Announcing the USEF Para-Dressage Team Nominated Entries for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™

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Thousand Oaks, CA-July 21, 2010- On June 27, 2010 the USEF Para-Dressage National Championship and the USEF Para-Dressage Selection Trials for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ concluded. Riders then headed home as they waited in anticipation to hear who would be selected to the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™. The Para-Dressage team will be lead by Chef d’Equipe Missy Ransehousen whose international experience on and off a horse will be an outstanding resource for the Para-Dressage riders. Selectors of the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ Para-Dressage Team are Laura Sheer, Lynn Seidemann, David Schmutz and Sandy Raferty.

2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ USEF Para-Dressage Team Entry:

Rider/Age/Hometown/Horse/Age/Breed/Sex/Owner

Rebecca Hart/25/Erie, PA/Kazan/18/Dutch Warmblood/Gelding/Kerri Sowers
Robin Brueckmann/52/Summerfield, NC/Raison D’Etre/12/American Warmblood/Gelding/Elly Schobel
Laura Goldman/65/Highland Heights, OH/Calingford JD/11/Irish Sport Horse/Gelding/Trudy Phillips
Susan Treabess/33/Winters, CA/Moneypenny/16/Dutch Warmblood Peterson
Holly Bergay/17/Castle Rock, CO/Grand Ballerina/16/Oldenburg/Mare Garrett
Jonathan Wentz/19/Richardson, TX/NTEC Richter Scale/16/Shire Cross/Gelding/Kai Handt
Of these 15 nominated riders 10 will be submitted for Definite Entry on September 30, 2010. The entire team is thankful for everyone that involved with Para-Dressage Team's journey. Without the sponsors, enthusiasts, coaches, horses, and everyone else involved, this road to the games may have been much more difficult.

Mary Jordan noted, "For me this journey started more than a year spanned two continents (spanning from Seattle to Norway!), two coasts, multiple horses, multiple languages, a new car engine, transmission, miles by moped, truck, trailer and plane not to mention all kinds of not often as a rider that you get this type of opportunity and it is not often as a Multiple Sclerosis patient you even dream of the opportunity to ride international level. Lastly, it certainly is not often that you get to ride that was born in your lap at the World Games!"

The Para-Dressage competition for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY begins on October 5, 2010. Riders will compete on a world-stage in front of international judges, following FEI rules, and top international competition in the Covered Arena. The Individual Team Test will commence on October 5, 2010 and riders will compete with their horses for six days ending with the Individual Freestyle Test on October 10, 2010.

About the United States Para-Equestrian Association:

The USPEA includes every equestrian discipline that is practiced by athletes with physical disabilities. Each rider or driver competes under the eight Para-Equestrian disciplines of the United States Equestrian Federation. This year, at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™, the Para-Equestrian discipline will make history. The USEF High Performance Para-Equestrian
Dressage team will compete as an FEI sport for the first time at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ held in Lexington, KY.

The USPEA provides programs, clinics, and competition opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities. Riders compete under the USEF rules during national competitions and FEI rules during international competition; the athletes compete at the highest level of their sport.

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To view online information about the USPEA please visit http://www.USPEA.org.

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