

How to Qualify:

Rider needs two scores from two different shows and two different judges from any USDF dressage test of the entered level from October 17, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The score can be received from any competition, schooling or rated, in any test of the level. Qualifying scores needed for each level: 61% Training Level, 60% 1st Level, 59% 2nd Level, 58% 3rd Level and above. Rider must compete on the horse on which the qualifying scores were received. Rider must submit a photo-copy of the front page of the tests with entry form including date, show, test score, judge's name and signature, or submit a copy of their rider score sheet from the USDF website if the scores were earned at recognized shows. The judge must be at least a USDF "L" Graduate or any recorded USEF/FEI judge. There will be a schooling show held on Friday, the day before the competition, in which NRADC riders will receive one of their classes free. All riders are encouraged to enter however entries may be limited.

Team Competitions:

A team of three/four riders compete in any combination of Levels on the first day of the competition. It is not required that all team members compete at the same level but each team member must compete at the same level as their qualifying scores. Riders will ride the highest test of the level for the team competition on Saturday. These rides will be conducted during the regular Mystic Valley Hunt Club Fall Dressage show.

The top three individual rider percentage scores from the team competition will be averaged to form the team percentage score, and to determine the winner of the Team Championship. If four riders participated in the team competition the lowest score will be dropped. Awards will be offered for the first three teams based on overall team percentage score. The team Championships concludes on Saturday with the award ceremony on Sunday, mounted and in full dress. All team members are eligible to advance to the Individual Championships where they will be required to ride a freestyle appropriate for their level on Sunday. The horse/rider team may not have competed more than one level above the level entered in NRADC during the qualifying year. If you do not have a team but would like to participate, please send in an individual entry. It will be held until enough individual entries are received to form a team. Your team will then be entered, and you will be notified with contact information.

Individual Championship:

All riders will advance to the Individual Championship competition on Sunday where they will be required to ride a Freestyle appropriate for their level/division. The top ten riders will be recognized. The Individual Championship placements will be determined by averaging each individual's score from Saturday with their Freestyle score on Sunday. Training Level riders will use the USPC (Pony Club) Freestyle. All other riders will use the USDF Freestyle for their level. Copies of the USPC Training Level Freestyle test can be ordered through the USPC web site at <http://uspcbooks.stores.yahoo.net/dressagetests.html>: Opening and Closing dates will be posted on www.mysticvalleyhuntclub.com.

Cost: Each division is \$150 which includes the following: Friday, one class in the schooling show (you may enter additional classes for an additional fee); Saturday's Team Competition and Sunday's individual Freestyle ride. Riders who are not USEF or USDF members must pay their non-member fee (\$20 each). All riders must pay the USEF drug fee (\$15) and include a current Coggins (1 year) with their entry. Riders entered in both MVHC and NRADC pay the drug fee only once per horse. Stabling for Friday through Saturday is available (\$200). Tack stalls will be available.

Come join the fun!

(an excerpt from the Peddler article about last year's inaugural division)

In the individual competition, which based on combined scores from Saturday and Sunday's competition, Dan Kwasniewski and his 13-year-old Ster Friesan gelding Kerst won after their dramatic musical freestyle performance choreographed to music called "Spanish Zorro." The pair earned



a score of 77.7% . Of the competition, Dan said, "I met so many interesting people during the NRADC weekend, and the team approach brought us all close together. Having Kerst as my partner, the experience was fun – he is a fantastic teammate and I look

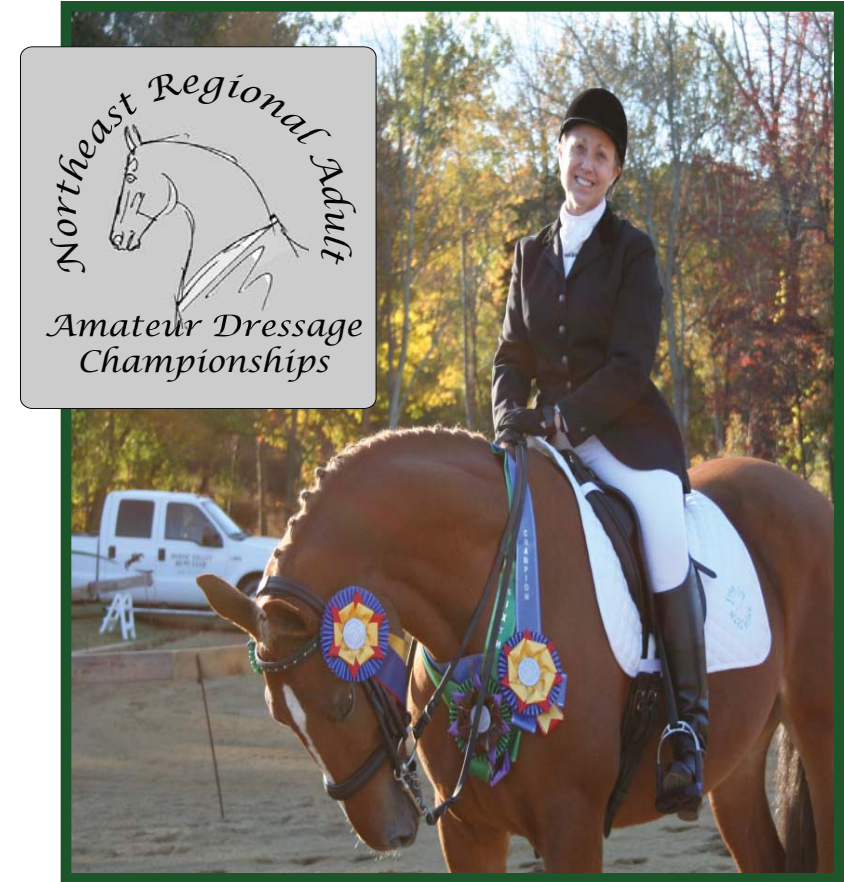
forward to moving up the levels with him!" Dan switched to dressage after a 20-year break from riding. Of the sport, he said, "dressage allows me to move at my own pace, and I am basically competing against myself – I love it." The pair plans to compete again next year.



A silent auction was held to benefit NARHA's Horses for Heroes, a charity that provides equine-enabled therapies for wounded U.S. soldiers and veterans, allowing them to heal with the loving companionship of our equine friends. A lot of impressive donations were made to support this cause - a jacket from the Red Sox, a professional shipping to Florida from the New England/New York area by Phil Silva's Equine Valet Service, a \$500 trailer service by Yered Trailers, and a \$250 gift certificate from Mistover Farms to name a few. Over \$3,000 was collected for this worthy cause.

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This championship will be held consecutively with the Fall Mystic Valley Hunt Club, Inc. Dressage Show in Gales Ferry, Ct. This is an individual and team competition for adult amateurs to show at Training level and above. You can qualify in a recognized or schooling horse show. Training Level freestyle requirements will be posted on the website. For details, visit:

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