

## ADU Dinner & DVD Night Saturday Aug 15, 2015 6:30pm



## **Stephen Clarke** 2015 USDF Trainers' Conference

hosted by Karin & Bobby Stern 311 Heritage Loop, Hutto, TX 78634 Please RSVP to kjhop@aol.com or 512-626-6677

Who could forget the fabulous ADU Judging Seminar that FEI Judge General **Stephen Clarke** gave us in 2014? Now you can learn from him again as we watch video of the sold-out 2015 USDF Trainers' Conference held this past January in Florida.

## Stephen Clarke's Goals for Each Horse:

<u>Reaction</u> – The foundation for the Grand Prix is started when the horse is very young. If you want to have a GP horse that does prompt transitions to piaffe, he must react to the aids promptly in simple transitions such as walk-trot-walk from the time that he is a 4 yr old.

<u>Throughness</u> – The horse is "through" when the energy from his hind legs goes over the back into a soft, elastic connection point & the rider is able to stretch the horse without limit. Rising to the trot & stretching in the warm up encourages the horse's back to swing, and it invites greater throughness. <u>Straightness</u> – Every horse is stiff on one side & hollow on the other. It's our job to make that fact invisible through systematic training. The rider should give the impression that the horse is absolutely straight. If the rider doesn't sit straight, the horse can't be straight.

"This 2015 USDF Trainers'Conference was an exceptional success. Clarke not only brought his knowledge & experience to the table, but he brought the kindness & sense of humor that he is known for."



Come enjoy watching this DVD in the Stern's in-home Movie Theatre!



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