

# May the Horse be with You



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## 2011 is Shaping up to be a Great Year



Debbie Carson on Zantano in the arena at American Ranch

Dressage Desperados launches the 2011 show year in April with its first schooling show (#15) on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at American Ranch.

The year got off to a rough start with rain and snow and below freezing temperatures making it hard for even our most dedicated riders to find the opportunity to practice. Of course there are always those

stalwart few who ride no matter what the weather. Our hats are off to them.

But once things dried out ... and warmed up a bit ... they were all out there doing their best to get themselves and their horses in shape for the season. The horses were more than ready even if their riders were not.

In this issue you will find information about the year's show schedule, special events and classes, contests and the charities that we support.

Ride well.

Ride often.

Ride Happy.

## 2010 Costume Class was a Lot of Fun

Although we did not have as many entries as we might have liked, those who did enter did a marvelous job of costuming themselves and their mounts. We had a polo pony and rider complete with mallet and ball, a mermaid riding her lobster and a belly dancer horse with a strangely

costumed woman on his back. And yes we know that belly dancers are female, but the gelding was a good sport about the whole thing. We would have had one other entry, but the stallion came up lame and had to scratch. Word is he has a habit of doing this when he knows he will



L-Grad Judge Michelle Combs and volunteer scribe, Betsy Tismeer at Schooling Show #11



be in the costume class.

It was a great deal of fun and most of the non participants stayed to cheer them all on.

Please consider riding in our next costume class. We are sure you will enjoy it.

### Special points of interest:

- SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2011
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Dianne Lehmann and Maui's Diablo warming up before riding their classes at American Ranch

## May the Horse be with You

### 2011 Show Schedule

Dressage Desperados hosts four schooling shows this year. All four shows will be held at the prestigious American Ranch in Prescott on Williamson Valley Road.

Beginning and ending times for each show is dependent upon how many riders and horses are participating. Notice of ride times is given no later than the middle of the week before the show. The first two shows of the year will

be held on Saturdays and the last two on Sundays.

Schooling Show 15: April 30, 2011

Schooling Show 16: May 28, 2011

Schooling Show 17: September 18, 2011

Schooling Show 18: October 16, 2011

Mark these dates on your cal-

endar and be sure to attend. We welcome all riders/horses and spectators as well.



Sharon Zovod on Sundown Champion, Schooling Show #11 at American Ranch

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### Dressage Desperados goes to the Recognized Shows

The Arizona Dressage Association puts on a number of recognized shows each year and the members of Dressage Desperados are no strangers to these.

Our members train long and hard with their horses and regularly compete for state and regional recognition.

For a schedule of their shows

please visit:  
[www.azdressage.org](http://www.azdressage.org)

If you would like to attend the ADA shows and need a little support, consider joining our club.

It's easy to find us at these shows ... just look for the purple pavilion and lots of people having lots of fun.



Debbie Lindley and Zephyr Lupine in the warm up area at Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff



### Helping Homeless Horses find Health and Happiness

All this year, Dressage Desperados will be working to benefit the New Hope Ranch horse rescue in Chino Valley.

They are a not for profit operation and dearly need the support of anyone who has anything to offer them from food to donations to time.

With the currently depressed economy, it has become hard for some individuals to continue to care for their trusted friends in the way that they need and they have been forced to give them up.

It is our goal as concerned lovers of horses to see that they get the care that they

need and do not find themselves at auction. Such noble creatures do not deserve such a humiliating and dreadful end. Several of our members have their own favorite animal rescues that they support, as well.

Please lend your support however you can.

[www.newhoperanch.org](http://www.newhoperanch.org)

## Desperados Always Ready to lend a Hand

Dressage Desperados is more than a club ... it's a family as well. And as such, the members are always ready to help where and when needed.

In October of 2009, before the club had secured American Ranch for its schooling shows, we needed an arena for show number 10 and Sharon and David Zovod offered the use of their home arena. It was this authors first real experience of a Dressage Desperados show.

She had offered to take photos of all the riders and had a wonderful day.

Sharon and David were wonderful hosts and their arena is very nice. Everyone, horse and rider alike, enjoyed the day.

If you are in need of assistance, be sure to let it be known. After all, it's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease and we DDs love to lend a hand.

You can contact the Board with your needs by visiting: [www.dressagedesperados.com](http://www.dressagedesperados.com)

- by Dianne Lehmann



The Judge, Sharon and Gina at the Zovod's arena



David Zovod and Impressive Thunderbolt in their home arena

## Dressage Desperados offers a full list of Classes

Dressage Desperados offers all sorts of opportunities to show your horse: Intro Level A, B and C, Training Levels 1-3, First Levels 1-3, Second Levels 1-3, Third Levels 1-3 and Fourth Levels 1-3. DD also offers: Dressage Seat Equitation (walk/trot and walk/trot/canter), Sport Horse in Hand (Foals and Yearlings) and Lead Line.

If you wish to ride any FEI level test(s), there is a space on the entry form (available on our website) to make note of which one(s).

Be sure to look for notification of when the always highly anticipated Costume Class will be held. It is usually offered during the last show of the year.

The Introductory classes through Fourth level classes are \$15.00 each. All other classes listed are \$10.00 each. Late entry fee is \$5.00 and there is a discount for entering six classes ... you only pay for five.

If you are not a member of the club, there is an additional per show fee of \$10.00 to cover insurance.

*Become a member of Dressage Desperados and join the fun. An enrollment form is available on our website.*

## Special Contests are Held Throughout the Year

Several special contest are held throughout the year at the DD schooling shows. There are prizes offered that are sponsored by some of the members. One contest that is fun to watch is the Bridle Assembly Contest. It's timed and there are usually a lot of competitors.

There are also special drawings for gifts to show appreciation for those who volunteer their services at the shows.

In addition, Dressage Desperados holds a year end barbeque and award ceremony where the high point winners are recognized. There is also the highly coveted DD award

which goes to the most improved horse and rider pair.

All in all, there is a great deal of fun to be had and lots of goodies to be given out.



A great saddle pad with the Club's logo is given to the year end high point winners. To see how to qualify, visit our website.

## May the Horse Be with You ... Always

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Located in north central Arizona and primarily serving the cities and towns of Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley and Dewey.

### **Current Board:**

**President:** Debbie Lindley

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Gina Sparks

### **Who are we?**

We are a group of Dressage Fanatics in the Prescott area that have a ton of fun together. Dressage Desperados know how to work hard and play even harder!

### **What is the purpose of our club?**

Enthusiasm for Dressage is growing all around us, even in the more remote areas of the western USA. So we formed this club to put on more schooling shows in addition to the shows the NAC provides. This way people can get their horses out to different places throughout the year and attend schooling shows without having to drive down to the valley. Saves gas, time and money and brings fun. Sounds good!

Our plan is to provide four shows each year. We look forward to hosting two higher rated USEF judges and two L-graduates. This concept has worked great in the past and was appreciated by the competitors and should continue to work well into the future.

We put on shows with a supportive and fun atmosphere, special rail classes, prize drawings and contests. We have just the right amount of professionalism blended with a heaping dose of fun and so our shows are always a delight to watch and in which to participate. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Become a Member of Dressage Desperados**

It's easy to become a member of Dressage Desperados. Just visit our website, print out the enrollment form, fill it out and send it in with your check per the instructions on the form.

Why should you become a member? It's a great way to get experience for both yourself and your horse(s) in a low-pressure and fun-filled environment. We host great judges who take time to not only score you but offer comments on what was good and also what you might want to improve. Often times they will offer up advice on good ways to do that.

The DDs are supportive and interested in having fun while furthering interest in and recognition of the sport.

Do not be afraid to come alone. If you need a hand with something, there will always be someone ready to help you. We're just made that way.

The club is open to active and non-active members. If you want to be a member but do not ride, we are more than happy to receive your support.

The fee to be a member is small, only \$25.00 for an entire year of fun and camaraderie.

Please think about becoming a member if you are not all ready one.



A helping hand is always appreciated