

WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

NEWSLETTER

ENJOY THE JOURNEY!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Spring has finally arrived. The flowers are blooming and the horses are shedding. Hopefully all is well with you and yours.

We have several upcoming events. May 1st and 2nd, we have Melanie Michalak presenting a musical freestyle clinic at CW equestrian Center. The riders can learn about musical selection and how it influences your horse. Saturday will conclude with a ride being choreographed. During lunch on Saturday, May 1st, we will have our annual meeting and high point awards.

Those that cannot attend should let us know so that awards can be sent to you. Information to enter or audit the clinic is in the newsletter. Additionally, in May we will offering a virtual horse show. The prize list is included in the newsletter. I am looking forward to seeing you in person this year!

Marilyn Weber



Happy Easter!



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- Secretary/Vice President: Dianne Doll (618) 910-7946
- To get something put into the newsletter, please contact Dianne Doll by email: ddoll@cwquestriancenter.com or by phone (618) 910-7946.

MELANIE MICHALAK MUSICAL FREESTYLE CLINIC ~ MAY 1 AND MAY 2, 2021

WDAIL is proud to present a Musical Freestyle Clinic with Melanie Michalak! This will be held Saturday May 1st and Sunday, May 2nd at CW Equestrian Center, Inc. 11607 State Route 177; Mascoutah, IL 62258.

Melanie Michalak is a Musical Freestyle Designer, clinician, and USDF "L" Graduate. She has designed freestyles for the US Olympic Trials, Pan Am Games, NAJYRC (Gold and Silver medals), all USDF levels, World Western Dressage Championships, World Icelandic Championships (Helsinki), Tempel Lipizzans, US Pony Cup, Retired Racehorse Project, Extreme Mustang Makeover, Morgan Worlds, and more for riders from six nations. Her freestyles have won more than 150 USDF HOY and All-Breeds awards since 2014, as well as 21 Regional Championships and Reserves. USDF National Finals awards since 2014 include 2 National Championships, multiple Reserve Championships, 20+ top-10 placements first level through Grand Prix. Her freestyles won 4 of the top 6 places at the WDAA Western Dressage World Championships.

Melanie has been featured at the Illinois Horse Fair and has produced more than 100 articles on Musical Freestyle. She has written 12 publications for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. She has ridden and trained through Grand Prix, earning many USDF Awards and Horse of the Year Awards on her own horses. Melanie has conducted Musical Freestyle Clinics throughout the USA since 1988. Just to name a few of her many accomplishments! Here is an example of one of her winning rides: <https://youtu.be/XdH9AfNIGY0>

We are thrilled to have her as our first clinician for 2021!!

The cost will be \$100 for current members, \$160 for non-members. The clinic is open to both Classical and Western Dressage riders!

You can become a member of WDAIL any time up to the day before the clinic and it will count towards your clinic fee.

Deadline for sign-up for the clinics is April 7, 2021. You can email silverrose@hometel.com to sign-up. There will be more information in future newsletters regarding the clinic.



2021 WDAIL MEDAL PROGRAM

WDAIL IS PUTTING TOGETHER A RIDER MEDAL PROGRAM!



WDAIL Rider Medal Program



The WDAIL (Western Dressage Association of Illinois) is offering a Rider Medal Program.

This program is offered to all Western Dressage Association of Illinois Member in good standing (current membership with WDAIL and WDAA).

PARTICIPATION: open to current WDAIL members. Scores submitted have to be earned while a current member of WDAIL. Recognized WDAA shows only qualify towards Medals. Register below for the Rider Medal Program. Submit eligible rides by scanning copies of the face sheet of the written test from the judge with the score, date and location of the ride. Judge's signature and the WDAA recognized show number must be included.

- Rider must be a current WDAIL/WDAA member at the time of the medal submission and the time scores were earned.
- All scores submitted must be from WDAA Judges, from WDAA recognized shows.
- Medals may be earned out of order.
- Scores from 2019 forward will be accepted as long as membership requirements have been met.
- Medals may be earned on multiple horses.
- All scores submitted must be 65% or higher with one test from each test level coming from Test #4.
- Scores for each medal level must be from two separate judges with the exception of the Bronze Medal Submission. If turning in two scores from Intro and four from Basic, Intro will need at least one judge and Basic will need two. If turning in six scores for Basic, scores must be from three different judges.
- Scores from online shows will count as half (twice as many rides will be required from online shows – with twice as many judges).
- Application and submission can be filed out and emailed to:
 - mareweb@frontiernet.net
 - Send payment to support@wdailinois.org (PayPal Friends/Family please)
- Submit application, fee and score sheets at one time.
- Submit one application per medal level.

LEVELS:

BRONZE MEDAL: Two scores from WD Intro Level along with four scores from WD Basic Level or six scores from Basic Level.

SILVER MEDAL: Three scores from Level 1 along with three scores from Level 2

GOLD MEDAL: Three scores from Level 3 along with three scores from Level 4.

MAKE SURE YOUR WDAA AND WDAIL MEMBERSHIPS ARE CURRENT!!

- WDAIL members receive discounts on attendance and participation at select WDAIL events.
- Eligible to participate in the WDAIL high point program by sending in copies of your scored tests at any schooling or approved show that uses WDAA tests and rules.
- Eligibility to attend our annual, members only meeting.
- Eligibility to vote, run for office, and submit your ideas for the future activities of the affiliate.
- Helping you connect locally with interested riders in your area and helping you advertise clinics or shows at your facility.
- Must be a WDAA member to be a member of WDAIL—their benefits are listed below (just to name a few) for more info go to: <http://westerndressageassociation.org/wdaa-horse-lifetime-points-and-awards-program/>
- Social Corral: Private Facebook Group for members to interact, discuss, and conceive new ideas for Western Dressage.
- Free 1 Year USEF Fan Membership (\$25 value) with access to USEF videos, searches, and discounts.
- Eligibility to become a WDAA State Affiliate member to connect locally to participate in Western Dressage shows, clinics and other activities and share your love of the horse with new friends and like-minded riders in your community.

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2021

**** Show are linked to their prospective website ****

WDAA Recognized * USEF Lite * Schooling Shows * Clinics

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	CONTACT INFORMATION
MAY 1—2	Melanie Michalak Musical Free-Style Clinic	CW Equestrian Center 11607 State Route 177 Mascoutah, IL 62258	Dianne Doll (6158) 910-7946
MAY 8	CW Equestrian Center WDAA Show	CW Equestrian Center 11607 State Route 177 Mascoutah, IL 62258	Dianne Doll (6158) 910-7946
APRIL 15—MAY 15	WDAIL SPRING FLING—PRECURSOR TO WDAA ONLINE WORLDS	https://www.facebook.com/groups/205230457132391	Dianne Doll (6158) 910-7946
APRIL 6—MAY 17	Online Sandbox Dressage Show Kansas	http://www.spotlighthorses.com	Gail Matheus (734) 679-5019
APRIL 16—MAY 24	Online Coastal Dressage Challenge Kansas	http://www.spotlighthorses.com	Gail Matheus (734) 679-5019
APRIL 23—MAY 31	Online Dressage at Waters Edge Kansas	http://www.spotlighthorses.com	Gail Matheus (734) 679-5019
JUNE 27	CW Equestrian Center WDAA Show	CW Equestrian Center 11607 State Route 177 Mascoutah, IL 62258	Dianne Doll (6158) 910-7946
SEPTEMBER 4	CW Equestrian Center WDAA Show	CW Equestrian Center 11607 State Route 177 Mascoutah, IL 62258	Dianne Doll (6158) 910-7946

2021 IS THE YEAR YOU NEED TO PRE-QUALIFY FOR THE WORLDS SHOW!

If you know of something coming up, please let Dianne Doll know about it. (618) 910-7946 or ddoll@cwequestriancenter.com.

Thanks!!

Please Support our Sponsors!

Cindy Butler

WDAA President

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WDAIL Rider Medal Program Application



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TO PARTICIPATE: you must be a current WDAIL/WDAA member and been a member when the scores were earned. Ride at WDAA recognized shows. Register below and include copies of the fact sheet of the written test from the judge with the score, date, location of the ride and judge's signature. The WDAA recognized show number must also be included. See detailed program rules posted on the WDAIL website: <https://wdaillinois.org/index.html>

WHEN TO FILE: file this application and send in all your qualifying score sheets when you have met all the requirements for each level. One application per Level.

\$50 Open Amateur Youth (Please circle one)

Rider's Name: _____

Email address: _____

WDAA # _____

Phone Number: _____

NOTE: You MUST be a WDAIL/WDAA Member in Good Standing to Participate!

Competition Level: Bronze Silver Gold (Please Circle One)

Payment: Please send Payment via PayPal (Friends/Family) to support@wdaillinois.org

Send Application to Marilyn Weber at mareweb@frontiernet.net



WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION®

OF AMERICA

ILLINOIS AFFILIATE



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

General Memberships expire December 31 of the current year.

Date: _____/_____/_____ New Member
 Annual Renewal

Make checks payable to:
 Western Dressage Association® of Illinois
 (WDAIL)
 1801 Lemen Rd., O'Fallon, IL 62269
 or
Pay Via PayPal to:
 Choose: "DONATION" support@wdaillinois.org
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

PLEASE NOTE: You must also be a member of the Western Dressage Association of America to be a member of the State Affiliate. Membership can be made online at: <http://www.westerndressageassociation.org> WDAA # _____

State Membership (please choose one):

- \$25 **Adult Membership** (yearly renewal) **\$35 if paid after March 1st**
- \$25 **Youth Membership** (yearly) Age as of January First: _____ **\$30 if paid after March 1st**
- \$15 **High Point Awards for each Horse/Rider/Level Combination**
 (Please use another sheet for more High Points entries)

* Name of Rider: _____ Name of Horse: _____
 Competition Level: _____ (ie Intro, Basic, First Level...)

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 Competition Level: _____ (ie Intro, Basic, First Level...)

I would like to support WDAIL with my Donation of \$ _____ **TOTAL \$** _____

Pay by Check or Online ~ support@wdaillinois.org – Please note what payments are for! Choose "friends & family" option with PayPal.

Paying by check — **Make checks payable to:**

Western Dressage Association® of Illinois (WDAIL) and send check & Form to: WDAIL; 1801 Lemen Road; O'Fallon, IL 62269

PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND COMPLETE THE FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY. (Illegible forms may be delayed in processing).

*Last Name: _____ *First Name: _____ MI: _____

*Mailing Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____

*Phone: _____ Date of Birth _____

*Email _____

Would you join us as a volunteer? Yes No (check all below that apply):

- Want to help at events
- Have a venue available for events ~ Describe _____

How far are you willing to travel? _____

Other (please specify) _____

About the Western Dressage Association® of America and Western Dressage Association® of Illinois: The Western Dressage Association® of America is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit organization focused on providing a model of horsemanship that optimizes the partnership of horse and rider for their mutual benefit. The mission of the Western Dressage Association® is to honor the horse, to value the partnership between horse and rider and to celebrate the legacy of the American West which it focuses on through its offerings of educational opportunities and events to the equestrian community.

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WDAIL SPONSORSHIP FORM



Western Dressage Association® of Illinois (WDAIL) and { _____ }, henceforth known as "Sponsor," enter into this agreement freely and willingly on the { ____ } day of { _____ }, 2019.

The covenants of this agreement are as follows:

The Sponsorship

Sponsor agrees to provide WDAA with \$100.

Credit

In exchange for this sponsorship, WDAIL agrees to have the sponsor name and contact information printed on the WDAIL webpage, WDAllinois.org and all pamphlets distributed by WDAIL at the Illinois Horse Fair and other venues. Donations to WDAIL are tax deductible as WDAIL is a charitable organization under the 501(c)3 tax code.

Delivery

Sponsor agrees that payment will be delivered to WDAIL. Payment can be made to WDAIL, 1801 Lemen Rd, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Relationship

This agreement represents the only relationship between WDAIL and Sponsor. No other relationship between the two entities exists, implied or otherwise.

Sponsor Name

Sponsor Signature

WDAIL Representative Name

Company Representative Signature