

Great American Insurance Group / United States Dressage Federation

REGION 8 DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Recognized by US Equestrian Federation

at

New England Dressage Association

FALL FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE

\$44,450 Purse

for benefit of

JOSLIN DIABETES CENTER

"Conquering Diabetes in All of Its Forms"

Tuesday through Sunday ~ September 14 / 15 / 16 / 17 / 18 / 19, 2010 ~ HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties NY

Joslin Diabetes Center and New England Dressage Association have joined hands to provide diabetes awareness and education to the equestrian community. Established in 1898, 23 years before insulin was identified, **Joslin Diabetes Center** has become the undisputed world leader in diabetic research, treatment, and patient and professional education. As a nonprofit organization, Joslin benefits from the generosity of donors in advancing its mission. Visit: www.joslin.org.

The Festival consists of four competitions, featuring 600 horses competing in classes from Training Level, the first step on the dressage ladder, to Grand Prix, the pinnacle of the sport as seen at the Olympic Games.

Within this event are the New England **Region 8 Regional Championships** sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group and United States Dressage Federation, and recognized by US Equestrian Federation. Championship classes will be held Thursday through Sunday, featuring freestyle championships on Friday and Sunday.

Secondly, this event is one of the few internationally recognized American competitions (**CDI-W Y/J Saugerties**) recognized by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI). International competitors earn scores toward representing their countries at competitions such as the World Games or the Olympics. Specifically, Fall Festival is a qualifying event for the 2011 USEF Grand Prix and Intermediate I Championships and for the US Grand Prix Freestyle Championship which selects the American representative at the annual FEI World Cup competition. On Thursday afternoon the **International Competition** begins with the formal inspection of the horses by FEI Officials, certifying their identity and their fitness to compete. Riders from Denmark, Israel, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Canada and other countries will compete. Classes are held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the **Grand Prix de Dressage** on Friday afternoon, the Grand Prix Special on Saturday, and the crowd favorite Grand Prix musical freestyles Sunday afternoon.

Thirdly, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday all day and Thursday morning, in the **Sport Horse Breed Show** horses (from weanlings to stallions) are shown "in hand". There are special classes for Amateur Handlers, IBC classes for specific breeds of horses, and classes for ponies. The \$5,400 **New England Sport Horse Breeder's Futurity** is featured on Wednesday afternoon.. This competition is a both a qualifier for and regional finals for the **USDF Breeders Championship New England Series** also sponsored by Great American; finals classes will be held Thursday morning.

Finally, Thursday through Sunday a **National Competition** features hundreds of local competitors, amateurs and professionals, as well as riders who have competed international events. **FEI Para Equestrian** classes will be offered. Within this competition, the **Fall Festival Dressage Sweepstakes** takes place, with final awards available late on Friday late afternoon. On Sunday high scoring performers will be selected for the **Adult Amateur Championships** and the **Junior/Young Rider Championships**.

Sunday features all levels, national and International, as well as regional championship classes. Freestyles will be held for Young Riders, Intermediate and Grand Prix competitors, riding their horses to music in specially choreographed programs reminiscent of the famous "dancing" Lipizzan horses of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Because there are very few competitions in this country featuring world class horses and musical rides, ringside will be packed with excited spectators. Everyone loves to watch!

A large **Equestrian Trade Fair** will be held, featuring artists, horse supplies, boutiques, trailers. **VIP Hospitality and Reserved Seating**, featuring morning and afternoon refreshments, is available duration of Dressage Show. A **Breed Show Hospitality Tent** is new for 2010.

Admission: \$5 May be charged each weekend day
\$5 Program

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Directions:

Take Mass Pike to end and NY Thruway south to Exit 20. After toll turn right onto Route 32 North and go 1 mile. Turn right onto Peoples Road and go 9/10 mile. Turn left after RR tracks onto Canoe Hill Road and go 5/10 mile. Canoe Hill becomes Mike Krout Road, 8/10 mile. Grounds will be 1 8/10 miles on right.

Website:

www.neda.org for detailed show information. At home page click on Fall Festival, red menu on left.