



ANNE VINK

ESNZ COACH LEVEL 3
SPECIALIZING IN DRESSAGE COACHING

COACH BIOGRAPHY

ESNZ LEVEL 3 COACH current in all disciplines

ESNZ DRESSAGE JUDGE 2A retired 2005

I started serious riding at Eglington Pony Club in Toronto, Canada when I was 9yrs old. By the time I was 14, I was riding/competing horses for other owners. In the Hunter/Jumper classes, I competed to CHSI Medal Class standard [or today, 1.4m]. In eventing, I competed to NZ Novice level. But it was dressage training that I was hooked on. With the help and encouragement of two very good Polish trainers, I won the Individual title at Eastern Division Pony Club (1963) Champs, based on my dressage score. In 1964 I rode a horse (Flying Dutchman) purchased by an American and selected for the USA Eventing Squad's Olympic Trials. I then completed a BFA at University and did not get back to competing horses and training until I was in Napier, New Zealand. From 1977 I focused on my riding/training/judging/coaching in Dressage specifically...the foundation of all the disciplines of course! I built an indoor arena for training my horses and others, in the historic Napier Woollen Mills, and until 2005 trained and rode my own horses with Clemens Dierks, who came regularly to my arena from Australia.

I began coaching in 1986 when, after an accident, I was on crutches for 12 months. In this time, I took every opportunity here and overseas, to attend judging clinics and watch renown coaches working with their pupils. In 1986, the World Dressage Championships were held outside Toronto and I attended as a photo-journalist. I was able to go behind the scenes and watch & photograph top International riders working with their coaches. I did the same for the 1st WEG's in Stockholm in 1990 and again at The Hague WEG's in 1994.

My Dressage judging has taken me 3 times to Australia. At the Queensland Dressage Champs I judged classes with International Dressage judges Mary Seefried and Axel Steiner who shortly afterwards, both judged at the Sydney Olympics. At the 2000 Sydney CDI, I sat with Christoph Hess from the German Equestrian Federation (FN Judge/Coach/Trainer) while he judged and I also attended his coaching clinic for judges and riders.

I have attended Dressage Judging Clinics with many Internationals: Dr Volker Moritz (2 clinics) Mr Jaap Pot, Eric Lette (3 clinics), Beulter-Bath, Rosemary Springer, Nico van Stijt, E. Osaka, W. Niggli (2 clinics) F. Obel (I also had lessons as a rider with Frederik) Stephen Clarke, Mary Seefried (2 clinics), Uve Spenlen (2 clinics) & Peter Holler.

I have also attended International rider's & coaching clinics with Christof Hess, Jo Hinneman, Jeremy Steinberg most recently, and watched for many hours great International riders coaching; The most meaningful lessons I have watch were with Reiner Klimke, Georg Theodorescu, and Nicole Uphoff (3x Olympic & WEG gold medal winner) at her own stable in Germany.

I have coached to Prix St George level, with one of my junior riders representing 'Australasia' in Hagen, Germany and 2 other riders on the NZ Dressage Development Squad.

I use the German Equestrian Federation (FN) training guidelines and the "Pyramid of Training".