

2010 IALHA Rookie Trainer of the Year



Deirdre Malburg (Sabo) is currently the head trainer for Ronnie and Carol Marroquin's ranch *Andalusians of Texas*,

located in Belton, Texas. Deirdre considers herself primarily a dressage trainer, and through her study of this discipline, she has earned her USDF Bronze and Silver Medals with two scores to go for her Gold. Deirdre credits the development of her system of working with horses to the training she received studying with Riding Master Hans Biss in Hamburg, Germany.

Using the skills she has picked up over the years, Dierdre focuses on guiding her horses through not only the dressage levels, but the other disciplines that IALHA has to offer as well. During her four years with IALHA, she has won national championships in dressage every year, winning every dressage level she entered in 2009. In 2010, she branched out into IALHA's in-hand classes and has so far placed first or second in every class entered this year including two Pin Oak Championships.

In 2009, Deirdre and the black PRE stallion Sabio GF were selected to ride with Olympian Jan Brink at the United States Dressage Federation's National Symposium and Convention. Dierdre's goal is to represent the USA in the international dressage arena. She lives in Harker Heights, Texas with her husband, two dogs, a turtle, and a bunny and feels blessed to have so many wonderful, talented Andalusians to work with every day!

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2010 IALHA Amateur Horseman of the Year

Craig Roberts

Craig Roberts (Glen Aryn Farm) was introduced to horses by being an attentive boyfriend, accompanying his future wife, Cynthia, at her riding lessons and equestrian pursuits. Married in 1993, they "adopted" a registered thoroughbred mare a year later. A good horse-husband, Craig continued to join Cynthia at lessons, shows and other equestrian activities, always present but not highly participative. That changed with the birth of their Half-Andalusian foal Nothing Toulouse, aka Lucy, in 2006. While Cynthia tended to the mare, Craig was the primary attendant in "bringing up baby." Cynthia and Craig tapped into a trove of books, DVDs, and friends' experiences to develop a progressive program that socialized the foal, making her safe and fun to work with.

Craig and Lucy entered their first show in 2007 at the ERAHC Classic in Lexington, Virginia. With coaching from trainer Sharon Knight (Noble Horse Farm), Christine Smith (Wildest Expectations Farm), and wife Cynthia, Craig enjoyed early success in the Amateur Handler classes and soon competed in open classes as well.

The Glen Aryn herd grew, and in 2010 Craig showed four-year old Lucy, two-year old filly Gloriosa Delenn AT and yearling colt Aragon GAF at several shows in Virginia and Florida. Earning IALHA's Amateur Horseman of the year was an unexpected surprise and honor.

