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Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge Inaugural Season A Resounding Success.

Dressage enthusiasts voted with their entries and made the new show series, sponsored by Wellington Asset Management, a resounding success.

Palm Beach County's Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, home to the **Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge Series**, is a "Field of Dreams" for equestrians, with a beautiful covered arena and five other competition rings, permanent stabling, ample trails and an open riding area. Conveniently located adjacent to Wellington and Loxahatchee in West Palm Beach, the Park has already gained a reputation as a favored venue for dressage and other equestrian events since its recent opening this past year.

The March 10-11, 2007 **Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge II** boasted near-perfect weather and a full show schedule, with stellar performances including **Kathering Bateson Chandler's** winning ride in the Prix St Georges on **Collo 5** with a score of 69.75%, followed by **Susan Jacoma** on **Danatello** with a 68.00%. **Tracey Winter and Macho**, won the Intermediaire I with a 72.00%-the horse's first time riding this test. **Alison Sader Larson and Legretto** won the weekend's Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle with scores of 65.208% and 76.25% respectively.

The final show in the series was the **Wellington Classic Dressage Challenge III** hosted on April 28-29, 2007. **Amy Swerdlin** won the Prix St Georges on **Gilligan** with a 68.00% and **Dr Kristy Truebenbach Lund on Fabio** took blue in the Intermediaire I with 67.75% to win the Sho Clothes sponsored classes. Another favorite, and Jim Brandon supporter, **Arlene "Tuny" Page and Wild One** clinched the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special with scores of 68.958% and 69.40%. **Jan Brons and Up To Date** won the High Score for the show with a whopping 81.00% with their win in the FEI 5 Year Old Test.

New this season: Based on popular demand, the 2008 Winter Season will include 5 shows to be hosted from December 2007 through April 2008. Season highlights: The Holiday Challenge on December 15-16, 2007 will include a toy drive to benefit Toys-For-Tots; the January 12-13, 2008 Wellington Challenge I is a perfect warm-up for the GCDA Opener CDIW, hosted late January and the Wellington Challenge II March 8-9, 2008 has been approved as a USEF/USDF NAJYRC Qualifying Competition.

Show Manager Noreen O'Sullivan said, "I am excited to be involved in this new series and to help grow the sport of dressage in Palm Beach." O'Sullivan also oversees the Gold Coast Dressage Show Series, including the GCDA Opener CDIW also hosted this past season at the Palm Beach County Jim Brandon Equestrian Center.

For additional information, breaking news and season updates, please visit the series' website at www.wellingtonclassicdressage.com.