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Greetings!

The Mid-South Eventing and Dressage Association will be hosting their Annual Meeting on January 30 and 31 at the Four Points Sheraton in Lexington, Ky. We are excited to welcome back Daniel Stewart, an internationally acclaimed trainer, author and clinician. Daniel is widely considered one of the world's leading experts on equestrian sport psychology, athletics and performance. Daniel will be providing our educational seminar on Saturday, January 30.

MSEDAs is also excited to announce that he will be teaching a riding clinic on Sunday, January 31 and Monday, February 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Information about registering for the Annual Meeting and the Daniel Stewart Clinic will be available shortly.

Happy holidays!

[Erin Woodall](#), MSEDAs Communications Co-Chair

MSEDAs Makes a Donation to the Christine Comella Brown Equine Scholarship Fund at the University of Kentucky

The Board of Directors of the MidSouth Eventing and Dressage Association are pleased to announce that a donation of \$5,000 has been made to the Christine Comella Brown Equine Scholarship Fund at the University of Kentucky.

Christine Brown was a valued and well-loved Board Member and Officer with MSEDAs for many years and her impact on our association was tremendous. She will always be remembered for her positive energy and generosity and members of the Board are happy that MSEDAs is able to make this donation to such a worthy cause.

Read more about the scholarship [here](#).

Area 8 Annual Meeting

The Area 8 Annual Meeting will take place on January 9 and 10, 2016, in Dayton, Ohio. Guest speakers will include Wayne Quarles and Dorothy Crowell. Quarles is an FEI 3*/4* Eventing Judge and

MidSouth Eventing and Dressage Association (MSEDA) is a United States Eventing Association (USEA) Affiliate Association, serving over 300 eventing and dressage enthusiasts in six states. MSEDA supports regional sanctioning of competitions, regional licensing of competition officials and extensive year-end awards. Member services include a monthly newsletter containing event calendar, competition results, news and competition registrations. MSEDA continually provides or underwrites many educational programs and scholarships, both mounted and unmounted.

***MSEDA's mission:** to promote and preserve the sports of eventing and dressage in the Mid-South area, by providing leadership and education to its members and the community at large. To further these goals, MSEDA will provide educational opportunities, fair and safe competitions, promote the welfare of the horse and rider, and reward the pursuit of excellence from the grass roots to the FEI level.*



TD, a USEF "R" Eventing and Dressage. a USEF "R" Eventing TD, and Activities & Events Director USPC. Wayne has traveled the world as an eventing official.

Crowell, from our very own Area 8, owned and loved Molokai, who is being inducted into the USEA Hall of Fame. Come hear Dorothy's incredible story of her road to the silver medal at the World Championships with this special horse!

[Click here](#) for more information at the Annual Meeting.

Picking the Perfect Prospect

Just like when shopping for cars, houses or any other high-ticket item, riders and trainers have a "wish list" of what they look for in their ideal horse. At or near the top of that list are probably things like "scope over fences," "a floaty trot" or "a ground-covering gallop."

When shopping for prospects, however, you are often considering horses who have never done the things you'll be purchasing them to do. How, then, does one decide one horse is better suited to be an eventer over another? The answer, in large part, is conformation.

[Click here](#) to read what three-star eventer Allie Knowles looks for in an event prospect.



The Trip South: Where the Weather is (Usually) Warmer

While some of us simply dream of being snowbirds, a trip South is necessary for some equestrians. Whether they are training or competitively showing, the Bluegrass is not always the most conducive winter environment to keeping both horses and riders in shape.

Martha Lambert, along with daughter Lauren, is a three-star rider and owner of Lands End Farm in Goshen, Ky. [Here](#) she explains how and why they chose to go south for the winter.



What Your Horse REALLY Wants for Christmas

Christmas can be a frantic time of year; between holiday parties, gift buying, baking and holiday card mailing, it's easy to give up time at the barn to get more done. But even if you scale back your riding, there's always time to show your horse a little love. Here's what [your horse really wants for Christmas](#).



MSEDA Member Spotlight: Nikki Wahl-Seto

Each issue, MSEDA will highlight a member who is active in the organization to give other members a peek into their horse-loving lives.

For the December spotlight, Nikki Wahl-Seto talks about her transition from eventing to the western dressage world, balancing riding with being a mom, venturing into the reining arena and more.

[Click here](#) to read more about Nikki.



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Upcoming Events

- 11/20/2015 - 12/31/2015 [Southern Lights-KHP Foundation](#)
- 12/19/2015 [Snowbird Dressage](#)
- 01/09/2016 - 01/10/2016 [Area 8 Annual Meeting](#)
- 01/10/2016 [MSEDA Officials Continuing Education](#)
- 01/16/2016 [Snowbird Dressage](#)
- 01/30/2016 - 01/31/2016 [MSEDA Annual Meeting](#)
- 02/06/2016 - 02/07/2016 [Jimmy Wofford Clinic-Ocala](#)
- 02/20/2016 [Snowbird Dressage](#)
- 03/05/2016 [Snowbird Dressage](#)