



Association gatherings see people, horses and programs celebrated for accomplishments and contributions.

Super Year for Suppenkasper

The United States Dressage Federation™ congratulates the 11-year-old 18 hand, Dutch Warmblood gelding, Suppenkasper, owned by Akiko Yamazaki's Four Winds Farm LLC, and ridden by Steffen Peters of San Diego, California, for being named 2019 Adequan®/USDF Grand Prix Horse of the Year. Suppenkasper's median score of 75.696 percent made him the top horse in the United States competing at this level and the recipient of USDF's highest honor.



Suppenkasper was recognized at the 2019 Adequan®/USDF Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet with a commemorative personalized plaque, an embroidered cooler, and a gift certificate provided by Dressage Extensions.

Also, Suppenkasper is the recipient of the Colonel Thackeray Award and will have his name

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engraved on a silver trophy to be on permanent display in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, housed at the USDF National Education Center, located at the Kentucky Horse Park.

“USDF is thrilled to be able to recognize this extraordinary horse for his many accomplishments during the 2019 competition season. We also congratulate Akiko Yamazaki, Four Winds Farm, Steffen Peters, and the entire Suppenkasper team,” stated USDF Executive Director Stephan Hienzsch.



USHJA Awards

The United States Hunter Jumper Association held its annual meeting in early December in Denver. Along with educational presentations, committee meetings and rule change proposals and decisions, the gathering included year-end award presentations. Kudos to the many recipients from the West Coast:

The President's Distinguished Service Award was developed to recognize and honor the dedication and service by members and volunteers to the USHJA and the sport. This year's recipients of the award include Charlotte Skinner-Robson and Robin Rost Brown, as well as the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Committee. Skinner-Robson works with the Langer Equestrian show management group and has long served on various committees.

Larry Langer and Bob Cacchione, two exceptional innovators in the sport, were awarded the William J. Moroney Visionary Award during the evening. This honor is awarded to an individual or group deemed as inspirational, influential and integral to furthering the Hunter and Jumper disciplines.

Both Langer and Cacchione have impacted the sport putting their dreams and ideas into action. Langer has been committed to creating opportunities for riders to advance in the sport including the development of the Emerging Jumper Rider Program and Show Jumping Athlete Pathway, which he has worked tirelessly to bring to life.

Exceptional horse show staff were recognized for their invaluable role in delivering the very best hunter/jumper competitions. Julie O'Connor, of Riverside County's Corona was awarded the West Coast Vital Horse Show Staff Award.



Wild Turkey Honored

US Equestrian Barbara Ellison and her Wild Turkey Farm sporthorse breeding program in Wilsonville, OR. were announced as the winners of the 2019 US Equestrian Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders' Cup Award.

The Ellen Scripps Davis Memorial Breeders' Cup Award recognizes an individual and/or breeding enterprise who consistently breeds outstanding performance and show horses. The award honors the role that good breeding plays in the development and improvement of performance and show horses.

"I am speechless and very honored," Barb said, upon receiving the news. "And honestly this is

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an award won by a team: my staff at the farm, Mandy Porter, my vets, Ryan Ferris, Columbia Equine, my farrier, Jason Smith, etc. As they say, it takes a village. Thank you!"

For West Coasters honored in US Eventing Association gathering, see story, this issue.