

# THE HORSE'S MOUTH

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## *MI-SHO Announcements*

**MISHO Web Page Updated:** Check out the new MISHO web page. It is at the same location but with a whole new look. Want to show off your star pony? Send your show pictures to our fabulous webmistress Bryttany Buenger and you could be one of the featured riders!

**From the Points Secretary:** Show Season is well under way. Points are published on the MISHO web page regularly. Please review them and let the Points Secretary, Lynette Scott, know if there are any issues.

**MISHO Awards Banquet** has changed locations for 2017! We will be meeting at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights with a buffet luncheon being served. This will be a full meal with a cash bar. Since the price may be higher for us, we may have to charge members a small entry fee. *But if you attend the Annual MI-SHO horse show, your entry fee will be waived!* The profits from the show help pay for the banquet costs. Also, we will need you to RSVP when the time comes. An accurate head count will be essential.

### GRANT PROGRAM

Yes! We still have grant money available. Any current MISHO member is eligible for \$50 toward any clinic in which they are riding. Your only requirement is to volunteer 2 hours at any not-for profit organization and write an article for this newsletter about what you learned.

See the **Grant Program** page for further details and a grant application.



Become a member today and stay connected with your local dressage community!

By joining, you also gain full access to an extensive online database dedicated to dressage education.



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## 2016 SHOW SCHEDULE

*Check the MI-SHO Web page for updated Show Schedules and link to show bills. Shows may be added throughout the year!*

**Check the MI-SHO web site for the 2016 Rules. Make sure you know the rules for your division!**

### JANUARY

23-24 - Irish Fox H Show

### FEBRUARY

20 - 21 - Irish Fox H Show

### MARCH

19-20 - Grand Paradise D/H

### APRIL

2-3 - Irish Fox H/J Show

9 - Pam Davies Dressage Clinic

16 - TML H/J Show @ Dublin Farm

17 - Avalon Farm Dressage Show

23 - Classic Acres H/J Show

23 - CW Equestrian Ctr. D Show

30-1 - Ridgefield H/J Show

### MAY

7 - TML H/J Show @ Dublin Farm

14 - Brier Bank Farm H/J/D Show

14-15 - Irish Fox H/J Show

21 - 22 - Briarstone H/J Show

28 - East Lake H/J Show

### JUNE

3-5 - Ridgefield H/J Show

4 - CW Equestrian Center D Show

18 - Devinwood H/J/D Show

25 - Brier Bank Farm H/J/D Show

### JULY

9-10 - Briarstone H/J Show

16 - TML H/J Show @ Dublin Farm

23 - ~~MISHO Jumping Clinic—CNX~~

30 - East Lake Hunter Show

### AUGUST

13 - Brier Bank Farm H/J/D Show

20-21 - Kirkwood H/J/D Show

20 - CW Equestrian Center D Show

28 - Avalon Farm D/J Show

### SEPTEMBER

10 - Brier Bank Farm H/J/D Show

17-18 - **MISHO SHOW**  
*DOUBLE POINTED*

24-25 - Ridgefield H/J Show

24-25 - SIDC Dressage Show

### OCTOBER

8 - TML H/J Show @ Dublin Farm

15 - CW Equestrian Center D Show

15-16 - Briarstone H/J Show

22-23 - Grand Paradise D/H/J Show

29-30 - Irish Fox H/J Show

### NOVEMBER

5 - Devinwood D/H/J Show

12-13 - Irish Fox H/J Show

19-20 - Avalon D/J Show

## ROLEX by Jr Board Members, Ashley Edwards and Sidney Snyder

We spent many days counting down for the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event. To watch the professionals glide across the ground in the dressage ring, to fly over the fields of the cross country course, and defy gravity with a precision we, as intermediates, could only hope to achieve, was something we would not miss. The first day of Rolex we called out of school to drive down to Kentucky. We regretfully missed most of the first day because of the drive time. We spent until closing time looking at the many shops. Saddles, breeches, boots, lead ropes of every color, nearly every horse and human accessory linked to the sport could be found at these booths. On the second day we woke up bright and early and pulled on our jeans and boots and headed to the nearest Starbucks, because how else do you start an early morning without coffee? As soon as we got to the park it promptly started raining. So a word of advice is to always pack a big raincoat, waterproof boots, an umbrella, and an extra pair of socks. We both brought backpacks. Luckily Ashley's fit under her raincoat but Sidney's got drenched. Nevertheless, soaked feet and all, we had a blast walking across the three mile course and talking to the many mounted police officers. The horses thundered across the flat stretches, not wind nor rain deterred them. It was a very impressive display of control and athleticism.

The next day the clouds cleared up and it became very sunny. If you burn like Ashley does it would be suggested to bring sunscreen and a hat. The arena was enormous and the view amazing, as long as the people in front of you were sitting. We drank fresh lemonade and watched pros from around the world compete. The German competitor, Michael Jung, won the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event. It was a fun and educational time and we will definitely be going again.



Kayla & Ashley Edwards, Sidney Snyder, Mihaela Codreanu





## MI-SHO ANNUAL HORSE SHOW

### The Annual MISHO Show is

#### September 17-18 at Cornerstone Farm.

This year we will be holding a two day show with hunters on Saturday and Dressage/Jumpers on Sunday. Dressage ride times will be limited so don't wait to register. Jumpers will be Sunday afternoon but will not start before 1PM. Actual dressage ride times will be posted on the MI-SHO web page and the actual jumper start time will be known and published at that time.

Are you an eventer? We added a CT class back to the show bill. Come practice your Event test and stadium jumping !

We are also adding Western Dressage. Ride times will be limited. Dressage will end by 1PM. Sign up early to get a ride time.

**We need volunteers:** MI-SHO is an all volunteer organization and with a two day show, we need twice as many volunteers. We will be tearing down the hunter course

on Saturday after the show to put up a dressage ring. On Sunday we will tear down the dressage ring at 1:00 to put up a new jumper course. Lots of course changes means we need lots of man power. Come out to help and earn your volunteer hours towards the Grant Program.

Participate or volunteer at the show, and you will earn free entry to the MISHO Annual Awards Banquet.

#### **We need you to make this show a success!**

**MI-SHO has gone electronic.** You will be able to register on line for our annual horse show.

THIS IS THE ONLY DOUBLE POINTED SHOW OF THE SEASON. Don't miss your opportunity to earn year end awards!





## L Judges Clinic by Lynn Coehoorn

One of the goals of the USDF sponsored L Education Program is to “provide trainers, instructors, competitors and spectators insight into the evaluative techniques of judging dressage.” The program is broken up into 2 parts. You can audit only part 1, but you will be a **silent** auditor.

I was lucky enough to audit the first session of the L Judges Clinic at Mid South Dressage Academy in Hernando MS. While it was a lot of butt in the desk chair training, it was very informative and well worth my time. We spent the first day and half in class, covering USDF rules and horse biomechanics, and watching video clips of horses as examples of proper/improper movement. The last half of the second day was ‘practice’ judging for the participants using demonstration riders at Training, First and Second Level.

Did you know: A rider is disqualified from the competition if they leave the arena without the permission of the judge. It’s the judging ring—you must ask permission to leave in the middle of your test. You must have a helmet on to compete. That includes a properly tightened chin strap. If the judge feels your strap does not provide proper safety, they will ask you to dismount and you could be eliminated from the class. Also a horse can only be competed in 2 consecutive levels at any show and only ridden in three tests each day.

How is a judge’s score calculated:?

**BASICS + CRITERIA +/- MODIFIERS =**

**Final Score.** Basics are the movement or gait quality based on the Training Pyramid. The Criteria is based on the requirements of each movement as specified by the USDF/USEF. Modifiers are the dumb stuff that just happens such as horse spook or shape of figures,. What can influence your score? Inaccuracies

especially if it avoids the difficulty of the test. READ your test. What the judges are looking for are listed in the directives.

There was a long discussion about judge’s comments. Comments are not required at 7.0 and above. Comments should be specific, positive, helpful but aren’t intended to teach. They will point out gaps in your training based on the Scale of Training so read and heed what they say. They will help you improve.

SLADS is also hosting a L Education Program later this year as well. You can find more information on SLADS.ORG web site or contact Ann Gioia at 314-452-5856 if you are interested in attending.

When you are being judged by a L Graduate you know they are dressage riders with qualifying scores at Second Level and have passed a stringent judging evaluation that includes shadow judging with other ‘r’ judges.

**Part 1- “A Judge’s Perspective”** is open to all USDF Members; this is the educational foundation of the program.

*Session A* is an introduction to judging and biomechanics

*Session B* is about judging criteria for gaits & paces, movements & figures.

*Session C* is about collective marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics.

**Part 2- “Candidate’s Evaluation”** is open to Participating Members with three verified scores from USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions.

*Session D1* involves practice judging full tests in each of the levels at a recognized competition.

*Session D2* is similar to the D1 Session but with more emphasis on the testing situation and prepares candidates for the final exam.

*Final Exam* is comprised of both a written and practical exam. The written exam is all True/False and multiple choice, while the practical exam is a combination of judging full tests and some oral judging as well.

## Saving Fenway by Lynette Scott

While driving to Mill Creek Horse Trials my husband Mike received a text from an acquaintance asking if we could help a “FREE HORSE”. We all know that there is no such thing, so I started asking all of the normal horse-type questions. We’re told the horse is an OTTB, 16.1 hand mare that raced 6 times and has been re-started for Eventing. We’re sent a picture of the mare and she’s not bad! A little skinny, but some good hay and grain and she will be good as new in no time. So we discuss this possibility on and off on Friday while we prepare to compete at the event. Then I was put in contact with Kennae the acquaintance who is trying to help find someone to take this horse. We talked and she gave me “the Owners” phone number. I called the owner and we discussed her divorce, change of jobs etc. and that she



Fenway May 15th

can’t afford to feed the mare anymore. I was told that the mare is eating 12 pounds of grain and alfalfa hay 2x a day. Mike and I decided that if the message made it to Mike, a total stranger, then the owner and horse are in a desperate situation. We made the decision to take her. Saturday, in between phases of competition, I reached out to let the owner know that I will take the mare. She tells me that I have to come and pick her up that weekend, which is impossible because I was 7 hours away in the middle of an event with my other horse. Kennae graciously tracked down a trailer to go pick up the mare and agreed to keep her until I can pick her up in Kentucky the following week-

end. Sunday morning, Kennae borrowed a trailer and goes to get the mare. I was nervous, I have heard so many stories about getting a horse sight unseen, and here I was buying a horse for \$1.00.

Once Kennae got to the farm to pick up the horse, she texted me and let me know that the horse is in really bad shape. Kennae sent me a picture and I gasped when I saw her. I showed Mike and he assured me that we could take care of her and we wouldn’t have any expectations. Fenway’s skin is really bad, the worst case of Rain Rot and scratches, no coggins, no records; however the owner did sign a bill of sale for \$1.00. So as of May 15<sup>th</sup> she is legally ours, despite the fact that her condition is not at all how she was presented to me from the owner. What I bought was a horse that had been starved for at least 60 days. Kennae was her guardian angel until we could pick her up. Kennae lined up a vet to get the RUSH coggins drawn and a short exam. Upon arrival vet insisted on talking to me on the phone. She tells me that she is not sure that the mare will survive the 3 hour trailer ride back to Illinois. I told the vet that I can’t help Fenway while she is in Kentucky. I understand the risks, but I have to try to get her here. We received the negative coggins back and the vet reluctantly signed the Health Certificate, so Mike and I headed to Kentucky on May 21<sup>st</sup> to pick up our new horse. We arrived and the picture that we had received really didn’t do her justice. She looked awful! On the Henneke Body Condition Scoring scale she was a “1”. She had a sparkle in her eyes, though. I believe that she understood that we were trying to help her. I loaded her and we headed back to Illinois. I checked on her twice and she was still standing munching on hay. We arrived at her new home, and got her set up. For those first few days, she was only allowed to eat grass hay and soaked alfalfa cubes. Oliv-



ia Rudolphi, DVM came and checked her out and we made a plan. Blood was drawn to make sure we weren't dealing with something other than starvation. Thankfully, the blood work and fecal test came back with good results. A few levels are low, but that is expected in a case like this. The fecal test showed that Fenway had no worms at all, even the parasites were starved! The feeding plan was to give Fenway alfalfa pellets and a few handfuls of Purina Senior feed. No treats, no carrots, no apples as they have too much sugar in them. She is fed 3 times a day and we increase her feed each week. She is out on grass several hours a day and always has hay in her stall. She is getting better every day. I can see the changes underway but the road back to a healthy weight is probably 6 months away. Dr. Olivia estimated her weight at about 750-800 lbs., about 300-400 underweight. This is a great article from UC Davis Veterinary about re-feeding a starved horse.

[http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/local\\_resources/pdfs/pubs-July2012-bkm-sec.pdf](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ceh/local_resources/pdfs/pubs-July2012-bkm-sec.pdf)

As of 6/12 Fenway is doing well, gaining weight and the rain rot is under control. Almost all of it is gone and we are taking care to keep her inside during the sunny, hot parts of the day because she is bald in some places where the scabs came off. It has been a lot of work, yet rewarding to see her improve so much in just 4 weeks. This picture is from June 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully by this time next year you might see us out and about



Fenway May 28th. It is amazing what even 2 weeks has done for her. The rain rot is still a work in progress, it is very painful for her and I have been bathing her at least 3x per week.



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