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Another successful show season has wrapped up for another year! The KLDA wants to thank all those involved with putting together a fun and safe show season. Great job everyone!

The AGM and awards banquet is coming up quickly. Turn to page 3 for more details. We hope to see you all there!

We had a great turnout for the Ontario Dressage Championships. Great weather, good times and nice horses! KLDA wants to thank our wonderful volunteers and sponsors that helped make the Championships a success. Everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated!

KLDA is hosting a clinic with Simone Williams on October 22 & 23 at Sunnymead Farm in Omeme. There is still space for riders and auditors. If you are interested in riding or auditing, please contact Heather ASAP at mhdowns@nexicom.net. Please turn to page 4 for more details. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to ride/audit with a Level 3 Dressage Coach & Grand Prix rider!

TENTATIVE Gold Show Dates are listed on page 7.

REMINDER - all KLDA members in good standing may place a classified ad in the newsletter up to a 25 word maximum at no charge. If you have something you'd like to advertise, please contact Jennifer to get your ad in the next newsletter.

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TROUGH TALK

Attention all volunteers & students! KLDA is always on the lookout for volunteers to help with the 2012 Gold and Bronze shows. Students can earn their community hours if they volunteer with the KLDA. Please contact KLDA by email at klda@klda.ca if interested in helping out.

KLDA is on Facebook! For all of those who are on Facebook, search for "Kawartha Lakes Dressage Association" and click "like". This page will be kept current with all KLDA upcoming events.

IN THE NEWS...



KLDA is green! In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, KLDA is doing its part by reducing paper waste. As we did in 2010, this newsletter and all future newsletters will be available in PDF format on the KLDA website, at www.klda.ca. In addition, a copy will be emailed to all of those who provided an email address with their membership forms.

Not only does a paperless newsletter help the environment, it also helps keep KLDA membership costs down.

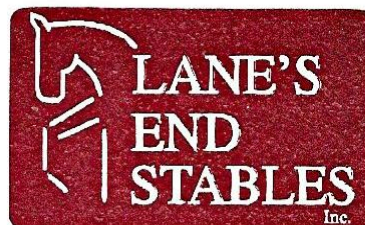
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Kawartha Lakes Dressage Association

Invites you to attend the 2011 AGM & Awards Banquet



When: Friday November 4, 2011 – 7:00 pm

Where: The Junction, 251 George St N, Peterborough

Cost: \$25.00 per person (plus tax)

The AGM and Awards Banquet is held to once a year to discuss KLDA club business and to celebrate KLDA award winners. Come on out to enjoy great food, great friends and good times!

Please RSVP no later than November 1, 2011 to klda@klda.ca



is pleased to present an educational opportunity for riders and spectators.

With Simone Williams

Level 3 Dressage Coach and Grand Prix rider

1999 Pan Am Team member and currently short listed for the Canadian Dressage Team

To be held at

Sunnymead Farm

1060 Frankhill R
d. Omemee ON

October 22 – 23, 2011

Visit the KLDA website for further information (klda.ca)

All spectators must pre-register.....
rider application available on the website.

KLDA Clinic Summary

July 30-31, 2011 – Riding Clinic with Level 3 Coach Lee Tubman; Killarney Hill

Kawartha Lakes Dressage Association was proud to host once again Lee Tubman on July 30 & 31 at Killarney Hill (owned by Anna May McCloskey). Seventeen riders participated in lessons with an average of 9 spectators. The combination of Adult and Junior riders - from Training Level to Prix St. George, made the clinic interesting and relevant to all ages and levels of riders.

Killarney Hill was gracious to the guests, as participants were able to enjoy lunch with Lee around the in-ground swimming pool and lovely open concept home. Some comments from participants included: "Wow, I cannot believe that I have the privilege to participate in this event" and "Lee, you have been always been my mentor" and "I can't believe how funny he is". A good time was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to having this DC Level 3 Dressage coach back to this area.

We would also like to thank the host, Anna May, for the use of her lovely facility and her excellent hospitality! This event was a DC Domestic Development funded program.

UPCOMING CLINIC:

October 22-23, 2011 – Riding Clinic with Level 3 Coach Simone Williams; Sunnymead Farm

Kawartha Lakes Dressage Association is pleased to announce an educational opportunity for both riders and spectators with **Simone Williams** on October 22 & 23, 2011. The clinic will be held at Sunnymead Farm in Omemee. For more information and the application, please go to the KLDA website (www.klda.ca)

For those interested in riding or auditing, please complete the Rider Application on the website, and return to Heather Forsyth-Downs no later October 11, 2011.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to ride/audit with Level 3 Dressage Coach & Grand Prix rider, Simone Williams!

Canada's Dressage Team Set for Training Camp



2011 Canadian Dressage Team (left to right): Technical Leader Markus Gribbe, team riders Tina Irwin, Diane Creech, and Tom Dvorak, Chef d'equipe Gina Smith, alternate rider Roberta Byng-Morris, Team Veterinarian Dr. Alan Manning, and team rider Crystal Kroetch.

The Canadian Dressage Team is preparing for the Pan American Games, being held in Guadalajara Mexico, October 11 to 21 (dressage runs from October 16–19). Team members Diane Creech, Tom Dvorak, Tina Irwin, Crystal Kroetch and first alternate Roberta Byng-Morris will be attending training camp in Gardiner, New York, September 25 to October 11, 2011.

Canada is fielding a very strong team this year, with Diane Creech and Tom Dvorak members of the 2007 Pan American Dressage Team that won the team silver medal in Rio de Janeiro.

Creech, 48, of Caistor Centre, ON will be riding Robbie W. The 8-year-old grey Oldenburg gelding, (by Rubin Royal), is owned by Creech's long time sponsor, Douglas Leatherdale of Leatherdale Farms.

Dvorak, 46, of Hillsburgh, ON will be riding Viva's Salieri W, a 10-year-old chestnut Hanoverian stallion (by Viva Voltaire) owned by Augustin Walch and Christine Eppinger. Dvorak also qualified Corrigan, an 11-year-old Westphalian gelding sired by Cordobes I, owned by Karen Thompson-Harry. Should Viva's Salieri W be unable to compete, Dvorak is able to ride Corrigan in the competition instead.

Newcomers to the team, but not to Canadian dressage, are Tina Irwin, 30, of Stouffville, ON and Crystal Kroetch, 54, of Calgary, AB. Irwin is paired with Winston, Mary Ellen Horgan's 14-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood gelding by Whinny Jackson. Kroetch will ride Lymrix, her 10-year-old bay Hanoverian gelding sired by Loerke. The team alternate, Byng-Morris, 48, of Godmanchester, QC, and Reiki Tyme, a 12-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Royal Diamond, will also attend the training camp. This will give Canada a full team should another horse/rider combination be unable to compete.

Team selection was decided in August, following a rigorous qualification process that culminated in back-to-back trials. During the week of September 15, all horses underwent a final veterinary inspection by Team Veterinarian Dr. Alan Manning, to ensure their fitness and readiness to compete at the Games.

Things had been a little tense for Creech, as Robbie W suffered a minor injury at the last trial and they were unable to finish the competition. However, the gelding passed the veterinary inspection and the pair was named to the team.

"We are particularly happy that Diane Creech and Robbie W will be able to attend training camp," said Liz Steacie. "This lovely, talented horse, so ably ridden by Diane, will be a huge asset to the team. I have great confidence that Diane and Robbie W, and all the other members of the Team will perform up to expectations both in training camp and at the Games."

Training camp will be held at Horses and Hounds Stable, approximately 30 minutes from the Newburgh airport. This 100-acre facility in the Hudson River Valley is owned by Diana Maglio, features excellent footing in indoor and outdoor rings, as well as turnout and hacking. The team will train during the day, and will not be affected by the facility's evening lesson program.

Riders will be allowed to bring their own coaches to the training camp and will work in collaboration with Technical Leader, Markus Gribbe. Chef d'équipe Gina Smith will also attend the two-week session.

Team member Tina Irwin will be bringing her family along, her husband Jaimey Irwin is her coach, and part of her support system that includes a sports psychologist, sponsors, and clients. Recent family addition Gavin will also make the trip. Irwin is "looking forward to training camp in NY ... (it will be a great opportunity to get to know each other and our horses better outside of the competition arena. We have been individuals competing against one another up until this point, so now we have to learn to be a team!"

Dvorak emphasized the importance of a support network. "I have amazing support from my best friend and wife Ellen, and my daughter Alex. The owners of the horses have been great support...without them I would not be in this position. The staff of Equine Canada (Christine and Peggy), and the others involved with sending a team to the Pan Am Games — chef d'équipe Gina Smith, coach Markus, Team Vet Alan Manning and CET Team Leader Kerri McGregor — have all been putting in a lot to organize us."

Team alternate Roberta Byng-Morris is also looking forward to the camp. "I am really looking forward to having two weeks of consistent training. I feel very grateful to be able to be part of such an amazing experience with such great riders."

The first step to team building has already taken place. Winston's owners Mary Ellen and Michael Horgan hosted a team dinner at Toronto's Granite Club on September 10. It was a great opportunity for the riders, owners, grooms and support staff to get to know each other better in a non-competitive environment.

The team will travel via air to Mexico with the United States Dressage Team on October 11. The competition is particularly important for Canada, as a medal here is required to qualify a team for the 2012 London Olympics.

Article courtesy of Horse-Canada.com



***TENTATIVE* 2012 KLDA Gold Show Dates**

May 4 – 5 & May 6, 2012 Saddlewood

August 31- Sept 2, 2012 Saddlewood

** Please note – These are ***tentative*** dates that KLDA has applied for with Equine Canada **