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In the category of horse experience, you may note almost 50 years competitive background with horses. I am an USEF judge in dressage (since the 70s), have an extensive classical background and competitive national rankings (USDF medals) through Grand Prix, and I was one of the first three USDF certified instructors (1990).

But, in addition, great experience with hunters (hunter seat champion of California), jumpers, and three day. My mother was secretary of Rappahanock Hunt, so I also hunted traditionally as well. This "cross-platform" is rare these days, but was presumed as basic horsemanship in earlier days. In addition, within the hunter world, I won at the Va circuit side-saddle, as well as showing FEI dressage side saddle. I even did a lot with western and gaited horses. In my teaching I include theory work necessary to support the physical education of the body. I have showed at all levels, won Ljungquist championships, nationally ranked horses.

My students are showing through GP (six) and now producing their own GP horses, and have been nationally ranked as well. I actively clinic throughout the US and was passed in the first certified instructors group. I have run an active thoroughbred farm, a show competition barn--know billing, computers, etc. My educational background (A.B. from Bennett College, B.S. in Economics from LIU, MLA from University of Virginia) is extensive, and supports the above.

My list of teachers are numerous and classical and well as competitive.

I try to train people and horses for riding and life. I have two wonderful and children who are both sports minded and bright. I seek to give to all our students (young and older) a sincere love for learning and assessment. I have gone to most of the states in service of the horse, as well as to Europe to both learn and later teach, and am doing a world tour in 2006. I am also publishing two books hopefully in 2007.