

## GCDA YEAR END AWARDS 2008-2009 SEASON

(Preliminary Awards Criteria as of Sept 2, 2009, subject to final confirmation).

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL GCDA YEAR END AWARDS

1. **RIDER and OWNER must both be must be active GCDA members.**
2. **Eight hours(8) of volunteer time must be completed for EACH horse/rider combination over the course of the show season.** Volunteers are responsible for signing in the Volunteer Sign-up Book. **A Volunteer MAY designate their hours to another person, but must identify this person at the time volunteer hours are earned, not at the end of the GCDA season.**
3. **Only GCDA season shows will be considered for all year end awards.**
4. Horse/rider combinations must ride a minimum of 3 GCDA shows selected from the GCDA October Schooling Show, The GCDA Fall Fling, The GCDA Opener, The GCDA March Schooling Show, The GCDA Grand Finale I & II, The GCDA May Show and the GCDA June Schooling Show.
5. It is the rider's responsibility to validate scores and notify in writing either the official GCDA Show Secretary or GCDA Point Keeper, Arnelle Liblit, **within 30 days after each show.** Awards Committee will decide the awards placings/groupings and all results will be considered final.

### LEVEL AWARDS, Open and Amateur

The same Horse/Rider combination must:

1. Introductory through Second Level must ride a minimum of six (6) tests.
2. Horse/Rider combination must show the highest test of the level twice.
3. The six highest tests will be averaged. Two of those six must be the highest tests of the level.
4. Third Level through FEI (includes FEI 5 & 6 YR OLD Test) must ride a minimum of three (3) tests.
5. Third & Fourth Level must ride highest test of the level at least once.
6. Three highest tests will be averaged. One of those must be the highest test of the level.
7. In Hand must show a minimum of three tests. Highest three tests will be used.
8. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux scores will be considered.

### BREED AWARDS

1. There must be a minimum of three Horse/Rider combinations to make a division.
  2. Average of the highest six (6) scores – Intro through Second Level.
  3. Average of the highest three (3) scores – Third Level through FEI.
- If there are not enough Horse/Riders to make up a specific breed division, The Awards Committee will decide the groupings. (EX: Warmblood, Open, etc)
5. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux or In Hand scores will be considered.

### MUSICAL FREESTYLE AWARDS

The same Horse/Rider combination must:

1. Three scores are required.
2. Average of the highest scores is used.
3. The Awards Committee will decide the awards grouping.

### PAS DE DEUX AWARDS

The same two Horse/Rider combinations must:

1. Three scores are required.
2. Average of the highest scores.
3. Awards Committee will decide the awards groupings.

### MEDAL AWARDS

Based on the placing for each test. First place points: Scores must be 60% or better for Intro through Second Level to count; 57% or higher for Third Level through FEI to count. For example: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 4 points, and so on.

- Gold Medal -35 or more points
- Silver Medal – 24 to 34 points
- Bronze Medal – 15 to 23 points

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**SPONSORED AWARDS** – All General Requirements must be fulfilled for all Sponsored Awards, except Volunteer of the Year. The Awards Committee and the Sponsors will decide the award placings/ groupings.

### THE WHISTLE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR QUARTER HORSES

1. Must be a GCDA Member.
2. Must show in three shows under three different judges.
3. Average of three highest rides: Must be 60% or better through Second Level and 58% or higher Third Level and above.
4. Must be registered with the American Quarter Horse Association.
5. A copy of AQHA papers must be on file with GCDA.

### LUND ANIMAL HOSPITAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Trophy for the winner – carrots for the horse. \$100.00 donation in the winner's name given to the Horse Protection Association of Florida. Members may nominate the competitors who:

1. May not get the best scores.
2. Strives to do their best.
3. Treats their horse and fellow competitors with kindness.

Nominated competitors must fulfill General Requirements for Year End Awards. These will be verified by the Board of Directors for GCDA.

### THE INGRED POLLAK HUBERT ROHRER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirement. Rider who exhibits outstanding achieving in riding skills, volunteering and perseverance.

### THE SPECTRUM SADDLE SHOP AGED TO PERFECTION AWARD

Must be a GCDA member, chosen from the older qualified riders, age 40 or older, riding the same horse with the highest overall average for the show season. Freestyles and Pas De Deux will not be considered.

### GCDA EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Board will accept and consider all recommendations from the membership. Based on the person who best exemplifies the qualities of good sportsmanship, enthusiasm for the sport of dressage, and support for their fellow GCDA members as well as GCDA. The decision will be made by the board of Directors of GCDA. Winner may be a non-rider and/or Non member.

### GCDA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Based on the volunteer who provides the greatest support to GCDA. The decision will be made by the board of Directors of GCDA. The Board will accept and consider all recommendations. From the membership. Winner may be a non-rider and/or Non member.

### THE GCDA HIGH SCORE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirements. There will be 2 divisions: 1) USEF High Point and 2) FEI High Point. Award is based on the highest single USEF and FEI score attained at a GCDA show during the show season. No Freestyle, Pas De Deux or In Hand scores are considered.

### THE GCDA FEI HIGH SCORE FREESTYLE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirements. Award is based on the highest single FEI Freestyle score attained at a GCDA show during the show season.

### THE JOANNE JACKSON MEMORIAL AWARDS

Must be a GCDA member and fulfill General Requirement. Presented to the GCDA members who attain their Bronze, Silver or Gold Metal Awards from USDF during the show season. **Rider must provide a copy of the Award to GCDA Awards Committee to be eligible.**