

NEWS 2009

- **OCTOBER 29, 2009:** - Nan is at the First International Dressage Forum for the Purebred Lusitano in Lisbon, Portugal. The program looks very interesting with participation of well know personalities of the sport such as Kyra Kyrklund, Dr. Ulf Moller, Dr. Hilary Clayton, Manuel Tavares de Almeida, Daniel Pinto, Mariette Withages, Hayley Beresford and others.

- Wanted to share with you this E-mail from Deirdre, Lauren's mother:

"Just wanted to thank you for the nice time at championships! Lauren really loves riding with you and enjoys your company too. she is so motivated to ride well and that is because you have taught her so well whether the outcome is good or not. Both Lauren and I know that Dante' has improved SO much this past year even if he didn't stand out at this show- we know how hard you, Lauren and Dante' have worked!" Deirdre Friedland

- The Great American / USDF Region 3 Dressage Championship was held last weekend at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center and impeccably organized by Wellington Classic Dressage. Congratulations to John Flanagan, Noreen O'Sullivan and all their staff for being great hosts. It is a pleasure to be able to ride and coach in a show so well organized! The parties were great too:-). Sadly our participation was not the best. We started with a great win of Lauren and Dante' in Training Level 1 on Thursday but Friday's ride in the Training Level Championship was difficult for the judges: one gave more than 66% the other one gave them 58%. And Saturday's ride in the First Level Championship was difficult for Lauren! My performance was not the best either but I was happy with some of the experience earned through the week. Vinho is really special! To check the scores go to **RESULTS 2009** and go to **PICTURES 2009** to see us.

- Click **here** to see the ad that Nan is going to publish in all the Show Catalogs for the Gold Coast and Wellington Classic Dressage series for the 2009/2010 season.

- There is always a moment when you find a nice horse supported by an excellent Team. That's what I have now with Vinho dos Pinhais, owned by Nanette Sexton of South Gate Farm in White Fences, Loxahatchee, FL. Thanks to Trainer Allyn Schiavone, Barn Manager and Groom Miranda van Kol (with help of Kirstie Tindall), Vets Dr. Byron Reid and Dr. Jee Grewal, Chiropractor Dr. Carlos Cortelezzi, Farrier Drew Golden, Saddle Fitter Renna vanDooren.



With Owner Nanette Sexton and Trainer Allyn Schiavone

Great American / USDF Region 3 Championship 2009 - Wellington

Photo: Miranda van Kol

- Willy (SG's Thyme Will Tell) went to a new home with Svetlana Davis and Stacey Gormley from the **Fidelis Foundation**. I'm very happy that he is going to be helping kids to develop their riding skills.
- Thanks to Nan for getting a new dressage ring for South Gate Farm.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Lauren: at the Gold Coast Awards Banquet she got **GRAND CHAMPION in First Level for the Jr/Yr Division and 4th place in Breed Awards**. I'm very proud of her!



- My older sister Rosina was invited by the FEI to judge the World Dressage Challenge in Russia. She had a great time! Here is a picture of the clinic she took with ULLA SALZGEBER (GER) in Peru. At the end of November she is invited to judge in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) and she is now nominated to judge ODESUR Games to be held next year in Medellin, Colombia.



- Thanks to Ann and Tony for allowing us to train in their new ring. It's awesome!



- We had our first schooling show of the season at the Caloosa Equestrian Park on September xx. It was REALLY HOT! Thanks to the Caloosa Equestrian Committee and to Ann Hart. Scores are posted on [RESULTS 2009](#).

- Click [here](#) to read the article tha the Colombian National Federation published on their web-site about my show with Vinho dos Pinhais. (In spanish)

- A little late but very well deserved: Darlene Moree got from the TWIN RIVERS SADDLE CLUB the **SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**. **CONGRATULATIONS DAR!**

- We had our first show with Vinho do Pinhais at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in Wellington and the [results](#) were very good. Also Lauren had an excellent show and we achieved our goals of qualifying for Regionals.

- **AUGUST 25, 2009:** - Parkland Horseman's Association Year End Banquet was held this past Saturday. Rose Miller got **RESERVE CHAMPION in First Level** with Tacoma and I got **GRAND CHAMPION in Second Level** with Tacoma and **GRAND CHAMPION in Training Level** with Marco The Magnificent. We had a good time with our husbands and here are the pictures:



- I'm really excited to tell you that we are preparing for the first show with Nan's VINHO DOS PINHAIS in September. Allyn Schiavone is helping me again with her great technical knowledge to fix the details.

- Bad news came from Bruce and Katie Ferguson and I just wanted to let them know that my heart is with them.

- José María was here again for summer vacation and we had a GREAT time, as usual. I did take some days off and went to Tampa to enjoy a few days of being a family!



- Twin Rivers Saddle Club Year Ends Awards Banquet was held July 18th and they did a great job with the dinner, prizes, awards, raffles, etc. As I told you before Rose got **DIVISION GRAND CHAMPION in First Level and GRAND CHAMPION in First Level Test 4** with Tacoma and I got **GRAND CHAMPION in Second Level Test 1** with Tacoma.



- We were very pleased to receive the visit of Nicolau dos Passos Jr. (Nico) in Nan's barn. He is a breeder of Lusitanos in Brazil. Check out his web page www.nicolusitanos.com.br

- This [article](#) (click on the world) was published in the May [Houston Dressage Society Newsletter](#) thanks to Cheryl Person from Magnolia, Texas.

- **JUNE 24, 2009:** - Almost two months without updating!!! Let's start:

- Shows ended for most of us in May. Please check on [Results 2009](#). It was a pleasure welcoming to the ring Barbara with Gidget and Pat with Marco in Caloosa. I did also a Second Level Freestyle with Tacoma. It was a lot of fun and brought me so many nice memories of how I prepared my mare with Juan for the Fourth Level Colombian National Championship back in 2001. Through the summer (besides surviving the hot weather) we are bringing the horses and riders up some levels. It's going to be exciting!

- We are glad to have some summer rated shows organized by [Wellington Classic Dressage](#). Lauren will have enough time to prepare her last qualifying classes for Regional Championships.

- Nan was in Brazil in May attending some of their special events, auctions and expositions. Check out the [flyer](#) she took with her to promote our new business. Her horses are working very well and we are looking for the shows in the next season.



Nan on Ubrique Interagro and me at her farm in White Fences Picture: Miranda van Kol

- The second **clinic in Texas** was held at the end of May. I will not stop talking about how nice they are and open to the information I can give them.
- On July 18 we will have the Twin Rivers Year End Awards Banquet and we know already what we are going to celebrate:

ROSE MILLER AND TACOMA - **GRAND CHAMPION FIRST LEVEL TEST 4 AND DIVISION GRAND CHAMPION IN FIRST LEVEL!!! CONGRATULATIONS ROSE!**

CARMEN FRANCO AND TACOMA - **GRAND CHAMPION SECOND LEVEL TEST 1**

- Parkland Horseman's Association had to cancel their last show in May due to rain. Rose and me were ready to comply with the requirements for the Year End Awards but Suzie Cook (Dressage Director) said they are going to adjust according to the number of shows they organized.

- Check out our new page **HORSES FOR SALE**

- My older sister Rosina was invited to judge to Guatemala in May and will be going to Russia in September to judge the FEI World Dressage Challenge. Was also invited to give a clinic in Peru last week and went so well they offer her to move and work with them! GOOD JOB!

- Not horsey news: Juan's son Jose Maria will be here for the summer after graduating from school!

APRIL 28, 2009: - Busy month of April with shows and/or clinic every weekend! Darlene and Andrea are back in the show ring and even if things didn't go as well as we planned, it is very nice to have them back performing.

- Rose did for her first time a Second Level Test on Tacoma and we are all proud of them!

- **APRIL 8, 2009:** - Finally I could get organized into our new place and started focusing on work again. The show season is about to end and we have the hot summer just here!
- Thanks to Sue Waycuilis you can click on **CLINICS TEXAS** to see the pictures.
- The Clinic in **Caloosa** on April 3, 4 & 5 was a big success! We had many riders and auditors participating. THANK YOU VERY MUCH to the Caloosa Equestrian Committee and Gale Langford for giving me the opportunity to host the clinic. I have to say that we enjoyed the big arena with the new sprinkler system! THANKS SO MUCH also to Rose and Chuck Miller, Darlene Moree, Pat Bennett, Ann Hart and Barbara Acimovic on helping me organizing, setting-up and marketing. Click on **CLINIC CALOOSA**.
- Show results of Parkland and Twin Rivers are in **RESULTS 2009**.
- Lauren Friedland has been getting many awards lately: USDF Rider Performance Award in Training and First Level; USEF Farnam Horse of the Year Region 12 Arabian Overall Reserve Champion in Training Level and 5th Place in First Level for FEF Incantation (Dante). CONGRATULATIONS!

- CONGRATULATIONS to my very good friend **Marco Bernal** who qualified for the Final of the World Cup in Las Vegas with the mare Diamore. It is the result of many years of hard good work and we are very proud of him. While it would be great to be able to go to Las Vegas and cheer for him, it's even better to stay here and ride Halbott, Maybach, Farewell and other horses Marco has in training.

- Jenny Longson and Sid are back!

- **MARCH 11, 2009:** - We had a great time at the Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge II with Lauren and Deirdre and good **results** too!

- A big and warm hug for Darlene who lost her mother on February 28.

- **MARCH 2, 2009:** - Many new news since the last time I updated the web page. Sorry for the absence but the Season is keeping me busy with many different activities:

- Came back yesterday from Magnolia, Texas. I was giving a clinic at **TP Farm** organized by **Cheryl Person**. I got to work with very nice riders and horses that showed a lot of desire to learn and improve. I will give you a full report with pictures in few days.

- Thanks to Nan Sexton I had the possibility to ride again with **Charlotte Bredahl-Baker** (Bronze Medal Team, Olympic Games, Barcelona 1992 - USDF Platinum Performance Adult Clinic Series). Excellent help for me to ride Sensational and Vinho.

- Free Clover changed home from a nostalgic Janice Rosen to a very happy Katie Ferguson. He is going to be loved in the same way he has been until now.

- I enjoyed very much the USPREA day at Hampton Green Farm. The clinic with Courtney King was fantastic and lunch by Frederick Boyer was great. Party at night at the International Polo Club was a nice way of getting to know some of the members and listen to Ana Gilmour's (One of Hampton Green's riders) powerful voice. Thank you to Kim Boyer and Alex Zilo for the hospitality and friendship.

- Beautiful set-up and presentation for the Lusitano Collection this year at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. Nan Sexton went home very happy with one of the horses: Acolito Interagro.

- I wanted to share with you this e-mail I got on Feb. 12, 2009 from Deirdre Friedland, Lauren's mother:

"Hi!

Lauren was so enthusiastic about her lesson on the way home today! She is really excited about Dante' and his accomplishments and new successes now as well. They are both finally getting the training Lauren always wanted and they both deserved! It is so nice to see Lauren happy about riding each and every time she goes to the barn.

You have renewed her confidence and taught her and Dante' so much in just 6 months! To see her enjoy riding her horse more and more each time she rides makes me very happy! She is enjoying the challenge and loves riding under you.

For all of that I thank you!

Deirdre"

- Two different schooling shows we did during the month of February with excellent results that you can check on **RESULTS 2009.**

- **JANUARY 25, 2009:** - What a good and well organized show was the Gold Coast Opener Festival CDI! Congratulations to all at GCDA! Was nice to hear the Colombian National Anthem today for Marco Bernal's victory on Halbott in the FEI Intermediaire I Freestyle. and was nicer to coach Lauren! Here are some great pictures taken from her friend Rebecca:



- I had my first dressage show with Pat Bennett's horse, Marco the Magnificent in Parkland Jan. 19, 2009. HE WAS MAGNIFICENT!

- **JANUARY 15, 2009:** - New clients adding to the training program! Welcome to Nanette Sexton and her beautiful Lusitanos Sensational do Retiro and Ubrique. It was a hard day for Nan since she lost her favorite horse VERSEJADOR INTERAGRO. It was very sad to see him going!
- Welcome also to Bruce and Katie Ferguson with Vanek. Long time friends and clients that come to Florida for the Fox Hunting season.
- Rose and Darlene were again showing in Twin Rivers's new location without their trainer. SORRY!
- Very excited about attending the Professional Riders & Trainers Clinic with Hubertus Schmidt Jan. 16 & 17 at the Jim Brandon. I will let you know how it goes.
- For all the ones interested in boarding / riding with me, here are some pictures of the farm where I'm based in Caloosa, Palm Beach Gardens.





6 Stall Center Aisle Barn with run-out paddocks.

A/C Tack Room and Feed room

Round Pen

Dressage Ring

Grass Paddocks (Big and Small)

2 Wash racks

Miles of trails and Equestrian Park very close to the property