

GRAND VALLEY DRESSAGE SOCIETY 2009 YEAR-END AWARDS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AWARDS:

- All GVDS awards are based on the horse/rider combinations with the highest median scores unless otherwise stated.
- All members must be in good standing with GVDS in order to be eligible for year-end awards.
- Owner and rider must be current GVDS/ RMDS members at the time scores are accrued; otherwise the scores cannot count toward year-end awards. (Exception: Pony Club Awards). Newsletter-only subscribers are not eligible. *A copy of USPC Card and breed papers must be on file before October 1, 2009.*
- There will be no changes to any year-end results after October 1. You may request a score check 2 weeks after the Western Slope Championship show.
- **A horse/rider combination is only eligible to win one year-end championship at any given level. Horse and rider combinations who win a reserve at a given level may earn the championship award in a subsequent year. GOOD LUCK!**

ELIGIBLE SHOWS: Scores earned at the following shows will be used in calculating GVDS awards:

1. GVDS Schooling Show October 18-19, 2008
2. GVDS Schooling Show March 14-15, 2009
3. GVDS Spring Show #I May 8, 2009
4. GVDS Spring Show #II May 9-10, 2009
5. Ned Marshall Memorial Show May 30-31, 2009
6. GVDS Fall & WSC Show September 5-6, 2009

HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Minimum Requirements:

- **Introductory through Fourth Levels:** 3 shows, 6 rides at each level
- **FEI Levels:** 3 shows, 3 rides at each level
- 2 of the scores must be at least 55% at the highest test of the level AND the median must be at least 55%.
- Awarded to the horse and rider with the highest median score (at each level.)
- Separate awards for Open, Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider, and Pony Divisions.
- Introductory Level, Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level, Fourth Level, FEI

HORSE OF THE YEAR – PONY DIVISION AWARDS

Minimum Requirements: 2 shows, 4 rides

- Scores can be earned in any rider's division class (AA, Open, or Junior), as long as the pony is registered with RMDS/GVDS as a pony and meets the standards stated in Sec XIV, B. 5
- 1 of the scores must be at least 55% at the highest test of the level and the median must be at least 55%.
- *Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest median (at each level).*
- Separate awards to Open/Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Rider divisions. Rider must be a current GVDS/ RMDS member prior to first score accrued for scores to count.
- *A Junior or AA rider must declare whether they are working toward a pony championship or age award within the level.*

FREESTYLE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Minimum Requirements: 3 shows, 3 rides per level shown with the median greater than 60%. *Awarded to the horse and rider combination with highest median score.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Minimum Requirements: 3 shows, 6 rides; FEI: 3 shows, 3 rides

Horse and Rider -

- ***Older Is Better*** - awarded to the horse/rider with the highest median at any given level, where the rider is 55 years of age or older. (GVDS Vintage Rider) must declare your birthday! Riders begin competing in the calendar year in which they reach the age of 55.
- ***Young Is Fun*** - awarded to the horse/rider with the highest median score at any given level, where the rider is 21 years of age or younger. Rider must declare Birthday!
- ***Biggest Difference*** - Awarded to the horse/rider with the largest point spread between their highest and lowest scores (at that level).
- ***Most Consistent*** - Awarded to the horse/rider with the smallest point spread between their highest and lowest scores (at that level).
- ***Single High Score*** – Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the single highest percentage score, excluding freestyles.
- **Median Score** - All eligible scores will be recorded.-The median is the middle score when all scores are ranked from highest to lowest. For an even number of scores, the two middle scores are added together and divided by two. The median must be 55% or higher to qualify for an award. This method of computation will be used for all awards.

BREED AWARDS

- ***The Colorado West Arabian Horse Club*** is sponsoring a GVDS Year-End Award, to be awarded to the Arab or Half-Arab with the highest median from at least six rides/three eligible shows. The horse must have Arab or Half-Arab registration papers *and* a copy must be on file with Cindy Denison to be eligible, and the rider/owner must be a GVDS/ RMDS member.
- ***Quarter Horse Award*** sponsored by Cindy Denison (same requirements as Horse of the Year Award)
- ***Morgan Horse Award*** sponsored by River Song Morgans, Susan Mihal (same requirements as Horse of the Year Award)
- ***American Saddlebred Award*** sponsored by Lisa Binse (same requirements as Horse of the Year Award)
- ***Appaloosa Award*** sponsored by Two Rivers Winery, Bob and Billie Witham (same requirements as Horse of the Year Award)

PONY CLUB AWARDS

- Open to members of Cliff Palace, Grand Valley, Paddock's End, Roaring Fork Hounds, Shining Mountains, Vail Valley, and Yampa Valley Pony Clubs.

Minimum Requirements: 2 shows, 4 rides at the same level

- US Pony Clubbers do *not* have to be GVDS/ RMDS members for these two awards, but must submit a copy of their USPC Card to Cindy Denison prior to October 1, 2008 for the scores to count. GVDS will offer two awards: The highest median score for *D Level* and *C Level*. Scores can be from any eligible show. The following tests will count for each USPC Level: D-1 and D-2 Introductory Tests A & B, D-3 Training Level Tests 3 & 4, All C Level First Level Tests 1 & 2.

OTHER AWARDS

The Horse In Sport Sportsmanship Award awarded to the competitor who best represents the sport of dressage. Nominations may be submitted to The Horse In Sport.

PLEASE NOTE

Send a copy of your USPC Card and Breed Papers to:

Cindy Denison, 2858 C Rd., Grand Junction, CO 81503