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## United States Paralympic Equestrian Team Earns Top Scores at Largest Attended Paralympics

**London, England - September 7, 2012** - "It has been exciting to compete at the home of Para-Dressage," was the phrase echoed among athletes at the 2012 Paralympic Equestrian Games. It was Great Britain that developed Para-Dressage from the grass roots first and created an entire Para-Equestrian culture. It was Great Britain who aligned with their able-bodied Equestrian association, and it was Great Britain who earned Team Gold every year since the first inclusion of Para-Dressage at the 1996 Atlanta Paralympics. The growth within Great Britain is an example of the growth around the world and in the United States for the high performance discipline of Para-Equestrian Dressage. Taking risks, riding infallible tests, and suffering unexpected losses were all pieces to their success at the London Paralympics.



*USA Team 2012 (Left to Right, top to bottom) Chef d'Equipe Missy Ransehausen, Jon Wentz, Rebecca Hart, Dale Dedrick and Donna Ponessa photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall*

The Great Britain team was noted for saying how impressed they were with the other countries. They explained that everyone really stepped-up their game since the 2008 Paralympics and it was unexpected that they would have to work so hard to earn the Gold. With teams like the United States clicking the heels of historically supreme athletes, it is only time before the competition becomes more than just an accurate test.

With a sold-out equestrian venue at Greenwich Park in London, the United States fielded a team of four Para-Dressage riders who were chosen within the most successful year for Para-Dressage in history. The team included Chef d'Equipe Missy Ransehausen, equestrians Jonathan Wentz of Richardson, TX; Rebecca Hart of Unionville, Penn.; Donna Ponessa of New Windsor, NY; and Dale Dedrick of Ann Arbor, Mich.. The United States successfully marched down the centerline each day, which was subsequently the Prime Meridian, from August 30-September 4th completing one of the most successful Para-Equestrian years in history.

The first day of Team Test competition for Para-Dressage competitors was a day of nerves, new sights and sounds, and sold-out seats for spectators. Riders had familiarized themselves and their horses with the venue the prior day before competition, but nothing would prepare them for the ambiance and pressure of the first day of competition. Over six days 78 horse and rider combinations from 26 nations would compete at the 2012 London Paralympic Equestrian Games. The ante had been upped since the 2008 Beijing Games and included impressive horses, well-prepared teams, and top scores that were only differentiated by a thousandth of a point at times. The United States had a thrilling week with riders just missing the chance to step onto the podium for a Paralympic Games Medal.

The Team Test was the first competition followed by the Individual Test. Both of these scores were counted and combined towards the Team Overall score. The top three rides of each team would be added together and compared to the other countries for a Team Medal score. The final day of competition included the Freestyle Test to music. Dr. Dale Dedrick was the first U.S. rider in the ring and drew an early spot in the start order on the first day. Her mount Bonifatius was a little uneasy at times but Dedrick took a breath and finished her Grade II Team Test. Dedrick took her notes from the judging panel and used them to create an even better Individual Test. Dedrick noted about her Individual Test, "It was a much more forward and obedient test. We still had a lot of Erik's, 'Oh, no what's happening now?'. But I was much more prepared for it today, I knew he was going to pull and I was ready to attack the minute he tried that and I said, 'no, no get in there, get in there, get going.'" Dedrick's last medium trot was the highlight of her Test finishing down centerline to an abrupt halt.

On the final day of competition Dale and Bonifatius put forth their best freestyle and earned their highest score of the week. "It's just horse showing," explained Dedrick. "You have good days and bad days. None of us get a lot of opportunities to practice at this level or ride in front of an audience this huge."

She continued, "The final day was a dedication to my amazing trainer Roz Kinstler, who without her I would not have competed, my groom Meagan Szarek who got a dirty horse sparking white, and to the British people who brilliantly put together a fantastic Paralympics. I am also thankful to Missy our Chef d'Equipe who was that extra-educated eye tweaking items we may have looked over in everyday training."

Past Paralympian and Captain of the United States Team, Rebecca Hart was second to complete the Team Test in Grade II with Jessica Ransehausen's Lord Ludger. The duo performed a 69.095% on the Team Test placing them in the fourth place position overall. When Rebecca entered the arena for her Individual test she explained, "I lost his focus a bit when we were doing our tour but I was able to get him back and refocus on me. I was happy that I was able to take him back from the brink." Hart focused on the walk during her Individual Test due to the judge's commenting that she needed a little more impulsion. "I needed a little more in the walk which was the comment on the first day which we tried to remedy, but we just weren't able to get there, so that was a little disappointing."



*Jonathan Wentz (USA) and NTEC Richter Scale, owned by Kai Handt, photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall*





*Rebecca Hart (USA) and Lord Ludger, owned by Jessica Ransehausen, photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall*



Dale Dedrick (USA) and Bonifatius photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall



Donna Ponessa (USA) and Western Rose (owned by Wes Dunham)  
photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall

Jonathan Wentz and Kai Handt's Richter Scale were the third U.S. pair to ride for the red, white, and blue in Grade Ib. Wentz and Richter Scale scored a 70.364% on the Team Test placing them in the fifth position overall for Grade Ib. Although they had a solid test they were given lower scores than desired on specific elements of his test. When Wentz and NTEC Richter Scale trotted down the Prime Meridian for his Individual Test the pair was energized. Wentz explained, "During the Team Test we got hit for being too conservative but during the Individual Test we went too much the other way and hit too hard on the accelerator. We got way too wobbly in the trot-work but on the walk-work we finally scored the way we were hoping. Unfortunately the trot work hurt us; We did have great turn on the haunches and an accurate halt."

Wentz ended the week with his most accurate, expressive, and technically difficult Freestyle he had ever performed. Just before the Paralympics Wentz and Kai Handt (trainer and horse owner) went back to the drawing board to develop a new freestyle with new music. "We wanted something that highlighted each of the movements," smiled Wentz. "A little more organized, a little more grandiose for Richter. It is the Paralympics and it needed to be perfect. We made it technically difficult with a lot of 10-meter circles and extensions in to a 10 meter circle. An extension into a 10-meter circle is a movement that is really hard to do even for able-bodied riders."

Jonathan made history for the United States Equestrian Team as the highest placed equestrian athlete while in London. Out of the Show Jumping, Eventing, Dressage Team, and Para-Dressage Team, Wentz earned the highest ranking of all U.S. athletes.

"It's a dream come true," noted Wentz. "I started riding horses for therapy at age two then began riding horses for sport. At age 12 I was told that horses were part of the Paralympics and that may be something I would be interested in for the future. From that day on I set a goal and it has taken eight years to get here. It's an achievement, we are the best in the country, we are blessed to represent our country, especially here in London where the Paralympics movement is huge. Richter was amazing and I want to thank my mom and my trainer/horse owner Kai Handt for getting me here. We came to him, he said he would get me here, and he delivered better than I ever expected. I never thought I would be in the top five at the second largest sporting event in the world."

Donna Ponessa and Wes Dunham's horse Western Rose were the last U.S. combination to compete. Donna performed a fifth place Team Test at 70.235% and then completed an Individual Test scoring a 69.200 placing her in sixth in the Grade Ia competition. "We gave it our all but it could have been a lot better," declared Ponessa. "There was some improvement over the Team Test and some things we didn't do as well," said Ponessa. "It's a learning process."

Ponessa and Western Rose, owned by Wes Dunham, were the only Grade Ia pair to include trot music within their freestyle. Ponessa commented, "Rosie is a really smart mare and she gets bored with walking. The walk has no natural impulsion to it so I can feed off of the trot work because she is using her back-end. That makes my walk a little more fluid with more impulsion. She has an effortless trot and she is one of the few horses can actually trot on. I also learned a lot from the judge's comments including the idea that my test is not a race and the accuracy needs to be spot on. I took my trainer Wes Dunham's advice that faster doesn't

not mean bigger; 'Go for the big without rushing,' said dunham. At last when I entered that ring Wes looked at me and said, 'Make this the best ride of your career and enjoy every second of it.' I was shocked how relaxed I was and how much fun I had in my freestyle."

The United States had one of their best years in history at the Paralympics. With the intense competition from all of the countries, everyone had to work hard to achieve top scores in front of international FEI judges President Kjell Myhre (NOR), Lillian Iannone (ARG), Freddy Leyman (BEL), Anne Prain (FRA), Gudrun Hofinga (GER), Sarah Rodger (GBR), Carlos Lopes (POR), and Kathy Amos-Jacob (FRA) as the reserve member. Chef d'Equipe Missy Ransehausen touched on how she felt about the U.S. Team, "I think they were quite good. Each of the riders really rode to their best ability. Overall they are going to come out of this as stronger athletes, a stronger country, and come out of this ready to prepare for the 2014 World Equestrian Games in Normandy."

The United States Paralympic Team finished in seventh place behind Great Britain who earned Gold, Germany for Silver, underdog Ireland who took home the Bronze only tenths of a percentage ahead of fourth place, The Netherlands. Belgium and Denmark would follow for fifth and sixth place with the United States in seventh ahead of Canada and France. This was an important year for Para-Dressage not only because Para-Dressage came full circle but because of the intense competition. Lee Pearson, nine-time, Gold Medal winner who earned both a Silver and Bronze noted, "I really did think 11 medals were possible for our team. I was hoping for all Gold Medals but I didn't know the game play was at such a high level. I am happy we have the quality and did how we did."



Gold Medal Winning Great Britain Team (Left to right) Sophie Wells, Lee Pearson, Deborah Criddle, Sophie Christensen photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall

Deborah Criddle agreed, "The horse power and level has certainly gone up. This is something we are going to have to really look at. Sophie Wells concurred, "The other nations have put a lot of money into their horse

power and I think from my point of view most of us brought younger horses to compete here against high-level horses."

Wells added, "This Games shows the world-class program a lot of us have come through thanks to the funding from U.K. Sports. This is something we need to look at to try and stay ahead of the game."

With the Paralympic movement coming home Lee Pearson remarked, "It's been wonderful to have the sport come home. We've always been a satellite location where people travel specifically to see us. Location wise, having this Games in the middle of London really shows the amount of equestrianism in our country. Equestrian is a difficult sport, unique, and we work hard, It's been great to be this close to London and show the world our sport. The temporary facility that was created, we would never have dreamed of. We wish we could split this place into five so each of us, Natasha, Sophie (Wells), myself, Deborah, and Sophie (Christansen) could have a piece of this brilliant facility."

James Dwyer, who competed as one of the four team members for Ireland and earned a 74.4% on his freestyle with Orlando remarked, "It is absolutely super that we won a Bronze Medal. We are over the moon. This is our first team to ever come to the Paralympics and to go home with a bronze medal is amazing; This will be really good for Ireland. I actually think we are the only Irish Team to receive a Medal at this games so our team that heads to Rio definitely has something to live up to."



Ireland Team Bronze (left to to right) Geraldine Savage, Helen Kearney, James Dwyer, and Eilish Byrne photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall





Silver Winning German Team (Left to Right) Steffen Zeibig, Britta Napel, Angelika Trabert, and Hannelore Brenner (photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall)

As the Paralympic Summer Games comes to a close this week the memories created and lessons learned will forever impact each one of these Para-Equestrian athletes. The teams will head back to their countries, celebrate their wins and begin preparing for the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games™ in Normandy, France. Equestrians from Show Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, Para-Equestrian Dressage, Vaulting, Combined Driving, Endurance, and Reining will compete at the largest Equestrian event in the world August 24-September 7, 2014.

#### USA RESULTS:

(#)- denotes placing within division

Grade Ia

USA 014 PONESSA Donna WESTERN ROSE 70.235 (5) 69.200 (6) 70.750 (8)

Grade Ib

USA 115 WENTZ Jonathan RICHTER SCALE 70.364 (5) 70.348 (4) 73.000 (5)

Grade II

USA 223 HART Rebecca LORD LUDGER 69.095 (4) 68.286 (11) 73.250 (5)

USA 222 DEDRICK Dale BONIFATIUS 60.286 (19) 64.619 (17) 69.150 (10)

#### USA - United States Team Score 417.528 (7th Place)

Number, Name (Last, First), Name of Horse, Grade, Team Test Score, Ind. Championship Test Score, Total Points

115 WENTZ Jonathan, RICHTER SCALE, Grade Ib 70.364, 70.348 140.712

223 HART Rebecca, LORD LUDGER Grade II 69.095, 68.286 137.381

014 PONESSA Donna, WESTERN ROSE, Grade Ia 70.235, 69.200, 139.435

222 DEDRICK Dale, BONIFATIUS Grade II 60.286, 64.619, 124.905

223 HART Rebecca, LORD LUDGER Grade II 69.095, 68.286 137.381

#### **OVERALL RESULTS:**

#### **TEAM MEDAL**

##### ***GOLD GBR - Great Britain***

CHRISTIANSEN Sophie JANEIRO 6  
CRIDDLE Deborah LJT AKILLES  
PEARSON Lee GENTLEMAN  
WELLS Sophie PINOCCHIO

##### ***SILVER GER - Germany***

BRENNER Hannelore WOMEN OF THE WORLD  
NAPEL Britta AQUILINA 3  
TRABERT Angelika ARIVA-AVANTI  
ZEIBIG Steffen WALDEMAR

##### ***BRONZE IRL - Ireland***

BYRNE Eilish YOURI  
DWYER James ORLANDO  
KEARNEY Helen MISTER COOL  
SAVAGE Geraldine BLUES TIP TOP TOO

#### **MEDALIST BY EVENT**

Event Name, Grade, Date,  
Medal Ride (Last, First) Horse NPC

##### ***Ind. Championship Test Grade Ia 2 SEP 2012***

GOLD CHRISTIANSEN Sophie JANEIRO 6 GBR  
SILVER KEARNEY Helen MISTER COOL IRL  
BRONZE TAN Laurentia RUBEN JAMES 2 SIN

##### ***Ind.Championship Test Grade Ib 1 SEP 2012***

GOLD FORMOSA Joann WORLDWIDE PB AUS  
SILVER PEARSON Lee GENTLEMAN GBR  
BRONZE PUCH Pepo FINE FEELING AUT

##### ***Ind. Championship Test Grade II 1 SEP 2012***

GOLD BAKER Natasha CABRAL GBR  
SILVER NAPEL Britta AQUILINA 3 GER  
BRONZE TRABERT Angelika ARIVA-AVANTI GER

##### ***Ind. Championship Test Grade III 2 SEP 2012***

GOLD BRENNER Hannelore WOMEN OF THE WORLD GER

SILVER CRIDDLE Deborah LJ AKILLES GBR  
BRONZE DALSKOV Annika AROS A FENRIS DEN

***Ind. Championship Test Grade IV 2 SEP 2012***

GOLD GEORGE Michele RAINMAN BEL  
SILVER WELLS Sophie PINOCCHIO GBR  
BRONZE HOSMAR Frank ALPHAVILLE NED

***Freestyle Test Grade Ia 4 SEP 2012***

GOLD CHRISTIANSEN Sophie JANEIRO 6 GBR  
SILVER TAN Laurentia RUBEN JAMES 2 SIN  
BRONZE KEARNEY Helen MISTER COOL IRL

***Freestyle Test Grade Ib 3 SEP 2012***

GOLD PUCH Pepo FINE FEELING AUT  
SILVER KARJALAINEN Katja ROSIE FIN  
BRONZE PEARSON Lee GENTLEMAN GBR

***Freestyle Test Grade II 3 SEP 2012***

GOLD BAKER Natasha CABRAL GBR  
SILVER NAPEL Britta AQUILINA 3 GER  
BRONZE TRABERT Angelika ARIVA-AVANTI GER

***Freestyle Test Grade III 4 SEP 2012***

GOLD BRENNER Hannelore WOMEN OF THE WORLD GER  
SILVER CRIDDLE Deborah LJ AKILLES GBR  
BRONZE DALSKOV Annika AROS A FENRIS DEN

***Freestyle Test Grade IV 4 SEP 2012***

GOLD GEORGE Michele RAINMAN BEL  
SILVER WELLS Sophie PINOCCHIO GBR  
BRONZE HOSMAR Frank ALPHAVILLE NED

**Grade Ia COUNTRY, NUMBER, NAME(LAST, First), Horse's Name, TEAM SCORE%, INDIVIDUAL%, FREESTYLE%, Overall ranking**

*NOTE\* Overall Ranking is not reflective of the individual medals or team medals this is just an overall ranking based on all scores.*

**Grade Ia (TEAM SCORE, INDIVIDUAL, FREESTYLE)**

GBR 005 CHRISTIANSEN Sophie JANEIRO 6 83.765 (1) 82.750 (1) 84.750 (1)  
SIN 012 TAN Laurentia RUBEN JAMES 2 74.235 (2) 73.650 (3) 79.000 (2)  
IRL 007 KEARNEY Helen MISTER COOL 72.235 (3) 76.700 (2) 78.450 (3)  
ITA 009 MORGANTI Sara ROYAL DELIGHT 69.824 (6) 68.650 (8) 73.900 (4)  
IRL 008 SAVAGE Geraldine BLUES TIP TOP TOO 68.000 (10) 68.800 (7) 72.300 (5)

LAT 010 SNIKUS Rihards CHARDONNAY 68.118 (9) 70.400 (4) 72.050 (6)  
BRA 002 FROES RIBEIRO DE OLIVA Sergio EMILY 71.353 (4) 67.700 (10) 71.150 (7)  
USA 014 PONESSA Donna WESTERN ROSE 70.235 (5) 69.200 (6) 70.750 (8)  
AUS 001 OAKLEY Rob STATFORD MANTOVANI 57.588 (14) 67.300 (12) 68.550 (9)  
SWE 013 JOHNSON Anita DONAR 67.941 (11) 68.050 (9) 66.800 (10)

**Grade Ib (TEAM SCORE, INDIVIDUAL, FREESTYLE)**

AUT 102 PUCH Pepo FINE FEELING 73.636 (2) 75.043 (3) 79.150 (1)  
FIN 106 KARJALAINEN Katja ROSIE 70.909 (4) 69.739 (5) 74.250 (2)  
GBR 109 PEARSON Lee GENTLEMAN 74.682 (1) 75.391 (2) 74.200 (3)  
AUS 101 FORMOSA Joann WORLDWIDE PB 71.955 (3) 75.826 (1) 73.700 (4)  
USA 115 WENTZ Jonathan RICHTER SCALE 70.364 (5) 70.348 (4) 73.000 (5)  
CAN 105 GOWANLOCK Ashley MAILE 67.955 (8) 69.304 (6) 68.800 (6)  
FIN 107 KIVIMAKI Jaana GRIVIS 63.727 (14) 65.957 (10) 68.700 (7)  
NOR 111 DOKKAN Jens Lasse LEOPOLD 65.409 (12) 69.000 (7) 68.450 (8)  
FRA 108 SALLES Valerie MENZANA D'HULM 69.500 (6) 68.087 (8) 67.900 (9)  
BRA 103 FERNANDES ALVES Marcos LUTHEY DE VERNAY 65.682 (11) 62.609 (14) 67.800 (10)

**Grade II (TEAM SCORE, INDIVIDUAL, FREESTYLE)**

GBR 207 BAKER Natasha CABRAL 76.095 (1) 76.857 (1) 82.800 (1)  
GER 208 NAPEL Britta AQUILINA 3 72.571 (2) 76.048 (2) 77.400 (2)  
GER 209 TRABERT Angelika ARIVA-AVANTI 67.143 (9) 76.000 (3) 76.150 (3)  
IRL 210 BYRNE Eilish YOURI 67.714 (7) 73.429 (5) 75.250 (4)  
USA 223 HART Rebecca LORD LUDGER 69.095 (4) 68.286 (11) 73.250 (5)  
BEL 203 MINNECI Barbara BARILLA 68.571 (5) 70.095 (8) 73.100 (6)  
NED 217 BOLMER Gert VORMAN 66.143 (11) 70.143 (7) 71.650 (7)  
CAN 205 BARWICK Lauren OFF TO PARIS 72.095 (3) 71.857 (6) 71.500 (8)  
RSA 221 MOLLER Wendy FIRST LADY VAN PRINS 64.429 (13) 66.000 (15) 69.900 (9)  
USA 222 DEDRICK Dale BONIFATIUS 60.286 (19) 64.619 (17) 69.150 (10)

**Grade III (TEAM SCORE, INDIVIDUAL, FREESTYLE)**

GER 307 BRENNER Hannelore WOMEN OF THE WORLD 75.741 (1) 73.467 (1) 81.700 (1)  
GBR 306 CRIDDLE Deborah LJT AKILLES 72.926 (2) 71.267 (2) 78.550 (2)  
DEN 302 DALSKOV Annika AROS A FENRIS 72.889 (3) 71.233 (3) 76.950 (3)  
NED 310 VOETS Sanne VEDET PB 72.037 (4) 68.767 (5) 75.400 (4)  
DEN 303 SUNESEN Susanne THY'S QUE FAIRE 71.333 (5) 69.700 (4) 73.550 (5)  
FRA 304 LETARTRE Jose WARINA 69.370 (6) 67.800 (6) 72.600 (6)  
FRA 305 VINCHON Vladimir FLIPPER D'OR 69.333 (7) 67.433 (7) 68.300 (7)  
GER 308 ZEIBIG Steffen WALDEMAR 67.667 (8) 66.233 (8) 67.150 (8)  
NZL 312 STOCK Rachel RIMINI PARK EMMERICH 65.481 (9) 65.733 (9) 66.850 (9)  
ARG 301 GUGLIAMELLI LYNCH Patricio NIRVANA PURE INDULGENCE 59.519 (12) 60.200 (11) 62.050 (10)

**Grade IV (TEAM SCORE, INDIVIDUAL, FREESTYLE)**

BEL 403 GEORGE Michele RAINMAN 72.906 (2) 77.065 (1) 82.100 (1)  
GBR 408 WELLS Sophie PINOCCHIO 75.906 (1) 76.323 (2) 81.150 (2)  
NED 412 HOSMAR Frank ALPHAVILLE 71.781 (3) 73.097 (3) 78.600 (3)



DEN 406 JORGENSEN Line DI CAPRIO 69.406 (5) 70.258 (5) 76.800 (4)  
BEL 404 VERMEULEN Ciska WHOONEY TUNES 66.750 (9) 71.613 (4) 75.000 (5)  
IRL 410 DWYER James ORLANDO 69.719 (4) 68.516 (6) 74.400 (6)  
FRA 407 BIZET Nathalie RUBICA III 67.281 (8) 67.581 (10) 73.500 (7)  
GER 409 WEIFEN Lena DON TURNER 68.281 (7) 67.581 (9) 72.100 (8)  
BEL 402 DEKEYZER Ulricke CLEVERBOY VAN D'ABEL 68.625 (6) 68.000 (8) 69.550 (9)  
CAN 405 ELSTONE Eleonore ZARENO 66.688 (10) 68.226 (7) 68.750 (10)

#### **THE UNITED STATES PARALYMPIC EQUESTRIAN TEAM NOMINATED BY THE UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION**

Rebecca Hart, 27, of Unionville, Penn. and Jessica Ransehausen's Holsteiner gelding Lord Ludger  
Jonathan Wentz, 21, of Richardson, Texas and Kai Handt's 18 year-old NTEC Richter Scale  
Donna Ponessa, 51, of New Windsor, N.Y. and Wesley Dunham's Oldenburg mare Western Rose  
Dale Dedrick, 56, of Ann Arbor, Mich. and her 14 year-old grey Hanoverian Bonifatius

#### **Team Staff:**

Missy Ransehausen (Unionville, PA)- Chef d'Equipe  
Jim Wolf (Lebanon, NJ)- Chef de Mission  
Pam Lane (Gladstone, NJ)- Team Leader  
Stacey Kent (Cochranville, PA)- Team Veterinarian

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To view more about the London 2012 Paralympics please visit the official Paralympic website at <http://www.london2012.com/>

#### **A Few Photographs from the 2012 London Paralympic Equestrian Events:**



**Hannelore Brenner and Women of the World (GER) by Lindsay Y McCall**



**James Dwyer of Ireland and Orlando by Lindsay Y McCall**



**Deborah Criddle (GBR) and LJT Akilles by Lindsay Y McCall**



**Natasha Baker (GBR) and Cabral**





**Lee Pearson Joann Formosa and Pepo Puch by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Barbara Minneci(BEL) and Barilla**



**Horse Casablanca from MEX ridden by Erika Baitenmann photo by Lindsay Y McCall**



**Joann Formosa and Worldwide PB by Lindsay Yosay McCall**





**Line Jorgensen (DEN) and Di Caprio by Lindsay Y McCall**



**Lee Pearson (GBR) and Gentleman by Lindsay Y McCall**



**WesDunhamandWesternRose ridden by Donna Ponessa United States**  
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**Maritime photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**





**Bonifatius & Meagan Szarek ridden Dale Dedrick photo by Lindsay Y McCal**



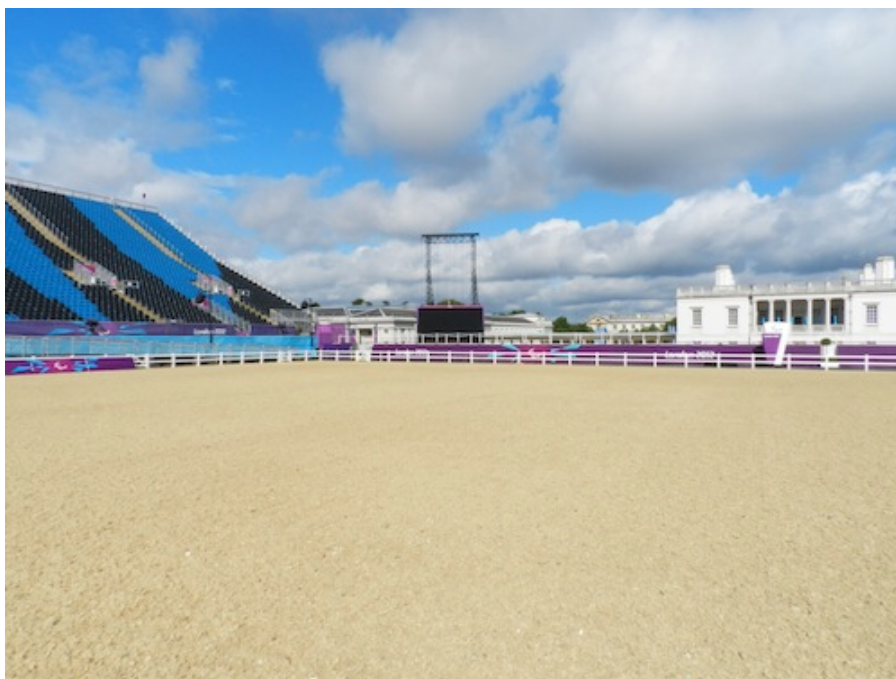
**Rebecca Hart and Lord Ludger by Lindsay Y McCall**



**Sophie Christiansen (GBR) by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**USA TEAM and Staff photo by Hope Hand**



**The Greenwich Park Venue**





**Michele George (BEL) winning two gold medals in Grade IV**



**Jody Schloss (CAN) and Inspector Rebus photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Anninka Dalskov (DEN) winning bronze in Grade III photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**





**Laurentina Tan's mom from Singapore reacting to her Silver Medal in the Freestyle Grade 1a**



**Irish Rider Helen Kearney winnig Silver and Bronze with horse Mister Cool in Grade 1a photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**NTEC Richter Scale and Kai Handt (USA) photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**British Fans at the 2012 Paralympics photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Natasha Baker (GBR) and her two gold medals photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**





**German Rider Hannelore Brenner winning gold photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Pepo Puch (AUT) with family. Pepo was injured in a riding accident and make riding a part of his rehabilitaton. photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Gold Medalist Lee Pearson (GBR) photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**





**Ashley Gowanlock (CAN) on Maile photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Frank Hosmar(NED) winning Bronze in Grade IV photo by Lindsay  
Yosay McCall**



**Joann Formosa (AUS) winning Gold in Grade 1b photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



**Lauren Barwick (CAN) and Off to Paris photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**





**Ceremony for Grade IV Freestyle (Gold Michele George (BEL), Silver Sophie Wells (GBR), Bronze Frank Hosmar(NED) photo by Lindsay Yosay McCall**



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### **About United States Para-Equestrian Association:**

The USPEA is a network of riders, judges, national federation board members, and equestrian enthusiasts. The association gives athletes the ability to get involved and expand their knowledge and experience in the Para-Equestrian sport. The USPEA encourages para-athletes to participate in all disciplines under the para-equestrian umbrella.

The USPEA is a recognized affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) which serves as the National Governing Body for the equestrian sport. This relationship between the USPEA and USEF is to encourage para-equestrian competitors, leisure riders, coaches, fans and enthusiasts to network and get involved with the entire equestrian sport.

Ultimately the goal of the USPEA is to foster growth in the para-equestrian discipline. From growth in the number of participants to growth as a team, and growth in the experience and knowledge of all involved. From local horse shows to international Olympic Games, the USPEA will provide para-equestrians the knowledge of what they need to succeed. The USPEA connects with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and USEF which provides Para-Equestrians the top equestrian resources.

In June 2010, the USPEA earned its 501 (c)(3) status which has encouraged supporters to help supply funding to the Para-Equestrian Team as a recognized affiliate of the United States Equestrian Federation(USEF).

For more information about the USPEA please visit [www.USPEA.org](http://www.USPEA.org) or contact USPEA President: Hope Hand by e-mail: [Wheeler966@aol.com](mailto:Wheeler966@aol.com) or by phone: (610)356-6481.

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