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## President's Message

Summer is passing us swiftly. Some of you will be capping of the season with a trip to the Regional Championships. Others of us are falling (no pun intended!) back into the routines of the school year. CDA has one more schooling show on September 25 at Once Again Farm. For those of you who are pursuing awards this year it is time to begin assembling your score sheets. The report forms are available on our website: [ctdressageassoc.org](http://ctdressageassoc.org).

Speaking of scores, CDA's **two** teams of youth riders competing this year at Lendon's Dressage Festival both placed in the medals, and several individuals placed in the ribbons. Melissa Lorczak won the Poise Under Pressure award for coping with a colicky horse, riding a donated animal, and being more than helpful to her teammates. Congratulations to all our competitors, and you may expect to hear more from their Chefs d'equipe, Vicki Hammers-O'Neil and Alison Johnson about the teams exploits. In time, we will have comments from the teams also.

CDA continues to offer activities for adult amateurs in addition to our competitions. Just this past weekend Shannon-Oldham-Dueck taught a two day clinic for riders and auditors. We are grateful to Dona Leonessa and Esther Roberts for organizing this super event.

This fall your board of Directors will finalize the updating of our by-laws, preparing our membership renewals, and securing the schedule of clinics and shows for next year. Never a dull moment and all of you are welcome to attend any meeting. Times and dates are posted on the website.

Finally, and with great sadness, I must tell you that one of our most energetic and valuable board members, Marcie Gordon, recently passed away after a long illness. Marcie was a one-woman sunshine club for CDA. She organized our sponsors, produced gracious letters and completely revised the whole year-end awards program. Marcie's passing reminds me of the first leaf to turn on a tree in the autumn. It flares into brilliance, and then loosens from the twig and floats gently to the ground to complete the life cycle. .... We miss her sorely.

*Leslie*



## 2005 Calendar of Events

### October 2, 2005

Win Some Farm  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Morris, CT  
Margaret Deakin  
860-567-3545

### October 9, 2005

Dressage Schooling Show  
Coventry Equestrian Center  
Coventry, CT  
Colin Milne  
860-742-1900

### 28, 29 & 30, 2005

Clinic with Mark Russell – author  
"Lessons in Lightness-The Art of  
Educating the Horse"  
White Wood Farm  
Killingworth, CT  
Contact: Maureen  
860-434-1169  
Mo@besobold.com

### October 29 – 31, 2005

Dominique Barbier Clinic  
Meenagha Ridges Farm  
Registration and Information  
www.ahorsefarm.com  
Ruth Labbe 860-496-8568  
aurora688@earthlink.net

## Camp Lendon

Michael D. Eisner credits Camp Keewaydin for fostering his adult successes. Summer camp introduced Dan Zanes, the popular musician for kids, to the 'revelatory experiences of communing musically with others.' A successful Broadway producer says Camp Killooleet "changed the way I think about things."

For my daughter, who is not yet famous, Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival will be her seminal experience. Kate's teenage summers whirled around the one weekend where she tested her riding skills, knowledge and abilities. From thirteen to eighteen, she threw herself into a competitive arena that was surrounded by supportive adults.

In the words of Winston Churchill, Kate 'moved from one failure to another without a loss of enthusiasm.' In 2000 she studied the wrong book for the written test, her Hunter Pleasure horse performed rodeo movements in the ring, and she saw very few familiar faces. By 2002 her Morgan horse had qualified for the Regional Championships at Training Level, and she earned the top score for the written test. She now looked forward to reconnecting with other kids.

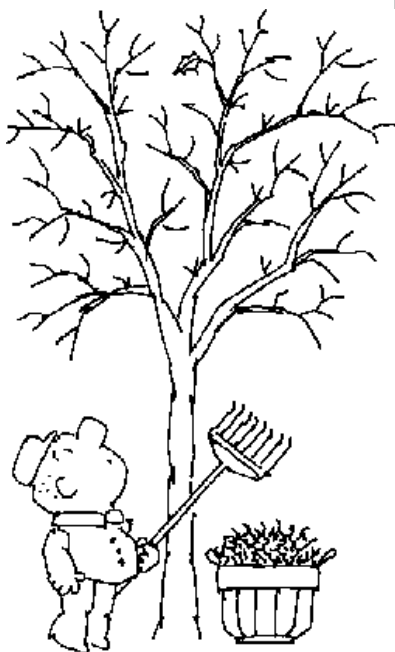
But progress never goes in a straight line. When her Morgan broke his shoulder she nursed him back to health but was without a partner. Fate provided her with a schoolmaster, generously loaned by an adult admirer. The ritual of the written test, Saturday dinner, and words of wisdom from judges provided the encouragement to stay the course.

The 2005 Festival marked her eighteenth summer. Kate had become a working student, purchased a performance pony with her own savings, and survived a life threatening farm accident. She was now a consistently competent rider, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in her division. She tested well, worked hard and was a positive role model to the younger kids. Kate enjoyed the fruits of six summers.

Her team weathered a severe storm, worried about a sick horse and decorated their stalls with waves and seahorses. She finally met the people from whom she purchased her pony, and got to show them how well she is taking care of him. She won a medal, a bridle, a book and horse supplies.

As a parent, I basked in the celebration of all the young people. Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival is only one weekend, but it can change a life.

Georgian Lussier  
August, 2005



## 2005 Connecticut Dressage Association Year-End Schooling Competition Awards Score Report

**Qualification Criteria: Please refer to pages 21 to 24 in 2005 CDA OMNIBUS for complete details.**

- *Eligible Shows: CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows; Other Schooling Shows whose Prize Lists are published in the 2005 CDA OMNIBUS.*
- **Open to all current Youth and Adult Amateur riders; must be CDA member PRIOR to earning scores.**
- *Scores must be earned by the same horse/rider combination per level.*
- *Three scores at same test level from two different shows and from at least two different judges. One score must be from a CDA sponsored Schooling Show.*
- *All scores submitted must be a minimum of 55% and earned between November 1, 2004 and October 31, 2005.*
- *The scores will be averaged to determine award placing. All scores submitted are subject to auditing for accuracy.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Adult Amateur ( ) Youth

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Show Name & Location	Show Date	2005 CDA Omnibus Show listed on page #	Level/Test #	Score Percent	Judge's Name

**Average of the three scores submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Certification that this is a true report:*** Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Youth) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's 2005 Year-End General Awards and Schooling Competition Awards criteria.

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

Please submit this form to Deborah Reinhardt, 160 Woods Way Drive, Southbury, CT 06488 by November 5, 2005. **Submissions post marked after November 5, 2005 will not be considered.** Please do not send copies of tests.

Remember that you are able to submit this form electronically on our website ([www.ctdressageassoc.org](http://www.ctdressageassoc.org)) by clicking on **CDA's 2005 Awards Program** on our home page then choosing the correct direct submission form, for **Schooling Show Awards**. The online submission forms will be available September 1, 2005.

## 2005 Connecticut Dressage Association Year-End Recognized Competition Awards Score Report

**Qualification Criteria: Please refer to pages 21-24 in 2005 CDA OMNIBUS for complete details.**

*Eligible Shows: USEF Recognized Dressage Competitions ridden between November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2005.*

*Rider **AND** owner must be CDA members **PRIOR** to earning scores. Leased horses are eligible.*

*Same horse/rider combination per level.*

*All scores submitted must be a minimum of 55% for Training through FEI. All scores submitted are subject to auditing for accuracy.*

*Five scores at the same level from three different shows must be earned for **Training through Fourth Level**. Scores must be from at least three different judges per level.*

*Three scores at the same level from at least three different shows must be earned for **FEI**. Scores must be from at least three different judges.*

*Scores from FEI and Regional Championship tests with more than one judge will be averaged.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Is Horse Leased? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner's Name (must be current CDA member) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Average of scores:** \_\_\_\_\_

***Certification that this is a true report:*** Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Youth) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's 2005 General Awards and Recognized Competition Award Criteria.

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

Please submit this form to Deborah Reinhardt, 160 Woods Way Drive, Southbury, CT 06488 by November 5, 2005. **Submissions post marked after November 5, 2005 will not be considered.** Please do **not** send copies of tests!

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## 2005 Connecticut Dressage Association Lendon Gray CDA Schooling Show Equitation Trophy

**Qualification Criteria: Please refer to page 24 in 2005 CDA OMNIBUS for complete details.**

- *Eligible Shows: Any of the five (5) CDA 2005 Sponsored Schooling Shows.*
- *Rider must be CDA member **PRIOR** to earning scores.*
- *Riders must ride the Dressage Equitation Seat Class test in a **minimum of two (2) CDA sponsored Schooling Shows during 2005** to be eligible for award consideration.*
- *Submit the three highest scores, which will be averaged to determine award placing. All scores submitted are subject to auditing for accuracy.*
- *Open only to Adult Amateur or Youth riders.*

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Adult Amateur ( ) Youth

Date of Birth(if Youth) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Show Name & Location	Date	2005 CDA Omnibus show listed on page #	Points Earned	Judge's Name

**Total of two point scores submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification that this is a true report:** *Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Youth) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's 2005 Year-End Awards Criteria for the Lendon Gray Equitation Trophy.*

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

Please submit this form to Deborah Reinhardt, 160 Woods Way Drive, Southbury, CT 06488 by November 5, 2005.  
**Submissions post marked after November 5, 2005 will not be considered.** Please do **not** send copies of tests!

Remember that you are able to submit this form electronically on our website ([www.ctdressageassoc.org](http://www.ctdressageassoc.org)) by clicking on - **CDA's 2005 Awards Program** - on our home page then choosing the correct direct submission form for **Lendon Gray CDA Schooling Show Equitation Trophy**. The online submission forms will be available September 1, 2005.

FRENCH CLASSICAL DRESSAGE CLINIC  
WITH  
DOMINIQUE BARBIER

AUTHOR OF  
DRESSAGE FOR THE NEW AGE

CLINIC DATES:  
OCTOBER 28, 29 AND 30<sup>TH</sup>

CLINIC LOCATIONS:  
THE MORRIS EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN MORRIS. CONNECTICUT  
IN THE LITCHFIELD AREA

LIMITED RIDER SPACE. AUDITORS WELCOME.

FOR INFORMATION/RESERVATIONS CALL:  
RICHARD BUCK AT: TEL#: 860-651-3784  
EMAIL: NOBUCK2@AOL.COM

## Disaster Relief for Horses

As of 9/12/05, a worker the Connecticut Humane Society stated there are approximately 900 horses that have been collected so far and are being kept at the Expo Center in Gonzales, LA. The CTHS Mobile Medical Center, composed of animal care and veterinary staff, is currently in Gonzales, LA. The Disaster Response Team's Diary is located at: <http://www.cthumane.org/site/PageServer>. (keep tissues handy when reading)

Currently the primary need is financial support to the Humane Society, so that they can set up triage units and long-term temporary shelters in addition to purchasing fuel, water, feed, and medical supplies as needed for the animals they rescue. Their goal is to unite pets with their owners. Your support would be greatly appreciated, and all funds will go to the rescue efforts.

You can donate online (<http://www.cthumane.org/site/PageServer>), or send a check to:

Connecticut Humane Society  
ATTN: Disaster Relief Fund  
701 Russell Road  
Newington, CT 06111

Other ways to help:

- Drive a load of donations to Louisiana.
- Purchase grain and deliver it to the humane society.
- Donate new or used halters and leads.
- Send first-aid supplies to the humane society.

The need is going to continue for many months to come. Please consider a donation to help Connecticut volunteers help horses that have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

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