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President's Message

The board is busy as beavers planning the CDA 2005 calendar. Donna Leonessa continues to work diligently on our 2005 events. In addition to our recognized and schooling competitions, our plan is to include one CDA sponsored adult camp and three clinics. Thanks go to Esther Roberts who is assisting Donna with the planning and organization of the adult camp and two of the clinics. Also thanks to Leslie Weiss and Vickie Hammers-O'Neill who will take on the planning and organization of our "Seat Clinic".

Marcie Gordon has indicated she has received quite a few submissions for our year end awards. It is great to hear that so many of our members were able to find competitions they were able to attend and become eligible for our year-end awards. We are anticipating offering a similar range of eligible competitions for the 2005 season.

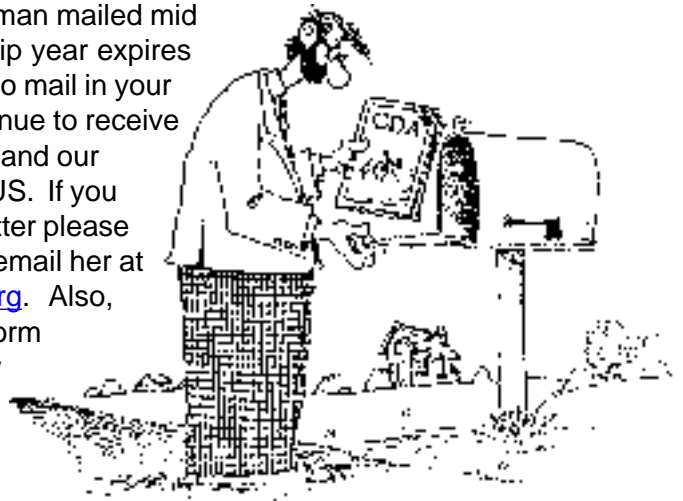
For those of you looking for an educational and fun getaway, consider attending the USDF National Convention & Symposium which will be held November 30th through December 5th in Lexington Kentucky. This years National Symposium topic will be "The Development of the Dressage Horse". Visit the USDF website @ www.usdf.org for more information.

Have you taken a look at the CDA website lately? Our ever creative "Web-Master" (John Gordon) has created a great fall scene that is sure to make you smile.

And last but not least, just a reminder to renew your CDA membership for 2005. Heidi Nottelman has sent renewal notices out to all current members and there are also membership forms available on the CDA website.

Until next month,
Nancy.

Ed. Note: All current CDA members should have received their 2005 CDA membership renewal letters which Heidi Nottelman mailed mid October. Since CDA's membership year expires 12-31-2004, you are encouraged to mail in your renewal **now** so that you will continue to receive the monthly *Centerline* newsletter and our upcoming 2005 edition of OMNIBUS. If you have not received your renewal letter please contact Heidi at 860-564-0214 or email her at Membership@ctdressageassoc.org. Also, feel free to use the membership form included in this issue. Make a few copies of the membership form and pass them along to a few friends...CDA welcomes new members!



Don't forget to check your *Centerline* for your 2005 Membership form

2004 Calendar of Events

December 8, 2004

Board Meeting
Fern Feldman
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2005 Calendar of Events

February 5, 2005

CDA Annual Party & Awards Celebration
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Congratulations to CDA 2004 Year-End Award Winners

On behalf of CDA, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners of Year-End awards in both USDF Recognized Show and Schooling Show competitions. This year we had a record number of qualified submissions.

After compiling all the submitted data, there are 45 winners in the USDF Recognized Show category and 19 winners in the Schooling Show category and the list of winners is printed in this issue. The record-setting participation is a credit to the CDA members who have worked diligently in their individual goals to improve their skills as they ride down the centerline.

The criteria for CDA 2004 Year-End Awards (as printed in the 2004 OMNIBUS) states that winners receive ribbons for champion, reserve champion and third through sixth place. Champions and reserve champions will also receive customized commemorative gifts. All awards will be presented at our annual party.

Please take a moment to “save the date” for the **CDA 2004 Annual Party and Awards Celebration** which will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2004 (see the announcement printed elsewhere in this issue). The party is always a very enjoyable event and I encourage all CDA members to plan to attend.

Let us join together to applaud the achievements of the 64 winners for the 2004 CDA season!

Marcie Gordon
CDA Awards Coordinator



CDA 2004 YEAR END AWARDS

Recognized Competitions

Training Level

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Julie Halladay	Phaedre	69.769	1
Meredith Hoag	LaFleur Lili Marlene	65.744	2
Esther Smith	Caja's First Knight	63.616	3
Robin Cassella	Holiday	61.167	4

Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Suzanne Markham	Donarlicht GGF	75.077	1
Danielle Gavriluk	Wolkenspieler	74.010	2

Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sara Storch	Pelano	69.739	1
Abigail Lee	Skorrana	61.937	2
Arianna Rossetti	Cinnamon Spice	61.206	3

First Level

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Barbara Ann Wilson	Petronius	67.871	1
Amy Eisenstadt	Copacetic	67.211	2
Cynthia Giordano	Rubikan	67.152	3
Sarah Matters	Adaline	65.517	4
Leslie Weiss	Stark's Tegwch	63.834	5
Esther Smith	Caja's First Knight	62.000	6

Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Launardo	71.881	1
Lauren Gardner	Amador TCV	66.513	2
Laurie Davis Sigfridson	Isabel	64.802	3

First Level

Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen	Rossignol- ISF	65.950	1
Sara Storch	Pelano	65.301	2
Courtney Haley	Corvallis	65.056	3
Amanda Wells	Aziano	61.923	4

Second Level

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Peter Howe	Windsor Lad	63.589	1
Patricia Sheeran	Harrison	61.090	2
Elizabeth Braverman	Redeemer	58.941	3

Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Windsor Lad	71.301	1
Jennifer Baumert	Rubikan	70.632	2
Ann Guptill	Oshin	64.248	3
Deborah Moynihan	Irish Bricin	60.570	4
Crystal Adams	Caja's First Knight	59.433	5

Second Level USDF Musical Freestyle

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	63.924	1

Third Level

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Silene White	Prince of the Moon	61.759	1

Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Laurie Davis Sigfridson	Shine	64.311	1
Roberta Carleton	Dream Weaver	62.446	2

Fourth Level

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Melinda Hamilton	McAllister	60.512	1
Vanessa Horneff	Ivoor	58.405	2

Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Orion	67.302	1
Ann Guptill	Magnum	63.488	2

Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Frederica Crafts	Ranjeri	62.337	1
Amanda Braverman	Westpoint	59.404	2

Prix St George

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jody Rossetti	Casanova	62.917	1
Vanessa Horneff	Ivoor	59.833	2
Elizabeth Braverman	Merci Beaucoup	59.000	3

Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Amanda Braverman	Westpoint	56.333	1

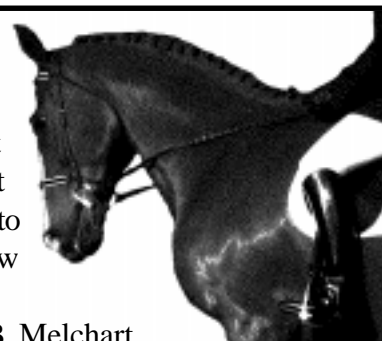
Grand Prix

Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tracy Durham	Emperor	61.458	1

Live your life each day, as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance towards the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point.

----Harold B. Melchart



CDA 2004 YEAR END AWARDS

Schooling Competitions

Introductory

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lisa Weiner	Majestic	63.323	1
Maryanne Little	Just Call Me William	59.356	2

Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Danielle Burgess	In the Nick of Time	68.097	1
Shannon Bartkus	Windfield Hotshot	61.633	2
Marissa Lorczak	Twilight Jazz	58.530	3

Training Level

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Donna Dunbar	Paladin	69.362	1
Heather Martucci	Dare to Dream	66.397	2
Robin Cassella	Holiday	63.707	3
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	63.600	4
Nina Morey	Incamera	63.347	5
Elise Sprague	Flynn	59.310	6

Youth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Helena Smith	Falcon	69.167	1
Shannon Bartkus	Windfield Hotshot	58.367	2

First Level

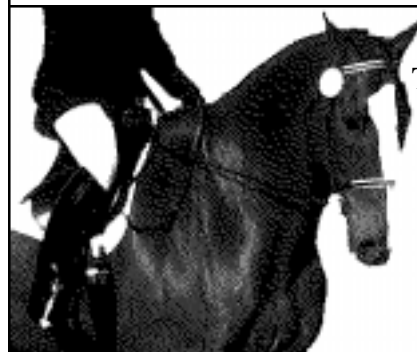
Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kevin Greelish	Composer	65.003	1
Esther Smith	Caja's First Knight	62.520	2
Ruth Beardsley	Morgan Manor Julian	62.457	3
Jennifer Ford	Bonny Doon	62.147	4
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	60.000	5

Lendon Gray Dressage Equitation Trophy

Adult Amateur

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Points</u>
Leslie Weiss	8.000



The world of achievement
has always belonged to
the optimist.

- J. Harold Wilkins

SILENT AUCTION

@ YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY

We are looking for items for our "Silent Auction" table at the Year-End Awards Party. Horsy items, non-horsy items, and "services" (i.e. riding lessons, massages, etc) are some ideas to consider. We had some wonderful donations last year! Please take a moment and look around you home...hopefully you'll find something you might wish to donate! Remember all proceeds from the Silent Auction will help reduce member costs for future CDA education clinics in 2005. You will also be sent a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Please contact Heidi Nottelman or Leslie Weiss before January 15th if you have an item to donate or if you have any questions – email us from the Contacts Link on the CDA web page <http://ctdressageassoc.org/>, or call Heidi at (860) 564-0214.

Thanks for helping!
Heidi and Leslie

2004 Annual CDA Party and Awards Celebration

This is a busy time of year.....take a moment now to mark your 2005 calendar and RSVP. Below you will find the updated information about our **Annual CDA Party and 2004 Awards Celebration on Feb. 5th**.

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 ~ setups and soda provided
~ Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with M-Z (next year...A-L)

~ ***Guest speaker: LENDON GRAY***

CDA member Lendon Gray makes her home in Bedford, NY. It is here where she owns and operates her successful training facility "Glendon Dressage". Lendon is a world-class rider, former Olympian and well-known trainer who enjoys teaching riders of all levels.

Lendon's topic will be: ***"And, What are YOUR Goals?"***

~ **Silent auction:** This was a very popular attraction at last year's party! All proceeds will help to reduce member costs for future CDA clinics.

~ Door prizes ~ Meet new friends ~ See old friends ~ Have a great time!

When: Saturday evening, February 5th, 2005 at 6pm.

Where: Cheshire, CT- home of Fern and Barry Feldman at 890 Mountain Road

Why: To celebrate YOU, the members of CDA and to honor our 2004 Year-end Award Winners.

RSVP: If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Leslie Weiss **before Wednesday, Jan. 26th**.

Phone: 203-777-1950

Email: lesweiss47@yahoo.com (Please type "Party" in subject line)

Directions:

From I-84: take exit 26. At end of ramp, go right, towards Cheshire, on Routes 68/70. Follow 70 (68 goes to the right), then make a right onto Mountain Road, right after a gas station. Go straight on Mountain Road; stop sign; go straight for 6/10's of a mile more. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.

From New Haven: take 91 North to exit 10. Follow the "connector", route 40, to the end. Make a right onto Route 10, go about 8 minutes. Make a left onto Higgins Road, go to the very end, stop sign. Make a left onto Mountain Road, go 6/10's of a mile. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By now each of you should have received your 2005 renewal membership application. Please return the membership application before 12/31/04 in order to continue your membership without interruption. Members who do not renew their membership by 1/31/05 will be marked inactive. Remember, your CDA membership entitles you to some great benefits including:

1. The Centerline Newsletter
2. 2005 CDA Omnibus
3. USDF Group Member status
4. Access to schooling shows throughout the State of Connecticut
5. Year End Awards for schooling and recognized show scores
6. Access to both riding and non riding educational events
7. A Recognized show and more

The CDA Board and supporting committees are making every effort to meet the member's needs. We sponsor several schooling shows throughout the state and are providing more educational events. **SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL SOON!**

See you all at the Annual Party on February 5th.

Heidi Nottelman

CDA Membership Secretary



DEADLINE FOR 2005 OMNIBUS ADVERTISING

A reminder that time is running out for the "Early Bird" special rates for advertising in the CDA 2005 OMNIBUS. The reduced rate ad deadline is Dec. 25, 2004 and the regular rate ad deadline is Jan. 15, 2005. Consider taking out a "personal" ad, a business ad, or asking a merchant you do business with to take out an ad to help support CDA and defray the cost of printing OMNIBUS. Every ad is important!

The rates and ad details are outlined in the "yellow" OMNIBUS letter included in this issue of *Centerline*. You can also print a copy of the ad form by visiting the CDA website at www.ctdressageassoc.org. You may call John Gordon with any questions (203-573-0919 or email at omnibus@ctdressageassoc.org)

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
Centerline@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 2004 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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Business Card	\$15	\$100	\$30	\$200
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CDA Newsletter for December, 2004

CDA BOARD MEETING Wednesday December 8, 2004 at 6:15 PM

Call Fern Feldman at 203-272-0711 or Email - Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org for directions.