

In the News



The World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Florida

The **World Equestrian Center** in Ocala, Florida, has announced that their brand new five-star hotel will feature 254 extra-large suites, some equipped with balconies where guests can take in world-class equestrian events in luxury and comfort. The hotel will also feature retail space, where guests and visitors will find a high-end boutique experience just minutes from the competition rings and barns. The hotel is scheduled to open in 2021.



Photos from top to bottom; Dan Mohl: *Photo courtesy of Dan Mohl*

Mia Rodier-Dawallo: *Photo courtesy of Mia Rodier-Dawallo*

The **Dressage Foundation** is pleased to announce that its inaugural **Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund Grants** have been awarded to **Dan Mohl**, from Florida, and **Mia Rodier-Dawallo**, from California. Dan will be using

his \$1,000 grant to train at **Carlisle Academy Integrative Equine Therapy and Sports** in Maine. Mia intends to use her \$1,000 grant for two clinics: first at the **CalNet Disabled Rider Horse Show** and then the **Fall Para-Dressage Clinic**. The purpose of the Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund, seeded by a gift from the **Lowell Boomer Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust**, is to provide financial support for para-dressage riders to attend educational events that will enable them to receive training to help them reach their riding and competition goals.



Lehua Custer and Wendy Sasser
Photo by Kelly Sanchez

The **Dressage Foundation** has announced that **Lehua Custer** and **F.J. Ramzes**, owned by **Wendy Sasser**, have been awarded the **2019 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize** in the amount of \$25,000. Lehua, originally from Hawaii and now a resident of California, is a USDF Certified Instructor/Trainer and L program Graduate With Distinction. She was Olympian **Hilda Gurney's** assistant trainer for 10 years and currently operates Lehua Custer Dressage at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Congratulations!



Founder and CEO **Jennifer Wood** with **Dr. Torri Maxwell**, **Janus Marquis**, **Donna Brothers** and **Nicole Lakin**
Photo courtesy of EQBW

Equestrian Businesswomen hosted their inaugural **Summit** on January 9, 2019, in West Palm Beach, Florida, at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Almost 200 women from across the United States and beyond, and from various industries and

career paths — connected by their passion for horses — came together to learn, engage in relevant topics of discussion, and network with each other. Key highlights from the event included an inspiring presentation on building a business and dealing with what life throws at you from **Tracey Noonan**, CEO and co-founder of **Wicked Good Cupcakes**, Inc., and an incredible story of perseverance by para-dressage rider **Beatrice de Lavalette**, who was the most critically injured survivor of the Brussels Airport terrorist bombing on March 22, 2016. Discussion and interactions continued across the Summit's four panel discussions. Equestrian Businesswomen announced their plans to not only continue hosting an annual summit, but also launch a membership platform for continued learning, networking and events in Spring 2019. Digital tickets are still available on their website, where you will receive video access to several presentations and panel discussions. For more information on Equestrian Businesswomen, visit eqbusinesswomen.com and follow them on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



Hannah Selleck on Descanso Farm-bred 7-year-old **Eloise DF** (by **Cacique**)
Photo by Kristin Lee Photography

Sidelines is happy to see our July 2018 cover star, **Hannah Selleck**, back in the saddle after badly breaking the tibia and fibula bones in her left leg this summer. Look for Hannah showing the young horses bred by her own **Descanso Farm** this winter at **HITS Coachella** in California.