

For Immediate Release: Austin Home to Equestrian Vaulting Regional and National Champions Two Years Running

For the second time since their formation in May of 2006, the Lone Star Vaulters headed to the USEF/AVA National Championships. This year's event was held in Lexington, Kentucky, at the world famous Kentucky Horse Park from July 9th-12th. The national competitors from the Lone Star Vaulting club were Alex Schaubhut and Ana Louis. Prior to nationals, Alex Schaubhut, Ana Louis, and Krista Kannen competed in the AVA Region IV Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 6th-7th. All vaulters have put in countless hours over the last 3 years preparing for these events and their hard work has paid off. Training at home in the Austin area is led by head coach Rosie Brown, and assistant coach and trainer Melanie Schaubhut. Melanie traveled with the vaulters for the 2009 competition season and coached them to victory.

Results:

Vaulters in three different levels from the Lone Star Vaulters representing Texas performed individually in compulsories and freestyle. The scores are then combined and overall awards are given. Nationals – Alex Schaubhut placed 1st in round 1 of the bronze division (a combination of freestyle and compulsories to the left) and finished 3rd overall in the bronze division after round 2. The difference between 2nd and 3rd place was not much, just .002 of a point! It was a very close competition, and the bronze division is very close. Alex also tested for her silver medal and passed with a commended score and will advance to that level for competition. Ana finished 11th overall in the copper division after successful compulsory and freestyle rounds. She is working hard to move up to the bronze division for the 2010 season. Regionals – Alex took 1st place in round 1 of the bronze division and 3rd in round two; she then finished 1st overall in the bronze division. Ana competed in the copper division and took 1st in compulsories, and 2nd in freestyle; she then finished 1st overall in the copper division. Krista competed in the trot division and had a very successful freestyle round which placed 2nd. Way to go Lone Star!!!!!!!

Background:

Vaulting is one of the seven equestrian disciplines recognized by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) for international competition, and is most easily described as gymnastics performed on the back (or other parts) of a moving horse. This fun sport will develop confidence, balance, strength, respect and body awareness. Safety is emphasized throughout. This exciting sport will also be a part of the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky, in 2010. Other disciplines that will be represented in the WEG are reining, endurance, driving, three day eventing, dressage, para-equestrian and stadium jumping. For more information on this elite event, visit www.alltechfeigames.com.

For More Information:

Visit www.lonestarvaulters.com for more information or to enroll in vaulting classes. You may also see the Lone Star Vaulters at the San Antonio and Austin Rodeos next spring.

