

# CEA Mini Dressage Challenge

The CEA MDC was held on Sunday 2nd June, 2013. What a day and what a success! Our Dressage Delegate had this to say:

*Hello TTEA Members:*

*I would like to report that we had another wonderful Dressage show where it seemed everything went well. Our competition, the CEA Mini Dressage Challenge, sees us competing with other countries in our region. The judge, Merrilynn Griffin, has to travel to each country over a period of time and the winner is the one with the most points in the end. Currently we are in second place with one more country to go.*

*I must say we are working very hard at improving the standard of our T&T riders. TTEA would like to especially thank Roberta Foster for giving us a strong footing into the CEA MDC 2013. The scores were very good and we were commended by the visiting judge for our presentation of riders' skill and the execution of the show. Our local coaches must also be highlighted as they train or athletes year round have been the ones to draw out the talent which lies in each rider and horse.*

*I would like to highlight the following persons:*

- My Dressage Team: Lynn Mahon, Nevine Bocarra, Sara McCarthney, Patrice Stollmeyer....How does the saying go, "you are the wind beneath my wings." :-)*
- Nikki Chatoor for preparing the programmes*
- Peter and Chancy Moll along with their grounds crew for the beautifying of the show grounds.*
- Warren. Tom Yew for his food/ bar skills and fantastic accounting system*
- Inspector Grant and his "lusty round of applause"*
- Debbie Nunes and her precise skills at scoring*
- Mr Xavier for his exquisite choice of music which caused the horses to "dance."*
- Dr Chancy Moll, who all the judges love for her excellent scribing ability and who helped me treat our guest judge to an outing to Yerette where the humming birds roam in abundance*
- Debbie Thompson and that smile that ensured everything ran so smoothly as Show Coordinator*
- Dr. Rossi who transported the judge on show day*
- Jade Gomez showed how to be efficient at finding shade but still attend to letter A..it worked!*
- Runners, Amy Costelloe and Michelle Sabga -About for being gracious*

- Asheigh Costello for being the efficient ring steward*
- Natalie Rapiet for agreeing to be our Technical Delegate*
- Lucette Navarro bought a very nice lunch for Judge Merrilynn*
- Melanie Waddle took care of all the behind the scenes regarding booking of judge's ticket and hotel stay*
- Our Treasurer, Renee Lancer for making things flow well for me and my running around*
- Heather and Hadley Rahael who were our lovely hosts for awards dinner*
- Mr Steven Letrin for his transporting of judge to and from hotel at dreadful hours*
- The grooms and drivers for the many trips to and from the stables*
- Mr. Dilip and his delicious rotis which sustain us with little effort required on our part*
- Elite Ambulance team who arrived on time to sure our riders were in safe hands*
- Phillips Gourmet for a delicious dinner at awards night and doing it on a long weekend Sunday*

*You see, I am must be grateful because I can NOT do this all by myself :-)*

*Thanks again everyone!*

*Martena Weatherly  
Dressage Chairperson*