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## President's Message

The end of 2003 is nearing fast (too fast as far as I am concerned) but hopefully spring will be upon us before we know it. How's that for optimism!! Our membership secretary, Donna Leonessa, has done a great job getting us more automated in the membership department. She will be sending out a membership dues reminder to all current members so that there is no confusion on when dues are payable, and also to simplify the process for our members. Thanks Donna!!

Since we're on the topic of dues, as mentioned in an earlier edition of Centerline, we will be increasing dues for the coming year. As many of you are aware, USDF has taken a dues increase. As a result of this, the amount that our GMO must submit to USDF per member is also increasing. Up until this coming year CDA submitted \$10 of each member's dues to USDF. This will be increasing to \$17 per member. The CDA board had many discussions regarding the increase in dues proposal and it was noted that the costs to publish and mail Centerline and the Omnibus, maintain our website, and purchase the ribbons and awards for our schooling shows and Year-End awards exceeded the money we currently take in on dues, even without the additional fee paid to USDF. Therefore we have voted to also increase dues for the coming year.

We are in discussions with some new facilities that we are hoping to add to list of those whose schooling shows will be eligible for our Year-End awards. This should result in more riders having the ability to qualify for awards without having to drive a long distance to find a qualifying competition. Remember, it is not too late to have your favorite facility added to our list. If you call me at 860-283-8748, I will be happy to contact the facility and see if they are willing to meet the requirements to qualify their competitions for our Year-End awards.

Until next month,  
Nancy

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## Important CDA Membership News for 2004

2003 has been an exciting year for new and old members of CDA. CDA has increased the number of schooling shows in response to member requests. We have added educational clinics to support your desire to learn more about dressage. We have improved our Year End Awards Program and the Annual Party which announces its recipients. We have added new members and are reaching the 190 mark. The CDA Board and its volunteers continue to strive for improvements.

In an effort to streamline our membership renewal process, all current CDA members will be receiving a 2004 renewal form in the next week or two. The form you will receive will include your database information that we have on record. Please review the information carefully and make any changes that are necessary. Your check with the completed renewal form must be returned to me no later than December 31, 2003 in order to stay current with your membership.

We look forward to seeing you in 2004.

Donna Leonessa  
Membership Secretary and  
Adult Education Coordinator

## 2003 Calendar of Events

### Nov 11

CDA Board Meeting - 6PM  
Cheshire, CT  
Call Fern Feldman for directions  
203-272-0711

### January 31, 2004

CDA Annual Party  
See page 4 this issue.



## Advertisements

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Marilyn Nodiff. 203.266.7118.  
[marilyn@cthorsefarms.com](mailto:marilyn@cthorsefarms.com)



## “GETTING TO KNOW YOU.....”

### Featuring CDA member Frederica Crafts

Written by: Marcie Gordon

Recently 13 year-old CDA youth member Frederica Crafts shared some of her near-future riding goals: “When I am old enough I want to go to the North American Young Riders Championships. Next year, I would really like to make the Junior Team and ride the Junior Dressage Team Championships at Devon. Riding in the Olympics would be nice too!”

The 2002 competition season was very successful for Frederica and her leased horse Nabob Zimry. She recalls their experiences: “Zimry is a small Dutch Warmblood/Welsh cross who took me from First through Fourth level during the summer of 2002. We were second and third level Junior Champions for the CDA Year End Awards for 2002. We were also awarded third place in Second level and Junior Champion for Third level during the NEDA Year End Awards. I also got my USDF Bronze medal with him. Zimry was a wonderful teacher who allowed me to gain tremendous experience in shows. He also gave me a solid introduction to the upper level movements.”

Frederica lives with her parents in East Killingly, CT. In 2002, the horses Zimry and a 33 year-old Appaloosa mare, Hydrox Cookie are boarded close to home. Frederica (who is also known to others as “Freddie”, “Fraz”, or “Sophia”) trains at home with her mom, Sybille Crafts. At this time, Zimry is for sale and Frederica and her family are looking for a new horse. She explains that some of the criteria in their horse search include “no smaller than 16.1h, at St. Georges level and being a teacher and loyal friend with who I could pursue my goals.”

When not involved with horses, Frederica enjoys “talking on the phone or online with friends, shopping and hanging out with friends is good too!” Frederica introduced their additional ‘family members’ who include: “Nelly is a 6 year-old black/dark brown Mini Dachshund with a very distinguished nose for hunting any size animal! Ringa, our 11 year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback, whose loyalty to us and Nelly is unsurpassed. Bear, our cat, is a 3 year-old half-blind rescue. He loves to observe wildlife from inside the house or our porch. I think he has quite some imagination of being a fierce hunter!”

This fall Frederica will be entering the eighth grade at The Rectory School in Pomfret, CT. She explains, “My daily commute is about 15 minutes one way and my ‘chauffeurs’ are my parents! My favorite subject at school is Science, but Study Hall is nice too! Science is my favorite subject because it requires hands-on involvement. I feel that I am ‘doing’ something, other than just listening. I also enjoy History very much because it teaches me about the past. My focus for my 2004 school year is to receive good grades in class as well as on my tests.”

When she is not involved with Dressage, Frederica plays on the varsity soccer and basketball teams at The Rectory School. “Our teams play against other middle schools and often some high schools in the Hartford area or in Massachusetts.” This active thirteen-year-old also enjoys skiing and snowboarding in the winter. When asked about her favorite location to ski, Frederica recalls “My favorite place for skiing and snowboarding is a small, remote place in Austria at about a 6000 feet elevation, where they have no access roads but only miles of slopes to enjoy!”

Frederica recalls a recent highlight among her riding experiences: “In June, 2002, I went with Zimry to train with Lendon Gray for four weeks. After that, in the fall of 2002, I rode my first fourth level at NEDA. It was very exciting and a lot of fun. In October of 2002, I got to ride with Ralph Isselhorst and Ulla Salzgeber. After riding with Ulla, I received an invitation from her to come to Germany for the summer of 2003 and work at her facility. I spent almost 6 weeks during June and July of this year at “Dressurstall Salzgeber” where I worked with the staff, took care of the horses, went along to some local shows with the young horses, and received lessons on a great schoolmaster “Maggie”. I was also allowed to ride other FEI level horses. I was very lucky to have had the chance to ride a variety of horses I could learn from. At the moment I am ‘horseless’ and I can’t wait to apply what I learned this summer!”

Johann von Goethe wrote: “**What you can do, or dream you can do, begin it; boldness has genius, power and magic in it.**” This quote appeared in the July, 2003 issue of *Centerline* and it speaks to anyone of us who has goals and/or dreams either for tomorrow or years down the road. Frederica Crafts not only enjoys her active life as a teenager, equestrian, student and athlete but she has set goals for herself in school, sports and dressage. She also recognizes and appreciates the invaluable lessons that she has learned in her many riding experiences. Thank you, Frederica, for sharing your thoughts and dreams with CDA and we wish you good luck in your search for a new dressage partner.

**Sunday, September 21, 2003**  
**Connecticut Dressage Association**  
**Schooling Show**

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

**Show Results**  
**(as supplied by the show secretary)**

**Intro A**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Nicole Benevento	Belmont	67.5	1 AA
Marissa Lorczak	Twilight Jazz	57.5	2 AA

**Intro B**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Marisa Evans	Worth the Wait	74	1 AA
Marissa Lorczak	Twilight Jazz	61	1 Y
Nicole Benevento	Belmont	66.67	2 AA
Morgan Lana Joseph	Hickory Ledge Merantage	66	3 AA

**Training 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Jill Blakeman	Slick	70.45	1 AA
Patricia Kahle	Sutter's Lady	60.91	1 Y
Sandy Rabinowitz	Sequoia	65.91	2 AA
Kristen Wallack	Champ	59.09	2 Y
Holly Hansen	Titan	65	3 AA
Marisa Evans	Worth the Wait	62.73	4 AA
Morgan Lana Joseph	Hickory Ledge Merantage	58.64	5 AA
Jodi Riddick	Melody	58.18	6 AA
Jamison Wallace	Greta	52.73	AA
Kari Allen	Lorenzo	56.82	AA

**Training 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Sandy Rabinowitz	Sequoia	68.46	1 AA
Kristen Wallack	Champ	62.31	1 Y
Jill Blakeman	Slick	66.54	2 AA
Patricia Kahle	Sutter's Lady	56.54	2 Y
Kari Allen	Lorenzo	63.08	3 AA
Holly Hansen	Titan	62.69	4 AA
Jamison Wallace	Greta	55.77	5 AA

**Training 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Amy Newton	Court jester	70	1 AA
Emily Anhalt	Whisper	61.67	2 AA
Kari Bradshaw	Kamazon	60.42	3 AA

**Training 4**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Amy Newton	Court jester	72.69	1 AA
Donna Leonessa	Zen	63.08	2 AA
Kari Bradshaw	Kamazon	60.38	3 AA
Emily Anhalt	Whisper	56.54	4 AA

**Dressage Eq**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Pat Sheeran	Harrison	71.4	1 AA
Kari Bradshaw	Kamazon	68.6	2 AA

**First 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Gigi Cassese	Rupert	58.52	1 AA
Rhonda Malafronte		55.19	2 AA
Alison Johnson	Soloman	52.59	3 AA
Jamison Wallace	Differentiate	42.22	4 AA

**First 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Ann Guptil	Braun	60	1 AA
Gigi Cassese	Rupert	57.35	2 AA
Rhonda Malafronte		54.71	3 AA

**First 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Kate Lussier	Starks Tegwch	67.43	1 Y
Debbie Murphy	Shadow Dancer	56.57	2 AA

**First 4**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Kate Lussier	Starks Tegwch	68.61	1 Y
Ann Guptil	Braun	61.11	2 AA
Debbie Murphy	Shadow Dancer	53.61	3 AA

**Second 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	56.38	1 AA

**Second 4**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	61.57	1 AA

**Fourth 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Melinda Hamilton	McAllister	62.56	1 AA
Karen Horn	Bijan	56.74	2 AA

**Fourth 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
Karen Horn	Bijan	60.93	1 AA

## 2003 Annual CDA Party and Awards Celebration

Save the date and mark your calendar!! Below is more information about our Annual CDA Party and 2003 Awards Celebration. Directions and additional details will follow in the December issue of *Centerline*.

**Who:** ~All current CDA members (you may bring your spouse or a guest)

**What:** ~Catered buffet dinner courtesy of CDA ~ B.Y.O.B. please

~Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with A thru L. (next year...M-Z!)

~*Guest speaker: Margaret Freeman:*

Margaret is a CDA member, an "S" dressage judge, and a free-lance editor and journalist. Margaret is scheduled to cover the 2004 Olympics in Athens for the Associated Press.

~Silent auction: the list of auction items grows daily....something for everyone!!

~Door prizes

**When:** Saturday evening, January 31, 2004 beginning at 6pm

**Where:** Cheshire, CT- home of Fern and Barry Feldman (directions in the Dec. *Centerline*)

**Why:** To celebrate YOU, the members of CDA and to honor our 2003 Year-end Award winners

**RSVP please:** If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Marcie Gordon:

Phone: 203-573-0919 (feel free to leave a message)

Email: [Awards@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:Awards@ctdressageassoc.org) (type "Party" on the subject line)

The USDF Web site, <http://www.usdf.org/Programs/awards/RiderAwards.asp>, now features a complete list of USDF Rider Award winners from the program's inception in 1974 to present. In addition to offering recognition for USDF medalists and Freestyle Bar, Master 's Challenge, and Qualified Rider recipients, this list, updated daily, will allow 2003 Rider Award winners to confirm their award status and make plans early to attend the 2003 USDF National Convention & Symposium.

This year, USDF is planning two award banquets to honor the many achievements of its members. The "Salute Gala" on Thursday night will feature a ceremony to honor dressage Olympians and USDF 's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as well as present the Hall of Fame inductees, Lifetime Achievement Awards, Volunteer of the Year, and GMO Newsletter Awards. On Saturday night, USDF will celebrate the riders (2003 USDF bronze, silver, and gold medal and Musical Freestyle Bar; and Master 's Challenge recipients) and the horses (the 2003 Horses of the Year and All Breed program winners) that make our sport great.

For more information about and advanced registration for the 2003 National Convention & Symposium in Dallas, TX, log on to [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or contact Heather Henley, USDF marketing and events coordinator, at (859) 271-7875 or [hhenley@usdf.org](mailto:hhenley@usdf.org).

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

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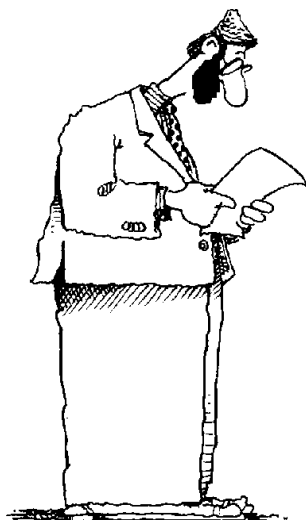
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Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

**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**



## **NEW FOR 2004 ~ CDA COMPETITION YEAR CHANGES**

The CDA board has recently voted that the CDA Competition Year will be defined and this is effective as of November 1, 2003 as stated below:

- CDA competition year will be November 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.

This new schedule for our competition year increases the importance of keeping your CDA membership current if you are considering competing for our 2004 Year-end Awards. When your 2004 membership renewal letter arrives early in November, we urge you to renew promptly.

A newly formed Awards Committee comprised of Tim Malin, Doreen Jensen and Marcie Gordon will be working on revising the CDA Year-end Awards criteria based upon the newly defined "Competition Year". All changes will be presented to the CDA Board for approval and the revised CDA Year-end Awards program will be published here in *Centerline* early in 2004 and in CDA's 2004 OMNIBUS.

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### 2003 CDA Year-End Awards

By the time you receive this issue of *Centerline*, the deadline of Nov. 1, 2003 for submitting scores for CDA's Year-end Awards has passed us by.

I want to thank the many CDA members who have submitted scores for consideration for both Recognized and Schooling competitions during the 2003 season.

The December issue of *Centerline* will announce the winners.

Good luck to everyone and thank you for your participation in CDA!