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Maestoso Belladiva

Sire: Maestoso Legeny

Dam: 818 Belladiva

Maestoso Belladiva "Bill", an 11-year old purebred Lipizzan gelding, is the oldest offspring out of Kristina Brown's previous Grand Prix mount 818 Belladiva. "Bella" was a 1996 purebred Lipizzan mare bred by Temple Farms and owned by Kristina's mother, Tracie Wang. Bella and Kristina competed all the way through Grand Prix riding in the Jr/Yr circuit and eventually obtaining USDF's diamond achievement award. Bill has some big hooves to fill but is proving his strength in FEI level competition ring, even in the competitive Florida circuit CDIs. *Concours de Dressage International (CDI) is the competition rating for international dressage events. The rating is given by the equestrian governing body FEI.*

About the Photographer - Kristen Scott-Crocker Sunsoar Photography

I started as an equestrian photographer in 2014 - utilizing my knowledge of horses after a lifetime as a rider and my love of the camera. Equestrian (especially Dressage) photography is still a mainstay of my business. It occupies the other half of my time during 'season' and I spend a lot of time in Wellington, Florida capturing international riders and their amazing horses! In this avenue of my business I specialize in branding - helping riders create a consistent social media image to attract sponsors and clients that make them happy!

I ended up as a photographer because its a lifelong passion, and it is a perfect fit for my life now that I'm a mom. I spend all week taking care of my son Apollo and training with my horse-son Gambit towards our international Debut at FEI dressage... and every weekend? Every weekend I'm living my dream and photographing weddings!

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On the Inside Cover

321 Conversano Barbana VII

Sire: 388 Conversano Allegra XLVI

Dam: 576 Barbana VII

321 Conversano Barbana VII at the Slovenian private breeders association 2023 breed evaluation. He was the top weanling colt presented!

His Sire is 388 Conversano Allegra XLVI, standing at 160cm and an elite stallion from Lipica Stud. His Dam is 576 Barbana VII standing at 158cm and his dam line has produced top Dressage Lipizzans that have been sold worldwide. His dam has produced the best scoring foals each year.

Barbana Lipizzans is the family farm of Nina and Janez Peternal, located in Slovenia. They have been dedicated to breeding and marketing Lipizzaner horses since 1994. They have a small herd of seven mares and one of their goals is to maintain close relationships with all the horses. Janez enjoys carriage driving and competes as well as does exhibitions. Nina is an experienced Dressage rider, successfully competing and training through classical riding methods.

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Spotlight Message

The Spotlight Message highlights work being done by USLF's committees. This Spotlight Message was written by Jenn Mikulski, USLF Secretary, located in Maryland.

Before I found Lipizzans in Maryland, I spent most of my free time in Baltimore community theatre. Each day, after work, I was off to the theatre for evening rehearsals. If I wasn't treading the boards, then you could undoubtedly find me backstage, stage managing; ensuring that actors made timely entrances and exits, cuing light and sound effects, and literally maintaining order behind the scenes. Probably an odd way to start the Spotlight Message for the USLF newsletter, but that's how I sometimes think about the USLF and my role as part of it; maintaining order behind the scenes.

For those of you who may not know me, I joined the USLF in 2014 and became a board member in early 2021. I am presently in my second term as a Director and Secretary of the Board. I am also Chair of the Membership Committee and serve on several other committees. Finally, I am an adult amateur dressage rider and a Major Case Specialist for Travelers Insurance.

Much of what I do for the USLF happens "backstage" and, as such, it is not always readily apparent to the membership. Which is why I jumped at the opportunity to write this Spotlight Message. Not necessarily to beat my own drum (I am one of many volunteers that dedicate their time to the USLF), but rather to give members a glimpse behind the curtain; to see what it takes to run the organization on a day-to-day basis. After all, the USLF could not achieve all that it does without its members; the membership truly is the driving "Lipizzan-focused" force which is the impetus behind so many USLF programs and initiatives. It seems only right that members know how the organization operates.

Per the USLF Bylaws, the Secretary is tasked with "maintaining a minute book which contains certified copies from the Board of Directors and membership meetings, the articles of incorporation, the bylaws as amended by the membership, and any rules and regulations as amended." The Secretary must also "be the custodian of all official records and the corporate seal." Which basically means that I draft the meeting minutes after each USLF meeting (board meetings, member meetings, etc.) and maintain important USLF-related documents, such as the bylaws, logos, and articles of incorporation. Meeting minutes always include everything that happens during a USLF meeting but are particularly important in tracking decisions and motions approved or not (via a vote) by the Board. As Secretary, I'm also responsible for: obtaining board approval for draft meeting minutes; requesting and compiling committee reports in advance of each board meeting; and preparing the board meeting agenda and circulating the Zoom invite. Very recently, I've worked with the Treasurer to ensure that: the USLF remains in good standing as a corporation (which requires the filing of an annual report and certificate of disclosure); that the USLF's trademarks are renewed (every 10 years), and that the organization is sufficiently protected by insurance. While the position of Secretary is responsible for many administrative tasks, most of which do not directly involve Lipizzans, such tasks are still necessary for the daily operation of the USLF.

In addition to my responsibilities as Secretary, I am also the Chair of the Membership Committee. At the administrative level, we of the Membership Committee are tasked with maintaining the membership database (tracking the number of members; mailing out renewal postcards/assisting with renewals; removing lapsed memberships, etc.); as well as welcoming new members, and divining new ways to keep current members, while encouraging more to join. Administratively, it may not sound like it, but in my humble opinion, the Membership Committee is one of the more important USLF Committees for two main reasons: 1) membership fees because, let's face it, some things cannot happen if the organization cannot pay for them; and 2) potential future volunteers.



Photo Courtesy of Jenn Mikulski

Spotlight Message, continued

The USLF would be unable to function at a basic level without its dedicated and driven volunteers. And often where do we find new volunteers? Among our new members. And because the Membership Committee tends to be the first committee to interact with new members, the Membership Committee is also always on the lookout for new volunteers. In fact, you might recall there is even a question regarding volunteering on the new Membership form. If we want to continue to grow the USLF both in size as well as capability, then we will always need more members/volunteers. Finally, on a separate note, the Membership Committee is tasked with one more important responsibility and that is compiling the initial list of potentially eligible members for the yearly election.

Finally, separate and apart from my duties as board member, secretary, and committee chair, I assist in monitoring the USLF email and voicemail. And that's undoubtedly my favorite part of "stage managing" for the USLF. I so enjoy interacting with the USLF membership. Our membership is made up of so many fascinating and passionate people. I love exchanging Lipizzan stories, and I always learn something new when emailing or speaking to members. It never ceases to amaze me how our members can be so very different from one another and yet, still all have a deep love of and passion for the Lipizzan breed.

As its probably clear from the above (hopefully), like many board members and core volunteers, I wear many different hats within the USLF. And while much of what I do takes place behind the scenes, it is still important that members know how their organization operates onstage as well as backstage. And, if any of my message should happen to encourage more members to volunteer in the future? Well, all the better! There are 16 USLF committees (see below for the committee list) that are always ready to welcome new volunteers. To the Newsletter Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write the Spotlight Message for the winter issue and thank you to all the membership past and present for your unwavering support of the USLF and the Lipizzan breed. I look forward to seeing you "backstage" in the very near future.

Jenn

*Interested in volunteering?
Reach out to Jenn at the
USLF Office!*

USLF Committees

- **Annual Meeting Committee** - Plans and organizes the USLF Annual Meeting held in the fall
- **Awards & Show Committee** - Manages awards for our competing Lipizzans
- **Breeders Committee** - Provides outreach to our breeders; organizes breed evaluations and judges training
- **Breed Promotion & Advertising Committee** - Handles external advertising both digitally and in print and manages USLF social media presence
- **Bylaws Committee** - Interprets and keeps our bylaws up to date
- **Finance Committee** - Manages our budget and finances
- **Genetic Studies & Rare Breed Initiatives Committee** - takes on science based and breed preservation special projects
- **Historical Committee** - Documents historical aspects of the Lipizzan in North America, including interviewing key individuals
- **LOL Steering Committee** - Oversees Lovin' our Lipz operations, including FB groups
- **LOL Training Collaborative** - Creates a safe, online space for members to share their training journeys and connect with and receive support from other members
- **Membership Committee** - Tracks membership, welcomes new members, responsible for renewals
- **Merchandise Expansion Committee** - Envisions and realizes product offerings for the USLF store
- **Quarterly News Committee** - Publishes our quarterly Lipizzan News sent to all members
- **Nominating & Election Committee** - Identifies potential Board members, organizes and runs the annual elections
- **Registration Committee** - Registers Lipizzan and Lipizzan XL horses, publishes the USLF official Studbook
- **Website Committee** - Responsible for maintaining and updating our website

A Lipizzan in Florida Circuit CDIs

Kristina Brown

Anyone who competes in dressage long enough always hears about the elite groups of riders fortunate enough to spend their winters training and competing in Florida (or California). After my husband and I made the move to Ocala, FL, almost 3 years ago we found out how wonderful wintertime really could be! Coming from Nebraska and Vermont it's safe to say we had a true understanding of how cold and miserable winters can be! It was always my goal, living in Florida to not only partake in the winter circuit competitions but also take my home bred, self-trained Lipizzan gelding, Maestoso Belladiva (Maestoso Legeny x 818 Belladiva) also known as "Bill" to a CDI competition once we were ready.

This November we decided it was time to step up our game and compete in the CDI dressage competition at World Equestrian Center-Ocala in their CDIAm division. It has been probably 12 years since my last CDI experience (competing my horse's dam, 818 Belladiva, a purebred Lipizzan mare bred by Temple farms) in the North American Yr Championships, previously known as NAJRYCs. With the new CDI Amateur division, it allows riders, like myself, to step back into higher level competition without feeling like you would get completely crushed competing with the experienced professional riders.

To better dive into my experience at this competition, I will share what all entails with the CDIAm division as these were all new concepts to me and I had to research and ask about how it all worked! The CDIAm division was introduced in 2014/2015 by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) for Adult amateur riders over the age of 26 who hold no current FEI ranking. The horses competing in their home country do not have to have an FEI passport, but they do need to be registered with their national federation and identifiable by diagram as well as have a valid vaccination certificate.



818 Belladiva and I showing GP back in 2011, she was pregnant with Bill at this time and I was finishing up my scores for my gold medal and gold freestyle bar.

Photo Courtesy of Kristina Brown



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You go through the competition as you would in a CDI 1* or higher, stabling your horse in a CDI restricted area, presenting your horse for the vet inspection jog and then showing in front of three up to five international judges. They have several levels of CDIAm divisions being the Bronze tour (PSG/Int 1/ Int 1 Freestyle), Silver tour (Int A/B/III/ Int A or B Freestyle) and the Gold tour (Grand Prix/Grand Prix Special/Grand Prix Freestyle). You can ride a maximum of three tests or choose from a combination of two. In our case I choose to show Bill in the Int 1 and Int 1 Freestyle.

The atmosphere at the World Equestrian Center-Ocala is like nothing you've ever experienced. If you ever get the chance to show at this venue, let alone even visit, I HIGHLY recommend it, think Disney World but for horse people! We have shown at WEC many times before in their national shows, but for the CDIs they put the competition either in their Grand Arena, or in the case of this show, in their Stadium Arena. Even for a seasoned competitor this would be a bit overwhelming. Thankfully, I had the support of my friend and coach, Lehua Custer, to help me get back into the CDI swing. If you must show, why not show with friends! It makes it so much more fun!

A Lipizzan in Florida Circuit CDIs

Kristina Brown

The CDI horses had to arrive within a certain time frame either Tuesday or Wednesday before the show. Since we live only 25 minutes away we opted to bring Bill on Wednesday, so he wasn't stuck in a stall for an extra day. You must record your horses' temperature twice a day for three days prior to the competition, and then upon arrival they check it again, take your passport/papers and vaccinations before letting you into the barn. You continue taking temperatures twice daily throughout the competition.

Once we got Bill settled it was time to prepare for the jog. Bill, as well as all the other competing horses passed so it was onto the next day! We did not show until Saturday, so I had Thursday and Friday to school him in the main arena which was great. He always gets a little funny about the fake plants that are placed around the letters, but I can happily say we got over those and the multiple judges' boxes without issue!



Photo Courtesy of Kristina Brown



Photo Credit: Q2 photography

On the day of competition, Bill was feeling ready. I have a little routine preparing for a show ride and try to keep my warmup on show day at an absolute minimum as I know as soon as we get in the ring Bill gets all hyped up and excited, but this tends to fatigue him quicker! Our first test went fairly well. I say fairly because of course in true Bill fashion he picked right up on my nerves going down the centerline and it was all I could do to keep him together. We forgot how to do two-time tempis and figured one tempis were more impressive! So, although we didn't have a clean test by any means, and walked away with some costly mistakes, we had ridden our first CDI test together! Day two was the freestyle and we had an intense sequence of changes right out of the gate so I was hoping that we would nail them, but again with the silly two-time tempis! But alas, we came out with some respectable scores despite very large, costly mistakes and we got a big ribbon too!

I couldn't be prouder of how he handled this show. It is a lot that we ask of our horses training them to carry themselves in this way and dance with us. You take that and then add in a show, let alone a CDI show, Bill kept his chipper spirit throughout the whole week. I am so honored to represent this breed on an international level, and I hope as we continue to progress up to Grand Prix that we show others how truly talented this breed can be if given the time, patience and correct training. His mother, whom we had up until this year, brought me up the levels during my youth and taught me patience and persistence, and I feel as though Bill has done his very best to continue with that legacy.

Patience

Cindy Lambert

My career with a large, publicly traded, international company taught me to be impatient. The faster I achieved results, the bigger my value to the company. I am retired from my business career, but I still can be impatient. This trait is not good with horses. Patience is what achieves the best results, especially with youngsters.

There is a saying, when the student is ready the teacher will appear. And so, into my life came 925 Favory VIII Aurelia II-II (a.k.a., Dewey), a 6-year-old Lipizzan gelding.

When Dewey started his training under saddle, he lacked the confidence to move freely forward with a rider. That confidence is coming, but so slowly. Finally, he has a relaxed, forward and confident walk. I am also seeing glimpses of forwardness at the trot. This progress would not be possible if I applied my impatient business method to Dewey.

Dewey is the most complex horse that I have ever worked with. He is a deep thinker.

He requires me to slow everything way down. For instance, I recently moved him to a new barn. When I introduced him to the indoor wash stall, there was no way that he would immediately step into it. He needed time to look at it and process this new environment. So, I let him. I stood in the wash stall. He stood outside the wash stall, taking it all in. After about 10 minutes, without any prodding from me, he walked into the wash stall. No fuss, no drama. He knew what I wanted (him in the wash stall) and I knew what he wanted (to figure it out in his own time). All it took was understanding and patience.



I need to use that same process under saddle. He is giving me glimpses of forwardness and engagement of his back (so exciting!). I find myself getting excited and wanting more. However, in his own way, Dewey reminds me to slow it down and enjoy the journey.

For now, my only goal is to encourage him to move forward. Hopefully, as a result he will continue to gain confidence that he can carry a rider and as a result, he will learn to enjoy the work.

As I think about what Dewey is teaching me, it is more than just patience. It's about leadership. Being a good leader includes understanding the wants and needs of those you lead.

Top

Photo Credit: Martina Laun

Bottom

Photo Credit: Samantha Salzinski

Beclean Stud Farm Tour

Lisa Simmons

There are two National Stud Farms in Romania where Lipizzans are bred: Sâmbăta de Jos, where they breed primarily grey Lipizzans, and Beclean (pronounced Buh-clan), which was started 30 years ago for the purpose of breeding black Lipizzans. **Both stud farms are operated by Romsilva, a government organization similar to the US Forest Service.**

On October 13, 2023, after the LIF's Judges Clinic, participants were given a tour of Herghelia (Stud Farm) Beclean. Two breeds are preserved here: the Lipizzan and the Semigrue Romanesc, a local draft pony breed. The combined total head count at the stud farm when we were there was 213 horses. Select stallions at Beclean are made available for breeding to private breeders' mares.



ROMANIA

"Romsilva manages the national heritage of the thoroughbred horses through a special directorate. This directorate manages 12 stud farms and 4 stallion depots. The Romsilva stud farms breed Lipizzan, Hucul, Romanian semi heavy, Furioso North Star, Gidran, Standardbred, Lipizzan, Nonius, Ardennais, Purebred Arab and English, Shagya and Bucovina Horse."

- Romsilva Brochure



- 1) Beclean stallion barn
- 2) Young mares
- 3) Manure cart
- 4) Breeding shed
- 5) Mares and foals at pasture
- 6) Breeding stallions
- 7) Lisa Simmons with the black Lipizzan stallion Neapolitano XXXI-45 (used for driving competitions)
- 8) Breeding stallion Siglavy Capriola XXIX

All Photos Courtesy of Lisa Simmons.

My Lipizzan Dream

Jacqueline Ely

Four years ago I met my first Lipizzan. Since that day I have become obsessed with the breed. I was given the opportunity to purchase a young filly that had recently been imported to the United States from JJ-Lipizzans of Slovenia. I loved everything about her from the very first moment I saw her. She was full of personality and very smart. I felt we would make an amazing pair and decided to purchase her purely for myself. No other intentions than to raise her and see how she developed. As a professional trainer I am often evaluating horses for resale value down the road. I enjoy working with young horses and giving them a solid foundation to begin their riding career and then often find loving homes for them to continue to advance in their training. 116 Valdamora X aka "Vee" was one and a half years old and I was not looking at her for resale, I was looking at her as my forever horse. This was the very first time I had purchased a horse with that mindset. It is funny to think because most people probably think this very way when purchasing a horse and yet it was a foreign concept for me. Now Vee is five and a half and we have accomplished so much already. She has had two very successful show years in Dressage and Working Equitation. We are planning to try new things in the upcoming years such as Western Dressage and Ranch Work along with continuing Dressage and Working Equitation. I am just enjoying my horse. She has proven to be incredibly versatile, smart and extremely talented.



Right: 321 Conversano Barbana VII at breed evaluation 2023. He was the top weanling colt presented!
Photo Credit: Ziga Janhar Photography

Left: 116 Valdamora X at a Working Equitation competition in 2023
Photo Credit: Silk Studio Photography

I knew that I wanted to learn more about Lipizzans and because I am such a fan of young horses and grew up raising horses my wheels were turning regarding potentially raising Lipizzans. This year Vee and I traveled to Shippensburg, PA to Flying Changes farm for the Lipizzan Breeding Evaluations. Someday Vee may raise some foals of her own and for this to happen the first step was a breeding evaluation. This was an amazing experience and a successful experience. Not only did Vee score extremely well and is approved for breeding, I also met so many other Lipizzan enthusiasts and breeders. The examiner, Nidal Korabi, resides in Croatia and was brought in by the United States Lipizzan Federation (USLF) for the evaluations. He has a wealth of knowledge and was very willing to share his expertise and insight on breed standards and what to look for to continue to breed for even better quality Lipizzans. The President of USLF, Lisa Kelly Simmons, was also present at all the evaluations and asked each breeder specifically how USLF could help them enhance their breeding program and about their future goals. I had an incredible opportunity to present my dreams and goals to people that could really help me achieve them. I spoke with them about how I want to continue to follow the mission of the USLF: preserve, promote and protect the Lipizzan breed. I want to show how amazing these horses truly are and not just for high school movements but to be enjoyed in many different areas. This breed was almost extinct and is slowly recovering but continues to need our help and support.

My Lipizzan Dream, continued

My vision, my goal, my dream is to own a Lipizzan stallion that I can compete to the highest level we are capable of achieving together in Dressage (hopefully Grand Prix) and maybe even to the Masters Level in Working Equitation. Along the way promote the breed and preserve the breed by standing at stud. I began my quest to find just the right candidate for the job and I had experts in my corner to assist me with this decision. I also confided in my friend and veterinarian Dr. Megan Darragh when it came time to evaluate the potential candidates as well. After a few attempts that did not go to plan I believe I found the right fit. He is a little younger than I was originally looking for and just like buying any young horse, it is a gamble. So much can happen in the years leading up to his true evaluation for breeding and his ability to prove himself within the sport. But he is certainly checking all the boxes at his young age so far. I believe I have found the one! 321 Conversano Barbana VII, he is a weanling and shall remain in Slovenia at the breeding farm, Barbana Lipizzans, till June 2024. I feel it is important for him to grow a little more before he crosses the pond to meet me. This would not have happened had it not been for the wonderful people in my corner helping with this huge decision. Nidal was able to visit Barbana Lipizzans and view many of their lovely horses and give the feedback I needed. The breeder, the Peternel's, were so very helpful during the selection process in answering all of my questions and taking so many photos and videos to help me make my selection. I highly recommend Barbana Lipizzans and JJ Lipizzans of Slovenia if searching for your next Lipizzan partner and considering importing. Both breeders have proven to be helpful and have quality Lipizzans. This is a journey and I invite anyone interested to embark on it with me. I am merely a girl with a dream and a new Lipizzan stallion I can't wait to meet in 2024!

These Bays are Bae

Sent with Love by Stephanie duPont



I sold my 2 year old bay stallion to a 16 year old girl. She calls him Fishii and that is his barn name because his blaze looks like a sword tailed fish and he is Siglavy Rima II or SigRii.



This is my horse Bola.

She was born April of 2023. Sometimes Bola neighs..... Saucy eh?

2023 Year End Awards

The USLF Awards Committee is so proud of the amazing things our Lipizzans and their partners have accomplished this year! This year we had more Lipizzans participating in Musical Freestyle than ever before! The USLF Awards Committee would like to congratulate all of the Lipizzans and their partners on an incredible competition year! Congratulations!!!

USLF / USDF All-Breeds Awards

Training Level

- Amateur & Amateur Vintage Cup Champion = Pluto Brigitta & Jill Murray - 63.707%
- Open & Professional Vintage Cup Champion = Ravenna & Judy Downer - 67.692%
- Open Reserve Champion = Pluto Brigitta & Jill Murray - 63.707%

First Level

- Adult Amateur & Open Champion = Anoka & AnnMarie Hernick-Brockhouse - 63.577%
- Musical Freestyle Open Champion = Neapolitano Kirilia & Julie Davies-Pagels - 68.264%
- Musical Freestyle Open Reserve Champion = Siglavy Filipana & Rachel Tomczak - 66.862%
- Musical Freestyle Open 3rd Place = Anoka & AnnMarie Hernick-Brockhouse - 63.167%
- Musical Freestyle Amateur Champion = Anoka & AnnMarie Hernick-Brockhouse - 63.167%



Anoka ridden and owned by AnnMarie Hernick-Brockhouse
Photo Credit: Carmel Huppert

Second Level

- Open Champion = Neapolitano Kirilia & Julie Davies-Pagels - 62.381%
- Musical Freestyle Open Champion = Favory Rigitta II & Rachel Tomczak - 69.158%



Ravenna ridden and owned by Judy Downer
Photo Credit: Q2 Photography

Third Level

- Adult Amateur & Open Champion = Genola & Valeria Gift - 61.282%
- Musical Freestyle Open Champion = Pluto Sabella III & Kate Phillips - 67.375%
- Musical Freestyle Open Reserve Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann - 67.175%
- Musical Freestyle Open 3rd Place = Genola & Valeria Gift - 65.282%
- Musical Freestyle Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann - 67.175%
- Musical Freestyle Amateur Reserve Champion = Genola & Valeria Gift - 65.282%

Fourth Level

- Open & Vintage Cup Champion = Pluto Sabella III & Kate Phillips - 60.731%
- Musical Freestyle Open & Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann - 68.625%

Intermediate 1

- Adult Amateur & Open Champion = Maestoso Belladiva & Kristina Brown - 65.331%

2023 Year End Awards

USLF Lipizzan Laurels – General Show

- Amateur Champion (Schooling Dressage) – Favory Millagra & Carolyn Wilkinson – 67.14%
- Junior Champion (Lead-Line Dressage) – Siglavy Aga-50 & Noëlle Kottukapally – 71.08%



Favory Millagra & Carolyn Wilkinson
Photo Credit: John Devison, horse husband and photographer



Noëlle Kottukapally with Siglavy Aga-50
Photo Credit: Stephanie Mussmann

USLF Lipizzan Laurels – Dressage

Training Level

- Open Champion = Galanada (XL) & Rachel Tomczak – 72.1%
- Open Reserve Champion = Ravenna & Judy Downer – 67.8%
- Amateur Champion = Pluto Brigitta & Jill Murray – 65.0%

First Level

- Amateur Champion = Anoka & AnnMarie Hernick-Brockhouse – 64.167%
- Open Champion = Siglavy Filipana & Rachel Tomczak – 67.5%



Rachel Tomczak with Siglavy Filipana
Photo Credit: EM Photography

Second Level

- Amateur Champion = Favory Rigitta II & Rachel Tomczak – 66.012%
- Amateur Reserve Champion = Neapolitano Kirilia & Julie Davies-Pagels – 63.571%

Third Level

- Amateur Champion = Genola & Valeria Gift – 62.938%
- Amateur Reserve Champion = 7019 Neapolitano X-11 & Dayle Matus – 62.375%

Fourth Level

- Amateur Champion = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 65.556%
- Open Champion = Pluto Sabella III & Kate Phillips – 62.23%

USDF Freestyle

- Amateur Champion (4th Level) = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann – 68.45%
- Amateur Reserve Champion (3rd Level) = Genola & Valeria Gift – 66.572%
- Open Champion (2nd Level) = Favory Rigitta II & Rachel Tomczak – 69.839%
- Open Reserve Champion (1st Level) = Neapolitano Kirilia & Julie Davies-Pagels – 68.563%
- Open 3rd Place (3rd Level) = Pluto Sabella III & Kate Phillips – 67.158%
- Open 4th Place (1st Level) = Siglavy Filipana & Rachel Tomczak – 66.861%



Julie Davies Pagels with Neapolitano Kirilia
Photo Credit: John Borys

2023 Year End Awards

USLF Star Awards

The USLF Star Awards are lifetime achievement awards, earned through demonstration of proficiency in various disciplines and levels over time.

Bronze Star

- Dressage = Anoka (AnnMarie Hernick-Brockhouse)

Silver Star

- Dressage = Favory Rigitta II (Rachel Tomczak)



Rachel Tomczak with Favory Rigitta II
Photo Credit: EM Photography



Kristina Brown with Maestoso Belladiva
Photo Courtesy of Kristina Brown

2023 Ralph Newhouse Perpetual Trophy

The Ralph Newhouse perpetual trophy is earned by a Lipizzan with the highest score at the highest level.

- Intermediate 1 = Maestoso Belladiva & Kristina Brown - 69.118%

2023 USDF Dressage Finals Lipizzan High Point

- USDF Level High Point Champion - Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann - 65.787%

2023 Adequan/USDF Year End Awards Top 10 Placings

- 4th Level Adult Amateur Musical Freestyle = Siglavy Aga-50 & Stephanie Mussmann - 10th Place



Stephanie Mussmann with Siglavy Aga-50
Photo Credit: Susan Stickle Photography



Kate Phillips with Pluto Sabella III
Photo Credit: Susan Stickle Photography



Valeria Gift with Genola
Photo Credit: EM Photography

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all our year end award winners on your achievements! We look forward to seeing you in the show ring again next year!



Rachel Tomczak with Galanada
Photo Credit: Carmel Huppert

USDF 50th

Dianne Schultheis

USDF is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! In November & December, they spotlighted riders who have also reached this milestone. My wonderful Dressage partner Pluto Sorria "Zeus" and I were featured. He is my 18 year old Lipizzan gelding and we have been together for 9 years. I rode and kept a horse as a kid and after many years and a wonderfully inspiring four day cattle drive in Central California 10 years ago, my passion was reignited and at the ripe old age of 57, I began my Dressage journey. One miraculous day when I was at the barn for my regular lesson, I noticed a beautiful white horse that my trainer had and casually inquired.

"This is Zeus," she said.

I was stunned to learn that he was a Lipizzan, my fantasy breed, and that he was looking for a new partner to get him restarted. I began taking lessons on him even as green as we both were. He was patient and kind and the love affair began. Not long after that, I purchased him and we have developed a beautiful relationship. I am now at the ripe old age of 67 and we are still going strong. Our goal is to do a Century Ride together and so our focus is on maintaining good health and fitness. He is an amazing and classic example of the Lipizzan breed, intelligent, willing, energetic and expressive but kind and gentle. I enjoy every moment with him and look forward to many more years together.



Photo Courtesy of Dianne Schultheis

USLF Board Member Newest USDF L Program Faculty

Congrats!
JUDY

Lexington, KY (December 13, 2023) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce that United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) 'S' Dressage judge Judy Downer has been approved as the newest member of the USDF L Program Faculty. "Having successfully completed the extensive L Faculty Apprentice Program, Judy Downer will now join the existing list of USDF L Program Faculty, and we feel she will be a great addition to the group," states Lois Yukins, Chair of the USDF's L Program Committee.

Judy's vast experience in developing education programs at a college level along with her many years of experience as a dressage judge, trainer, and rider, make her an invaluable asset to the faculty and the program. Judy has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals, Bronze, Silver, and Gold Freestyle Bars and her Diamond Achievement award.

With all of her accomplishments and experience, she is sure to flourish in her new role as a faculty member and bring a wealth of knowledge to the USDF L Education Program Faculty who are responsible for furthering the program's objectives in preparing candidates to enter the USEF 'Y' Judges Training Program, qualifying individuals to judge schooling shows, and giving competitors, trainers, and instructors greater insight into the evaluative process of judging dressage.

To learn more about the USDF L Education Program, view a list of approved faculty members, or to find upcoming sessions, visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org. For any questions related to the USDF L Education program, please contact lprogram@usdf.org, or call the USDF office.

Source: USDF Press Release, <https://www.usdf.org/press/news/view-news.asp?news=1058>

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USDF MEMBER GUIDE



2024

In 2018, the newly formed USLF Breed Promotion & Advertising Committee put together a Promotion Plan that was presented to the USLF Board of Directors. Their stated mission was:

*to perpetuate and increase the presence and **name recognition of the Lipizzan horse** and its associated community in the United States and worldwide.*

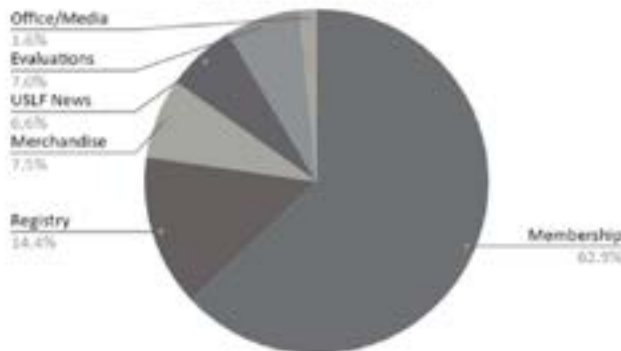
Over the last 5 years, this committee, chaired by USLF VP Samantha Martinson, has demonstrated an incomparable dedication to consistency and outreach not only through social media, but also with key organizations.

This perseverance has landed USLF the coveted back cover advertising location on the 2024 USDF Member Guide. This booklet is a constant companion of USDF Members, regularly referenced.

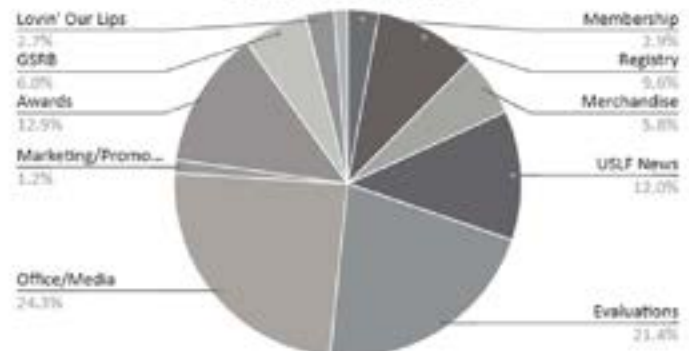
Congratulations Sam & Committee on this amazing accomplishment!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sources of Income



Sources of Expense



FISCAL YEAR 2023

SOURCES OF INCOME & EXPENSE

Presented By:
Muffin Smith, Treasurer

Virtual Annual Member Meeting

Samantha Martinson

The 2023 Virtual Annual Member Meeting or VAMM took place on October eighteenth. This was the third year we have hosted the Member Meeting virtually. In 2020, due to the covid epidemic, we made the decision to switch from an in-person meeting format to hosting it via zoom. Following our 2020 meeting we had a lot of positive feedback from people who saw the benefit of not having to travel in order to attend. It allowed members from all around the continent to come together for the meeting without a significant time or financial investment. Once travel restrictions were lifted we made the decision to continue hosting our Member Meeting virtually so people would be able to continue to attend them regardless of location.

In the past, Member Meetings were typically held in conjunction with breed evaluations. One of the bonuses of switching to a virtual format is that it allows for more flexibility in scheduling Breed Evaluations since Member Meetings must be conducted within a month of the end of fiscal at the end of October. Unfortunately, one of the things people have missed about in-person Member Meetings is the social aspect. There is a lot to be said about bringing people together in a room and having them brainstorm and collaborate. In order to keep some of the social interaction we have conducted a VAMM Meet and Greet the week before the meeting. Wine and Wisdom is a monthly zoom social we host the second Wednesday of each month and our VAMM Meet and Greet took the place of the October W&W. We had a great turnout during our social this year. It was a fun combination of long time members and several new members. We went "around the room" and introduced ourselves and discussed our involvement in the organization as well as who (horse or person) first introduced us to Lipizzans. It was great to meet new people as well as reconnect with old friends and share our passion for this amazing breed.

This year we had thirty-one members attend the 2023 VAMM. The last two VAMMs were held on the third Wednesday of the month in October at the same time as our normal monthly board meeting. We usually have between ten and fifteen members attend regular board meetings and we thought it would be convenient to carry the Member Meeting into that same time frame. Member attendance at VAMM is important as it is a requirement for us to make quorum in order to approve meeting minutes from the previous Member Meeting and conduct any official business. As an organization, we require 5% of the voting membership to be present in order to make quorum. This year we had almost three times that!

During the VAMM, we go through all of the USLF operational systems and the committee chairs present their accomplishments from the year and their plans for the future. We also announce the results of the board election. The 2023 board elections saw 37% voter participation. This year we thanked Sue Ott for her service on the board over the past two years and welcomed a new board member, Judy Downer. Incumbent board members President, Lisa Simmons, Jenn Mikulski, and Esther Buonanno were reelected.

USLF Election 2023 Results

Congratulations!

- President
 - Lisa Simmons
- Director-at-Large
 - Esther Buonanno
 - Jenn Mikulski
 - Judy Downer



Presented By: Ruth Metz
Nominating and Elections Committee, Chair

Election Stats

- 228 Electronic Ballots sent
 - 81 Electronic Ballots Recorded
- 10 Paper Ballots sent
 - 8 Paper Ballots recorded
- 37.4% Response
 - Down 1.6% from last year
- > 25% quorum required for election

VAMM, continued

As vice president, my primary duty is to organize the Annual Member Meeting. This was the third meeting I hosted in that capacity. As the meeting organizer, one of my responsibilities is communicating with all of our committee chairs, in order to get content for the meeting. It is so rewarding to be able to compile all of the accomplishments of our organization from the past year. We are considered a fairly small organization, but we do a lot compared to not only other breed organizations, but also other group member organizations of which I am a member. Every committee had something to speak to, whether it was what they had accomplished over the last year or things they were working on for the upcoming year. There were so many amazing highlights this year and exciting forward thinking energy including:

- 2023 Stud Book
- 2024 Stallion Guide coming soon!
- Advertisement on the back cover 2024 USDF Member Guide
- 2023 USLF Evaluation Tour
- GSRBI Genetic Material Conservation Plan

I want to thank everyone who attended the 2023 VAMM. Thank you to Jenn Mikulski who is amazing as a member of my Annual Member Meeting committee. Thank you to the committee chairs who presented, as well as our members who attended. At its heart the Annual Member Meeting is for the members. It's a way for us to explain to the membership what we have been up to over the last year. It's also a great way to generate excitement and interest in the organization. It has been an avenue to encourage new volunteers. The USLF is 100% volunteer run and when I look at all we have done and our level of professionalism I am constantly blown away. Thank you to all of the USLF organization volunteers and volunteers alike who come together to share their love and passion to preserve, protect and promote this amazing breed. The Member Meeting is a constantly evolving thing that we hope will continue to support our membership. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope to see you next year!

Select slides from the 2023 VAMM have been included on pages 19-21 and 29.



Membership Report



MEMBERSHIP

(As of Oct. 5th, 2023)

Business: 3*

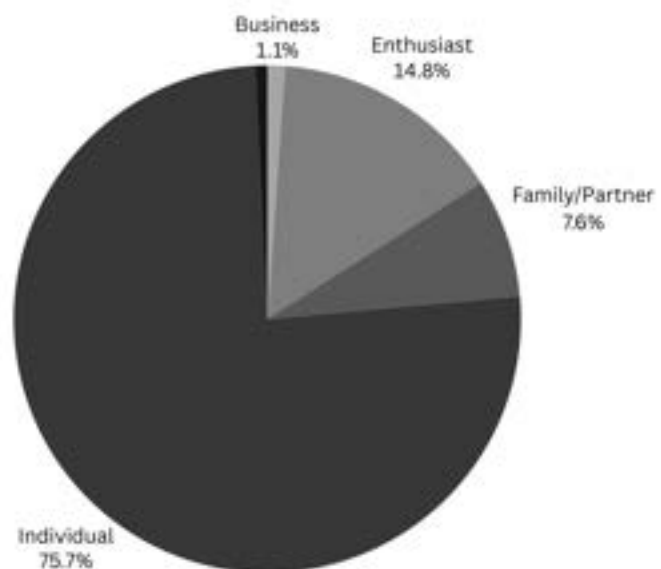
Enthusiast: 40*

Family/Partnership: 20

Individual: 200*

Lifetime Legacy: 2

Total Members: 268



*Lifetime memberships: 14
(2 Business; 3 Enthusiasts; 9 Individual)

Presented By: Jenn Mikulski
Membership Committee, Chair

LIF General Assembly 2023 - Romania

Nina Paternal

*The following article was graciously provided by Nina Paternal of Barbana Lipizzans in Slovenia.
The content has been edited to provide context for USLF Members.*

The General Assembly (GA) for the Lipizzan International Federation (LIF) took place on October 14, 2023, at Hotel Coroana de Aur, in Bistrița, Romania. Present were 35 delegates (representing 17 LIF Members), 4 representatives of LIF Observer Members, and 5 guests. The Slovenian Private Lipizzan Breeders Association was represented by four members at the assembly, including President Aleksander Ozmec and Technical Director Klemen Turk as delegates, and Nina Paternal (Barbana Lipizzans) and Primož Tanko (Cvar Stud) as assistants.

At the beginning of the GA, Nidal Korabi (General Secretary) greeted all participants, provided information about current members, apologies for absences, and non-attending members. He emphasized that the quorum was valid with the presence of 17 out of 23 LIF Member Organizations, i.e., 73.9%, and that all decisions would be valid.

The members of the LIF Executive Board are:

- Dr. Max Dobretsberger – President LIF
- Mag. Janez Rus – Vice President LIF
- Lisa Kelly Simmons – Vice President LIF
- Nidal Korabi, PhD – General Secretary (GS)
- Christian G.M. Manz – Treasurer

President M. Dobretsberger spoke next. He expressed gratitude to the Beclean Stud Farm and Romsilva for organizing the GA, and to all members who attended. In brief, he spoke about the activities that took place in 2022 and the UNESCO project, where the tradition of breeding Lipizzaner horses was inscribed on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in December 2022.

General Secretary Dr. Nidal Korabi presented the annual report for 2023, covering board meetings, agenda items, web analytics statistics, Lipizzaner statistics within LIF, main activities, and member activities.

J. Rus presented the Report of the Breeding Committee for 2023, highlighting work in areas such as the Vučijak Stud Farm, USLF, and the Lipizzaner stud book in the Czech Republic. The breeding committee completed the review at the Vučijak Stud Farm and the stud book of the USLF, both of them were approved. The Lipizzaner stud book in the Czech Republic still needs some corrections, to be done later.

A. Noordkamp, Dr. vet. med. (representative and delegate of the Netherlands), presented the reports of National Breeding Associations and private breeders, discussing various topics. He briefly observed the LIF Judges Clinic and the work of the Breeding Committee.

Ms. Simmons L. (Vice President of LIF and representative from USA) presented the work of working groups, emphasizing their purpose and goals. K. Turk also presented the group for judging Lipizzaners. C. Van Den Hooven (representative from the Netherlands) presented the group for exchanging articles and news, while Simmons L. presented the group for promoting of the breed.

The Secretary informed members that LIF has been working for several years on the issue of memberships that do not fulfill their obligations. Therefore, the Executive Board sent some proposals to the GA regarding the status of Great Britain, the Czech Republic, Romania, and the Vučijak Stud Farm. All documents related to the current situation of members and proposed proposals were available on the website before the GA 2023.

Decisions on Membership Status:

Great Britain: The member did not pay membership fees from 2019 to 2022 (4 unpaid years). The GA in 2022 decided to move the member to observer status with a one-year period to fulfill the minimum requirements for full membership. Due to positive activities in 2023, showing good faith, the Executive Board proposed an extension of one more year in observer status to allow compliance. The proposal was unanimously approved by the GA.

Czech Republic: The member has had observer status for a long time, and all membership fees are paid. The GA in 2022 decided on a one-year period to fulfill the minimum requirements for full membership. The member submitted a draft stud book, still under review by the Breeding Committee. Due to positive activities in 2023, showing good faith, the Executive Board proposed an extension of one more year in observer status. The proposal was unanimously approved by the GA.

Vučijak Stud Farm: The stud farm began preparations for full membership approval in 2022 and applied for approval in 2023. All requirements for full membership were met, and the stud book was also approved by the LIF Breeding Committee. Due to fulfilled conditions, the Executive Board proposed the acceptance of the Vučijak Stud Farm as a full member of LIF. The proposal was unanimously approved by the GA.

Romania: LIF was informed about changes in the Romanian national authority regarding the management of Lipizzaner pedigrees. Received documents and online information indicate that the National Agency for Zootechnics - Prof. Dr. G. K. Constantinescu (ANZ) is the authorized organization in Romania. ANZ applied for membership approval.

LIF GA 2023, continued

Due to changes at the national level in Romania and verification by the authorized agency, the Executive Board proposed the acceptance of ANZ as a full member of LIF. The proposal was unanimously approved by the GA.

The Secretary reported that there were no proposals for hosting the LIF General Assembly in 2024. J. Rus presented the intentions of the Lipica Stud Farm to organize the International Lipizzaner Horse Show - Championship in 2024 in September or October. The date will be announced in early 2024.

After the meeting, we attended a gala performance at the Beclean Stud Farm, featuring breeding stallions on hand, horses in carriage and under saddle.

During our days in Romania, all Slovenian members of the Lipizzaner Breeders Association learned and discovered the Romanian type of Lipizzaner, which differs slightly from the classic Slovenian type. The difference is mainly because of the selection for (dark) color (at Beclean Stud Farm) and the fact that the horses are generally larger. They are particularly dedicated to sports, especially in harness competitions, as evidenced by their presence at major events.

As every year, we have gathered again, enthusiasts of Lipizzaner horses from all around the world. The gathering and exchange of information between members are both welcome and, above all, crucial for maintaining good friendships. For the future breeding of Lipizzaner horses, it is important to preserve similar interests in breeding and to stand united!

Thank you, Nina,

*for writing, translating and sharing this article with USLF members!
To learn more about Barbana Lipizzans in Slovenia, please visit
www.barbana.si*



LIF Executive Board at the 2023 GA. L-R: Christian Manz, Treasurer (Austria), Lisa Kelly Simmons, VP, (USA), Janez Rus, VP (Lipica Stud Farm in Slovenia), Max Dobretsberger, President (Austria) and Nidal Korabi (not shown), General Secretary (Croatia). Photo Courtesy of Nidal Korabi.



Meals were provided at the Hotel Coroana de Aur, creating a wonderful opportunity to deepen international connections. Representatives of seven countries are shown in this photo: Czech Republic, Denmark, The Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Austria and USA. Photo Courtesy of Lisa Simmons.



Above: 2023 Program for LIF Events.
At right: impressions of the Gala celebrating Beclean's 30-year anniversary.
Photo Credits: Lisa Simmons.



LIF Judges Clinic 2023 - Romania

Jana Jašovič Memon

The following article was graciously provided by Jana Memon of JJ Lipizzans in Slovenia. The content has been edited to provide context for USLF Members.

In October, we went to the Romanian State Stud Farm Beclean, which this year hosted LIF's annual training for judges and breeders. The event was organized by Romsilva - the state forestry agency within which the horse breeding section operates.

Under the guidance of the breeding manager of our association Klemen Turk, the following members of the Slovenian Private Breeders Association (ZRLS) are in education as judges: Primož Tanko, Barbara Turk, Nina Peternel, Matjaž Hlebš, and Jana Jašovič Memon.

The theoretical part of this year's lectures was held in the conference room of the Coroana de aur Hotel in Bistrita, where we were staying. We listened to the following lectures:

- Richard Hinrichs spoke about competitions that consider the characteristics of the Lipizzaner.
- Georgiana Neselan gave a presentation on the Sambata de Jos Stud Farm, its history, and selection work.
- Mihai Lechkun presented the work of Romsilva. The Horse Breeding Section manages both stud farms - Sambata de Jos and Beclean. He presented the breeding work and the objectives for the protection of the breeds, including the Lipizzaner.
- Atjan Hop gave a presentation on the history of Romanian Lipizzaner breeding, which is historically linked to Hungarian breeding, followed by imports of stallions from the Lipica Stud Farm. The last imports of horses were about 70 years ago and since then they have been bred in their own closed circle.
- Klemen Turk spoke about the conformation of horses, where we refreshed the knowledge, we need in practical work.

This was followed by a practical part at the Beclean Stud Farm, about 30 km from Bistrita. Beclean Stud Farm is quite special as it breeds only black Lipizzaner horses. As this year's Judge's Clinic had the most attendees, we were divided into three groups at the start - breeders, judges with less experience and judges with more experience. The training was led by MSc. Janez Rus, DVM, Nidal Korabij, Ph.D., and Klemen Turk, DVM, all three LIF four-star judges, so at the highest level.

The horses we saw were very similar to each other, with the same exterior characteristics. All the horses are in higher breeding type. We can confirm that the horses are very similar to each other, evenly matched, and typically far away and different from the classic Lipizzaner breeding type we aim for in Slovenia. Progress in selection work can be seen in the younger generation and is noticeable. It should be stressed that Beclean is a young stud farm, having been in existence for about 30 years.

We have gained new skills and the atmosphere in the team has been very good. After the practical part, there were social events, which always helped to strengthen international relations between breeding organizations, breeders, and Stud farms. We are looking forward to next year and to learning new skills.



Thank you, Jana,
for writing, translating and sharing this
article with USLF members!

To learn more about JJ Lipizzans in
Slovenia, please visit JLipizzans.com



Impressions from the LIF Judge's Clinic.
Photo Credits: Lisa Simmons.



Fara Sabina: What Stud is This?

Dr. Luca Buttazoni

Translated from Italian with editing from USLF News Volunteers

A few Lipizzan mares from the 1950's were born in Italy at a stud named "Fara Sabina." An example appearing in many Slovenian Lipizzan pedigrees is Wera II, born on January, 29th, 1950 in Fara Sabina and sold to Lipica on April 9th, 1958. To understand where that name comes from, we need to take a step back to 1945.

At the end of WWII, the US Army put all the Lipizzans it had rescued under the responsibility of Colonel Podhajsky, Director of the Spanische HofreitSchule (Spanish Riding School). Very soon Italy applied, by its liaison officer Col. Turina, for the restitution of the 179 Lipizzans horses the German Army had seized from Lipizza in September 1943. On November 13th, 1947, the Gen. James A. Garrison commanded Colonel Podhajsky to hand over the horses originated from Lipizza to a representative of the Italian Government (Annex). Later that month, 80 horses (5 stallions, 42 mares, 33 young born from 1943 through 1946) and a copy of the Studbook returned in Italy.

The horses were first taken to Pinerolo, near Turin in Northern Italy, and then, in January 1948, moved to the "Centro Rifornimento Quadrupedi del Lazio", meaning "Military Center for Horse Production in Lazio," in the Rome region.

The Center was a huge farm of over 10,000 acres where the Italian Army used to breed the mares for the production of military mounts. The headquarters of the Center was located in the little town of Fara Sabina, and this is the origin of its name.

A few years later the Army decommissioned the mounted units and it decided to get rid of the largest part of the Center. A part of it, a little over 400 acres, was given to the Ministry of Agriculture for the preservation of the Lipizzan breed. This Ministry entrusted the farm to its own Research Unit in Animal Production with the headquarters located in Monterotondo, another town a few miles apart. From then, Monterotondo has become the well known Italian State Stud of Lipizzan horses, managed by Council on Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA), the heir of that Research Unit. The result is that "Fara Sabina" and "Monterotondo" are two names for the same stud, and for this reason all the mares born in Fara Sabina should be credited to Monterotondo. It is curious that the Stud was never located in the territory of the Community of Fara Sabina, nor in Monterotondo: its actual location has always been in the community of Montelibretti, another little town in the neighborhood!



HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES IN AUSTRIA
USACA SECTION
Reparations, Deliveries and Restitution Division
APO 777, U. S. Army

FEW/ek
13 November 1947

Colonel A. Podhajsky
Director of the Spanish Riding School
Wels, Upper Austria

Subject: Italian Claim #4

Dear Colonel Podhajsky:

With reference to the horses originating from the studfarm of Lippiza near Trieste which were given under your care by the U. S. Military authorities in April of 1945, you are hereby authorized to release these horses to a representative of the Italian Government who will call at your office on or about 17 November 1947, for the purpose of receiving these horses and any other property which originated from Lippiza and which may be held by you as custodian.

Major Weeber, field representative from this Division, will act, during the turnover of the horses, as liaison between you and the Italian Government's representative.

Very truly yours,

James A. Garrison
JAMES A. GARRISON
Chief, RD&R Division

Telephone: Vienna B-47393

Copy to:
PCO, Lazio

My Gratitude List

C. Buckner as dictated to Janet Buckner for word processing

1. My first human, Lori, must be at the top of this list. She didn't push me too hard and taught me manners when I was a young stallion. She showed me what lunge work was and how to walk, trot, to canter under saddle when I was old enough. She also showed me how nice it was to get my long mane braided. I still almost fall asleep when I get my hair done.
2. I wasn't grateful at first, but once I was a gelding, the nickname Chester the Molester faded away. I just couldn't control my hormones and was obnoxiously displaying my "tools" inappropriately and frequently. Sorry about that.
3. I'm grateful that my second human chose me. She looked at my advertisement on the seller's website for over a year and after #2 above happened, she immediately contacted the seller and that was that!
4. I'm thankful that my second human worked with people who know Lipizzans and the most beneficial approach to training, including understanding that being "opinionated" is not a bad thing.
5. I'm grateful for the person my human worked with who emphasized good ground manners and desensitizing from scary things like tarps, plastic bags, flags and noisy things. My confidence grew and made me a better partner. I was also required to stand in the crossties quietly, and I learned that 'head down' meant to keep my eye level lower than my human's to be respectful. I also learned that 'step up' at the mounting block meant to walk up, stand still and not walk away until given the ok. It makes me a safer Lipizzan for my human.
6. I am grateful that whenever I was afraid of something, my human would say, "go touch" and she would touch it too and give me a treat if I did. I still have moments when I'm concerned, but if she says "go touch" even from the saddle, I'll go touch and all is well. I never spin and run away from something because I know that "go touch" means it's ok so I keep my human safe and control my flight instinct.
7. I am grateful for holistic health day. Laser, magnawave, acupuncture and stretching make me feel like a million bucks.
8. I'm grateful for the farrier who quietly goes about the task of making my feet just right. My human has fired several who can't do that.
9. I'm grateful for praise and as a result, I try hard to figure out what my human wants, though occasionally, I stomp my foot when I get frustrated, much to everyone's amusement.
10. I'm very grateful for the humans who make sure I'm not without hay for more than a few hours, though I always wish they'd give me more. Oh well.
11. Lastly, my human always tells me "thank you" at the end of a ride and I know we are a team and I have a place in her life until the end.



Photo Courtesy of Janet Buckner

My Little Pony Goes to a Show

Lauren Addison Self and Stella Self



Stella Self, daughter of Lauren Addison Self, and her Lipizzan cross pony Betice participated in in-person and online shows in 2023. The trail style obstacles were a great bonding and confidence building exercise for the pair.

They competed in the following:
Trail Obstacle Challenge (December 2023)
In the ribbons!
Classes: In-Hand and Youth Under Saddle



All Photos Courtesy of Lauren Addison Self

Lipizzan Family Reunion



"Favory Naussica, Katherine Schuessler, and Ruth Metz — a mini Lipizzan family reunion happened in December, when Ruth Metz of Oregon came to visit the sire of her beautiful 2021 filly Galadoña.

F. Naussica was very pleased to be showered with praises and treats, and to extend his hospitality to the breeder of one of his American offspring. It was a happy day for all!"

Photo and text kindly shared by Katherine Schuessler.



We LOVE seeing fellow Lipizzan lovers and USLF members get together, please consider sharing these heartfelt and wonderful moments with the News for future issues.

Registrar's Report



Registration and Transfer data and trends September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Registrations	40	47	27	28	32
Purebreds	36	31	26	21	29
XL Lipizzans*	4	16	1	7	3
Conversano	5	4	4	1	4
Favory	7	7	7	2	6
Maestoso	6	1	5	8	5
Neapolitano	11	18	6	4	9
Pluto	3	0	3	5	2
Siglavy	4	2	1	1	3
Mares	23	23	17	17	17
Stallions	15	11	8	6	10
Geldings	2	8	2	5	2
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Notes:

- Total registrations and transfers dipped slightly this year after an encouraging rise last year.
- Registrations of purebred Lipizzan horses actually increased slightly over last year while the overall drop was caused by the return of our XL registrations to a more historically normal level after quite a significant jump last year.

Presented By:
Rennie Squier, Registrar

Chart enlarged below for clarity.

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Registrations	40	47	27	28	32
Purebreds	36	31	26	21	29
XL Lipizzans*	4	16	1	7	3
Conversano	5	4	4	1	4
Favory	7	7	7	2	6
Maestoso	6	1	5	8	5
Neapolitano	11	18	6	4	9
Pluto	3	0	3	5	2
Siglavy	4	2	1	1	3
Mares	23	23	17	17	17
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LRF News

by Holly and John Thomas on behalf of LRF
with notes from the LRF Team

All the horses that come to the LRF come with a story and many come with a family. They have a story of being in just the right home, cared for and loved. As time flies, lives can change and when that happens families look to the LRF to help and care for their horses. Here is such a story and we want to share and celebrate it. We contacted Holly and John and asked if they would share their Lipizzan experience. They were more than generous, sharing their dreams and the Lipizzans who rode along. In the words of Holly and John on behalf of the LRF.

Wow, revisiting Santana's life has taken us on a lengthy stroll down memory lane --15 years of an incredible journey! Truthfully, we keep getting lost in so much happy detail it has taken a while to compile a trimmed-down version!

For me, I found I could write his own book--the way I loved and experienced my world with him, and John has his volume of memories, so I feel the best approach will be to tell the story of how he became our first Lipizzan.

So, (to my recollection) on June 7th or 8th, 2006, I opened my email to find a picture of Santana--born the special day of June 6th, 2006 and as I gazed--*captivated as if he had come to life and reached out grabbing my heart with his very soul*--at his picture I wondered how on earth an offer of an available-for-purchase Lipizzan colt found its way to MY email inbox! No Clue! An email about a horse of all things, and the name Santana, which had huge and special meaning to John and I. The date he was born also had special meaning to us and I was looking for a Father's day present for John. He had been wanting horses back in his life for a very long time...so I figured, well if it was meant to be, the breeder (Connie, Carousel Farms) would call me back from the phone message I left that day, "...if this colt is still available for purchase--I want him!"

What you need to know is that John and I had helped my sister acquire her Lipizzan mare a few months before, however, John and I had not had horses together though he had horses in his previous married life 20 years prior. We weren't even living on horse property, but in that life-altering moment that Santana "reached out" of that email and grabbed my heart, I knew that if I said "yes" to jumping into the void everything would fall beautifully into place... and it did!!

I stunned my husband John that evening when Connie called back to let me know Santana was available. We were dining at our favorite Sushi restaurant. I presented Santana's picture, then offered him as his Father's Day present if he wanted to say "yes." And so it began. And yes, everything fell into place beyond our wildest imaginations!



Photo courtesy of the Holly and John Thomas and the Lipizzan Rescue Foundation

Magically that summer a horse property with a small home and an 8-horse barn came up for sale literally across the street from my sister (a true horse-blooded woman!) where she could easily help us with all things Lipizzan! By August we had closed on the property as a second home and what would become the offices for our dream of a future breeding operation.

We began refining the space in the 8-horse barn for Santana and his half-brother expected the next March. When we agreed on Santana I knew he would need a buddy. I had chosen an unborn foal to be Santana's companion by the same sire, and he was set to be born a month or so later. We were planning on them arriving together nine months later, but due to crazy circumstances, they came two months early in the dead of winter in January! Fortunately, we had become well prepared for our horse world to happen.

What we thought was a Father's Day present for John, ultimately became clear that Santana was my soul connection and a stallion named Prize was absolutely and importantly John's true connection. Funny how life steers us in the direction we need--if we are willing to say, "yes."

LRF News, continued

John loved to call Santana "Arnold" (Schwarzenegger) on occasion because he was so naturally built and muscular. Santana loved his food! He would rather go back into his stall and munch away on his slow-feed bag than watch the mares at liberty in the big arena (in his area) unlike the other two stallions snorting and racing around! When it was Santana's time to be at liberty, he did enjoy his daily turnout times in the big arena and he had and continues to have such gorgeous movement.

I used to slide onto Santana's back while he ate in his stall, and love on him when he was a few years old getting him used to an idea of what was to come. He was always such a calm presence, with a wonderful disposition. Ground handling and round pen training were easy with him via his responsiveness and smarts. However, he could hardly wait to get back to his safe stall and private turnout when the sessions were over. Training to be ridden came later on waiting till at least five years old before doing so, but life had more twists and turns and our time to dedicate to that endeavor vanished. Santana, who was ultimately trained under saddle was only lightly ridden for a short time.

As young horses they all got to mingle and spend time as a herd. Those were some of my favorite memories. As they all matured, we found the best configuration and there were three stallions and three mares in stalls and private turnouts co-existing harmoniously across the aisle from each other.

Prize became one of the barn mates Santana grew up with. We later discovered Prize and Santana shared bloodlines through their mothers lines! More crazy magical connections. We had three of the six Lipizzan lines represented in our barn! As the horses somewhat magically came together, it turned out they were a well-matched group of bloodlines for breeding success! Unfortunately, financial hardship fell upon us before we could accomplish our dreams. We did manage to keep our herd loved, well cared for and healthy through those many years and beyond.

Fifteen wonderful years later, age and health issues precluded our being able to continue with the horses. We have fond and delightful heartfelt memories of our time together with our most amazing and beautiful Lipizzans!

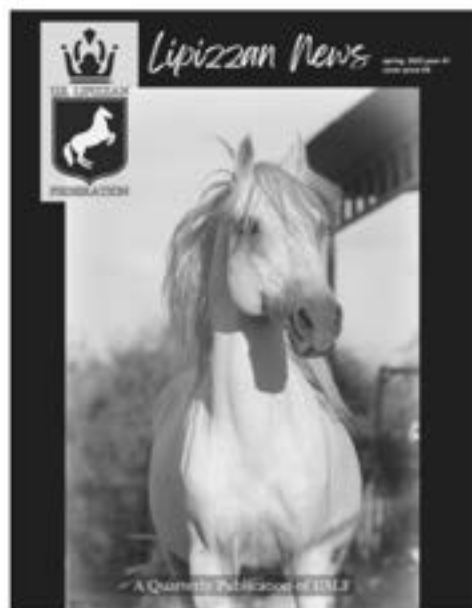
Note from the LRF

Santana, was recently evaluated and approved as a breeding stallion. He now lives in a great home where he may pass on some of those wonderful genes. Prize now lives with Judith Tarr in Arizona.

A little history of how our herd so quickly came to be. In October of 2006 we went to Oregon to visit our two colts-- for the first time in person, and to also attend a USLR conference. It was there that we were approached by Cele Noble and informed that there was a two year old stallion Prize who was meant for us! Soon Lyn Schaefer suggested one of her mares and foal to add to our herd! Our barn was filling up! Shortly thereafter a rescue, thought to be with foal, was offered as a foster situation and we had room for her, so we said yes. What Santana had started quickly became a herd of Lipizzans! And the future breeding operation was taking shape.



Above: Favory Santana at the 2023 Evaluations. Photo Courtesy of Sarah Casey



At Right: Neopolitano Sciana, aka "Prize" on the cover of the Spring 2022 News. Photo Credit: Lynne Glazer.

Transitions

September – November 2023

REGISTRATIONS

Lipizzan Mares:

Altana (b.2023, Waltzing Horse Farm, Favory Onikita x Alga-3) by Sarah Casey of New Berlin, NY.

Bola (b.2023, Stephanie duPont, Siglavy Ballestra x Rima) by Stephanie duPont of Whitefish, MT.

Solista (b.2022, Marie Gardner & Ronnie Prevatt, Conversano Soja x Madeia) Marie Gardner & Ronnie Prevatt of Geneva, FL.

Lipizzan Stallions:

Favory Amira (b.2023, Sugar Magnolia Farm, Favory Allura x Amira) by Brittany Purcell of Commerce, GA.

Pluto Anatinza II (b.2023, Four Winds Farm, Pluto Matina x Anatinza) by Melanie Adams of White Hall, MD.

Siglavy Rima II (b.2021, Siglavy Ballestra x Rima) by Stephanie duPont of Whitefish, MT.

XL Lipizzan Mares:

Patina's Shooting Star (b.2011, Four Winds Farm, Pluto Matina x One Hot Tottie (POA)) by Melanie Adams of White Hall, MD.

XL Lipizzan Geldings:

Avaway's Cyrano (b.2008, Avaway Acres, 730 Neapolitano IV Rockrose x Unknown) by Terry Bowman of Kearney, MO.

Thank you to our Registrar and members for working diligently to make sure all horses are properly registered.



Registrar's Message

It's Stallion Report Season! Completing the USLF stallion report allows us to check that a mare was bred to a stallion with the approval of the stallion owner. It also allows us to 1) check the gestation period for the pregnancy, 2) check the possible identity of some of the unidentified horses that come across our desks - years or even decades after being born, and 3) stallion reports can help show which mares were covered, but did not carry a foal to term.

No foal can be registered unless we have a stallion report on file for the breeding. Your Registrar spends a lot of time asking breeders for stallion reports in order to complete foal registrations, so, please remember to file them at the end of the breeding season each year!

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Lipizzan Mares:

Mikka (b.2007, Harmony Farm, Pluto Samara I x Matina) to Tamara Cohen of Krum, TX.

Lipizzan Stallions:

857 Conversano VI Garcia (b.2004, Tempel Lipizzans, Bana Conversano-83 x 801 Garcia) to Paula Carabell of Waukesha, WI.

Conversano Acapella (b.2008, White Horse Vale Lipizzans, 546 Conversano Mima x Acapella) to Jane Delson of Freeport, ME.

Maestoso Cara Mia II (b.2015, Lisé B Olsen, Maestoso Precocia x Cara Mia) to Nancy VanDeen of Enumclaw, WA.

Lipizzan Geldings

898 Pluto Garcia (b.2010, Tempel Lipizzans, Pluto Distinta x 801 Garcia) to Mary Cecola of Naperville, IL.

912 Pluto Batrina (b.2015, Tempel Lipizzans, Pluto Virtuosa-47 x 852 Batrina) to Susan Cochard of Evanston, IL.

925 Favory VIII Aurelia II (b.2015, Tempel Lipizzans, 832 Favory VIII Bellanna x 859 Aurelia II) to Cindy Lambert of Prospect, IL.

Favory Abiqua III (b.2008, Carrousel Farm, 716 Favory III Sabadilla x Abiqua) to Mj Misailidis & Mary Duffy of Ceres, CA.

Neapolitano Ivana (b.2005, Lipizzans In The Light, Neapolitano Slatana II x Ivana) to Serenity Villar of Wilsonville, AL.

XL Lipizzan Mares:

Estella (XL) (b.2004, Christel Carlson, Conversano Natasha II-I x Three Chances (SWB)) to Caitlin Robb of Staunton, VA.

Lenora (XL) (b.2019, Spearhead Equines, Pluto III Precocia x Destiny (XL)) to Private of Ridgefield, WA.



How to File Your Stallion Report

If you own a stallion please file your stallion report on or before December 31st of each year. This can be done online on the Registry page of the USLF website if four or fewer mares were covered during the breeding season, or by completing a paper stallion report and returning it to the office regardless of the number of mares covered. The paper version can be requested by emailing the office at uslfoffice@gmail.com.

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