

# **Philla and Charlie Osborne 2018 CDA Volunteer Awards Program**

Each year, CDA has the option to give a Volunteer of the Year Award for special service to CDA.

History: The award is named in honor of Philla and Charlie Osborne who donated hours and hours of service to CDA in the 80's and 90's. They were always found at the practice ring at shows (recognized and schooling) checking numbers and entries and letting riders know when they were "on deck". Philla and Charlie also rode for many years with Vicki Hammers-O'Neil and today, Philla owns a horse that is being trained and competed by Vicki.

Criteria:

- You must be a member of CDA.
- You are a current member of CDA if your 2018 membership dues are paid in full prior to your "service". (Board members are not eligible.)
- A show or event coordinator may submit your name for the service that you provided during any show or event.

# Volunteer Job Descriptions

Volunteers are essential to the survival of any club's competition program. The better trained the volunteers, the more seamless and pleasant the show, both for competitors and visitors.

**Scribe:** You will sit with the judge and be responsible for writing down the scores and comments on each competitor's test sheet. Legible handwriting is a must, and learning "dressage abbreviations" helps. You must first check that the competitor's number pin is the same as the one on the test sheet. Don't forget to write in error points if there are any. Runners will pick up the tests when you are finished and take them to the scorer.

**Scorer:** Sits in scoring trailer and uses a calculator to add up scores on test sheets and convert them to percentages. A second scorer checks the first one's work. At big shows, "ringside" scorers sit in the judge's trailer and do the first calculation. A runner then rushes the test to the "headquarters" for the final check before the score is posted. Takes patience and ability to concentrate in occasional chaos. An important position; obvious need for accuracy.

**Ring Steward:** Monitors the flow of competitors into the warm-up and performance arenas (in a recognized show, checks that bits, crop length, and spurs conform to regulations). Using a schedule of the rides, a watch set to the official show time, and a walkie-talkie, the steward is the liaison between the show's secretary, judge/scribe, and head scorer relaying such information as scratches, no-shows, missing scores, and next rider in (announcers at larger shows will have this). Many shows have two ring stewards.