

# 2011 NAJYRC REGION 7 JUNIOR TEAM

## **Rider: Maggie Charbonnet**

*Age: 17*

*Hometown: Danville, CA*

## **Horse: Sipriano**

*7-year-old bay Oldenburg gelding*

*(Stedinger x De Nira by De Niro)*

*Bred in Germany by Hermann Heeren*

*Owner: same as rider*

Maggie Charbonnet was born in Richmond, VA and came to Danville, CA with her family when she was three years old. She has been riding for seven years and has been a “Dressage Diva” since the very beginning.

Maggie was introduced to horses thanks to her twin brother Eric, who pointed out a small flier stapled to a fence post while they walked home from their last day as fourth graders. She was an elite soccer player at the time, but instantly became enchanted with the idea of riding horses. The first horse she rode was Bugsey, a very wise old horse who had been teaching kids to ride since before Maggie was born. After several months of taking weekly lessons, her teacher decided she was ready for a more advanced horse to further her dressage career and introduced her to Nadine Pestana. Maggie’s first dressage horse was Fuerst Glori, who was a barely broken four-year-old. Together, Maggie and “Glori” worked through the levels and after just three short years, Maggie earned her USDF Bronze Medal with Glori.

Maggie and Sipriano (or Scooby, as he is known around the barn) have been together since 2008. He was imported from Germany as a coming four-year-old and has been trained by Maggie ever since. Most who know Scooby refer to him as “slingshot” or “the wanna-be stallion” due to his gigantic buck and very opinionated attitude! This is their first year together where they had successful shows without bucking or rearing tantrums!

“I am so incredibly excited to accompany the other girls to Lexington, KY this year and represent the Region 7 Dressage Team!” said Maggie. “There is no way I could have made it this far without my abundantly supportive parents and my phenomenal trainer who picked me up out of the dirt every time Scooby bucked me off and told me that all my hard work would pay off in the end. Love you guys!”

