



## GRAND VALLEY DRESSAGE SOCIETY 2022 YEAR-END AWARDS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AWARDS

- All GVDS awards are based on the horse/rider combinations with the highest average score unless otherwise stated, during the competition year.
- To be eligible to receive Year-End Awards, members must volunteer a minimum of two (2) hours. You can call or email Barbara Progg, Volunteer Coordinator to volunteer at a show: [starman7@comcast.net](mailto:starman7@comcast.net) ; or 801.721.7111. Members can also volunteer in other capacities, such as serving on committees, writing articles for the newsletter, helping at clinics. Service in this capacity requires members to log their own volunteer hours on the GVDS website, <https://www.gvds.org/log-view-volunteer-hours> . Contact any GVDS officer for ideas on how to volunteer in other ways.
- Owner and rider must be current RMDS/GVDS members or GVDS Associates at the time scores are accrued, otherwise the scores cannot count toward Year-End Awards. (Exception: Pony Club Awards. A copy of USPC Card must be on file before October 15, 2022 and must volunteer a minimum of two (2) hours at GVDS events or doing GVDS related activities.)
- There will be no changes to any year-end results after October 23, 2022. Members are responsible for the accuracy of their scores. Members may request a final score check up till two (2) weeks after the October 8-9, 2022 show. Score checks are encouraged throughout the year by contacting Cindy Petersen, Points Chairperson by email or phone. [cindy@gjibbd.com](mailto:cindy@gjibbd.com) or 970.210.9000.
- Scores earned for rides that are ridden as HC (Hor Concours) will not count towards Year-End Awards.

### GVDS ELIGIBLE SHOWS

Scores earned at the following shows will be used in calculating GVDS awards. When two (2) shows are required, riders must show in at least two (2) of the six (6) different shows listed below.

Riders must show and be judged under two (2) different judges at the time the scores are earned. See the website [gvds.org](http://gvds.org) for more information about the judges and show ratings.

1. GVDS Schooling Show I – April 23-24, 2022
2. GVDS Summertime Warmup (aka GVDS Schooling Show II) – June 3, 2022
3. GVDS Summertime I – June 4, 2022
4. GVDS Summertime II – June 5, 2022
5. GVDS Schooling Show III – August 27-28, 2022
6. GVDS Schooling Show IV – October 8-9, 2022

## GVDS YEARLY AWARDS

### HORSE / RIDER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average score at each level.
- Separate awards for Open, Adult Amateur (AA), Junior (13 and under), Young Rider (14-21), and Pony Division.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Introductory through Fourth Levels: Two (2) different shows, four (4) rides at each level. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.
- FEI Levels: Two (2) different shows, two (2) rides at each level. The two (2) highest scores will be averaged.
- Western Dressage - Introductory through Level 5: Two (2) different shows, four (4) rides at each level. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.
- Gaited Dressage and Eventers: Two (2) different shows, four (4) rides. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.

### HORSE OF THE YEAR – PONY DIVISION AWARDS

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Introductory through Fourth Levels: Two (2) different shows, four (4) rides at each level. The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.
- Scores can be earned in any rider's division class (AA, Open, Junior, Young Rider or Pony), as long as the pony is registered with RMDS/GVDS as a pony and meets the standards stated in Sec XIV, B. 5. At the start of the show season, the rider must declare what division the scores will be earned to – only one (1) division may be chosen.
- Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average (at each level).
- Separate awards for Open, Adult Amateur, Junior and Young Rider divisions.

### FREESTYLE HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### Minimum Requirements:

Two (2) different shows, two (2) rides at the same level. The two (2) highest scores will be averaged. Awards will be given to the horse and rider combinations with the highest average score. A separate award will be given for each division for these categories:

- Each level Introductory through Third Level;
- Highest score in a Fourth Level or above freestyle;
- Western Dressage, each level Introductory through Level Four.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

#### Minimum Requirements:

Riders must have satisfied the Horse/Rider of the Year requirements to be considered for these awards.

#### Horse and Rider - (Age on January 1 of the competition year)

- Older Is Better - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average at any level, where the rider is 60 years of age or older.
- Young Is Fun - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest average score at any level, where the rider is 21 years of age or younger.
- Most Improved - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the largest point spread between their lowest score at their first show and their highest score at their last show (at the same level).
- Most Consistent - Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the smallest point spread between their highest and lowest scores (at the same level) throughout the year.
- Single High Score - Awarded to both the classical and Western horse/rider combinations with the single highest percentage score, excluding freestyles, or group classes.

### PONY CLUB AWARDS

Open to Rocky Mountain Region Pony Club members: Lost Miner Ranch (Gunnison); Roaring Fork Hounds (Carbondale); and Yampa Valley (Steamboat Springs) Pony Clubs.

#### Minimum Requirements:

Two (2) different shows, four (4) rides at the same level.

- US Pony Clubbers do not have to be RMDS/GVDS members or GVDS Associates for these two (2) awards but must submit a copy of their USPC Card to GVDS prior to October 15 of the current competition year, for their scores to count. GVDS will offer two (2) awards: The highest average score for D Level and C Level horse/rider combinations. Scores can be earned from any eligible show. The following tests will count for each USPC Level:
  - D-1 and D-2 Levels: Introductory Tests A, B and C;
  - D-3 Level: Training Level Test
  - All C Level: First Level Tests 1 and 2.

## SPONSORED AWARDS

### DRESSAGE TEAM CHALLENGE

Sponsored By Karen Harkin

Purpose: To promote camaraderie and team spirit throughout GVDS and across dressage disciplines.

Time: Inaugural year – 2022. If interest warrants, the program will continue.

Specifications:

- Three (3)-person teams consisting of a mix of Open, Adult Amateur, Junior and Young Rider. No more than one (1) Open rider can be on a team and no more than two (2) of the same rider type can be on a team (ie. no more than two (2) Adult Amateur riders can be on a team.) Riders can only ride one (1) horse on a team, but a rider can ride on multiple teams on different horses. Three (3) different riders on three (3) different horses compose a team.
- Each team must be a mix of Classical and Western Dressage riders.
- Each team must be named and declared to the Points Chairperson before any rider participates in a show. Declarations can come at any time during the show year, but scores will not be retroactive and will only be counted after the Declaration is made.
- Each rider must have a minimum of four (4) scores at two (2) different shows with two (2) different judges.
- The top two (2) scores from each horse/rider combination will be used to determine the average team score.
- Highest average team score will receive a special award at the Year-End Awards dinner.

### GVDS HORSEMANSHIP

Sponsored by GVDS Executive Board

Purpose: To recognize a GVDS member who demonstrates outstanding horse care and sportsmanship both on and off the show grounds.

Time: Inaugural year 2022. The award will be given annually if nominations warrant. If there are not adequate and qualified nominations, the award may not be given in any year.

Specifications:

- Open, Adult Amateur, Junior and Young Riders are eligible.
- Individuals displaying outstanding horsemanship by always putting their horse first, before their competition goals, or personal achievements in a non-show environment as recognized by their barn mates at home and at horse shows by their peers, volunteers and show officials.
- Horsemanship goes beyond simply riding or caring for the horse. It also involves the combination of both mounted and unmounted knowledge and abilities. Qualified candidates will exhibit comprehensive knowledge of horse care, knowledge of their desired discipline and willingness to share that knowledge to help others to learn.
- Nominations are accepted during the show year and sent to the GVDS President at [info@gvds.org](mailto:info@gvds.org).
- This award may not be awarded every year, depending on the number of nominations and the applicability of the nomination to the award specifications.
- The GVDS Executive Board will determine the winner. A perpetual trophy and an award will be presented at the Year-End Awards dinner.

### OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AWARD

In honor of Di Nugent, awarded by the show committee based on demonstrated effort in overcoming obstacles during the past show year. Requirements for this award may be waived at the discretion of the show committee due to special circumstances.

- Requirements: Two (2) shows, four (4) rides. For FEI: Two (2) shows, two (2) rides
- Eligibility: To be considered for each award, riders must send in their documentation for the specialized award (Breed, etc.) prior to November 1 unless noted differently below.
- Minimum Requirements: The four (4) highest scores will be averaged.