

Constitution Show Stables Schooling Show  
DoubleTake Equestrian Center 9/25/11



Molly O'Brien riding Bam Ban



Rosemary Gordon Panuco  
with assistant Eve Hoehle

### Dressage University with Ellie Stine-Masek

#### “Preparing for the Show Season”

September 15, 2011

Ellie Stine-Masek spoke to a group of dressage enthusiasts with the mission of trying to explain the myriad organizations involved in our sport. The ‘Bureaucratic Pyramid’ consists of entities that relegate and support dressage.

- IOC-INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**
- FEI-INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**
- USEF-UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**
- USDF-UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION**
- USDF REGION 5-AZ, CO, NM, UT, West TX, s MT**
- GMO- GROUP MEMBER ORGANIZATION - TDC**

The foundation, grass roots of dressage is the GMO, which makes is possible



for each successive organization to function. A portion of each member’s dues goes to the national organization USDF; the rest stays here to help offset the cost of the website, newsletter, Dressage University, meetings, scholarships, eligibility towards TDC yearend awards, etc. As a GMO member scores earned in recognized shows go towards rider awards thru USDF. It is important for our voice to be heard; we are the backbone of the sport. The focus at the local level is to support our riders and to increase their knowledge.

TDC is part of USDF Region 5 – a large region that sponsors clinics, youth programs and a Jr/YR team. The national organization, USDF, supports a judges’ program, instructor program, clinics, national symposium, rider awards, Horse of the Year awards. Delegates from the GMO’s, and Regions participate in Board of Governors meetings at the National Meeting to help formulate policies and regulations of the sport.

USEF is the umbrella organization of horses in the United States. It regulates shows, officials, drugs, etc. Some rule change recommendations come from USDF to USEF. USEF represents the US to FEI. International shows are run by FEI rules and judges must be internationally licensed. The IOC recognizes the FEI as the governing entity for equestrian sports at the Olympic level.

Ellie also unraveled the mystery of the “Show Entry Form” and encouraged all to enjoy and have fun!!

