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## September President's Message

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> CDA schooling show of the season was held at Stoneledge Farm in Bethlehem CT. on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Despite the downpours that we endured up through the day before the competition, thanks to all the hard work of the Stoneledge staff, we had great footing, plenty of parking, and the facility was beautiful. Alix Szepesi was show secretary, Lisa Schmidt was judge, and with help from our volunteers, Pat Szepesi (scribe), Amy Swingle (ring steward), Pam & Desiree Bilodeau (runner/scoring), Karen Pfluger & Ernest Blanchard (ring set-up), and myself (wherever I was needed), this was a pretty close to flawless competition. Would we expect anything less from Alix? Our last CDA schooling competition of 2002 will be held on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at Once Again Farm and will be managed by Pam Bilodeau.

As you can see from the list of names above, even in our smaller competitions, we utilize many volunteers with varied skills in order to efficiently manage all that is required to run a show. CDA has been very lucky to have a dedicated group of members who unselfishly give of their time and skill. Although we do our best to make sure all volunteers are shown the appreciation they deserve and made as comfortable as possible when they are working at our competitions, it seems as though we could do more, especially for our "regulars". Our next board meeting will be dedicated to looking for ideas to make this a reality. Some thought has been given to year-end rewards for those giving the most hours or gifts that can be purchased with "volunteer dollars" but we are still open to other ideas. We are hoping to come up with a program for our 2003 competition year so if you have an interest or idea on this topic, please plan on attending our next board meeting, which will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 (at Fern's). And for those of you who would like to volunteer but don't feel qualified, we will also be pulling together a "learn to scribe" clinic so that those unfamiliar with this position, will have the ability to learn to scribe without the pressure of being in an actual competition. Details will be forthcoming at a later date.

Nancy

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## CDA has a New Home on the Web

If you have visited the CDA website recently you have noticed that we have changed our URL address and been brought automatically to our new home on the web. For those of you who have not visited our site recently we are now located at <http://ctdressageassoc.org>. Please change your Bookmarks to reflect the change.

You will also notice that all the Board members have new email addresses where you can reach them. If you want to reach them they are located on the first page of the *Centerline* or on CDA's website on our home page by clicking on **CDA Contacts**.

For the first time in CDA's history you will be able to send in your Year-End Award application by filling it out on line and submitting it to the Awards Chairman. You will find both the regular submission forms (which you may download from the website) and the direct submission forms by clicking on - **CDA's 2002 Awards Program** - on our home page. Printed versions are also available in this issue.

2002 Calendar

Sept 8
CDCTA
Bethany Airport Grounds
Secretary: Linda Schroeder
860-859-3520,

Sept 8
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Center
Secretary: Penny Hawes
860-567-1441
lhec@optonline.net

Sept 12-15
New England Dressage Association
Fall Festival of Dressage
Field Stone Farm
Secretary: Debra Carr-Kirk
781-749-9880
willowDCK@aol.com

Sept 22
CDA Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Secretary: Pam Bilodeau
860-585-8693
talking\_hands19@hotmail.com

Oct 27
Letter Perfect Farm, Inc
Secretary: Kelli Mason
508-278-9905

Oct 28
Clinic with Ulla Salzgeber
Carberry Fields Farm
860-642-7065
carberryfields@snet.net

Nov 7-10
Equine Affaire
Eastern States Exposition
West Springfield, MA
740-845-0085
www.equineaffaire.com

NEW HELP FOR ADULT AMATEUR DRESSAGE RIDERS

From the Gifted Fund at The Dressage Foundation

The Gifted Fund was established at The Dressage Foundation "to provide funding support for adult amateur Dressage riders who are working to sharpen their skills," according to John Boomer, President & CEO of The Dressage Foundation. The Gifted Fund was seeded with Donations which were received in special remembrance of Carol Lavell's great Dressage horse, "Gifted." Barbara Cadwell, Board member of The Dressage Foundation, is taking a leading role in getting the Gifted Fund up and running, and a National Selection Committee of prominent Dressage persons has been chosen to review grant applications and select recipients for funding. Barbara Cadwell said, "The objective of the Gifted Fund is to enable adult amateur riders to set aside a week to take some concentrated work with their horse and trainer, away from the pressures of jobs and family." John Boomer said, "Carol Lavell has long had a soft spot in her heart for adult riders. We worked with Carol to establish the Gifted Fund, and it has now grown to the point where we can begin to award some grants." Boomer also said that The Dressage Foundation gets more calls for help from adult riders than any other group in the Dressage constituency. "The best way adult amateurs can get more help from the Foundation is to support the Gifted Fund with donations. We can't have all takers and no givers," Boomer said, "and to do 'good', we must first do 'well'." Grants of \$500 will be awarded annually, one in each USDF region. Should a grant not be awarded in a given Region, the money will remain in the Gifted Fund at the Foundation. Applications for 2003 funding must be received at The Dressage Foundation by October 7, 2002. The National Selection Committee will select the 2003 recipients, to be announced and presented at the Dressage Foundation's Board Meeting/Luncheon held during the USDF Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon in December 2002. To obtain a Gifted Fund Application please contact: The Dressage Foundation, 130 North 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 Telephone: 402/434-8585; Fax: 402/477-9232 Email: johnboomer@aol.com

2002 LINDGREN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 30

Applications and supporting documentation for the 2002 Major Anders Lindgren Scholarship are due at The Dressage Foundation on or before September 30, 2002.

The Major Anders Lindgren Scholarship is available annually from The Dressage Foundation, to help an individual improve his/her teaching and training of Dressage by studying abroad. This scholarship will award up to \$6,000 and must be used within two years from the time of the grant.

TALENTED AND SUCCESSFUL DRESSAGE INSTRUCTORS, TRAINING THROUGH FOURTH LEVEL ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. Those in the USDF certified pool are preferred. The Selection Committee of top Dressage people will choose the recipient who will be presented at the USDF Annual Convention in Portland, OR in December. Previous recipients are: Becky Langwost (1996), Loma Fowler (1997), Jennifer Baumert (1998), Sarah Geikie (1999), Susan Hoffman Peacock (2000). For more information, visit The Dressage Foundation website at www.dressagefoundation.org.

To receive a Lindgren Scholarship application, or for additional information contact: John F. Boomer, President, and CEO of The Dressage Foundation, 130 North 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. Phone (402) 434-8585; Fax (402) 477-9232; or email to: johnboomer@aol.com

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The Dressage Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization whose mission is "To cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage." For more information contact: John F. Boomer, President and CEO, The Dressage Foundation, 130 North 10th Street, Lincoln NE 68508, Telephone 402/434-8585; Fax 402/477-9232; or email to: johnboomer@aol.com

## 2002 Connecticut Dressage Association Year End Award Program

CDA's objective is to make our members happy they're involved in the organization and eager to participate in our programs. The Year End Awards program is more inclusive, the qualification criteria are easier to interpret and follow, and the score reporting process is less cumbersome.

We recognize it's difficult for most of us to compete all over the state or region for an entire show season. Work, family and other commitments mean some CDA members can only do a handful of shows. Also, recognized show scoring, even at lower levels, has become more demanding and many amateur and junior riders who compete successfully in tests one or two at a particular level may not be ready for the higher tests, but nevertheless are the true stalwarts of our competitions. You deserve to be recognized.

CDA Year End Awards are a distinct honor. Winners receive ribbons for champion, reserve champion and third through sixth places. Champions also receive customized commemorative gifts. We hope all CDA members who made the time, effort, and expenditures to show in 2002 will participate in our new, improved program!

Here are guidelines for 2002:

### Schooling Competitions

Open to all CDA members who compete in: (1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows, (2) USDF League shows and (3) schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the CDA Omnibus. **Please note: Shows listed only as part of advertisements will not count toward CDA awards. The prize lists must be separately published as well.**

Riders **must be CDA members before** entering the show, or they can join the same day **before** their first class.

Awards may go only to the **same horse/rider combination**. Championship awards cannot be earned by the same horse/rider combination more than **twice** at each level.

**Three scores from at least two different shows** must be earned. Scores from at least **two different judges per level and at least three tests**. At least **one score must be from a CDA schooling show**; the others may come from USDF league or schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the CDA Omnibus. *For example, a rider can submit two scores from two tests of the same level from one judge at a CDA schooling show, and one score at the same level from a different judge from a schooling show whose prize list is published in the CDA Omnibus.*

SCORES MUST BE A **MINIMUM OF 55%**.

Awards will be based on the **average score of the best three tests**.

Awards will be divided by Junior, Adult Amateur and Open. **PLEASE** be sure to specify your category! Categories are: (1) Introductory, (2) Training, (3) First, (4) Second Level and Above.

Riders should submit their scores **at the end of the competition season**. The score submission form **MUST** be used to document show names, dates, level/ tests within the level, judge, score, etc. Write or type all information **CLEARLY**.

We will **not** require the show secretary to sign the form. **We will require the rider to attest via his or her signature (or a parent's signature if the rider is a junior) that the scores are genuine.**

### Recognized Competitions

Open to all active CDA members who compete in AHSA recognized dressage shows.

Riders and horse owners must be CDA members **at the time of the show**. (The rider may count as owner if he or she has a leased horse.) Scores earned prior to this will not count.

Awards may go only to the **same horse/rider combination**. Awards cannot be earned by the same horse/rider combination more than twice at each level.

**Five scores** at the **same level** from at least **three different shows** must be earned. Scores from at least **three different judges per level and at least five tests**. The rider does **not have to compete at the highest test in the level**.

**Scores from tests at different levels cannot be combined** (e.g. a rider may not submit three scores from Training level and two from First level for one award), although riders who meet all the criteria at more than one level can receive awards at both levels.

Scores must be a **minimum of 55% for Training through Fourth levels and for FEI**. For FEI and Regional Championship tests with more than one judge, the scores will be averaged and count as one score.

Awards will be based on the **AVERAGE SCORE OF THE BEST FIVE TESTS**.

Awards will be divided by Junior, Adult/Amateur and Open categories. **PLEASE** be sure to specify your category!

Riders must submit their scores at the **end of the competition season**. The score submission form **MUST** be used to document show names, dates, level/ tests within the level, judge, score, etc. Write or type all information **CLEARLY**.

We will not require the show secretary to sign the form. **We will require the rider to attest via his or her signature (or a parent's signature if the rider is a junior) that the scores are genuine.** Riders also may submit copies of their official show results summaries as provided by the USDF.

## 2002 Connecticut Dressage Association Year-End Recognized Competition Awards Score Report

**Qualification Criteria (Please refer to pages 17-19 in 2002 CDA Omnibus for complete details.)**

- Eligible Shows: 2002 AHSA Recognized Dressage Competitions.
- Rider **AND** owner must be CDA members **PRIOR** to earning scores. Leased horses eligible.
- Same horse/rider combination per level. Championships may not be earned by the same horse/rider combo more than twice at the same level.
- Five scores at same test level from three different shows. Three different judges and at least five tests. Tests need not be highest tests in level, but scores from different levels may not be combined for the same award.
- Minimum score must be at least 55% for Training through Fourth, and FEI. Only the top five highest scores will be averaged to determine award placing. FEI classes or Regional Championship classes with more than one judge may have scores averaged to count as one score.

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Adult Amateur ( ) Junior ( ) Open  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Competition Level for Award Purposes (e.g. Training, First, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Show Name & Location	Date	Level/Test #	Score Percent	Judge's Name

**Average of top five scores:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification that this is a true report:** Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Junior) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's Year-End Recognized Competition Award criteria.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to Marcie Gordon, 24 Darren Court, Waterbury, CT. 06708 by November 1, 2002. **Submissions post marked after November 1, 2002 will not be considered.** Please do **not** send copies of tests!

Remember that you are able to fill this form out on our website by clicking on - **CDA's 2002 Awards Program** - on our home page then choosing the correct direct submission form, schooling or recognized show.

## 2002 Connecticut Dressage Association Year-End Schooling Competition Awards Score Report

**Qualification Criteria (Please refer to pages 17-19 in 2002 CDA Omnibus for complete details.)**

- *Eligible Shows: CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows; Other Schooling Shows whose Prize Lists are published in the 2002 CDA Omnibus.*
- *Rider must be CDA member **PRIOR** to earning scores.*
- *Same horse/rider combination per level. Championships may not be earned by the same horse/rider combo more than twice at the same level.*
- *Three scores at same test level from two different shows. Two different judges. One score must be from a CDA Schooling Show.*
- *Minimum score must be at least 55%. Only the top three highest scores will be averaged to determine award placing.*

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Adult Amateur ( ) Junior ( ) Open

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Level for Award Purposes (e.g. Intro, Training) \_\_\_\_\_

Show Name & Location	Date	2002 CDA Omnibus page #	Level/Test #	Score Percent	Judge's Name

**Average of top three scores:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification that this is a true report:** Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Junior) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's Year-End Schooling Competition Award criteria.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to Marcie Gordon, 24 Darren Court, Waterbury, CT. 06708 by November 1, 2002. **Submissions post marked after November 1, 2002 will not be considered.** Please do **not** send copies of tests!

Remember that you are able to fill this form out on our website by clicking on - **CDA's 2002 Awards Program** - on our home page then choosing the correct direct submission form, schooling or recognized show.

**Opening Date: August 22, 2002**  
Sunday, September 22, 2002

**Closing Date: September 16, 2002**

## Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

### Once Again Farm

750 Allen Ave, Meriden, CT 06451

Judge: Bill McMullen "L"

Secretary: Pam Bilodeau

145 Mine Rd

Bristol, CT

(860-585-8693)

talking\_hands19@hotmail.com

**Class List:** USDF 1996 Introductory Tests 1-2.

AHSA 1999 Training 1-4.

AHSA 1999 First 1-4.

AHSA 1999 Second and above--State test to be ridden.

AHSA 1998 Combined Novice Tests A & B

AHSA 1998 Combined Training Tests A & B

AHSA 1998 Combined Preliminary Tests A & B

AHSA 1998 Combined Intermediate and above--state test to be ridden.

Dressage Equitation.

**Fees:** CDA members \$20 per class.

Non-members \$30 per test.

Number deposit: \$1

Checks payable to CDA.

No refunds after closing date.

**Awards:** Up to six ribbons awarded in each class.

**Rules:** Number of rides per horse/rider combination may be limited to two. State two preferred tests first on application. Current negative Coggins within 12 months is mandatory and must accompany entry. All competitors must wear hard hats. Classes may be combined, split, or canceled at the discretion of management. Family pets not allowed on the premises. CDA thanks Once Again Farm for the use of its facility. Please treat the grounds as you would your own property. Place all trash in designated containers; no alcohol, please.

**Times:** Call the show secretary the Friday evening before the show between 6 - 9 P.M. or email [takhads@aol.com](mailto:takhads@aol.com) to have the schedule emailed to you.

**Directions:** From I-91 North: Take exit 17 to 691 West. Take Exit 4 off 691W. Turn left at the end of ramp. \*\*Turn right onto third residential street, Gwen Road. At the end of Gwen Rd. turn right onto Johnson Ave. Take the first left onto Finch Ave. Go 7/10 miles on Finch to Allen Avenue, turn left. Once Again Farm is 100 feet ahead on the right. From I-91 South: Take Exit 18 onto 691 West. Then follow directions from I-91 North. From I-84 East and West: Take Exit 27 onto 691. Take Exit 4; at end of ramp, turn right. Then follow directions from I-91 beginning with \*\*

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The life that conquers is the life that moves with a steady resolution and persistence toward a predetermined goal. Those who succeed are those who have thoroughly learned the immense importance of plan in life, and the tragic brevity of time.

- W.J. Davison

COMPETITORS/JUDGES/TRAINERS FORUM

All riders, judges and trainers are invited to attend a forum conducted by LINDA ZANG, KATHLEEN RAINE, and LENDON GRAY at New Hope Farms, **Port Jervis, NY** on **OCTOBER 5-6, 2002**.

Are the goals of training and judging compatible? Are judges realistic in their assessments? Can proper training improve a competitor's scores? Can we improve judges' education? Can we improve trainers' and riders' education?

Linda, Kathleen and Lendon will address these questions as they discuss, evaluate, and train the performance of horses and riders from training level through Grand Prix. The **NEW TESTS** from the USAE levels will be covered on Saturday. Sunday will feature the FEI levels and other FEI tests (for young horses, ponies, juniors, young riders).

Linda is an "A" Pony Clubber who as a dressage rider competed in the Olympics, the Pan American Games, 3 Olympic Festivals, and the World Championships. As an FEI "O" judge, she has judged four FEI World Cup Finals, the World Equestrian Games and the Olympics. Linda is on the Dressage Committee for USAE (and many others), and is presently the 1<sup>st</sup> vice president of the International Dressage Judges Club.

Kathleen helped win the team bronze medal at the 1994 World Equestrian Games, and came in 8<sup>th</sup> individually in the Kur. In 1994, she was 5<sup>th</sup> in the World Cup Finals, and 8<sup>th</sup> in 1995. In 1996 (with Avontuur) and in 2000 (with Fidelia), Kathleen was the alternate for the U.S. Olympic Team. She has been teaching and training for 13 years, and with her husband, David Wightman, is located in Murrieta, CA.

Lendon is a two-time Olympian who started her professional career at 15 years old. A Graduate "A" Pony Clubber, Lendon is actively involved with various committees with both USA Equestrian and USDF. She is the winner of more national championships than any other rider in the United States, all on self-trained horses, and she has coached many national and regional champion riders as well.

This forum is unique in that it is combining the talents of judge and trainer. Judges in the audience will be encouraged to participate in the "judging" of movements and gaits. And, trainers in the audience will be encouraged to lend their expertise as Kathleen is working with horses and riders to improve. ALL in the audience will benefit from the interchange of ideas, exercises and comments. Lendon will be the "moderator" as she encourages all to watch, learn, and ask questions.

Any questions, please call Fern Feldman, 203-272-0711; [fernf@cox.net](mailto:fernf@cox.net).

Directions to New Hope Farms:

From Interstate Rte. 84 West: Take Exit 1 (Port Jervis). Turn left off ramp onto Rte. 6 West. Follow Rte. 6 through Port Jervis (underpass 13'3"). Turn right onto Rte. 209 North (at Mobil Station), 3 miles to New Hope Farms.

From Interstate Rte. 84 East: Take Exit 1 (Port Jervis). Turn right onto Rte. 23 North. At light stay left (Rte. 6 West) and follow above directions.

Lodging recommendations: (for others, contact Fern Feldman, [fernf@cox.net](mailto:fernf@cox.net))

Comfort Inn—845-856-6611. At Port Jervis exit off I-84 (5 miles)

Eddy Farm Hotel—Sparrowbush, NY 845-858-4300 (6 miles)

Best Western Inn at Hunt's Landing—570-491-2400, exit 11 of I-84 (8 miles)

Breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

Hours: Saturday: 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

Sunday: 8:00a.m.-3:30p.m.

USDF university credit can be applied for on site.

Registraiton Form: (please detach and send your check to: SEAN CUNNINGHAM, RTE.172, BOX 825, BEDFORD, NY, 10506.) **CHECKS should be made payable to USDF REGION 8.**

I am registering as an adult for both days for both days for \$230.00. \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering as an adult for one day for \$130.00 (please specify Saturday or Sunday).\_\_\_\_\_

I am registering as a youth (21 and younger) for both days for \$115.00. \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering as a youth for one day for \$65.00 (please specify Saturday or Sunday).\_\_\_\_\_

My address, phone number and e-mail are:

Please circle all that apply to you:

Amateur

Professional

Certified Instructor (state level)

Judge (state level)

Please call- 860-267-0945 email- roundstonefarmct@yahoo.com

**For registration or general information:**

Auditors-\$35.00 per day or \$90.00 for all 3 days. Rider space is limited so sign up early.

Riders will have 3 lessons (1 per day) price for riders (all 3 days)- \$380.00

Mary Wanless will be giving 3 days of mounted instruction and a daily dismounted workshop for both riders and auditors. Mary Wanless has spent over 20 years. Developing teaching strategies to enhance riding performance and eliminate the difficulties that beset so many riders today. Her methods, renowned for boldly cutting through the conflicting advice so often given to riders, make talented riding a possibility for all.

**Nov. 19,20 & 21, 2002 at Round Stone Farm in East Hampton, CT.**

Author of 'Ride With Your Mind' & "The Natural Rider"

**MARY WANLESS CLINIC**

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145 Mine Road

Bristol, Ct. 06010

860-585-8693

e-mail: talking\_hands19@hotmail.com

**CDA BOARD MEETING Wednesday September 11 , 2002 at 7:30 PM**

Call Fern Feldman at 203-272-0711 or Email - [Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org) for directions and times.