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President's Message

What a pleasure it was to see so many familiar faces as well as meet many new ones at the May 4th competition at Once Again Farm. We were fortunate enough to have perfect riding weather and it was a most pleasant day for all. We had a nice turnout for our dressage seat equitation class and the competition will sure to be tight for our year-end award. Just a reminder that Lendon Gray is sponsoring the year-end award for Dressage Seat Equitation winners this year and there is still time to qualify.

Our next board meeting on June 3rd at 6 pm will be totally devoted to planning our 2004 activities. Please take the time to attend or contact one of our board members with any suggestions you may have.

We are also looking for someone with Marketing experience who may want to become active on our board as we attempt to increase awareness of our organization. There are many board members willing to assist in this area but another member who can take the lead in would be very much welcomed.

Paul Mazzara from the 2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard attended our last board meeting. He spoke on the financial needs of the Horse Guard and indicted a need for donations of horse related items to be sold at an upcoming tag sale to benefit the Horse Guard. Please take the time to respond to this request as this is an excellent way to get rid of all your unneeded tack while supporting an excellent cause. CDA competitions will be drop-off points for donations so feel free to bring any donations you may have to any of our upcoming competitions. (Ed. Note: See page 7 of this issue for more information.

See you soon,

Nancy

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU....."

Featuring CDA member Cynthia Clarke Paolillo

By: Marcie Gordon

Madison, CT is home to CDA member Cynthia Clarke Paolillo, her husband John and their nine-year-old son Matthew. Other members of the Paolillo household include two Pembroke Welsh Corgis "Barney" and "Taffy" and a black cat named "Charlotte". Cynthia has worked in the advertising/marketing/public relations field for thirteen years and she enjoys skiing and reading in her spare time. In addition to her profession and parenting an active, precocious nine year old, Cynthia and her husband John have been able to balance their individual personal passions.....for Cynthia it is horses and for John it is music. They each understand and support each other's passion and it works well for them!

Cynthia has two horses: Eridani ("River") a 10 year-old TB which she has owned for 5 years and Magnum an eight year-old Dutch Warmblood which she has owned for 1 ½ years. Her horses are boarded at Fox Ledge Farm in East Haddam, CT where Cynthia trains with Ann Guptill.

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2003 Calendar of Events

June 3

CDA 2004 Planning Meeting
6:00 PM
Fern Feldman
203-272-0711
Email - Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org
for directions

June 8

Hannover Dressage Series
East Windsor
Kelly Cordes
860-386-0747

June 13-14

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

June 22

Dressage in the Litchfield Hills
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441

July 13

CDA Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Kari Bradshaw
860-677-2600

August 3

CDA Schooling Show
StoneLedge Farm
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

August 10

Hannover Dressage Series
East Windsor
Kelly Cordes
860-386-0747

September 7

Dressage in the Litchfield Hills
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441

Sept. 5-6

Clinics with Dr. Cesar Parra
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Horse Board Available

Northfield, CT.
24 hour Turnout
Box Stalls - \$300/month
Convenient to Route 8
For further details
Contact: 1-860-283-1166

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As you will learn, Cynthia has experienced a very diverse equestrian background and she explains "A few horses have come and gone, but each one has taught me some step in the training process. Most important is patience and to never skip a step in the training process as it will only come back to haunt you later. I've also learned that you need a good ground person to help you make sure the horse is performing the moves correctly. I've been very lucky to have one of the best in Ann Guptill".

Ox Ridge Hunt Club in Darien, CT is where Cynthia started riding at the age of 12. Remembering the early days Cynthia recalls "I owned a feisty chestnut TB named Cinnabar. I showed mostly in the jumpers with a little bit of equitation thrown in." Cynthia sold Cinnabar when she went off to college and she did not start riding again until she was 26 years old. It was at this time that Cynthia made the switch to eventing with her Hanoverian named Polaris ("Hans"). It is with Polaris that she trained and evented successfully through Preliminary, often traveling to events on her own and doing all the work herself. During this time, Cynthia was chosen twice to represent CDCTA (Connecticut Dressage and Combined Training Association) in the team trials at Gladstone, NJ. Cynthia remembers "Just to ride and be stabled at this beautiful facility you could feel the incredible history." Polaris contracted a serious case of Lyme disease and his promising career was curtailed. He has since helped some youth riders in their Pony Club endeavors.

When Cynthia and John's son Matthew came along, Cynthia said "I decided it was time to keep 'all four hooves' on the ground and made the switch to dressage." It was during this time period (on a limited budget) that Cynthia learned a great deal on her quest for "the perfect dressage horse". Working with her horse "River", Cynthia found him to have the heart and drive to go up the training scale but he sustained several physical injuries and colic surgery. This recuperation time period provided both "River" and Cynthia the opportunity to surmount these obstacles and their determined partnership was awarded in 2001 as Second Level Adult Amateur Champions for CDA and CDCTA and fourth overall in the same category for NEDA.

Shortly after 9/11, Cynthia purchased Magnum, her first horse that was actually bred and trained to do dressage. Cynthia explains, "So far, Magnum has both the mental and physical qualities to move through the upper levels". Their young partnership was rewarded in 2002 with third in the Region 8 Second Level Adult Amateur Championships, Reserve Champion with NEDA and Champions with CDA and CDCTA. Cynthia is looking forward to bringing Magnum out at Third Level and she hopes to put together a Freestyle for him soon.

Cynthia feels lucky to belong to an organization like CDA, which provides a sounding board for its members. She states "It really is amazing the amount of talent that there is in our membership, and hopefully CDA can find ways to tap into it and make it available for us". Cynthia hopes to become more active in CDA as her son grows older, but for now she feels it is important to support the group by volunteering for at least one event a year, if not more. "I've served on boards before and I know how selfless you have to be and how every little bit of help goes a long way!"

Personal goals and lessons learned along the way are important to Cynthia as she recently explained: "My goals are to expand my knowledge and hopefully train Magnum to the fullest of his potential. I have learned that in this sport every horse, instructor, clinic, volunteer job and your friends can teach you something. Long term, when my son is older, I plan to start the process of earning my judge's rating so I can eventually give back to this sport some of what it has given to me."

As Cynthia Clarke Paolillo stated above, we all can learn from the many influences on our lives as we move forward each day. CDA thanks Cynthia for her sincerity as she shared her passions, philosophies, experiences and dreams as she, her family and her horses move forward on their journey. Good luck to Cynthia and Magnum on the centerline this season!

Opening Date: June 13, 2003

Closing Date: July 3, 2003

Sunday, July 13, 2003
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show

Location - Once Again Farm
750 Allen Ave.,
Meriden, CT 06451

Judge: Grace Golden

Secretary: Kari Bradshaw
110 Goshen East Street
Norfolk, CT. 06058
860-542-5375

Class List: USDF 2003 Introductory Tests A and B.
USAE 2003 Training 1-4.
USAE 2003 First 1-4.
USAE 2003 Second and above-State test to be ridden.
Dressage Seat Equitation. (Youth and Adult Amateurs only)

Fees: CDA members \$20 per test.
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 to 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: rkhotshoe@aol.com to have the schedule emailed to you. You will be able to view the ride times on the CDA Website on Saturday before the show.

Directions: From 1-91 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 1-91 South: Take Exit 18 onto 691 West. Then follow directions from 1-91 North. From 1-84 East and West: Take Exit 27 onto 691. Take Exit 4; at end of ramp, turn right. Then follow directions from 1-91 beginning with **

CDA 2003 YEAR-END AWARDS INFORMATION

Greetings to all CDA members! Now that the 2003 competition season is well under way, I hope that you are keeping track of your scores for consideration the CDA 2003 Year-End Awards Program. The program for 2003 includes the following award categories:

- ❖ 2003 Schooling Competition
- ❖ 2003 Recognized Competition
- ❖ 2003 Lendon Gray CDA Schooling Show Equitation Trophy

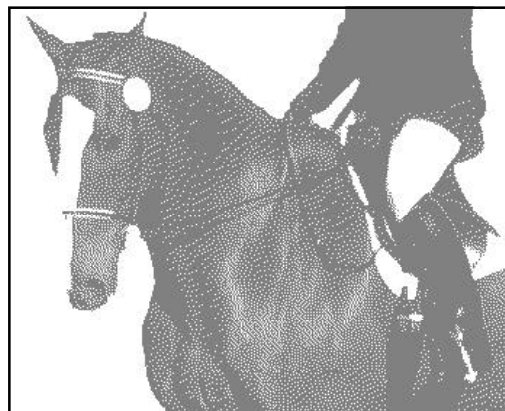
Please refer to your CDA 2003 **OMNIBUS** (pages 29 to 31) for a complete description of the Year-End Awards Program along with the rules that apply to each of the above three mentioned categories. You may also go to our website at <http://ctdressageassoc.org/> and click on **CDA's 2003 Year End Awards Program** for rules and forms.

The three forms necessary for submission for 2003 Year-End Awards will be included in the September and October issues of *Centerline*. The deadline for submission will be November 1, 2003.

Electronic submissions for any of the above may be used via CDA's website at www.ctdressageassoc.org after September 1, 2003. Many members used the electronic method of submission last year.... it's easy, saves postage and paper as well!

Regardless of your method, we urge you to participate in our Year-End Awards Program and consider encouraging your friends to join CDA so they too can participate. After reviewing the information in **OMNIBUS**, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact Marcie Gordon/Awards Coordinator via email at Awards@ctdressageassoc.org or phone 203-573-0919.

Good luck to everyone as you ride down the centerline this season!



SHOWTIME – March 30th Schooling Show

Submitted by Donna Leonessa

The March 30th show was held at Hannover Dressage located in East Windsor, Connecticut. Since the previous winter was mild and the facility has 2 indoors, Kelly, the trainer, and I chose the March 30th date as a Schooling Show Season Opener. We wanted to provide a place for both the seasoned show person and the beginner to ride the new dressage tests. Who could have known that we would have one of the coldest winters with record number of snowfall. The week before the show we got hit with 6 inches of snow and 30 degree temps. It was March. Like every dressage rider, I kept praying the snow would melt and the temps would rise. Then finally the weather turned, the 60-degree temps melted the snow. Kelly and her team of volunteers did a wonderful job cleaning up the barn both inside and out. Finally a week before the show, I received the first show entry, Mackenzie Wilson riding her pony Chubby. I was extremely excited and hopeful that CDA members would be able to enjoy a beautiful show day. I received 6 more entries. I spoke to many CDA members and the cold winter had prevented them from riding. They just weren't ready for that first show. The day before the show, the weather turned for the worse. We started setting up the dressage arena when the storm started. It rained and rained and rained. I was convinced that no one would show up. Kelly made us press on and complete our preparations. When we left the barn at 10 pm that night everything was ready. Now all we needed was the weather to cooperate. The next morning I arrived at 8 am the clouds were out but there was no rain. One by one trailers appeared. We scheduled the morning rides for the Youth and the late morning for the adults. It worked perfectly. It rained on and off lightly in the morning. Since we had a low number of rides, Kelly and I decided to ask the Judge to do a ride-review-ride session with each rider. Dee Loveless, the Judge did a wonderful job working with everyone to help them improve their scores. We all had a great time and the show was a huge success. Thanks go to Kelly and all of the volunteers for making this show a success. Hopefully next year the weather will cooperate and more of you will join us.

CDA MARCH 30TH SHOW RESULTS

		Intro A		
Mackenzie Wilson	Youth	Chubby	61.500 1 st	
			65.000	RETEST
		Intro B		
Arianna Rossetti	Youth	Cinnamon Spice	66.190 1 st	
			69.520	RETEST
MacKenzie Wilson	Youth	Chubby	62.857 2 nd	
		Training Test 1		
Arianna Rossetti	Youth	Cinnamon Spice	63.630 1 st	
		Training Test 2		
Megan Schlichtig	Youth	Nestor	65.769 1 st	
			66.538	RETEST
		Training Test 3		
Amanda Wells	Youth	Aziano	62.917 1 st	
			65.417	RETEST
		Training Test 3		
Donna Leonessa	Adult Amateur	Reizend	64.167 1 st	
			64.583	RETEST
		Training Test 4		
Donna Leonessa	Adult Amateur	Reizend	65.385 1 st	
Amanda Wells	Youth	Aziano	63.846 1 st	
Megan Schlichtig	Youth	Nestor	61.539 2 nd	
Stephanie Georgakis	Youth	Cut to the Chase	61.154 3 rd	
			66.923	RETEST
		First Test 1		
Stephanie Georgakis	Youth	Cut to the Chase	60.370 1 st	
Beth Stadnicki	Adult Amateur	Sir Walburg	58.889 1 st	
			60.373	RETEST
		First Test 3		
Beth Stadnicki	Adult Amateur	Sir Walburg	54.857 1st	
		Dressage Equitation		
Amanda Wells		Aziano	73.000 1 st	
Stephanie Georgakis	Youth	Cut to the Chase	72.000 2 nd	

Sunday, May 4, 2003
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show

Location - Once Again Farm
 750 Allen Ave.,
 Meriden, CT 06451

Judge: Lisa Schmidt

Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
 P. O. Box 9
 Thomaston CT 06787
 860-283-8748

Show Results

Intro Level Test A

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Marisa Evens	Worth The Wait	58.00	1 st AA

Intro Level Test B

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Marisa Evens	Worth The Wait	65.71	1 st AA
Laura Pederson	BAF Cubis Choice	57.61	2 nd AA

Training Level Test 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Gabrielle Arlen	El Primero	65.45	1 st AA
Sandy Rabinowitz	Sequoia	60.45	2 nd AA
Doreen Jensen	Taylor Made	60.00	3 rd AA
Laura Pederson	BAF Cubis Choice	55.90	4 th AA

Training Level Test 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Gabrielle Arlen	El Primero	66.15	1 st AA
Sandy Rabinowitz	Sequoia	63.85	2 nd AA

Training Level Test 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Amanda Wells	Aziano	60.83	1 st Y
Doreen Jensen	Taylor Made	56.25	1 st AA
Donna Leonessa	Reizend	56.25	2 nd AA
Megan Schlichtig	Nestor	54.58	2 nd Y

Training Level Test 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Sarah Warzecho	Kalahari	62.69	1 st AA
Amanda Wells	Aziano	62.30	1 st Y
Stefanie Georgakis	Cut To The Chase	61.53	2 nd Y
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	61.15	2 nd AA
Donna Leonessa	Reizend	59.23	3 rd AA
Megan Schlichtig	Nestor	55.00	3 rd Y
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	55.00	4 th AA
Jennifer Bagley	Steel The Show	52.69	5 th AA
Anne Perreault	Twice Shy	50.76	6 th AA

First Level Test 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Stefanie Georgakis	Cut To The Chase	60.74	1 st Y
Leslie Weiss	Starks Tegwch	67.03	1 st AA
Sarah Warzecho	Kalahari	63.70	2 nd AA
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	61.48	3 rd AA
Beth Stadnicki	Sir Walburg	61.48	4 th AA
Jennifer Bagley	Steel The Show	61.11	5 th AA
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	60.00	6 th AA
Anna Perreault	Twice Shy	51.11	7 th AA

First Level Test 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Beth Stadnicki	Sir Walburg	60.00	1st AA

Second Level Test 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Debra Reinhardt	Blues Traveler	61.31	1st AA
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	58.15	2 nd AA

Second Level Test 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	61.35	1st AA

Second Level Test 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Jacqueline Cloud	Quiroso	57.44	1st Y

Second Level Test 4

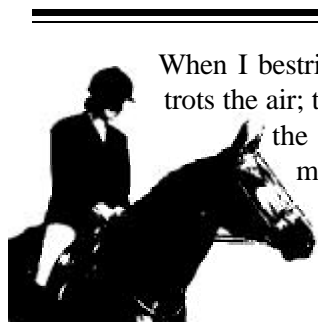
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Jacqueline Cloud	Quiroso	62.54	1st Y

Dressage Seat Equitation - Adult

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Leslie Weiss	Starks Tegwch	71.40	1 st
Debra Reinhardt	Blues Traveler	70.90	2 nd
Patricia Sheeran	Harrison	70.60	3 rd
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	68.70	4 th
Jacqueline Myhrer	Black Jack	67.10	5 th
Doreen Jensen	Taylor Made	65.80	6 th

Dressage Seat Equitation - Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Jacqueline Cloud	Quiroso	78.50	1 st
Stefanie Georgakis	Cut To The Chase	76.50	2 nd
Kate Lussier	Starks Tegwch	76.40	3 rd
Amanda Wells	Aziano	75.00	4 th



When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk: He
 trots the air; the earth sings when he touches it;
 the basest horn of his hoof is more
 musical than the pipe of Hermes.

William Shakespeare

Second Governor's Horse Guard Fundraiser: Update

CDA is collaborating with 2GHG in its efforts to raise money to support itself in the face of funding cuts. 2GHG offers many charitable services to the community, including CDA. This year they are sponsoring an FEI class at our recognized show.

We are now accepting donations for them to sell. You may bring used, unwanted, or outgrown horse or rider gear to any schooling show, or contact Leslie Weiss (203-865-6156 x1) or Lt. Paul Mazzara (203-410-7334) to arrange for a pick up.

This will be an ongoing project, so you never need stuff your closet again. Please spread the word to all your friends around the state.

Thanks very much,

Leslie Weiss

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

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Waterbury, CT 06708-3903

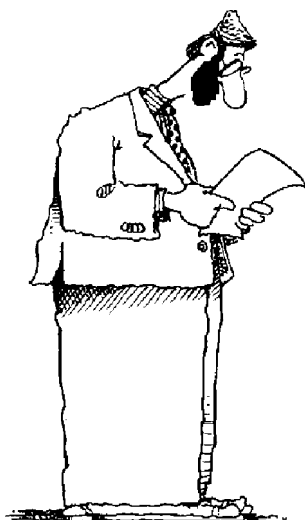
or
They can be Emailed to me at
Centerline@ctdressageassoc.org

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



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