

Ransehousen, Peters and Ravel Honored at USEF Convention

At the annual U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) convention, dressage rider **Steffen Peters** was named Equestrian of the Year for the second year in a row. His Grand Prix partner, Ravel, owned by **Akiko Yamazaki**, was named USEF Farnam®/Platform™ Horse of the Year. Peters, from San Diego, California, and Ravel, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, won the FEI World Cup Dressage Final in Las Vegas in April and went on to become dressage champions at Aachen, Germany, Europe's most prestigious event. A native of Germany, Peters became a U.S. citizen in 1992 and has represented the United States at three Olympic Games, winning a team bronze medal in 1996. Peters is admired for his sportsmanship as well as for his ability as a rider and trainer.

Jessica Newberry Ransehousen was presented with the USEF Lifetime Achievement Award and Jimmy A.



Nancy Jaffer

Steffen Peters and Jessica Ransehousen

Williams Trophy. This award is given to the person whose "life experience and accomplishments exemplify uncommon devotion to the sport of competition with horses, and whose equestrian career and horsemanship have continually elevated the sport's excellence."

Ransehousen has been a high-perfor-

mance, international medalist, a coach and judge. She is a widely-respected ambassador for the sport. She rode in the 1960, 1964 and 1988 Olympic Games and has taught many top riders, including Peters, **Dorothy Morkis** and **Todd Flettrich**. Her daughter, **Missy Ransehousen**, became a successful event rider and trainer.

As the U.S. Equestrian Team's *chef d'equipe* for dressage, her teams were awarded bronze medals at both the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. In addition to her many years of work as an FEI "I" and USEF "S" judge, Ransehousen was a member of the USEF High Performance Dressage Committee, USET Vice President for Dressage and former Assistant Secretary of the former American Horse Shows Association (now USEF). In 2001, she was inducted into the U.S. Dressage Federation Hall of Fame. She lives at her Blue Hill Farm in Unionville, Pennsylvania.—*Brian Sosby*



Terri Miller

Miller Shoots to Win

Photographer **Terri Miller** won the third Offfield Farms Shoot to Win Photo Contest held at the 2009 Rolex FEI World Cup Dressage Finals. Her photo, "Dressage Dream," shows **Elizabeth Ball** during a *pas de deux* at the World Cup on **Iris Eckstein's Orion**. It was named the best image to capture the excitement of dressage.

Young Rider World Cup Dressage Final

Kassandra (**Kassie**) **Barteau**, a 21-year-old Young Rider from Maple Park, Illinois, represented the United States and finished second in the "B Group" Freestyle (68.65 percent) at the FEI World Cup Dressage Final for Young Riders in Frankfurt, Germany, last December. Barteau, who rode GP Raymeister, a 10-year-old Holsteiner stallion owned by **GINNA Frantz**, was ninth in the Individual Test. Kassie and her mother, Yvonne, did the choreography to "Blues Brother 2000" with help from **Terri Gallo**. Championship honors at this event for the world's top Young Riders went to **Lotje Schoots** of the Netherlands riding **Toricelli** (77.150). Second was **Kirsten Sieber** of Germany on **Charly** (75.200).