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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this I am on a layover in Chicago returning from the 2002 USDF convention that was held in Portland Oregon. My chosen mode of transportation (as I mentioned in my last message) was train. With just one day away from arrival to home, I am very happy to report that this was a good choice. After three days of being "forced" to read books, watch movies, eat, and sleep, I arrived at the convention very well rested and ready for non-stop activity. And good thing I was as the variety of meetings and seminars offered were so appealing that it was hard to choose what to attend next. A typical day started at 8am, and with only a few short breaks, went well into the early evening. Let me clarify this by stating the agenda is by choice, very few meetings were mandatory attendance for me, but with the opportunity to learn from such high achieving speakers, I found myself unable to pass up on the opportunity to take in as much as I could in these five days. By the end of the convention, I had almost 100 pages of notes from all the meetings and seminars I was able to attend.

I would like to thank Fern Feldman for the valuable guidance she provided in helping choose the seminars and council meetings most beneficial for me to attend. Fern facilitated the Region 8 meetings at the convention and I found the ease at which she is able to keep the group focused on task particularly impressive. We are very lucky to have her as our Region 8 Director. I was also able to observe our own Debra Reinhardt in action at the Board of Governors General Assembly. I will be sharing some of my "learnings" in a future edition of Centerline.

Our board continues to make great progress in planning additional CDA schooling shows and additional clinics for 2003. Once dates, judges, and/or clinicians are finalized we will provide further details. We have been seeing increased attendance at our monthly board meetings and I continue to invite anyone who is interested in participating to join us. We are very open to ideas and welcome participation from newcomers. Our next regular board meeting is schedule for January 29th at 6 pm.

Nancy

CDA'S 2002 YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY

All CDA members are cordially invited to attend our 2002 Year-End Awards party to be held on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at 7pm. The Year-End Awards party will honor the award winners of the 2002 season for Recognized and Schooling Competitions. This festive occasion is also an opportunity to honor each and every member of CDA. Please reserve the date and make every effort to attend and meet the wonderful people (like you!) who comprise CDA. Please see page 7 of *Centerline* for further details and directions. We are looking forward to greeting and meeting you ALL on Feb 22nd.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Our first "edition" of *Centerline's* new column "Getting to Know You" is found on page 2 of this issue. I received several replies from "volunteers" to be interviewed for this new monthly column where we will "meet" some of the 2002 award winners along with other members of CDA. My first email reply came from CDA member and 2002-Award winner Dee Loveless. So turn to page 2 and let's "Get to know" Dee. (The title of this column was also Dee's idea...thanks Dee).

Our CDA membership is comprised of many wonderful people and you are all invited to contact me if you would like to be "interviewed" for a future issue of *Centerline*. You may reach me by phone at 203-573-091 or by email at Awards@ctdressageassoc.org. Looking forward to hearing from many of you!

Marcie Gordon
CDA Awards Chairperson

2003 Calendar of Events

February 22

CDA's Awards Party
See page 7.

March 21-22

Clinics with Dr. Cesar Parra
Columbia, CT
Visit his website:
<http://www.piaffe-performance.com>
Contact Dee Loveless
860-228-4879

April 12

CDA Show Prep Clinic
Once Again Farm
10am-4pm with Lunch
Details to follow

June 13-14

Clinics with Dr. Cesar Parra
Columbia, CT
Visit his website:
<http://www.piaffe-performance.com>
Contact Dee Loveless
860-228-4879

Sept. 5-6

Clinics with Dr. Cesar Parra
Columbia, CT
Visit his website:
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Contact Dee Loveless
860-228-4879

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU...”

Featuring CDA member and 2002 Award Winner Dee Loveless

By: Marcie Gordon

CDA member Dee Loveless and her husband Rick reside in Columbia, CT at their home fondly named “Whippet Run Farm”. It is here where Dee’s three dogs (Bentley and Peaches are whippets, and Tottie a rescue greyhound) also reside. Dee has a four stall private barn at home where she keeps her two horses: Roy (Danish warmblood, Grand Prix), Cory (4yr.old Morgan, TR/1st level) and husband Rick’s UVM Emory (Morgan- driving horse and TR/1st level).

Dee is the Director of Administrative Services (Human Resources, etc) for Fuss and O’Neill Engineering in Manchester, CT. Balancing her personal life, her job, along with training, riding and competing her horses, and judging, makes Dee’s life quite busy and productive. Dee also finds time to teach some limited lessons at her farm and do a few clinics. Given her very busy schedule, Dee does not take horses in for training.

Dee has been a CDA member for at least 6 years and this year she will be awarded a 2002 Year-End Award for Third Place in Training Level/Open riding her very talented young horse Cory (AKA: Meadowmere Courelation).

Having ridden and competed for 25 years, Dee has had the opportunity to participate in a variety of equestrian disciplines including hunt seat (in New Jersey), eventing three horses to Training Level while living in Texas, and dressage. While training and competing in dressage, Dee has had eight horses representing a wide range of breeds, and all but one were purchased either unbroken or green broken. As Dee said, “I train my own horses, however, I have worked with several excellent instructors over the years - including Major Jeremy Beale; Major Deszo Szylagi (deceased); Capt. Andy de Szinay (deceased); clinics with Bert Rutten and Joseph Knipp. I am currently working on a regular basis with Dr. Cesar Parra.”

When asked about her goals, Dee responded:

“I believe in setting goals, and I do. Training a horse to Grand Prix has been a goal of mine for many years and that was realized in 2002. 2002 was a great show year, Roy was NEDA I-2 champion; 2nd in USDF Danish horses I-1 Freestyle; Cory was USA Eq Morgan TR Level National Champion and Region 1 Champion; as well as 4th in USDF year-end awards for Morgans.”

Dee has her silver and bronze medals from the USDF and she is a “R” Dressage Judge. When asked about her goals for 2003, Dee replied:

“My goals for 2003 are: to continue training Roy and myself to improve our Grand Prix work; get my USDF gold medal; achieve the GP scores I need to pursue an “S” judge’s card; get back a bit to diversity by eventing my young Morgan Cory, as well as continuing his dressage training (my husband also drives him).

Roy - who I have owned for 7 years and Cory - who I have owned for one year, are the most talented horses I have had - I am very lucky to have them now.”

Dee would like to see CDA sponsor more clinics with very high quality instructors from outside of our area with auditors encouraged to keep education going. (Ed. Note: CDA is planning to offer more in the area of educational/instructional clinics during the 2003 year... keep watching *Centerline* as details become available.)

Many thanks to Dee Loveless for providing such a wonderful “interview” and title for this column. For those of you who know her and those of us who don’t, hopefully we have all learned more about CDA member Dee Loveless through “Getting to Know You”.

HEADS UP!!

CDA is offering a daylong clinic, “Preparing to Show.” It will be held from 10-4 at Once Again Farm, Saturday April 12. Get ready to learn how to get organized, how to look your best and to do your best. Look for more details in the next *Centerline*.

USDF's Annual Meeting, Portland, OR

I think it rained every day at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Portland, and the only reason I know is that I had to walk between hotels from sleeping room to meeting rooms. It is a busy time there with meetings and lectures, so that I really do not get to visit the city. But, the USDF Executive Board (the 9 regional directors, 4 officers, Executive Director of USDF, and various office people) only meet two times per year, and there is a great deal of work to be done.

First: your USDF officers are Sam Barish, Pres.; George Williams, VP; Barbara Funk, Treasurer; Janine Malone, Secretary. Only the last was contested, with Janine winning over Sarah Jane Martin and Marlene Groman. (Next year, in Dallas, December 3-7, 2003, the directors from the even-numbered regions will be chosen. I would like to run again for the three year term.)

There are new tests for the national levels (training-fourth), as well as for the USDF Introductory levels. The national level tests are designed by a USDF committee, headed by Lois Yukins, and are approved by USAE. The Introductory tests are strictly USDF designed and approved. Also, the FEI Juniors and Young Riders have new tests, and they will also be able to ride those tests in the championships. There are 2 new Grand Prix tests.

The Junior/Young Rider Council, chaired by Lendon Gray, has been renamed the Youth Council; and the Advanced Young Rider Council, chaired by Roberta Williams, has been renamed the FEI Junior/Young Rider Council. This is to reflect the growing emphasis on the FEI levels for juniors and young riders, and also to assure that all young people, up through the age of 21, are covered (in Lendon's group).

The USAE Dressage Committee, which meets at the USDF convention, decided that the FEI Junior Championships will be held at Devon in 2003, and that the Junior Equitation Medal Seat Championships would be held August 15-17, 2003 at the Northeast Junior/Young Rider Dressage Championships, Ox Ridge, CT (aka "Lendon's show.") The latter is a huge honor for that show, and will be an exciting one-time addition to an already established event. (In 2004, both the Championships and the Equitation rotate to the West coast.)

There will be an increase in dues for USDF, but not for another year. The Board of Governors decided that \$7.00 would be added to each category. So, Participating Members (who are not Group Members) will go up to \$62.00; Participating Members who are Group Members will go up to \$47.00; and Group Members will increase to \$17.00. All this information will be fully advertised by Connection well in advance of its going into effect.

As has already been advertised, the Adult Council and USDF are organizing Adult Clinics for each of the nine regions. Ours will be held August 2-3, 2003. Paul Cormier, our Adult Coordinator, Melanie Tenney and I will be in charge of selecting the riders. The criteria and applications will be published by USDF shortly. Paul is in the process of researching sites. That information will certainly be known by the time you read this. Questions can be directed to Paul (marquisdemud@aol.com) or me (fernf@cox.net). USDF also has grants available through the Adult Education Council for \$1500.00 per region. If your GMO or group has a program that you believe is worthy of receiving some of that money, you should contact Paul.

The Development Committee has announced that USDF's intentions are to build the National Education Center in the Kentucky Horse Park. This building will house our Hall of Fame, a store for USDF merchandise, offices, a multimedia center, and meeting rooms. It certainly will be a source of pride to our organization. The committee is working on the timing of a capital campaign which will finance the planning and construction, as the funds for this will not come out of the operating budget. I think by now everyone should be thrilled with our relocation and with our plans for the future.

The Judges' Committee announced some of the rule changes that will be coming in front of USAE at their annual meeting in January, 2003. Your best bet is to keep an eye on their website to make sure you are current. One that was mentioned was that the time a competitor has to enter the ring after the judge's bell is being reduced from 60 seconds to 45 seconds. Also, a competitor will be eliminated with the third error (not with the 4th); and double bridles are permitted in 3rd level (that last is effective immediately.)

The Instructor/Trainer Council under Lilo Fore is always one of the busiest. We can be proud that in Region 8 we have a very large contingent of Certified Instructor/Trainers. Ann Guptill is our coordinator, and Melanie Tenney is employed by USDF as the liaison to that council. Both Ann and Mel are faculty members and Training-Fourth Level Certified Instructor/Trainers. They are

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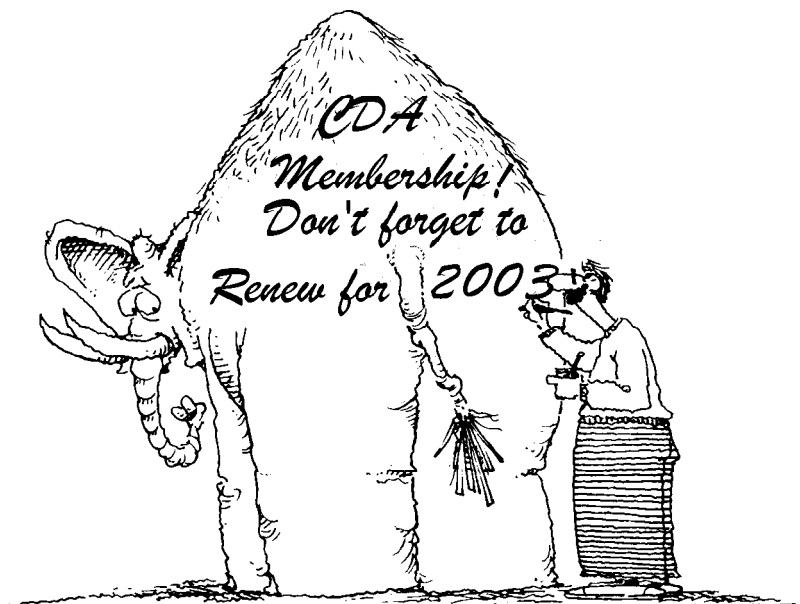
announcing 2 new categories. The first is the USDF Registered Teacher who is one who introduces the correct basics to riders of all ages; and the second is the USDF Certified Teacher who is one capable of teaching riders through the national levels. The unique aspects of these two programs are that they are geared toward those wonderful teachers who are no longer able riding competitively or training horses themselves. The start date for these will be in the spring of 2003, and there will be complete details available through Melanie (mtenney@usdf.org), myself or the USDF website. We expect that these programs will be very popular and successful, and will include—in the educational process—many out there who are doing an excellent job with their students.

And, finally, at the Region 8 meeting there was discussion again about moving our regional championships to a later date. They happen to be the first regional championships of all nine regions, and are, of course, in late August. Our competition season is short. We did discuss moving them to October and may still try that in 2004, but we are also looking into our options to move them later, but not as late as October. We will keep you posted. I must say that the discussion that we had was heated but excellent. We are limited with our facilities—we really need a fabulous facility that will accommodate at least 3 sand arenas and excellent warm-up and stabling. Anyone out there ready to build that??!!

I would like to thank my Region 8 coordinators for 2002 who have contributed to the work of their respective councils. The coordinators for 2003 are:

- Adult Education: Paul Cormier, marquisdemud@aol.com
- FEI Jr/Yr: Lynn Budd, flyingchg@yahoo.com
- Awards: Deborah Kondoff, d.kondoff@adelphia.net
- Competition Management: Debra Reinhardt, debrereinhardt@earthlink.net
- Competitors: Dee Loveless, dloveles@fando.com
- GMO Council (small): Kelli Mason, kelferm@aol.com
- GMO Council (large): Irene Greenberg, brig@ultranet.com
- Instructor/Trainer: Ann Guptill, eqarts@snet.net
- Youth Council: Ann Pereira, annper1@aol.com
- Nominating: Camille Kopcik, bedrock365@compuserve.com
- Technical Delegates: Sally Fox, foxtale@nysite.net
- Regional Treasurer: Steve Reinhardt, stevereinhardt@earthlink.net

Fern Feldman



CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

2003 Omnibus Advertising

Dear Fellow Equestrian,

In preparation for the coming season, we are soliciting advertising and prizelist space for our 2003 Omnibus to help you publicize your club events or business and to help us defray the cost of printing and mailing this member publication. You will benefit from placing your prizelist in the Omnibus since CDA members are always looking for alternate schooling shows where they can earn enough scores to compete in our Annual Awards Program. The Omnibus will be mailed free to more than 350 dressage enthusiasts and will contain listings of competitions from several organizations. It will also be available to other GMO's.

You can repeat your ad from last year or submit a new one. Please send 2 camera-ready copies. You can also submit you ad on disk or by email.

Full page size: 7.5 x 4.5

Half page size: 3.75 x 4.5

Business Card: standard size

Deadline: January 15, 2003.

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Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

- I would like to repeat last year's advertisement.
- I am submitting a new camera ready advertisement or prizelist.
- I am enclosing my ad on disk or sending an email attachment.

- Full page in Omnibus \$100
- Half page in Omnibus \$50
- Business card in Omnibus \$25

Please send this form and a check made out to CDA to:

Kim Chimblo
23 Daniel Road
Bristol, CT 06010
860-585-8278
kimberly.l@rcn.com

CDA'S 2002 Year End Awards ***- Recognized Competitions -***

Training Level - Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Margery Tortora	Indigo	66.245	1
Heidi Nottelman	Sweet T Amber	62.371	2

Training Level - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jocelyn Wiese	Amador TCV	69.913	1
Kate Lussier	Greenwood Quintana	64.155	2

Training Level - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alix Szepesi	Fidelio	74.269	1
Jennifer Baumert	Rubikan	73.279	2
Dee Loveless	Meadowmere Courelation	70.417	3
Cheryl Matthewson	Zilbergeist	64.129	4
Kari Bradshaw	Kamazon	61.872	5

First Level - Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Peter Howe	Windsor Lad	67.967	1
Beverly Breid	Nadine	67.808	2
Debra Reinhardt	Blue's Traveler	64.962	3
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	63.028	4

First Level - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Elizabeth Marek	China Doll	59.635	1

First Level - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Laurie Davis Sigfridson	Shine	69.624	1
Alix Szepesi	Eastern Trade	69.083	2

Second Level - Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Cynthia Clarke Paolillo	Magnum	66.173	1
Kari Allen	Forbes Abracadabra	62.745	2
Silene White	Prince of Moon	58.967	3

Second Level - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Frederica Crafts	Nabob Zimry	64.546	1
Jacqueline Cloud	Starks Tegwch	63.688	2

Second Level - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Orion	69.083	1
Laurie Davis Sigfridson	Shine	63.017	2

Third Level - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Frederica Crafts	Nabob Zimry	62.028	1
Amanda Braverman	Casanova	56.746	2

Third Level - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Kharisma	66.457	1
Laurie Davis Sigfridson	Sandrino	63.812	2

Fourth level - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jocelyn Wiese	Chopin	62.703	1

Fourth level - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Timothy F. Malin	Out of the Ordinary	66.107	1
Jennifer Baumert	Kharisma	65.640	2

Prix St. George - Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Fern Feldman	Esprit	60.266	1

Prix St. George - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Dennis J. Proll	Winrich	62.489	1

Prix St. George - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Timothy F. Malin	Out of the Ordinary	62.700	1

FEI Intermediare I - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Weltgraf	65.106	1

-Schooling Competitions-

Introductory - Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Laura Pedersen	BAF Cubis Choice	62.140	1

Introductory - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jordan Witik	High Renaissance	65.157	1

Training Level - Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kari Bradshaw	Kamazon	65.038	1

First Level - Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Peter Howe	Windsor Lad	71.177	1

Third Level - Junior

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jacqueline Cloud	Starks Tegwch	56.553	1

YEAR END AWARDS PRESENTATION



February 22, 2003 at 7pm
Where - Fern Feldman's Home

Dinner and some fun...dancing????

Bring spouses, significant others, friends, potential CDA members, but come!!!

This is a party for you, the CDA members.

RSVP to Fern by Feb 17th. 203-272-0711

BYOB -soda and mixers will be provided.
Bring your favorite dessert to share



Directions: From I-84, take exit 26 Cheshire. Turn right (or bear right if you are coming from the Waterbury) at the light at the end of the ramp. Stay on route 68/70 until Mountain Rd. Land Mark is that Mountain Rd is the NEXT light after the Notch Store on the right and at the light where Rt 68 splits from Rt 70. Turn Right onto Mountain Rd. At four-way stop go straight, Fern's home is about .6 mile on the left from the four-way stop, 890 Mountain Rd, white ranch with circular drive.

All articles are to be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be mailed to me at:

John Gordon
Attn. CENTERLINE
24 Darren Court
Waterbury, CT 06708-3903

or
They can be Emailed to me at ctdressageassoc.org

In the Subject line: Centerline

Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

Attention Show and Clinic Organizers, Trainers, Stables and Organizations:

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 2003 CDA Calendar of Events!!! Send a one-line description, dates, locations, and contact person's name and phone number. We'll be delighted to include it in Centerline's regular calendar at no cost.

Thanks,

John

