

NC Bred High Score Awards for 2006

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Beginning in 2006, there will be a new high score award offered at each of the USEF recognized dressage shows in North Carolina. This award will be for the highest scoring horse at any level which was bred in North Carolina. Any horse bred in North Carolina is eligible for this award. The owner must submit a photocopy of the horse's breed registration papers that list the breeder as living in North Carolina to the show secretary. This award will work like most high score awards – the rider must sign up for the award by writing their name, the horse's name, and their score on a sheet of paper near the awards area. Any breed of horse at any level can win this award.

Many wonderful breeders in North Carolina have agreed to sponsor this award at our different shows. They are donating the awards, which will range from a silver plate to a halter to a small cash prize. Please support this award by remembering to send in a copy of your horse's registration papers if he or she was bred in North Carolina.



From left: *Graffini Grace* and *Flash Tate*, bred by *Honey Locust Farm* in *Chapel Hill, NC*. *Wendelstern*, bred by *Elandale Farm* in *Creedmore, NC*.

I have grown up around horses and dressage here in North Carolina, but it was only a few years ago that I began to become aware of the high quality horses being bred right here in our state. Our local breeders need to be congratulated for their successes and supported for the future. I am hopeful that this will be a small step towards increasing the dressage community's awareness of the good breeding we have in our home state.

Next time you are at a show, take a moment to look through the program and find horses that were bred in NC. There are many successful horses out there in competition. If you own a horse bred by a NC breeder, make sure you fill out the spot on your entry form that says "bred by" right underneath the horse's name. Maybe one day, "He was imported from Germany," can be replaced with, "He was bred in North Carolina," and said with just as much pride, of course!

We would like to offer this award at horse trials in North Carolina as well. If you are an organizer of a horse trial interested in offering this award, or if you are a breeder of event horses who would like to sponsor an award at a horse trial, please email me at eliza@braeburnfarms.com.