

## **FENCE Horse Trials Announces Addition of Eventing Tests of Choice, & Benefit Clinic to April Competition**

### ***From Foothills Equestrian Nature Center***

There are a number of exciting opportunities awaiting you at FENCE in April.

We understand that some competitors who would normally enter FENCE are experiencing conflicts with other activities or are not "ready" to compete but would ride a test of choice or participate for one day. With that in mind, we are offering Tests of choice with entries open until 3/25/11.

Horse Trials post entries will be accepted thru 3/23.

We will be offering individual eventing tests at our April 2-3 Horse Trials in Tryon, NC. These tests will be offered in dressage, stadium jumping, and cross-country at Beginner Novice, Novice, Training, and Preliminary levels. Riders may enter any combination of up to three tests.

All of these individual tests will be conducted within the rules, schedule, and structure of the Horse Trials, and are recognized by the USEA and USEF. This will allow riders and horses to sample the full recognized Horse Trials experience with flexibility and reduced cost. It brings schooling to a whole new level!

Horses and riders do not need to be entered in the Horse Trials to participate in Tests of Choice. There are no rider or horse membership requirements or starter/drug fees for the tests. A prize list with a full list of rules, fees and refund policy is available on the [website](#). An entry form and USEA release can also be found on the [website](#).

Additionally, we have very exciting news for those wanting to hone specific skills in a clinic setting. We will be offering a dressage ride-a-test clinic with Gretchen Verbonic, former Grand Prix competitor & recently retired 'S' judge and Whitney Penny- Mical, Grand Prix rider/ trainer. Both Gretchen and Whitney will work with riders on specific movements and developing ring craft. There will be XC schooling sessions with advanced level rider/trainers Amy Barrington and Beth Perkins, <http://www.bethperkinseventing.com/index.htm>. Come attack the hill at BN, N, T or P. Both Amy and Beth travel around the country teaching and helping their students. They work positively and constructively to give you the tools you will need to ride safely across country. All clinic activities will take place on Sunday. Riders should take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to school with such accomplished horsewomen.

All forms and fee information available on line @ [www.fence.org](http://www.fence.org). Entries MUST be emailed with hard copy and fees to follow. All scheduling will take place over the 3/26-27 weekend.

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