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**President's Message:**

Greetings LDA members! As the Florida summer heats up, you may be wondering what the club is up to during the hot months. While we do take a break from hosting shows, we can never take a break from our horses! We just find ways to cope with the heat. For some of us that means early morning rides. Personally I'm dreaming of a misting fan system to rival the theme parks! Our ride times may be shorter, but our dedication to our equine companions doesn't waiver – even in the heat.

During the summer months, LDA looks for other ways to stay involved in our sport. For example, now is a great time to learn more about saddle fit at the saddle fitting seminar on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking at other clinic opportunities for our members to enjoy over the next few months.

As we look ahead to the fall, it's time to start thinking about the August meeting – when we will nominate the officers for next year. Have you ever wondered what exactly goes on in the LDA meetings. Well it isn't a secret society that involves covert meeting locations and a secret handshake. Rather it is an open environment that welcomes anyone who has an interest in dressage – LDA member or not! Meetings are typically spent planning the upcoming shows and clinics. We talk about what we like about each show and where we can improve. Those at the meetings usually get first dibs on volunteer slots at horse shows. Did you know that if you volunteer at two shows you can earn a free class at your next show? Who couldn't stand to save a little money these days? Don't be intimidated if you've never volunteered before. Several positions require no training (like opening the gate for riders or running score sheets between the judge and the scorer). Some positions require a bit more practice, but are fascinating! For example, consider sitting with the scribe and judge at the next show so that you may learn to scribe yourself. How enlightening to see a test from the judge's perspective! It's not only educational and will help you with your own rides, but will also be earning you credit toward your next class! And don't worry – volunteer times are coordinated around ride times.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the club, please do not hesitate to call or email me! 813-546-9862 or hollywinkeljohn@yahoo.com.

**SHOW RESULTS FEBRUARY LDA SHOW at BLACK DOG FARM:**

Pas de Duex	Barbara Greenlee	Tensis	72	1
	Lindy Blythe	Banks	72	1
Leadline	Anneke Davidson	Farrah		1
	Brylie Davidson	Lucy		1
Adult Equitation	Sheila Pavlock	Cowgirl Maple		1
	Jane Eatman	Beauty		2
JYR Equitation	Hunter Guynn	Black Dog's River Ghost		1
	Emily Tidey	Tal-Laye	2	
JYR Equit (Cant)	Jennifer Burch	Golden Ivy		1
Intro A (Disable)	Erin Hamm	Tonto	71.88	1
USEA Nov B	Beth Davidson	Forrest Nymph	70.5	1
Intro A JYR	Ashlyn Pavlock	Cowgirl Maple	66	2
	Hunter Guynn	Black Dog's River Ghost	58	4
	Erin Hamm	Tonto	67.5	1
	Emily Tidey	Tal-Laye	60.62	3
Intro A Novice	Joyce Arnold	Sailor	60	1
Intro B JYR	Hunter Guynn	Black Dog's River Ghost	64.38	3
	Emily Tidey	Tal-Laye	63.13	4
	Erin Hamm	Tonto	68.75	1
	Andi Edwards	Cupid	66.25	2
Intro B Novice	Joyce Arnold	Sailor	64.38	1
Intro B Open	Suzanne Myers	EBS Kara Pecota	71.25	1
Intro C JYR	Ashlyn Pavlock	Cowgirl Maple	68	1
	Andi Edwards	Cupid	63	2
	Courtney Schwein	Teddy Tin Man	61	3
Intro C Novice	Joyce Arnold	Sailor	60	1
	Megan Goins	Chance	54.5	2

## The Little Everglades Ranch—Combined Driving Event

Little Everglades Ranch – the International Combined Driving Event February 24, 2011  
Under blue skies and bright sunshine, Marcie Lipscomb and I sported our LDA shirts and watched in awe as teams of ponies and horses performed challenging dressage tests at Little Everglades Ranch. I could tell you the whole story, but I'm a bottom-line kind of reader. Just in case you are also, the bottom line is, I want a refund for my college education.

In my senior year, Hood College was named the #1 private college of the country. Pretty nice bragging rights... With that being said, why do I struggle to keep my horse on the bit, forward, supple and balanced when riding a dressage test when these competitors can do so with 4 horses at one time, while chasing the horses in a rattling horse-eating demonic mobile? Oh, and just to show off, they put the reins for all 4 horses in one hand and do a perfectly-bended figure 8. I'm pretty sure that was not part of my college curriculum.

Truth be told, I failed the "tap your foot, rub your tummy and pat your head" exercise in first grade and have been losing ground ever since. The dressage driving competitors must have gotten straight A's in all coordination exercises. The beauty of dressage with the elegance and grace of the carriages is truly a treat to watch. Most of the competitors made it look easy. However, just like the best NASCAR fans that enjoy the wrecks, Marcie and I felt a little bit better about our skills when we saw the occasional buck, bolt, rear or defiance against the bit. There may be hope for me yet. The FEI Driving Dressage competition was not for the faint of heart. The dressage arena was surrounded by judges on 3 sides. That's right – there was no place to hide! Many of the tests had a canter portion, which was pretty exciting at times. Most carriages that held two passengers had a woman driver and a man in the back seat. Although I could not hear their conversations, I'm pretty sure he was "back seat driving". All drivers held their cool, as we did not see any turn around and punch out their passengers.

We saw two of our beloved judges and clinicians at the event. Charlotte Trentleman, rode a beautiful test with her palomino Hafflinger. Jean White was busy writing articles about the competition for local publications. She said you can find her articles on the Little Everglades website.

How fun it would be to see a driving dressage test at one of our LDA shows. I know we have some drivers in the club – come on and give us all a treat! Meanwhile, I'll stay in the saddle. Not sure I'll ever be up to the complication of driving a dressage pattern. Although, they do wear great outfits and have hats that are way cool.... Maybe I'll put some of that refund money to good use!

*Submitted by Lindy Blythe*

### FEBRUARY SHOW CHAMPIONS

Intro JYR:  
Erin Hamm

Intro JYR Reserve:  
Ashlyn Pavlock

Training JYR:  
Eryn Carrillo

Training JYR Res:  
Jenna Fife

Training Adult:  
Lindy Blythe

Training Reserve:  
Tie: Amy Emerson  
and Gail Adams

High Score Pony:  
Erin Hamm/Tonto  
71.88

High Score:  
Tie: Lindy Blythe  
and Barbara Greenlee  
72

### FEB SHOW CONTINUED....

Training 1 JYR	Courtney Schwein	Teddy Tin Man	E	
	Jenna Fife	Starbuck	65.42	1
	Jennifer Burch	Golden Ivy	65	2
Training 1 Novice	Amy Emerson	Whiskey Yankee Tango	63.75	5
	Brittany Perry	Time in the Spotlight	65.42	4
	Megan Goins	Chance	55.42	6
	Jenna Fife	Starbuck	68.75	1
	Magdelene Valrido	Stardom's Drama	66.67	3
	Eryn Carillo	Rasputin	67.08	2
Training 1 Open	Amy Emerson	Whiskey Yankee Tango	64.58	1
Training 2 Open	Lindy Blythe	Banks	68.93	1
	Brittany Perry	Time in the Spotlight	64.64	3
	Suzanne Myers	EBS Kara Pecota	62.86	5
	Gail Adams	She is Tailor Made	63.93	4
	Jennifer Burch	Golden Ivy	66.07	2
Training 3 Open	Gail Adams	She is Tailor Made	64.4	4
	Magdalene Valrido	Stardom's Drama	66.4	3
	Eryn Carillo	Rasputin	69.2	1
	Renan Sauer	Mr. Blue	68	2
First Level 1	Mary O'Toole	Warland	63.1	1
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**HATS OFF!**

**Show Results APRIL LDA SHOW at ANWIN FARM:**

Leadline:	Sklyar Lisiesky	Sir Lancelot		1
JYR Introl A:	Kaley Storms	Sir Lancelot	68.75	1
Intro A Novice:	Leann Short	Jed	59.38	2
	Kelsie Craven	Little Black Dress	60	1
Intro A Open:	Jody Harwood	Black Dog's Flute	64.5	1
Intro B JYR:	Andi Edwards	Vito	66.88	2
	Erin Hamm	Tonto	71.88	1
	Kaley Storms	Sir Lancelot	64.38	3
Intro B Novice:	Andrea Knapp	Iron Sneakers	74.37	1
	Kelsie Craven	Little Black Dress	70	2
Intro B Open:	Suzanne Myers	EBS Kar Pecota	67	1
	Jody Harwood	Black Dog's Flute	64.38	2
Intro C JYR:	Erin Hamm	Tonto	66	3
	Andi Edwards	Vito	67	2
	Andrea Knapp	Iron Sneakers	70.5	1
Intro C Open	Suzanne Myers	EBS Kar Pecota	68	1
Intro B (Disabked)	Erin Hamm	Tonto	72	1
Training 1 JYR:	Eryn Carillo	Rasputin	67.92	1
Training 1 Nov:	Holly Winkeljohn	Matakumabay	65	2
	Amy Emerson	Whiskey Yankee Tango	67.5	1
	Ashlee Taylor	Sam I Am	64.25	3
Training 1 Open	Holly Winkeljohn	Matakumabay	67.5	1
Training 2 Open	Amy Emerson	Whiskey Yankee Tango	66.43	1
Training 3 Open	Barbara Greenlee	Tensis Royal Blend	67.2	2
	Ashlee Taylor	Sam I Am	62.8	3
	Eryn Carillo	Rasputin	69.6	1
First 2 Open	Jody Harwood	Dhitto	66.49	1
First 3 Open	Jody Harwood	Dhitto	73.87	1
Fourth 2 Open	Nancy Cole	Paraselene	66	1
CCI 1*	Leah Khorsandian	Pamiro W	HC	
CCI 1*	Leah Khorsandian	Ramona Quimby	HC	



**CHAMPIONS:**

**Intro JYR: Andrea Knapp; Reserve Erin Hamm**

**Intro Adult: Suzanne Myers; Reserve Kelsie Craven**

**Training JYR: Eryn Carillo; Reserve Ashlee Taylor**

**Training Open: Amy Emerson; Reserve Holly Winkeljohn**

**HIGH POINT: Andrea Knapp**

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**Come Ride With Us!**



## **CONSIDER JOINING LDA!**

**Membership Year is December 1, 2010 to November 30, 2011. You must be a member for points to count for year end awards.**

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:**

**SUBMIT A PHOTO and text about you and your horse and see your member spotlight in the next newsletter!**

We are on the web at  
[lakelanddressage.com!](http://lakelanddressage.com)

## **UPCOMING AREA and LDA EVENTS:**

**June 19: Saddle Fitting Clinic with George Gullikson. Lakeland from 1-4.  
Contact Karin at [rzychak@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rzychak@tampabay.rr.com).**

**July 9: Black Dog Farm Schooling Dressage & Jumping show in Plant City.  
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