

Dressage Riders Support CDI Dressage Affaire

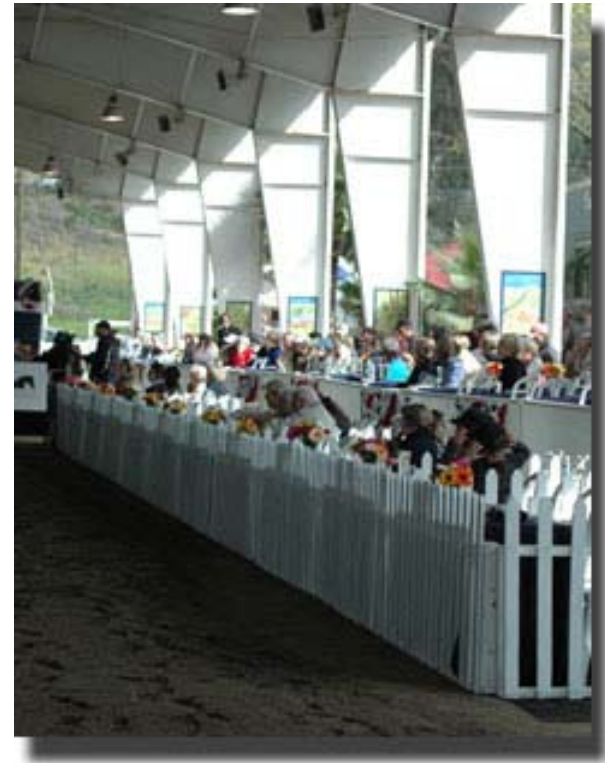
On the Scene 2009 - Dressage Affaire - 2009

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Follow DressageDaily 'On the Scene' Coverage with Christina Beal as we cover the highlights and results of The Dressage Affaire Open Show and CDI, a World Cup Qualifier in Del Mar, California.

The Dressage Affaire Open Show and CDI presented by sponsor Dogwood Hill, kicks off this weekend, March 13th-15th, in beautiful Del Mar, CA. Top international dressage competitors will be competing in the both the CDI-WYJ under an impressive CDI Ground Jury including Jacques van Deale (BEL), Bo Jean (SWE), Lilo Fore (USA), Joan Macartney (CAN), and Gabriel Armando (ARG). Open dressage show competitors will ride under national judges Charlotte Bredhal (S) and Beverly Rogers (S). The show is a USEF qualifier and a FEI World Cup qualifier.



Organizer Kim Keenan of KP Events (www.dressageevents.com) is delighted with the turnout for this show. Both the open show and the CDI are very full. "I am very pleased to have 40 horses in CDI and 200 rides scheduled in open show. This is great news, especially in these economic times," stated Keenan. Keenan has a full schedule of events planned for the weekend including a live fundraising auction on Saturday evening. Top auction items include a Footings Unlimited package, which consists of Airfoot footing for one dressage arena valued at \$11,000, a Dinner with the Olympians package, which includes dinner for 8 people with 4 Olympians at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in Del Mar, and the Sit with the Judges package, which includes 5 spots up for bid with the CDI panel of Officials placed at M, H, C, B, and E during the Freestyle competitions.



Keenan will also be hosting the 1st Annual Lunch with Axel Steiner Educational Seminar in conjunction with the CDS-San Diego Chapter. The luncheon is sponsored by Dressage Training Online and will take place in the main arena during the lunch break each day throughout the weekend. During the seminar, amateur riders will ride a test each day, and Steiner will enlighten the public on what the judges are looking for in the test.

Historically, the Dressage Affaire has been a favorite among the international dressage riders. In fact, the show was created in response to the riders' request to have another CDI in the area. San Diego Olympians Sue Blinks, Guenter Seidel and Steffen Peters as well as many others have supported the show financially and by competing there.

The 2009 Dressage Affaire CDI Intermediaire-1 features notable riders such as Guenter Seidel and Shannon Peters. The Grand Prix CDI features notable riders such as Leslie Morse, Steffen Peters, Leslie Webb, Jan Ebeling David Wightman and Shannon Peters. These riders are vying for a 2009 Las Vegas World Cup spot.

Keenan is thankful to her loyal sponsors who make this show possible. Some keynotes sponsors for the CDI include the following: Dogwood Hill, Leatherdale Farms, Mushroom Matrix, Footings Unlimited, Akiko Yamazaki and Madeline Wright. A complete list of the shows sponsors can be found the Keenan's website, www.dressageevents.com.