

2013 FEI World Dressage Challenge

The 2013 FEI WDC was held on the 27th February, 2013 at Saddle Valley Stables. Check out the final results for the FEI World Dressage Challenge for Zone 10 [here!](#)

Our Dressage Delegate, Mrs. Martena Weatherly, summarized the day well in her thank-you note on the 28th February, 2013 as follows:

Hello Everyone,

What a wonderful 3 days has been had by all. Dressage is alive and well in Trinidad and Tobago. Where some islands are looking to scale back, we are forging ahead with a vision AND we WILL get there. It was obvious to all, including the President of the Ground Jury, Mr. Santos who said, "Everything was excellent!"

It is the most beautiful thing to see our national flag flying alongside the FEI flag. Our team riders worked hard and admirably with good results. Thank you for representing our country in such a FINE manner. We shall see where we stand when the all countries in the region have competed. Just a note....Haiti has come back into the competition, the first since the earthquake. That is a tremendous testament to the power of the human spirit! We wish them well.

Champion Rider, Miss Ambriel you made us proud on yet another occasion. We know you will fly your country's flag high always with your hard work. The grand dame, Patrice Stollmeyer, the Reserve Champion keeps us all on our toes. Her passion for riding can never be disputed personally or for team Trinidad and Tobago on a whole. Our riders and coaches work very hard and you enjoy each other's successes and plot along together as to what the next step should be.

How did we get the show to be "excellent?" Firstly, let me speak to my team of Sara Mc Carthney and Nevine Boccara. This feat is nothing short of a combined effort. We each have strengths and they work well for the benefit of the discipline. Nikki Chatoor happily took time to prepare the program and the printing. Peter and Chancy Moll are a quiet duo but came with the power of one thousand in handling the ring, the judges stands, the flags, the trophies, ribbons and flowers. Dr. Rossi Bridgelal your time and expertise is invaluable to us at the TTEA.

Arlette Xavier the amazing, is transforming Saddle Valley by the hour. Your presentation of the facilities impressed me. Debbie Thompson is always helpful with a smile and a calm demeanor making sure the visiting riders and horse were comfortable. Brenda Xavier always thinks of everyone and brought snacks and coffee and tea for us all. Anthony Xavier is such a wonderful gentleman to lend us the use of his music and loud speaker equipment, complete with the service of set up and break down.

Inspector Grant is a natural. He knows the riders and encourages them on while at the mic. Hope to see his men at our show in the near future. Our other officials, Kerri Clarke, Dr. Kathy Ann Pyke, Debbie Nunes, Dr. Chancy Moll, Janice Gransaul, Len Dempewolf and Arlette Xavier made sure everything run silk smooth.

Heather Rahael gracefully hosted us for dinner and prize giving and on Wednesday evening at her lovely home. Renee Lanser took it in stride to handle our finances. President Gerard Ferriera left his busy schedule to meet and greet our visiting judges. Secretary Tessa Stollmeyer made sure that we submitted our documents to FEI and looked official. Melanie Waddle for greeting and transporting our judges as well as the media work she does so very well.

We all worked so well together, I enjoyed seeing the different stables sitting together and enjoying Arlette's wine at the end of show day. That to me embodied the meaning of the term sportsmanship ...to the able to enjoy each other's company at the end of the competition. This is why Mr. Santos would have observed and felt that "everything was excellent."

Thanks Everyone!

*Martena Weatherly
Dressage Delegate*

T&T's team was selected for the show in accordance with the TTEA's Rules for FEI Trials. The team comprised of the following persons. Their average score for their performance over the past year is also set out below.

Patrice Stollmeyer - 66.983

Mariel Lanser - 65.776

Chelsea Thomas - 64.529

Olivia Xavier-Harford - 62.424