

News Release from Stone Meadows Equestrian Centre

Metcalfe and Greely Riders Win Big at Dressage at the Park Competition

Metcalfe, Ontario, August 4, 2009 -- Dressage riders from Stone Meadows Equestrian Centre recently garnered Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons in their respective divisions at the Dressage at the Park Gold competitions held at the Nepean National Equestrian Park in Ottawa on July 25th and 26th.

Fourteen year-old Allison Melenhorst of Metcalfe, riding as a Junior on her horse Beaujolais, was named Champion at the Training Level with marks of 62.8% for Test 2 and 68% for Test 4. She and Beaujolais also rode a very respectable First Level, Test 2 with marks of 65.8%. This was their first showing at the First Level.

Eighteen year-old Tara Freel of Greely, riding as an Adult Amateur on her horse Golden Gentleman won Reserve Champion for achieving the second most accumulated marks at her level: First Level Test 2 (64.1%) and First Level Test 4 (62.3%). She and Golden Gentleman also scored first place with a 63.7% for their Second Level Test 2.

Fellow Stone Meadows Adult Amateur competitor 18 year-old Alexanne Dupuis of Casselman, riding Benedictum, owned by Stone Meadows, won first place riding at the Training Level in Test 2 with a score of 67.8%. She and 'Ben' placed fifth with a Training Level Test 4 mark of 56%.

Coach Robin-Lynn Brent, and co-owner of Stone Meadows along with her husband Jon Brent, was delighted with her students' performances but says she was not surprised by the good showing.

"These riders have been training very hard, putting in long hours with their horses in all sorts of weather conditions. Dressage is not for the faint of heart. It takes incredible commitment and discipline to achieve success in this sport," explains Robin-Lynn. "They should be very proud of all that they have achieved thus far."

Robin-Lynn is an accomplished rider herself, having been competing nationally at the Prix St. Georges level with Cedrik, a Swedish Warmblood, for the past number of years. She and Jon are expecting their first child this winter but she plans to return to the competition ring as soon as possible. She has been training with two of Canada's noted Olympic riders, Belinda Trussell and Christalot Boylen.

Allison, Tara and Alexandre have qualified to compete at the Ontario Provincial Championships on September 5th and 6th to be held at the Saddlewood Equestrian Centre in Bethany, Ontario.

Stone Meadows Equestrian Centre is located at 8880 Springhill Road, north of Metcalfe. For more information, please contact Robin-Lynn Brent at 613- 295-9147. To learn more about Stone Meadows Equestrian Centre, visit <http://www.stonemeadowstable.com>

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Photo: Tara Freel of Greely, riding Golden Gentleman at the Dressage at the Park competition.

