

EQUUS 4-H

Is proud to announce the following judges for our 19th annual open horse show at Rawlings Riding Arena.

Our Dressage Judge

Alice Martin,



Alice is the daughter of John R. Martin, a Cavalry Drill Officer, has always been interested in horses. In order to remove her from the first horse she was ever put on, her father was forced to cut the horse's mane, because her 18-month-old grip was too tight. Alice's first taste of Dressage, up close and personal, came in 1969 when she saw an exhibition by Chuck Grant and talked to him after the performance. Alice stayed at Grant's Shine-a-Bit Farm, Brighton, MI in the summer of 1970 riding eight to ten hours a day. Alice continued her instructor/student relationship with him for many years afterwards.

Since then Alice has won innumerable awards, both individual horse and trainer awards, in addition to the USDF Bronze and Silver Medals. Besides the tutelage of the late Chuck Grant (the father of American Dressage), she studied on a continuing basis with Violet Hopkins, Pamela Fitzwilliams, Sally Swift, Hubert Rohrer, and Gerhard Politz and Col. Christian Carde.

Our English Judge

Kim Kennedy,



Kim started riding hunt seat almost fifty years ago. Since then she had branched out to include dressage and eventing. She has spent the last forty years competing successfully at various levels in all three disciplines.

In addition to this she has spent over thirty years as a trainer and given instruction professionally including working with Pony Club giving various clinics throughout the Midwest while working with many of the top riders in the country throughout her career right up to the present day..

Our Western Judge

Doug Bogart,



Doug resides in Rock Island, Illinois with his wife Jill and is a clinician, instructor, judge as well as a trainer. Doug is a member and advanced instructor of reining and western pleasure with the American Riding Instructors Association in addition to being the President of the Illinois Reining Association.

Doug is an NRHA and AQHA Professional Horseman and his students have qualified for and shown at the AQHA Youth World Show, NRHA North Central Affiliated Championships, NRHA Futurity Show and Affiliate Championships in addition to the USDF Regional Dressage Championships.

Our Favorite Announcer

Rob Walters,



Was raised in Welodon, Illinois, and graduated from DeLandWeldon H.S. in 1984. After a couple of years, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Durring my tour of duty, I served in Okinawa, Japan; Quan Ju, South Korea; Osan, South Korea; Angles City, Philipines; and southern California.

It durring my time in Okinawa, that I started to "DJ" at all of the military clubs around the island in my off duty time. It was a job that I enjoyed very much. I carried that enthusiasm home with me, and enrolled for classes at Parkalnd College in Champaign, Il. I received an Associates of Arts degree in Braodcast Performance in December 1993, and set out for the big world of "radio".

After 8 years in radio, the industry no longer held the appeal that it once did. I moved on to a few different jobs, until I came to the one I hold now...at the Illinois Lottery.

I was married for about 10 years, and it was durring that ime that I had the opportunity to do my first horse show (the Draft Horse Show at the Illinois State Fair). I was not raised with horses, and had NEVER announced one before. Well...everyone seemed to like the way that was doing things, and my "side business" was born.

From that first show 16 years ago, I am now doing approximately 15 shows a year, that now include National, and Regional shows all over the midwest.

I would have never guessed in a million years that I would end up doing what I am doing today!! The ride has been a lot of fun, and I've met so many wonderful people along the way.

I believe the lesson here is this..."Stay true to your self and your principles, but be flexible. A closed door leaves room for another to open up for you to discover even greater joy."

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU!!! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!!!