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## June President's Message

I seriously contemplated putting a drawing in this space with a closed door and a little hanging sign saying "Closed for repairs" (That would be my kitchen ceiling after all the rain.) and "See you next month." Yep, the Centerline deadline crept up on me and inspiration has deserted me.

But as my friend, Alison, says, you can do *anything* for seven minutes, referring to a difficult dressage test on a very hot day.

We have held our first schooling show, and a glorious day it was, too. We had over 60 rides, including some folks trying out the technical parts of their freestyles before adding music. This is a creative way to use a schooling show, I think. Many thanks to Once Again Farm for their preparations and to double L Equine Express for donating the high point award. The show results are inside. Check them out.

And our recognized show at Ox Ridge is upon us June 3 and 4. Centerline Events is managing it for us. Having volunteered for Debby Reinhardt for several years I can attest to the quality of her organization and hospitality. New sponsors have stepped up to help defray the costs. Even if you are not riding, come down and be a spectator. Rain or shine, mounted or unmounted, it is always a treat to be at this show.

Having just audited the L Program recently held in our region, I give this column a 5. I am open to any suggestions for topics for future columns. I *really* need to go see my horse...and also the sun.

All best,

Leslie

Dear CDA Members and Friends,

My name is Marissa Lorczak and I am a Youth member of CDA. I started riding Dressage in the summer of 2002 and was in my first Intro level schooling show in Sept. of 2002. I love the discipline and I have shown my horse and two other horses during the last few years. I have made progress, however my horse needs at least a year off from showing due to ulcers. My Mom and I travel about 55 minutes so I can continue to take dressage lessons each week. Since I still want to ride and show I have been looking for a horse to ride or part-lease to continue moving forward. I may have located a suitable horse to lease. This is good news for me because I want to qualify to be on the CDA Youth Team and compete at the Youth Dressage Festival this summer. I am a very dedicated rider and I work hard to take care of the horses I ride. Although I plan to also be working ( a part-time job) I will need more financial help to get me to schooling shows and take care of additional expenses associated with showing at the Youth Dressage Festival. I am hoping that someone in our CDA world could help me by sponsoring me this show season.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this letter. You can learn more about me by sending me an email at [lorczak@cox.net](mailto:lorczak@cox.net)

Sincerely,  
Marissa

## 2006 Calendar of Events

### June 3 and June 4, 2006

CDA Spring Competition  
Ox Ridge Hunt Club  
Darien, CT  
Debra Reinhardt  
(203)264-2148  
(203)264-0086 fax  
debra@centerlineevents.com

### June 4, 2006

Grand View Stable  
Dressage and Combined Tests  
Schooling Show  
Columbia, CT  
Alena Orszak  
860-228-5021  
Email alenagvs@sbcglobal.net

### June 6, 2006

CDCTA Dressage and  
Stadium Jumping Clinic  
With Marcia Kulak  
Willow Creek Farm  
Southbury, CT  
Amy Newton  
203-630-3185  
amynewton@yahoo.com

### June 9 and 10, 2006

Simone Wiemken Clinic  
Gray Friesian Farm  
Easton, CT  
grayfriesianfarm@aol.com  
(203) 459-1962

### June 17, 2006

High Acres Farm  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Woodstock, CT  
Jennifer Kingsley  
860-928-5704  
860-928-5437(fax)

### June 17, 2006

Dressage Schooling Show  
Red Horse Stables  
Southbury, CT  
Cristina Nocito  
203-313-3255

### June 18, 2006

Abacus Events Schooling Show  
Win Some Farm  
Morris, CT  
Nancy Blanchard  
860-283-8748

### July 8, 2006

Dressage Schooling Show  
Red Horse Stables  
Southbury, CT  
Cristina Nocito  
203-313-3255

### July 9, 2006

High Acres Farm  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Woodstock, CT  
Jennifer Kingsley  
860-928-5704  
860-928-5437(fax)

## Dressage Finds New Home at Kentucky Horse Park

### USDF Marks 28<sup>th</sup> Organization to Headquarter Here

**Lexington, KY:** "This is the most significant event in USDF's history," said President Dr. Sam Barish while cutting the bright blue ribbon wrapped around an artist's rendering of the building. "What a thrill it is to open the USDF National Education Center here at the Kentucky Horse Park, the horse capitol of the United States. Our future has never been brighter."

Nearly 200 equine sport enthusiasts, media and state government dignitaries braved a rainy afternoon, April 21, at the Kentucky Horse Park to join United States Dressage Federation (USDF) officials and staff in a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Roemer Foundation USDF Hall of Fame and Gypsy Woods Farm Dressage Resource Center. Due to weather, the ceremony was held inside the Grand Prix Seminar Room.

The ceremony marks the first time in its 33-year history that USDF has had a permanent location. With the move, USDF now has unprecedented opportunity to meet the needs of the dressage community, both nationally and internationally.

The Roemer Foundation USDF Hall of Fame, named in memory of Iron Spring Farm's Dutch-bred stallion, Roemer, will showcase legendary riders, trainers, instructors, judges, association leaders, journalists and horses that have made remarkable contributions to dressage in the U.S.

The Gypsy Woods Farm Dressage Resource Center, the official name for the education facility, provides visitors with media information on the history and background of individuals and horses responsible for developing the sport of dressage in the U.S.

"The National Education Center will dramatically increase the visibility of USDF, our programs and the sport," said Barish. "Ownership will also significantly reduce our overhead costs. The savings will benefit USDF members through enhanced education and competition programs, and enable us to fulfill our primary mission of dressage education."

The Kentucky Horse Park, site of the *FEI Games, Kentucky 2010*, now hosts 28 equine management associations and organizations, including the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). USEF is equestrian sports' national governing body. The *FEI Games, Kentucky 2010*, formerly the World Equestrian Games, will mark the first time these games will be held outside of Europe. USDF, USEF and the Kentucky Horse Park will all benefit from the worldwide attention and participation.

The Park attracts nearly 1 million visitors and hosts some 17,000 horses that compete or show in 60 events annually. It also adds to Kentucky's economy by \$160 million each year, while the National Horse Center community generates more than an additional \$100 million. Revenue from taxes is more than \$17 million.

## Rule Change Impacts Regional Champions

USEF recently approved a rule revision for DR 127.5. This revision allows Champions who do not attain the minimum qualifying score in their Championship ride to continue competing in that level and division at the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships, providing they re-qualify. This rule became effective April 1, 2006.

The USDF Regional Championships Committee proposed the change at the 2005 Board of Governors meeting. Stating the Championships should showcase "the best of the best" each year, the Committee also believes "forcing" competitors to move their horses onto the next level, even if they are not ready, is not in the best interest of the horses or riders.

The committee determined that a score from judges of a Championship class at the minimum qualifying score for a particular level is a fair indicator that the horse is capable of the work required for that level. If the score that wins the title of Regional Champion does not meet or exceed the minimum score for that level, the horse can continue to train and can compete in that level at a future Great American/USDF Regional Championship, provided horse and rider are eligible and re-qualify.

### Membership/Registration Requirements for Qualifying & Championships

#### **Rider:**

-Must be a USDF Participating\* Member at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

-Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active or Life) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

#### **Horse:**

-Must be USDF Lifetime Registered at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse registration must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.

-Must be USEF (Annual or Lifetime) recorded at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships. Horse recording must be in the name(s) of the current owner(s) or lessee(s) of record.

-Horse does not have to be breed registered.

#### **Owner:**

-Must be a USDF member (Participating\* or Business) at the time the qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

-Must be a USEF member (Junior Active, Senior Active or Life) at the time qualifying scores are earned and at the time of the championships.

*\*Participating Members are USDF members who join USDF directly.*

*\*\*Group Members who join USDF through local riding clubs can be upgraded to Participating for an additional fee.*

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USDF’s new facility is well on the way toward achieving its \$5 million capital campaign goal, and has already surpassed the half-way mark with more than \$3.2 million in committed pledges to date. Throughout the building, plaques and honorariums acknowledge those who have pledged funding to make the facility possible.

“We have much to be proud of, but we have a way to go to fully realize our financial goals,” said Charles A. Smith, Richwood, Ohio horse breeder and USDF National Campaign Chair. “I’m confident we will get there with the continued support of the dressage community.”

Founders established USDF in 1973 to promote, encourage and recognize a high standard of accomplishment in dressage

throughout the U.S., primarily through educational programs. Dressage is one of three Olympic equine sport disciplines, as well as a discipline of the World Equestrian and Pan American games. USDF is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation consisting of more than 45,000 memberships, 34,000 members and 129 affiliated organizations.

Visitors to USDF will be able to purchase dressage educational materials, books, videos and DVDs, logo wear and gift items in the Lendon F. Gray Bookstore, located just off the lobby. Prior to the Kentucky Horse Park, USDF operated from Lincoln, Nebraska before relocating to temporary offices elsewhere in Lexington.

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## WOW!!

I have just returned from the USDF Executive Board spring meeting, which fortunately coincided with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new USDF National Education Center in the Kentucky Horse Park. Before I arrived, I happened to call Sam Barish, our president. He was already at the building, and before I could even ask him the question that precipitated my call, he started raving: “You won’t believe it! It’s more than I could ever imagine! It’s fabulous!”

He was right. We can be so proud of this wonderful building. The staff and Stephan Hienzsch, our Executive Director, did the most amazing job getting moved in. The building resembles others in the Horse Park (zoning regulations, obviously.) But, the lobby, the Lendon Gray Bookstore, the Hall of Fame, the meeting rooms, the offices, the patio, even the trees and the landscaping—all just perfect.

Thank you so very much to those of you who have helped make this a reality, either as individuals or through your GMO. We have raised 3.2 million dollars, but still have more to go to pay off our loan. Please, please join me in showing your pride in this wonderful accomplishment, and help bridge the gap that still exists. Of course I’d like you to join me in honoring Lendon through a donation to the Bookstore, but please feel comfortable donating in any way that you would like.

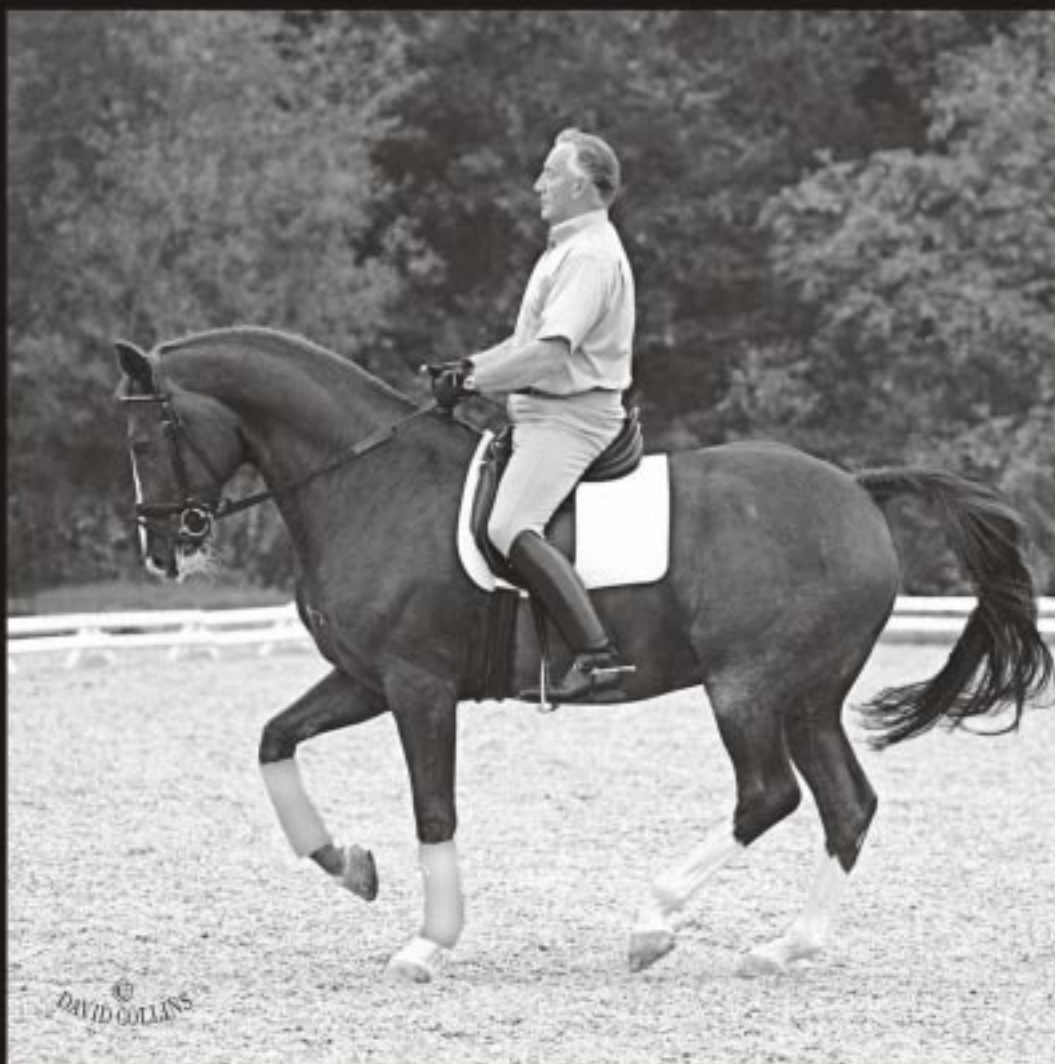
USDF has a wonderful home. The organization will continue to serve its members for many more years, always with an effort to keep improving the things that we do.

Fern Feldman  
Region 8 Director

# Dressage Masters

A journey into four of the  
greatest training stables in the world.

Klaus Balkenhol - Ernst Hoyos - Dr. Uwe Schulten-Baumer - George Theodorescu



*It lies in the hands of every single rider whether horse and rider feel relaxed. It must be every rider's supreme aim to create relaxation of mind and body", Klaus Balkenhol*

**A new book by David Collins**  
**Now available from The Lyons Press**

## Report from the Field: Seat Clinic III by Ann Guptill



Many thanks to Ann Guptill for a superb conclusion to CDA's popular Seat Clinic Series. Nearly 40 people attended. With nine volunteers baking, parking cars, setting and cleaning up, taking photos, and three generous demonstration riders, the event went off without a hitch.

seat influence bend and collection. I am personally grateful the Melinda chose to wear light colored breeches, as her position shifts were so tactful that I probably wouldn't have recognized them if she were in dark clothes.

Development of the canter pirouette beginning from turn on the haunches was the final developmental exercise. Ann presented several different ways to approach pirouette preparation, depending on the horse's inclinations and needs.

Ann defined the clinic goal: To improve our understanding of how the seat and position affect the horse moving both forward and sideways. Then she reviewed correct position from the perspective of both USEF and USDF guidelines for judging equitation.



In summary, this was a very contentful workshop, with very capable and brave riders. Thanks, Ann and Fox Ledge Farm. Thanks to all the volunteers. And we of CDA thank all the attendees for their continuing support of CDA.



Ann went on to explicate how weight aids change in order to move the horse from being "straight" on a bending line to moving sideways in a bent position. Hmm...I never thought of it like that before!

Then there is the idea of how the rider's Center of Gravity affects the horse's base of support. The new term "hip excursion" refers to how the hip angle opens and closes in front with the horse's motion, leaving the seat quietly in contact with the saddle.

CDA is very interested in feedback from members about all of our offerings so that we can plan for next year's activities. So far, I have heard from only one person. She would like to see this series of seat clinics repeated, but in a different format. She would like the lecture/demonstration first, followed by small group lessons so that attendees can actually practice what they just saw. This would also offer a greater chance for riders and horses of differing conformations to get specific coaching. What do you think?

It is good to have a large hip excursion, but this range of motion is not easy to achieve. Back to Pilates, everyone.

Contact me at [president@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:president@ctdressageassoc.org)!

*Leslie Weiss*

Ann then began to bring out her demo riders, May Beth Bain on Hartford and Cynthia Paolillo on Magnum, to demonstrate all the lateral movements. We started with leg yield. For each lateral move, Ann described (and drew in her whiteboard) the correct positioning of the horse and how the rider's position shifts to achieve it.

After a break for refreshments, we came back to Melinda Hamilton on McCallister. She had the job of illustrating the development of half-pass. Building upon the previously demonstrated exercises especially shoulder-in and haunches in, Melinda showed us how subtle variations in the rider's





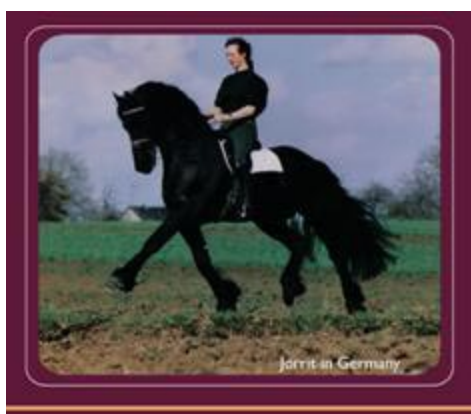
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PRESENTS:

## Sabine Schut-Kery July 28 & 29



Sabine is one of today's most successful Dressage trainers and horse-women. She trained with Guenther Froehlich and Jan Bemelmans and other notable trainers. Since coming to the US in 1998 Sabine is known for her work with the Proud Meadows stallion Tinus, who she trained to first place in Prix St. George in 2000 and she added many more show successes to her resume since then. Sabine also wrote several articles for equestrian magazines, such as DRESSAGE TODAY.

Learn more about Sabine Schut-Kery at [www.sabineschut.com](http://www.sabineschut.com).

### ACADEMIC EQUITATION CLINIC WITH SIMONE WIEMKEN June 9 & 10, 2006

Simone is back in the US in her third year. She trained for 13 years with Bent Branderup, author of several books published in Europe, and who now runs the Royal Danish Riding School. Simone emphasizes systematic athletic development of the horse to achieve correct movements.

To register to ride or audit please log on to  
[www.grayfriesianfarm.com](http://www.grayfriesianfarm.com)  
or contact us at [grayfriesianfarm@aol.com](mailto:grayfriesianfarm@aol.com) or (203) 459-1962

**Sunday - May 7, 2006**  
**Connecticut Dressage Association**  
**Schooling Show Results**

**Once Again Farm**  
**Judge: Jody Rossetti (L)**

**Results**

**Training 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alyson Evans	Final Destination	AA	63.18	1
Cindi Fainer	Little Wing	AA	62.73	2
Francesca Edwards	Montreal	Youth	60.45	3
Meredith Tiedemann	Schoentell	AA	59.09	4
Lisa Weiner	Majestic	AA	57.27	5
Marquriette O'Brien	Sir Rockford	AA	57.27	6

**Training 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jerri Okeefe	Mandat	Open	70.77	1
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	Youth	63.85	2
Meredith Tiedemann	Schoentell	AA	63.85	3
Pam Shugrue	Zans Apollo	Open	63.08	4
Cindi Fainer	Little Wing	AA	62.31	5
Alyson Evans	Final Destination	AA	61.15	6

**Training 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jerri Okeefe	Mandat	Open	68.33	1
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	Youth	64.17	2
Susan Guay	Angelic Expression	AA	63.75	3
Nancy Hutson	Luna	AA	62.08	4
Anne Doyle	Salute	AA	61.67	5
Hilary Santopietro	Fern Hill Reebo	AA	61.25	6

**Training 4**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Anne Doyle	Salute	AA	66.15	1
Mags Lindsay	Lennart	AA	65.00	2
Nancy Hutson	Luna	AA	62.69	3
Amy Swingle	Rosewell	AA	62.31	4
Pam Shugrue	Zans Apollo	Open	62.31	5
Francesca Edwards	Montreal	Youth	61.92	6

**Dressage Eq.**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	Youth	70.00	1
Ashley Negri	Bravo	Youth	66.00	2

**First 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Elizabeth Bruns	Sympatico	AA	59.14	1

**First 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jerri Okeefe	Zig Zag	AA	65.19	1
Mags Lindsay	Lennart	AA	60.00	2
Robin Cassella	Holiday	AA	57.04	3

**First 4**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Donna Leonessa	Reizend	AA	61.34	1
Elizabeth Bruns	Sympatico	AA	59.17	2
Kate Lussier	Hendrix	Youth	51.90	3

**First 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jerri Okeefe	Zig Zag	Open	62.35	1
Robin Cassella	Holiday	AA	56.76	2

**Second 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Donna Leonessa	Reizend	AA	61.32	1
Carole McLellan	Gideon	AA	53.95	2

**Second 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer	Ford Bonny Doon	AA	51.35	1

**Fourth 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bobbie Carleton	Dream Weaver	Open	59.77	1

**Fourth 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Ann Guptill	Magnum	Open	66.30	1
Herbert Robie	Escudero	Open	60.65	2

**Third 1**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	AA	61.11	1

**Second MF**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sandy Rabinowitz	Sequoia	AA	61.00	1

**Second 4**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Ford	Bonny Doon	AA	53.73	1

**Third 3**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Bobbie Carleton	Dream Weaver	Open	61.56	1
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	AA	58.89	2

**Third MF**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Beth Bain	Hartford	AA	57.50	1