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## **Day 4 – Dressage at Devon 2017: Great Rides By Ashley Holzer and Diane Creech plus Fancy Hats – Under the Sun at Devon**

September 29, 2017 (Devon, PA) – Day 4 of Dressage at Devon continued – under the sun! – with the performance division, ladies hats, and great rides.

### **Ladies Sport Fancy, Fine and Functional**

Early in the afternoon, some fashionable ladies entered the Dixon Oval festooned in eye-catching hats for the Ladies Hat Contest. The ebullient Devon Divas trotted off with the Fine award. Adorned in hats overflowing with bubbles and horses, Maine McKee, Laine Barney and Lorraine Wacaster celebrated the Magic of Devon. The Fine award went to Kathleen Kenneally, wearing an elegant pink sinamay Ella Grace hat decorated with a bow and feathers. Finally, Valerie Payton Horn, donned in a classic Capri hat, took home the Functional award.

### **Former Foxhunter Claims Win in FEI Prix St. Georges for Amateur CDI**

When Sonia Zugel was a teenager foxhunting and eventing in Ireland, she probably never dreamed of riding to a win at Dressage at Devon. In 2005, when she was living in Holmdel, New Jersey, she traded in the thrill of galloping cross country and conquering large obstacles for dressage. She enjoys the challenge of the precision that dressage demands.

Just six months ago Zugel formed a partnership Hemingway, a 13-year-old chestnut Hanoverian gelding. Today, the pair claimed first place in the FEI Prix St. Georges for Amateur CDI with a score of 65.526. Zugel, who has shown at Dressage at Devon in previous years, said she appreciates being able to ride as an amateur in a prestigious show steeped in tradition. Even so, it takes a lot to get here — hard work, team support and a

special horse. Zigel says that she rides three horses a day. She enjoys help and encouragement from her husband and the two grooms who have been with her for more than seven years. Hemingway, of course, also plays a starring role in her success. “He’s a horse of a lifetime,” says Zigel. “He has an excellent temperament and tries his heart out.”

#### **And It Was a Great Day For....**

- Supremont (San Amor x Grafine), ridden by Merita Hagren won the Young Horse Performance Championship and Michael Bragdell took home the Reserve Championship on SenSation HW (Sunday x Donata) owned by Carol McPhee.
- Belinda Trussell on Carlucci, a 12 year old, 16.3, Hanoverian gelding owned by Barbara Holden Sinclair, winner of the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI3\*.
- Ashley Holzer on Havanna 145, a Hanoverian mare owned by Diane Fellows of Wellington, FL who took home the blue in the FEI Grand Prix CDI3\* (for GPS).
- Diane Creech and Chrevis Christo (Lavakki x Chrevi’s La Vi) who took home the blue in the FEI Grand Prix CDIW (Qualifier for the Grand Prix Freestyle).

Spectators and competitors also got their first glimpse of the 2017 Dressage at Devon exhibitions which included a sidesaddle pas de deux, a Western dressage exhibition, and the DVCTA quadrille featuring Snow White, the seven dwarfs, Prince Charming and the entire cast of characters all of whom will be back Saturday and Sunday.

Complete results can be found at [www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org).

The Performance Division continues Saturday, highlighted by the Musical Grand Prix Freestyle, and Sunday with classes including Intermediaire tests, the FEI Prix St. George, Grand Prix Qualifiers, and Grand Prix Musical Freestyles. Plus, on Sunday, Dressage at Devon’s unique Dressage Explorers program will take place and include a selfie scavenger hunt, equine jeopardy, make your own stick horse and a stick horse competition in the Dixon Oval. Plus, Explorers will have a chance to meet Silva Martin and learn the ins and outs of dressage competition.

The sun is still out and the forecast is great. Join us!

Dressage at Devon takes place September 26 – October 1 at the Devon Horse Show Grounds in Devon, PA. General admission tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and above; Kids ages 3-12 are \$5, and children under 3 are admitted free. Reserved seating is \$26 on Friday, \$37 on Saturday and \$10 on Sunday. Grand Prix 3-Day reserved seat ticket package is \$66 and reserves an assigned seat for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (Seat location may be different each day.) Reserved tickets are available online at [www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org). General admission is available at the door.

#### ***About Dressage at Devon***

*Dressage at Devon ([www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org)) has been a premier North American Equestrian event since its founding in 1975. It combines world-class dressage*

*competition and the world's largest open breed show with the international Fall Festival show and special activities for the entire family. The six-day event attracts hundreds of riders from around the world and thousands of spectators. Dressage at Devon is a 501(c) (3) PA non-profit organization, benefitting equine education.*

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