

RS NEWS JANUARY 2011

Hi all,

This is my final news written to the region as the RS. Technically, I am no longer the RS since it is now past January and into the New Year. My intentions had been to send this news to the webmaster before the Christmas Holiday but you know what they say about the best laid plans.

My wishes for a safe, healthy and happy holiday are delinquent but I will extend that wish to you all and make it for the year to come. 2010 brought with it continued decline in participation in regional activities and we can only conclude and hope that this is directly related to the state of the economy. Lori will be putting forward some changes to the routines of our past in the hope of stimulating an increase in participation in regional events.

Some of our members had the good fortune to be selected for special opportunities in 2010 and I am sure that these opportunities have provided them with life long memories. Jessica B, HA Glenmore Hunt was selected to be one of 10 riders for the Dressage Quadrille team that performed at the WEG and Courtney K, C2 Mt. Skyline, was selected as an alternate. Unfortunately, Jessica was unable to participate and did not attend the WEG but Courtney did attend. The Quadrille team chronicled their experiences on a blog that was posted and linked through the USPC web site.

Suzanne L, C+ Crescent Bay, was selected to be a team member for the North American Quiz Exchange which took place over a 10 day period in October. Suzanne has chronicled her trip to Nova Scotia and sent along some photos. She had a wonderful time and has made friends with pony club members across the country and Canada. To read about her experience click here.

Susan T, B member of Glenmore Hunt, has recently learned that she has been selected to participate in the Inter-Pacific Exchange. Susan will be one of a team of 4 competing against teams from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan and New Zealand. Competition includes the Nation's Cup (Show Jumping) and a Event/cross country competition as well as a "ride and tie" . To learn more about the IPE go to the USPC web site and from the home page select Opportunities and in the drop down menu select International Exchanges and look for the Inter Pacific Exchange.

Join me in extending congratulations to our members who successfully completed an Upper Level rating (or 2) in 2010. They worked hard and I am so very proud of them.

<u>HB</u>	<u>C3 (Trad)</u>	<u>B(Trad)</u>	<u>H/HA</u>
Suzanne L, CB	Leah B, CB	Jessie A, CH	Katherine A, SC
Leah B, CB	Demmi H, CB	Margaux L, Foxtails	Kate R *
Laura N, CH	Melissa D, GH C+	Kate R, James River	
Margaux L, Foxtails	Lucy G, GH C+	Monica G, RV	
Gabby D, MS	Allie F, GH C+		

\* Kate was an H rated member but once she completed the B

Stephanie S, RV  
Sarah S, RH

Brooke B, MS

her rating became an HA

I would like to take the opportunity to thank so many of you for the years of support that you gave to me and the region. My job as the RS was a pleasure because of the very dedicated group of volunteers that were always available to help plan and implement the activities and programs of the region. Mostly, I am thankful for the opportunity to work with and know so many motivated and accomplished young people. I think of them as my own children and feel that I have been blessed by the opportunities that I have had as the Regional Supervisor of the Old Dominion Region.

I wish you all the very best for your future and ask that you show Lori the same respect and willingness to help her as she leads the region into the next decade.

Happy Trails ~

Jan Goodmundson