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Dates To Remember

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- May 7-8, 2005
Lunging (rider) Workshop
- July 30-31, 2005
Riding/Training Workshop
- October 15-16, 2005
Teaching Workshop

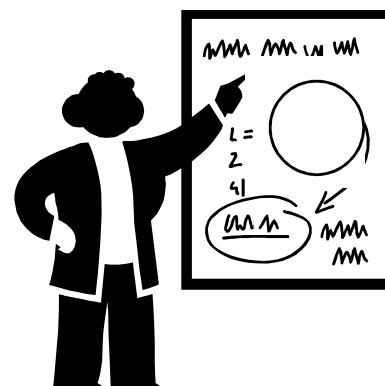
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USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshops Resume in 2005

After the popular and successful series of USDF Instructor Education Workshops were held in 2003, many Participating Instructors and auditors were looking forward to the next series of Workshops, planned for 2004. Organization of these Workshops was well underway, under the direction of Linda Acheson, a long-time supporter of adult education in dressage and organizer of previous Instructor Education Workshops sponsored by ODS. Unfortunately, most of the planning details for the 2004 series were stored only in Linda's brain, and were lost when she died unexpectedly.

Fortunately, a number of people who had been associated with the Workshop series in the past offered to step in and fill Linda's shoes. Francy Haupt, who had been Linda's key volunteer, has been chosen by ODS to fulfill this position. Although Francy was hoping to keep the Instructor's Workshops going in 2004, due to the timing (it takes several months in advance to make arrangements with the USDF, faculty members,



host sites, etc.) and the lack of availability of information regarding arrangements that had already been made for the 2004 Workshops, it proved impossible, and it was decided that the next Workshop series would have to be postponed until 2005.

All of the arrangements have now been made for the 2005 Workshop series, the details of which are presented in this newsletter.

Workshops Planned for 2005

February 26-27
Lunging the Horse Workshop
with Gerhard Politz
Devonwood Equestrian Center

May 7-8
Lunging the Rider Workshop
with Gerhard Politz
Crescendo Farm

July 30-31
Riding/Training Workshop
with Lilo Fore
Crescendo Farm

October 15-16
Teaching Workshop
with Cindy Sydnor
Crescendo Farm

How much does it cost?



Participating Instructors:

The cost for each of the 2-day Instructor Workshops to be held in 2005 will be \$375. This includes a copy of all handouts and lunch both days. The entire fee must be included with your application. Partial scholarships are available from the USDF. More information about the scholarships can be found on the USDF website (<http://www.usdf.org/pdf/InstructorCertification/InstructorScholarshipProgramApplication.pdf>).

Space is limited to a **maximum of 8** Participating Instructors (PIs). Several people have already expressed a strong interest in attending, so get your application in early to reserve a spot. Only applications that include the entire fee will be considered. The PI application is available on the ODS website or by contacting Francy Haupt at dqhorsestuff@comcast.net.

Auditors:

The cost to audit the 2005 Instructor Workshops will be \$50/day or \$75 for each 2-day Workshop. This includes a copy of all handouts and lunch. These Workshops are useful for anyone who wishes to develop or improve their teaching skills. It is also an excellent chance for non-professionals to evaluate local instructors. Auditors should submit a PI application including the appropriate fee, or they may pay at the door (handouts will be guaranteed only for pre-registered auditors).

Demonstration Riders:

Demonstration horses are needed for the February Workshop and horse/rider pairs are needed for the May and October Workshops. Demo riders will be able to audit the Workshops for free on the days that they ride and/or provide a horse. More information below.

Directions and Housing Options

To reach Devonwood Equestrian Center via I-5, take Exit 289 (Tualatin) and go 4.6 miles west on Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. Turn left onto Hwy. 99W and proceed for another 3.5 miles. The Devonwood entrance is on your right, and is marked by a large blue and white sign with the Devonwood logo.

To reach Devonwood from Newberg, McMinnville or the Oregon coast, go east on Hwy. 99W. Approx. 4 miles past Newberg make a U-turn on Chapman Rd. The Devonwood entrance will be on your right.

Area motels:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Century Hotel	503-692-3600	near I-5 Exit 289	7.5 mi.
Sweetbriar Inn	503-692-5800	near I-5 Exit 289	8 mi.
Shilo Inn	503-537-0303	Newberg	5 mi.
Best Western	503-537-3000	Newberg	5 mi.
Travelodge	503-537-5000	Newberg	5 mi.
Best Western	503-431-2100	King City	5 mi.

Directions to Crescendo Farm will be provided in a future Newsletter.

Information for Demonstration Riders

Are you eager to learn, and are you willing to lend a helping hand to the dedicated instructors who are pursuing USDF certification? Then **WE NEED YOU**.

Demonstration horses are needed for the February Lunging Workshop. These horses should be able to walk, trot and canter quietly on the lunge, follow voice commands, and be familiar with standard lunging equipment as outlined in the USDF Lunging Manual.

Horse and rider pairs are needed for the May Lunging Workshop and the October Teaching Workshop. A limited number of additional riders without horses may also be needed for these Workshops. Stabling fees, if required, will be the responsibility of the Demonstration Rider or horse owner for the October Teaching Workshop. Demo Horse/Rider applications are available on the ODS website or by contacting Francy Haupt at dqhorsestuff@comcast.net.

About Gerhard Politz

Gerhard Politz holds professional certifications from two European countries. In his native Germany he took the Reitlehrer FN exams and while living in England the British Horse Society Instructor's exams. Residing in the US since 1987, Gerhard Politz was invited to become an examiner for USDF Instructor Certification Program and to join the faculty of USDF. He has taught at the National Symposium and is also a member of the test writing committee. In 1993 he became a member of the International Dressage Trainer's Club.

In Germany, Gerhard Politz prepared apprentices for their professional exams, many of them passing with honors, as well as training and showing horses successfully through Grand Prix. He was awarded the German gold medal for wins at the FEI level and in less than two years of competing in the US he obtained the USDF bronze, silver, and gold medals. Currently a dressage instructor at Flintridge Riding Club, Gerhard will take apprentices working toward USDF certification.

In more than 30 years of professional experience, Gerhard has gathered extensive knowledge educating all types of horses and riders. He has special expertise in improving the horse's way of going on the lunge line and improving the rider through seat lessons and then combining the results under saddle. He strongly believes in developing the pushing powers in order to enhance collection. In this context, he has been successful in solving a wide variety of horse and rider related problems. Among Gerhard's many talents are training flying changes every stride and piaffe and passage, including work-in-hand.

Gerhard likes to teach students who are really serious about improving their riding and showing skills. He is a patient but demanding teacher.

Gerhard Politz is also the author of the USDF Lunging Manual.

Instructor Certification Program Code of Ethics

As a USDF Certified Instructor or Instructor Candidate applicant, and member in good standing of the United States Dressage Federation, I acknowledge my obligation to uphold the highest standards of horsemanship both at home and when in the public eye.

As a horseman, I place my student's safety and horse's welfare above all else.

At competitions, whether participating as a trainer or as a competitor, I will know and comply with all rules of the USEF, and when applicable, the FEI, and will ensure that my students know and comply by these rules as well.

As an instructor, I acknowledge the importance of continuing my own education in order that I may pass this knowledge to my students.

I also understand that as a USDF member and Certified Instructor, I serve as a representative of my sport, the USDF and the USDF Certification Program. I will endeavor to reflect credit on them through my conduct, dress, and behavior by maintaining a professional demeanor at all times.

I further understand that individuals who are suspended, put under probation or expelled by either the USEF or USDF will lose their USDF Instructor Certification.

I acknowledge my membership in this professional community and my responsibility to demonstrate respect for my fellow professionals at all times.

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USDF Instructor Certification Reading List

Required Reading:

Principles of Riding	German Federation
Advanced Principles—new edition	German Federation
The USDF Lunging Manual	USDF
The USDF Teaching Manual	USDF
The USDF Training Manual	USDF
The USDF Classical Training of the Horse	USDF
The Gymnasium of the Horse	Steinbrecht
Dressage Tips and Training Solutions	Hotzel
The Complete Training of Horse and Rider	Podhajsky
The Riding Teacher	Podhajsky
Thinking Riding	Sivewright
Veterinary Notes for Horse Owners	Hayes
Fit for Riding	Meyners
Teaching Safe Horsemanship	Dawson
Balance in Movement	Van Dietze
Lunging	German Federation

Strongly Recommended Reading:

The Dressage Horse	Boldt
The USDF Dressage Manual	USDF
Anatomy of Riding	Schusdziarra

Recommended Reading:

The Art of Horsemanship	Xenophon
School of Horsemanship	de La Gueriniere
Principles of Dressage	Albrecht
A Dressage Judges Handbook	Albrecht
Dressage: Guidebook for the Road to Success	Knopfhart
The Fundamentals of Dressage	Knopfhart
Athletic Development of the Dressage Horse	DeKunffy
Training Strategies for Dressage Riders	Watjen
Dressage Riding	Watjen

