

# Westman Dressage

## Special Stuff

### Coming up!

- Bare Bones of Dressage as part of Horse3
- Dominique Barbier clinic
- Eddo Hoekstra clinic
- Joan Johnston Clinics

## Presidents Message

I am sure like me you are all looking forward to spring, which unless we get our usual "Royal Winter Fair Storm" should be soon!

The board organized some great winter activities, most recent, the screening of "Fitness through Caveletti" a fabulous DVD by Ingrid Klimke and insightful talk by a Department of Agriculture Forage Specialist Jane Thornton. We are particularly

pleased to partner with the Provincial Exhibition to have Joan Johnston present the Bare Bones of Classical Dressage at Horse3. This enabled the lecture to be offered for free, and can reach a more diverse audience. Our local barns and riders continue to invest in all of our improvement and training by bringing in exceptional coaches and we all benefit! Along with the "regulars" Eddo Hoekstra and Joan

Johnston, Brenda McCann is bringing Dominique Barbier in for a fabulous 3 days symposium. Let's support these endeavors and of course our upcoming shows. If anyone has any ideas of what they would like to see this year as an activity! By all means drop me a line at [terry@hedgeville.ca](mailto:terry@hedgeville.ca) Keep warm, and get ready for shedding season!  
*Terry McKenzie*

## Snow Bound Series and Freestyle Forward!

A few lucky people participated in Freestyle Forward, the brainchild of Taylor McEachern of Wheat City Stables. Taylor and one of our newer members Wendy Schrabel helped us take our freestyle aspirations to another level! We got "started" with Joanna Crilly in the Fall in the Manitoba Horse Council sponsored freestyle clinic held in Nesbitt and StoneHill Farm. The clinic format was very informal making it really easy for all of us to participate no matter

WHAT level we are riding at or our experience with Freestyles. After some general discussion about freestyle tests, we designed the pattern for 4 freestyles at various levels with input from all. Next, Wendy took us through some breathing exercises to help us with our competition nerves. She had us don belly dancing scarves, taught us a few moves and gave us a good sense of the various genres of music with walk trot and canter music. I think I will always have to

dance to my freestyle music selections now! Wendy's musical, dance and performing arts background definitely helped us in both understanding the music and helping us to view the freestyle as a performance! Also a highlight! Erin McNabb made us a fabulous lunch of Chinese food! WOW! The hidden talents of our members! In the afternoon, we headed out to the arena and several participants tested the patterns we had

## Freestyle Forward Continued

designed. We found some awkward spots but several rode beautifully. We timed a few horses' gaits for BPM and looked at the various horses and considered the suitability of music some riders had already selected. Thank you to Taylor and Tyson for hosting this event, a great day and I will forever remember what a great sport Lynwood is.... Yes he also participated in the belly dancing!!!!

## Fitness through the use of Caveletti and Understanding the Hay Market

Second in our Snow Bound series was a screening of the Ingrid Kimke DVD using Caveletti to improve horse's fitness and a superb presentation by Jane Thornton on Understanding the Hay Market – but honestly it was about so much more! We had to quickly change our location at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, but it all worked out well. WD waived the entrance fee so that

people could purchase some snacks at the Shilo Inn. There was no snow to be seen on Saturday March 17 so we were really not certain what our turnout would be as the day was gorgeous! At 5:00 – with 4 board members looking at each other.... we had every one show up just in time! There were 20 folks present! For myself, I learned a great deal about the

## Caveletti and the hay market continued

Health of horses and we can affect their health through our feed and feeding practices. Some really good advice about weighing bales so we actually know what we are feeding, being cognizant of a horse's physical gut structure so we are giving them sufficient fibre in their diet. There was really clear information about how to recognize good hay and how to recognize hay that is not

appropriate. As well, Jane discussed the economic benefits of purchasing good quality feed, how spending more in the end costs less. The other really important item she stressed is the nutritional analysis of hay that horse owners buy is almost never available. It is Jane's contention that we should be asking our hay suppliers to give us that information so that we can more appropriately feed

our horses. Excellent presentation. Next was a 45 minute DVD by Ingrid Klimke which showed us many lunging and riding Caveletti exercises for every age and training level of horse. Just the gorgeous horses were eye candy enough! Also super was just to get together and talk horses for a while after a long but not too difficult winter!

## Travelling Schooling Show

March 11 a travelling schooling show was organized for 17 riders. Shirley Neudorf was the judge and we moved her from location to location... rather than the horses! We had 5 riders at Wheat City Stables, 7 riders at

Prairie Breeze and 5 riders at StoneHill Farm. One of the most exciting occurrences at this show was the number of folks who rode THERE VERY FIRST DRESSAGE TEST! How exciting is that! All competitors

acquitted themselves well, in particular all the new folks! We are quite excited to offer this again at these three barns on April 29 with Taylor McEachern judging. We can see some new stars showing up at Lemonade Daze and the Fall Festival!

### The Bare Bones of Classical Training

Understand what is essential, what is harmful and how to train your eye to see the difference.

On April 13, 2012

Joan Johnston will be presenting the above seminar

This lecture will be accompanied by visual aids and videos to present a clear picture for participants of how good training enhances the horse's natural movement and of how bad training negatively affects the horse's gait and soundness.

If you have ever wondered if your own program is on the right track, this lecture will address your queries.

Location:

Westoba Agricultural Centre of Excellence

Horse3  
Barn2/Lecture Hall

co-sponsored by:  
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free!

For more information visit  
[www.keystonecentre.com](http://www.keystonecentre.com)

For more information about Joan-go to  
[www.keystoneschool.com](http://www.keystoneschool.com)

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## Dressage Winnipeg – Camp

The Dressage Winnipeg Education committee is excited to announce its annual Dressage Development Camp 2012! This year our event starts on the evening of July 10th followed by three days of instruction (July 11-13).

Participants have the option of staying to compete in an Equine Canada Bronze show on Saturday July 14. Due to the successful experience of camp riders last year we will be returning to Pineridge Equine Park for what is truly a unique gathering of dressage enthusiasts!

Camp clinicians this year include:

Joan Adler [www.joanadler.ca](http://www.joanadler.ca)

Natalie Hinneman [www.hinnemannfarms.com](http://www.hinnemannfarms.com)

Lauren Layton-Bamford!

Please check the Dressage Winnipeg website for further update as information becomes available, See you at Camp!

Submitted by Ashley Fudge



Start thinking Lemonade Daze!!

## Dressage Show Dates:

### **Westman Dressage Show Dates:**

**Lemonade Daze** – July 7 and 8, 2012

Location: Keystone Centre, Brandon Manitoba

Judge: Anne Galt, North Gower, Ontario

**Fall Festival** – September 15 and 16, 2012

Location: Keystone Centre, Brandon Manitoba

### **Dressage Winnipeg Show Dates:**

**Kendra McBain Memorial Bronze and Gold Competitions** May 12 and 13, 2012

Location: MHC Facility, Birds Hill Park

**Captain Kenyeres Memorial Bronze and Gold Competitions**, June 16 and 17, 2012

Location: MHC Facility, Birds Hill Park

**Autumn Classic Bronze Competition and Manitoba Provincial Dressage Championships**, September 8 and 9, 2012

Location: MHC Facility, Birds Hill Park

### **Manitoba Horse Council Show Date:**

**Manitoba Equestrian Championships – EC Bronze Show**

September 23-24 MHC Birds Hill Facility Dressage offered at Training Level to 2<sup>nd</sup> Level

%50.00 for show including stabling – some mileage reimbursement offered!

## Classical Dressage System

**Rhythm** – steady in keeping time, cadence

**Suppleness** – to make loose

**Contact** – to join, unite or link

**Impulsion** – Swing, buoyancy, vitality, momentum

**Straightness** – to straighten or to make and hold straight

**Collection** – to collect, assemble or gather

The horses body can be equated to a sponge or electrical unit, whereby only if all the training steps are achieved can the complete energy or liquid be able and allowed to past through without resistance.

## Classified Advertisements

**Lessons available** – Taylor McEachern of Wheat City Stable is available for lessons, Trailer your horse in to Wheat City Stables or she can travel to your barn. Taylor teaches all ages, dressage and jumping. For more information call or text Taylor at 573-3815.

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**Clinics or Lessons**-For The Good Of The Horse-Naturally. Natural horsemanship lessons or clinics-from the ground up. Contact B & E Acres Brenda McCann [bmccann1@mymts.net](mailto:bmccann1@mymts.net) or call 204-834-3998.

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*"In training we must be encouraged to first establish the principles and only then to tackle the details."*

**Dr. Reiner Klimke**

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**HORSES FOR SALE:**

**Warmblood horses for sale at Oakhaven Warmbloods;** 1) 2009 Oldenburg mare by Autocrat registered and microchipped, , hunter type, will be started under saddle this spring, price reduced due to large scar on leg (x-rayed clean) \$5,000.00; 2) 2010 registered Dutch Warmblood gelding by Wolkentanz II, beautiful movement, tons of chrome \$12,000.00 3) 2011 registered Dutch WB filly by Wolkentanz II \$12,000.00 4) 2011 registered Canadian Warmblood colt by Wolkentanz II \$10,000. For photos go to the website [www.oakhavenwarmbloods.ca](http://www.oakhavenwarmbloods.ca) Contact Janet McEntee 204-834-2544 or email [oakhaven@goinet.ca](mailto:oakhaven@goinet.ca)

**For Sale,** Stunning 4 year old CWB filly– Almadena, by the Autocrat 16.2, Green broke \$ 15,000 firm. Gorgeous mover, great temperament – will take a rider to advanced levels. 2 year old gelding, All about Arne, by Autocrat, 16.1, what a temperament! He will mature at 17 hands and will be a substantial horse. \$ 10,000 Call Lori 727-2922 or email [stonehillfarmmb@hotmail.com](mailto:stonehillfarmmb@hotmail.com)

**CL Lucero** - 16h colored sport horse mare, 5 yrs old. Shown once - at Brandon July bronze dressage show, scoring a 65% in test 2 & 3 Training Level. \$5500; Raised, trained and shown by Carolyn Lumax, Swan River, MB., 525-2263

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*"Take your time, but don't waste time."*  
**Arthur Kottas**



# World Renowned French Classic Dressage Master Coming to Manitoba!



## Dominique Barbier Clinic

June 1-3, 2012 at B & E Acres, Carberry, MB

**Dominique Barbier** is a sought after French Classical Dressage Master who has travelled worldwide to share his knowledge of horsemanship. His clinics are customized to suit the needs of the participants and will include himself and the riders working and riding the horses in one on one sessions over 3 days. Participants will learn proper lunging, work in hand and riding techniques to assist them in their journey to attaining lightness and the ultimate goal of horse and rider dancing as one. The differences seen in both horse and rider during just one day of Dominique's clinics are remarkable.

### Clinic format is as follows:

Maximum of 6 riders allowed. Each rider has 2 sessions each day. Dominique will work with the rider's horse in the morning and then with both the horse and rider in the afternoon session. The clinic will highlight horses and riders of different levels and ages working in, or towards, lightness. Over the 3 days there will be huge improvements in not only the horse's mental attitude towards working, but also in their movements and responsiveness. If you are attending as an auditor, this clinic will give you mental tools to work with on your own horse as well as a new perspective on riding altogether. Riders of all levels and disciplines will gain new ideas, tools and techniques through participating in Dominique's clinic either as a rider or auditor.

### Costs:

**Riders:** 3 days (2 sessions per day) - \$990.00 (lunches included each day)  
\*\*Stabling Fees are not included in this price and will be an additional \$10/day

**Auditors:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Early Bird Registration) - \$55/day or \$150/3 days (payment must be made in advance)  
After May 15<sup>th</sup> (Late Registration) - \$60/day or \$180/3 days

\*\*Limited seating, all auditors must pre-register - non registered auditors will not be admitted

The clinic will be kicked off with an **evening lecture** presented by Dominique on **Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Take part in this unique opportunity to sit down with Dominique for an evening of learning. Evening lecture fee - TBD \*\*Pre-registration is required for as **limited seating is available**.

### Signing Up:

**Rider Registration** - completed forms with \$200 down payment due **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012** to hold your spot. Balance due in full on **March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. \*\*Riders will be put on a waiting list if the clinic is full. Riders on the waiting list will be required to pay \$150 deposit to hold our spot on the list. If no spots open up, riders on the waiting list will be refunded. Riders who are contacted and choose not to take an available riding spot will not be refunded but can use the \$150 deposit towards payment for 3 days auditing fee.

**Auditor Registration** - all auditors must register. Payment for Early Bird Registration must be received by May 15th, 2012. Registrations after this date will be charged the late registration fee.

For more information and to receive a registration package please contact Brenda from B & E Acres at:

E-mail: [bmccann1@mymts.net](mailto:bmccann1@mymts.net)  
Phone: (204) 834-3998 (evening and weekends)



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# Eddo Hoekstra Clinics 2012

([www.hoekstradressage.com](http://www.hoekstradressage.com))



## Dates and Locations:

**\*\*\*\*\$175.00 per 50 minute session for all Clinics\*\*\*\***

(may be less, dependent on airfare)

- *May 19, 20 & 21*
- *June 29, 30 & 31*
- *August 17, 18, 19 & 20*
- Clinic Registration :
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- Contact: Susana Danyliuk ph: 466-2620 or email [sdanyliuk@bpsd.mb.ca](mailto:sdanyliuk@bpsd.mb.ca)
  - (no email contact after June)
  - Stabling :
- Contact Crystal at Neudorf Farms (near Portage La Prairie)  
(see: [www.horseinmotion.ca](http://www.horseinmotion.ca))

**Auditor Fee for all clinics \$10.00 per day.**

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Eddo Hoekstra initially from Holland now resides in Ontario. He is the founder of Hoekstra Dressage Inc. Their mission statement is to promote the art of dressage thru high quality dressage clinics from Basics to Grand Prix Level.

Eddo has competed Internationally PSG and I-1 and Nationally at Grand Prix.

Eddo has been influenced by Jan Kluijtmans from Holland. He has trained with George Williams, Eric Lette, Robert Dover and other top coaches. These coaches have all influenced Eddo's training philosophies. The last five years Eddo has ridden with Walter Zettl. He has attended the Parrelli Centre with Walter Zettl to continue his pursuit of equine knowledge. Eddo believes in the ongoing development of both horse and rider. Check out his website for more information: [www.hoekstradressage.com](http://www.hoekstradressage.com).

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Information about Joan is available on her web site

[www.karsridingschool.com](http://www.karsridingschool.com)

Joan has been coming to Brandon for many years now and for those who work with her, we see continuous improvement to our horses and our riding. A competitive rider herself, Joan trained KRS Wessel to GRAND PRIX receiving the Dressage Canada Gold medal at each level, they are the only horse and rider combination in Canada to have achieved that goal! Joan has now started with a new youngsters called Fancy That, and has this year earned her marks at first level in Wellington, Florida as a 5 year old!

The clinics fill quickly, for those who want to assure themselves a place in the clinic, please forward a post-dated cheque to me for each of the clinics that you would like to attend. In that fashion, you will be assured a spot. If within the last days before the clinic you or your horse is unable to attend the clinic, I often have a waiting list of riders just waiting for such a spot!

Please note we have kept the price the same as last year!

Semi private one hour lesson - \$ 95.00

Private 45 minute lesson - \$ 145.00

Lessons will be at StoneHill Farm (mornings) and Wheat City Stables (afternoons). I would prefer to just move Joan once a day although if there is another place close to either farm that we can accommodate riders I will make every effort to do so! Please forward your post-dated cheque to the following address to assure your space.

Lori Versavel, StoneHill Farm, Box 20019, BRANDON, Manitoba, R7A 6Y8

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