

Dressage report - April 22nd, 2007
Hélène Savard - Dressage Chair

1. Dressage series.
Application forms due April 22nd at the regional meeting.
If any spots left, it will be opened to non pony clubbers or we may offer ½ day only.
2. National Dressage Championships 2007?
New rule: members who qualify this year will compete in 2008 except for the drill teams and pas-de-deux (videos) which are qualifying this year for this year.
Last year's members who qualified will represent Manitoba in 2007.
Manitoba members who have qualified in 2006
 - Katrina Johnson at the pretraining level
 - Stéphanie Sawatzky at the training levelThe list of 2007 approved show can be found on the application form.
3. Dressage at camp
This year's instructor is Susana Danyliuk

/*Coaching Bio of Susana Danyliuk*/

Dressage has been my passion for at least 25 years.

I started out in Maple Ridge B.C. riding 1 1/2 miles to and from lessons on a borrowed horse at the age of 19. These lessons were from Dr. Zolton at Maple Ridge Riding Center. I remember distinctly his voice in his accent telling me what a milk plug I rode. After moving to Manitoba I began in earnest to ride Dressage. And I could have my own Horse on my own land!

I have taken clinics from Tom Dvork, Gary Van der Ploeg, Betty Wells, Shelly McDonald, Betty Briggs, Elaine Partington, Joan Joanston. I am sure there are more who's names I have forgotten. Elaine Banfield has been the most consistent coach I have had off and on through the years. I have always trained my own horses. Each of these Equine partners has been a teacher in its own right.

I had the opportunity to be one of the representatives of our province in 1994, when riders had to qualify for Nationals.

I have first aid, the National Coaching Theory, How to Teach course, Old Rider Level 1, and RCMP check, all towards coaching certification. I hope to continue, as soon the new criteria are established.

I have been a 4H leader and have introduced Beginning Dressage to adults in the area I live. I was invited to give Dressage lessons to Portage Pony club last year.

The last couple of years I stepped back from Dressage to learn about Natural Horsemanship. I have achieved Level 2 in the Parelli program and am working on my Level 3.

I presently ride at Level 2 in Dressage and am excited about the Kur I will be riding this year.

In becoming true partners with our horses, we become better people. Dressage is a conduit for this gift.