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CDA is a USDF member, and the GMO's members are automatically USDF Group Members.

President's Message

It is hard to believe that August is already here with the songs of katydids filling the evening air once again. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer thus far.

Well the financials are in, and our spring show held at Kasson Ridge Farm in Bethlehem this June was financially successful, which is quite impressive for a two ring show. The money that we make on shows and clinics goes to programs and activities for our members. We are currently working on a fall clinic and will bring you the details on that shortly.

You might have noticed the addition of a few schooling shows recently that will count towards year end awards. We are very grateful for those who have stepped up and want to run more schooling shows for CDA. We have heard the voice of our members, and want to bring you more schooling shows and more opportunities to qualify for year end awards.

I would like to thank Fern Feldman for doing such a great job of promoting and leading our GMO Challenge. The Challenge was very successful and raised a great deal of money for our Region 8 Juniors and Young Riders. Thank you to all ten Region 8 GMOs that have stepped up to the challenge thus far! It was wonderful that all the GMOs of the region can come together like this with such strength to support our youth and the future of our sport.

Thank you to Vicki Hammers-O'Neil for her dedication to our youth and helping to organize our CDA teams for the Youth Dressage Festival this month. We are very proud to have such a talented group of young athletes to represent the CDA.

On another note, I would like to mention that membership renewals will be going out soon. This year we will be including a membership survey with the renewals. Please take the time to fill out the survey and return it to us. This is the only way we have of knowing how to better serve you. We want to know what you want for activities and shows and how we can help you reach your dressage goals.

Hope to see everyone out an about at our shows and clinics. See you soon,

Chris

2007 Calendar of Events

August 12, 2007

CDA Schooling Show
Rendezvous Farm
Litchfield, CT
Contact:
Elizabeth Bruns
Roan_pony@sbcglobal.net

August 25, 2007

Randy May Memorial
Little Divide Farm
Mail to Donna Dunbar
498 Wormwood Hill Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

September 7, 2007

Gleneden Dressage
Bedford, NY
Contact:
Lendon Gray
graydressage@optonline.net
914 234-4158

September 8, 2007

Southlands Foundation
TSF Schooling Dressage Show II
Rhinebeck, NY
Contact:
845-876-4862

September 23, 2007

CDA Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Meriden, CT
Contact:
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

September 23, 2007

Weatogue Stables Schooling Show
Salisbury, CT
Contact:
Bobbi Carlton
860-824-7908

September 29, 2007

Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Coventry, CT
Terry Glendinning
860-742-0616
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October 7, 2007

CDA Schooling Show
R Folly Farm
Morris, CT
Contact:
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

October 14, 2007

Grandview Stables Schooling Show
Columbia, CT
Contact:
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Science Snippet – Flying Insect Control?

Rule # 1 – keep the barnyard clean! Remove manure daily.

Rule # 2 – remove all standing water (even small containers) to reduce breeding grounds.

Rule # 3 – keep the lights out after dark, as they attract flying insects, which may carry diseases.

- ◇ Of course there are plenty of fly sprays to choose from, take the time to read the label...you may be surprised to pay significantly less for the same active ingredients!
- ◇ Sticky fly strips are still available, as are dozens of varieties of new, improved 'fly traps' with a variety of bait options.
- ◇ Some large barns even have central repellent systems...be aware of adverse reactions on young or small horses though.
- ◇ Although many horses today don fly masks, consider that some older horses or those with leg issues may find relief with leg protection, and fly sheets can especially help sensitive horses.
- ◇ Try to use fly sprays as directed (daily, every x days, etc.), otherwise you and your horse may unintentionally be overexposed to some chemicals.

Some natural choices:

- 10% citronella (an oil distilled from lemon grass leaves) in an aloe-based spray
- Pyrethrin and petroleum jelly as an ointment for sores or wounds
- Chrysanthemum juice in a witch hazel base, which is great for deer flies (take care on sensitive horses)
- Fly predators are tiny wasps that eat the larvae before the fly hatches, and for small farms (< 5 horses) the cost is under \$100 per year.

Some interesting tidbits...

- For a natural fly repellent, try wormwood oil.
- Keep flies away by adding cider vinegar to your horse's water.
- Install fans in your horse's run in or stall (allowing for sufficient height for safety)
- Wipe-on instead of spraying to be more effective and save \$.
- Try biting fly traps (from Farnam's Epps or Newman's HorsePal...bitingflies.com)
- Try a solar or battery powered mosquito repellent device that keeps mosquitoes out of a 100 square foot area!
- Black flies (or buffalo gnats) and punkies or no-see-ums are small and are often overlooked, yet they can carry parasitic worms, disease organisms and may cause allergic dermatitis.
- Feed through fly control is becoming more popular, and typically the chemical is not absorbed in the horse and it works by preventing the growth of chitin in the adult fly.

If you would like more information, these facts were gleaned from: L.A. Pomeroy in EQUUS, Christine Barakat in June 1997 EQUUS, Debbie Moors & Bill Warner in April 2006 Horse & Rider and from Equisearch.com.

Opening Date: September 1, 2007

Closing Date: September 17, 2007

Sunday, September 23, 2007

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

- Location:-** Once Again Farm
750 Allen Avenue
Meriden, CT 06451
- Judge:** Kari Allen (L)
- Secretary:** Nancy Blanchard
P. O. Box 9
Thomaston, CT 06787
- Class List:** USDF 2007 Introductory Tests A-B.
USEF 2007 Training 1-4.
USEF 2007 First 1-4.
USEF 2007 Second and above-State test to be ridden.
Dressage Seat Equitation. (Youth and Adult Amateurs only)
- Fees:** CDA members \$25 per Class.
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.
CDA High Point Award Medal: Awarded to the Adult Amateur and Junior Young Rider with the High Percentage Score of the show (Training Level and above - excluding Equitation 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 ASTM approved helmets while mounted or head gear appropriate to the level. Classes may be combined, split, or canceled at the discretion of management. Family pets not allowed on the premises. 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 at 860-283-8748. 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 **

USDF Rider Score Checks Now Available Online

Lexington, KY (July 5, 2007) - United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today that competitors now have access to a rider score check for the 2007 competition year, available on the USDF Web site. This new feature allows individuals to track all scores earned during the current competition year, no matter the number of different horses ridden. A reference tool for our members, this score check is also an acceptable form of score verification that can be submitted with the USDF Rider Award Report Form when applying for the USDF Bronze, Silver, or Gold Rider Medals; Master's Challenge; or USDF Musical Freestyle Bronze, Silver, or Gold Bars.

In addition to the current year rider score checks, USDF also offers cumulative, multi-year score checks for both horse and rider. These can be purchased from the USDF office for a minimal fee. With these new capabilities, competitors can stay more informed of their progress during the year, or throughout their lives. To request a multi-year score check, individuals must contact the USDF office at (859) 971-2277 or via e-mail at competitions@usdf.org.

For more information on the USDF Rider Award Program, please contact the USDF office at riderawards@usdf.org or visit the USDF Web site.



USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program Dates Confirmed

Lexington, KY (June 18, 2007) - United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today that the USDF/United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Young Rider Graduate Program will be held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel in West Palm Beach, Florida, January 18-20, 2008.

The program, with funding support provided by The Dressage Foundation, is designed to bridge the gap between young rider status and the professional world of international competition, teaching, training and equine business management. It offers a two-day educational seminar, focusing on fundraising, sponsorship, grant opportunities, insurance, ethics, business management, international competition, goal setting and leadership and will feature speakers such as George Williams and Maryal Barnett.

Eligible participants for the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program must be between the ages of 20 and 25, a current USDF member and riding at Third Level or above. There are 30 spots available and the deadline to apply is September 1, 2007. Cost for attending is \$200 which includes a two-night stay at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel, meals, all sessions, program materials, a participant gift, attendance at the Succeed/USDF FEI -Level Trainers' Conference presentation and reception with Jan Brink and an exclusive option to attend the remaining trainers' conference sessions at a special rate available only to participants in the program.

For more information on the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program contact the USDF office at youngridergrad@usdf.org or by phone at (859) 971-2277.

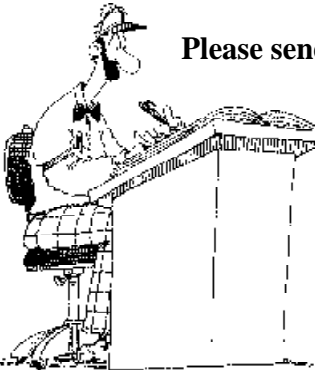
All articles are to be submitted by the 15th of the month. They can be mailed to me at:

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Waterbury, CT 06708-3903

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

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 2007 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

Remember to visit us on the web at
<http://www.ctdressageassoc.org>

"Citius, Altius, Fortius" [Faster, Higher, Stronger]

- Henri Martin Didon

The Olympic Motto

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