

2011 Adequan®/USDF National Symposium Presenters

Anne Gribbons

Anne is the USEF Technical Advisor for Dressage. She is a USEF “S” and FEI 5* judge and has been a member of the FEI Dressage Committee since 2010. Anne is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist and seven of her horses have been named USDF Horse of the Year. In 1995 she was a member of the United States PanAmerican silver medal team on Metallic. She has trained and shown fifteen horses of her own to Grand Prix and competed in ten National Championships as well as in Europe, including Aachen.

Scott Hassler

Scott, the USEF National Young Dressage Horse Coach, co-chairs the USDF Sport Horse Committee, is a member of the USEF Dressage Committee, the USEF Breeders’ Committee, and the USEF Strategic Planning Committee. He is the director of training at Hassler Dressage at Riveredge, Chesapeake City, MD; has competed nationally and internationally through the Grand Prix level with numerous national championship titles, including earning a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal, and he has coached numerous champions from the FEI Young Horse classes to Grand Prix. Scott has presented many national symposiums and clinic and USDF welcomes him back as a symposium presenter for a second time.

Debbie McDonald

A former Hunter/Jumper rider who switched to Dressage, Debbie was named USOC Woman of the Year and AHSA (now USEF) Equestrian of the Year in 1999, USOC Athlete of the Year in 2003, USEF’s 2008 Development Coach of the Year and was named as the USEF Developing Coach in 2010. In 1999 Debbie, aboard Peggy Thomas’ mare Brentina, won team and individual gold medals in the PanAmerican games. In 2003, Debbie was given a Wild Card to compete at the 2003 World Cup in Sweden and became the first American to win the FEI World Cup title. Debbie has represent the United States in two Olympic Games aboard Brentina, earning team Bronze and a 4th place finish individually in 2004 in Athens. Together they have earned many medals and titles as they represented the United States. Under Debbie’s guidance, Brentina went on to earn 2005 USEF Horse of the Year honors, and was inducted into the USDF Hall of Fame following her retirement in 2009. In addition, Debbie is a USDF Silver and Gold Medalist. Debbie’s goal is to continue to help develop, find and educate younger combinations of horses and riders for the future of our sport.

Jeremy Steinberg

Jeremy, the USEF National Youth Coach, was the 1996 winner of the North American Young Rider Championships individual Gold Medal and Team Silver Medal and was awarded the Fiona Baan “Pursuit of Excellence Memorial Trophy”, awarded to the young rider with the highest combined average score. In 2010 Jeremy was awarded the inaugural “Albers Award”, presented to the Chef d’Equipe who best demonstrates an extraordinary level of dedication, enthusiasm and team spirit at the North American Jr/YR Championship. At Grand Prix, Jeremy has had many top three finishes in CDIs, wins in USDF Regional Championships, and received an invitation to the 2007 Las Vegas International Dressage Competition, held during the World Cup Finals, with Jennifer Smith’s Porocco. Jeremy, who is the guest Trainer at the 2011 FEI Regional Dressage Forum in New Zealand, is working closely with both the USDF and USEF in the development of a nation wide program to find, develop and create a base of youth riders throughout the country that will be the next generation of Olympic level dressage riders.