the love song "Nessun Dorma" from "Turandot."

The more contemporary songs Opera Fusion will showcase at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival will include "Time to Say Goodbye," "All I Ask of You," "Granada," "Be My Love," "Stranger in Paradise" and "Some Enchanted Evening."

The Opera Fusion singers coming to Palm Beach International Equestrian Center include sopranos Robyn Marie Lamp and Birgit Fioravante; tenor Edgar Miguel Abréu; and baritone Neil Nelson. They will be accompanied by pianist Gordon Roberts. Opera Fusion singers also performed at last year's Adequan festival.

As a nonprofit artist-driven startup company now in its third season, Opera Fusion's aim is to make the classical voice accessible and affordable to a wider segment of South Florida. The young company 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

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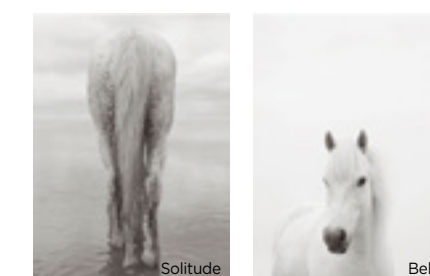
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