



NEWS 2010

- **SEPTEMBER 7, 2010: [Click here](#)** to read the article that AMY B. DOUCETTE wrote on The Palm Beach Post about Lauren
- **AUGUST 19, 2010: TIME TO UPDATE!!!** Sorry for not being able to keep this website updated. Had many things happening this first part of the year and was so busy that couldn't keep up with it. Will try to be short and fast on the happenings and hope I remember everything!_

It was the coldest winter since I'm in Florida but was full of events. Horse movement at South Gate Farm: Sensational was sold at the beginning of January and Rembrandt died at the end of the month. It was very painful see him going but, sadly, it was time.

On January 18 & 19 attended the USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference with Henk van Bergen at Mary Anne McPhail's farm in White Fences. Excellent! Very clear, classical concepts and very nice demo riders.

On Wednesdays night we had the pleasure to enjoy Dressage Under the Stars organized at The Players Club. Freestyles judge by "celebrities", good dinner and good company. (although some nights were really cold!)

And the second Tuesday of every month was the SHO CLOTHES TALK. Most of them very interesting and fun! Thanks to Betsy, Michelle, Doug and Krystalann for the warm welcome and the great organization. (and to Krystalann's mother for the food: delicious!)

January 22 to 24: Lauren showed at the Gold Coast Opener. We did many shows and you will find the scores at **RESULTS 2010**

January 29 & 30: Highlight of the season: the **MASTERS SYMPOSIUM WITH KYRA KYRKLUND** organized at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. I was selected to ride in it with Vinho Dos Pinhais and Kyra rode him the first day. What an honor and what an experience! Learned a lot and did it having fun. She is direct, open, straight and handles the riders and horses with knowledge and experience. Have to say THANK YOU to Nan for giving me the opportunity to ride her horse, to Allyn for the constant support and technical eye, to John and Noreen for the excellent clinics and shows they host allowing all of us to learn and enjoy and to Miranda for the pictures and the nice way she presented Vinho.

February 4 to 6: This years' World Dressage Masters was even better than the previous one. Saw my idol Isabel Werth and that made me very happy! Had a very good time sitting at Allyn's table with Kyra and Richard to watch the Grand Prix and saw the training sessions and the Freestyles with friends from Colombia, Mexico and Brazil and, of course, my Juan.

February 6: Showed Tacoma at Twin Rivers for the first time after his injury. Awful conditions with the wind blowing 40 miles/hour. Was so nice to have Juan with me!

February 11: Another cold night made a little warmer with the USPREA Fiesta at the Jim Brandon. Nice presentation of PRE horses, good food and company.

February 12 & 14: Showed Vinho Dos Pinhais at the Wellington Classic Spring Challenge.

February 16: Took a day off to see my sister Rosina at the Miami Airport. She was on her way to Bermuda to judge one of the phases of the FEI World Dressage Challenge. We just talked, talked, talked, talked.

February 18: Showed Top Gun at Marco Bernal's Schooling Show: **BEST SCORE OF THE DAY WITH ROBERT DOVER JUDGING!!!**

February 19: Was invited to attend the Vinceremos Dinner at Mary Anne McPhail's table. Had a GREAT time and what a good job they do at Vinceremos!

February 20: Showed Tacoma in Caloosa.

February 24 to 26: Didn't have much time this year but was able to get to ride a couple of horses from the Lusitano Collection and attended the presentation night.

February 25 & 26: Traveled with my friends Constanza Jaramillo, Arturo Sesana and his daughter Andrea looking for a horse for her. Went all the way to Orlando and saw one of the most incredible horses I have seen in my life: Dragon's Lair Pink's Perfection (MOLLY), a 13 year old Welsh Pony trained to Prix St. Georges with some Piaffe and Passage. Andrea did a good job on all of the good candidates we rode but Molly was exceptional!

March 4: Xairel Do Bosque, Nan's new 7 year old Lusitano stallion, arrived to the barn today.

March 5: Molly came down for vet check. We kept her at Rose's Just Right Farm in Caloosa.

March 5 to 7: Showed Vinho at the Palm Beach Derby. Attended the show party (as many other show parties) but this one was particularly fun with Marco's family.

March 12 to 14: Lauren and Brianna showed at the Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge II. Again very difficult conditions with the rain and cold weather all day Friday.

March 13: Rose had to show by herself at Twin Rivers. Very proud that she decided to do my test too! Attended the CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAS with our dear friends the Bernal Family. Really fun night with the International Team winning.

March 17: Vinho had to stop working. There is an issue that needs time to recover... Just when we were doing so well! :-)

April 8: Bad day: Nan had an accident falling from her new horse: fractured hip and neck, bruised brain. Was transported in ambulance to Palms West and from there in helicopter to St. Mary's.

April 12: Rose and I showed Tacoma at Twin Rivers

April 13: Thanks to Marcel van der Burgh, Lauren got to show (after only 4 rides) the beautiful Oldenburg Mare Zarena at Welcome Back To White Fences IV in Third Level Test 1. What a pair! THANKS AGAIN MARCEL! You can see pictures by clicking [here](#)

April 14: Nan had surgery to put together the 12 pieces that were broken in the acetabulus.

April 15: Nan had "surgery" to put the Halo on her head. What a horrible piece of equipment! Finally, Anita sent me Reggae SPF to train! He's adorable. Sadly for sale but I get to ride him in the mean time.

April 18 & 19: Lauren showed at Gold Coast Finale I & II

April 19: Molly left to Colombia. What a nice pony! She's making Andrea VERY HAPPY!

April 24: Showed Tacoma with Rose in Caloosa. And DARLENE SHOWED TOO!!!

May 1: Miranda doesn't work at South Gate Farm anymore. We welcome PABLO GONZALEZ and his family. Good times to come!

May 2: First day off that I take since January 1st. DUE!

May 5: Nan was moved to La Posada to rehab.

May 8: Showed Tacoma with Rose at Twin Rivers.

May 13: Vinho started walking 20 min!

May 22 & 23: Gold Coast May Dressage: big step for Lauren and Dante: Showed for the first time at 2nd level!

May 25, 27 & June 1 & 3: Had another of these wonderful opportunities to help my friend Marco by riding his horses Maybach and Farewell while he was away with Halbgott looking for the qualifying points for WEG. AND THEY QUALIFIED! Congratulations!

June 2: Vinho had the ok to start trotting 5 min for 15 days!

June 11 to July 11: a month of SOCCER WORLD CUP! Loyal to my husband and to a game I like to watch. Good job Germany!

June 12: Showed Tacoma with Rose at the Welcome Back to White Fences Rated Show. Good way to finish a show season!

June 20: Brianna showed at the Gold Coast Schooling Show.

July 7: Thanks to Loryn, Brianna had the chance to ride a different horse and she did a very good job. She took a lesson on Ida and on Beauty a couple of weeks later.

July: There is a beautiful picture of Vinho and me at the clinic with Kyra Kyrklund on the July Issue of Dressage Today. (Page 34)

July 1: Thanks to Amy Doucette for the article she wrote about me on **The Palm Beach Post**

July 4 to 18: Had a GREAT TIME with my dear friend Claudia Tellez who came to visit. She helped me work the horses, at the office, came to visit Nan and we went shopping, shopping, shopping. That was FUN and hope she comes back during the season! Forgot to tell you: she rode Ubrique!

July 23: Colombia won the TEAM GOLD MEDAL at the Central American And Caribbean Games in Puerto Rico!

July 24: Nan went back to her house!

July 26: Marco won INDIVIDUAL AND OVERALL GOLD MEDALS at the Central American Games in Puerto Rico with Farewell! Congratulations!

August 5: Joshi came to visit for a month!

August 5 to 13: Lauren and Dante had a nice week at South Gate Farm. She got to do flying changes on Ubrique, some piaffe steps, trail rides. Boot camp!

- **JANUARY 12, 2010: HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!**

- A big THANK YOU to Ann V. and Jessica R. for helping me closing a chapter of my life.