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## January 2007 President's Message

Hello and Happy New Year to you all. Gardeners use the winter months to plan, to order seeds and to sharpen their tools. Maybe we can take a leaf from their book. Take some time to review goals for the coming season, even if they are largely recreational. Keep fit if you are not riding with some cross training in a cozy indoor gym. Organize your tack and equipment before the silly season descends. Or... It's couch potato time!

The Board is currently trying to schedule dates for all of CDA's upcoming activities - schooling and recognized shows, workshops, and perhaps some coordinated events with Westchester-Fairfield Dressage Association. Jane Savoie will also be conducting one of the USDF Regional Adult Education programs in our state during April. There will be wonderful opportunities for auditors this year as well as chances to volunteer.

You may not know that Lendon Gray offers a weekend unmounted educational program. Originally this was for children, but it has expanded to include adults. It will be on February 3 and 4, probably at Post College in Waterbury. This weekend truly offers something for everybody. For more information contact Lendon Gray at [graydressage@optonline.net](mailto:graydressage@optonline.net). I have attended several of these weekend programs and enjoyed them very much.

Please remember that our annual meeting and awards party is February 10. We are still accepting donations for the silent auction. If you plan to come, please contact me, **Leslie Weiss**. **You may leave a phone message at 203-777-1950, or email me at [lesweiss47@yahoo.com](mailto:lesweiss47@yahoo.com).** We will be voting for half of the Board of Directors. You will be receiving more information about the candidates shortly.

Lastly, the deadline for submitting ads and prize-lists for the CDA Omnibus is January 15. But, if you would like to take advantage of the early-bird prices, submit your ads and prize-lists before December 25, 2006. Contact John Gordon at [omnibus@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:omnibus@ctdressageassoc.org) for more information. We appreciate your support.

Hope to see you at the party,

*Leslie*

## 2007 Calendar of Events

### January 18, 2006

Board Meeting  
Fern Feldman  
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Secretary@ctdressageassoc.org

### February 10, 2007

CDA Annual Party & Awards Celebration  
Contact: Leslie Weiss  
203-777-1950

### August 25, 2007

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

### April 28, 2007

Babcock Hill Equestrian Center  
Coventry, CT  
Terry Glendinning  
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### July 21, 2007

Babcock Hill Equestrian Center  
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### September 29, 2007

Babcock Hill Equestrian Center  
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## My First USDF Convention Experience

This November I attended my first USDF Convention ever. I did not know what to expect at all. I signed up for the Competition Management/Secretary Clinic, USDF Dressage Apprentice Technical Delegate Clinic, and the USEF Dressage Technical Delegate Clinic. It was also the task of Kari Bradshaw and I to put together a GMO Basket for the CDA, and I was to make sure it was delivered to the convention.

I arrived at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City on Tuesday. I made sure our GMO basket was there and set up for all to see. Every year all the GMO's from across the country donate "baskets" to be raffled off at the Board of Governors meeting toward the end of the convention. The baskets may be conventional baskets or are other things such as grooming bags or even small tack trunks. All are filled with horsy items that reflect the regions they are from. It is a very nice tradition that was started by Ruth Arvanette several years ago. Our CDA basket contained many items that were donated, such as Connecticut maple syrup and honey, a Dressage Today saddle pad, CDA hat, horse jewelry and a pewter ornament, various O'Halloran items, including Elroy the toy horse, and even a Connecticut wine.

On both Wednesday and Thursday I attended the USDF Regional Meetings for our region 8. It was nice to see all familiar faces and discuss such hot topics as the proposed (and now instated) non-member fee, changes in membership dues, staggering of officer elections, and a proposed independent audit committee to name just a few.

The Competition Management/Secretary Clinic was held on both Wednesday and Thursday as well. We went over all the components that one would need to know to be a Manager/Secretary of a recognized show, including prize lists, contracts, sport horse competitions, computers, and duties of management in general. We had some very well known and respected speakers, including our own Debra Reinhardt. It was a very valuable learning experience and I highly recommend this clinic to all aspiring show managers and secretaries or even those who want a refresher course.

The USDF and USEF Technical Delegate Clinics were held on Friday and Saturday. It was stressed that the TD is not a police officer to be feared, but one who is responsible to make sure the show runs in accordance with the rules of the USEF, always with the welfare of the horse in mind. We went over the responsibilities of the TD in detail and discussed such things as saddlery checks, rules for sport horse breeding, pony measurement, and duties on and off the show grounds. We reviewed all the new USEF Rule changes for 2007. We had hands on look at many illegal and legal bits and tack. I thought it would be of interest to note that the new bit by Lisa Wilcox with the roller in the center that many have been told is legal by their local tack shops is in fact not legal for National level competition. They are only legal in International levels or CDI's. This is not a new rule, but it was clarified when we were going over saddlery checks. Another part of this program that I really enjoyed was the case studies that were presented. They were based on actual problems that came up at shows, and we had to decide on a resolution supported by our rules. I found this clinic series to be a very worthwhile educational endeavor that I would highly recommend to all those with the inclination to one day become a TD, show secretary or manager, or even a competitor who wants a better grasp on the rules of a dressage competition.

This year's convention was a wonderful educational experience. I really feel that I got a great deal out of it and urge all who can to attend.

# Marcie Gordon CDA

## Year End Awards-2006

### Recognized Competitions

#### Training Level – AA

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sherri Pasquale	The Silencer	66.553	1
Laura Ceppi	Donegal	60.897	2

#### Training Level – Jr/YR

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mae Janiga	Reach For the Stars	67.077	1
Courtney Haley	Tempest	64.269	2

#### First Level - AA

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Donna Dunbar	Enchanted Paladin	63.058	1

#### First Level – Jr/YR

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
sabelle Leibler	Going West	69.654	1
Christina Handshy	Joy Delight	68.938	2
Courtney Haley	Tempest	64.833	3
Mae Janiga	Reach For the Stars	63.872	4

#### First Level – Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Margaret Freeman	Windsong	66.352	1

#### Second Level – AA

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Cynthia Giordano	Rubikan	66.529	1
Kevin Greenlish	Messila aka Bellini	63.545	2
Donna Leonessa	Reizend	62.534	3

#### Third Level – Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Suzanne Markham	Donarlicht GGF	72.898	1
Joy Bahniuk	Safari	65.917	2
Roberta Carleton	Dream Weaver	62.779	3

#### Fourth Level – AA

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Silene White	Prince of the Moon	59.565	1

#### Fourth Level – Jr/YR

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Frederica Crafts	Ranjeri	65.275	1

#### Fourth Level – Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Windsor Lad	67.024	1
Laura Davis Sigfridson	Sandrino	63.582	2
Ann Guptill	Magnum	63.176	3
Laura Davis Sigfridson	Shine	61.522	4

### Recognized FEI Competitions

#### FEI Jr

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen	Rossignol ISF	61.125	1

#### FEI Young Horse

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Louisa Marcelle Eadie	Weltcup	74.067	1

#### FEI Prix ST George - AA

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Laura Giordano	Davinci	61.125	1

#### FEI Prix ST George -Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Laura Davis Sigfridson	Shine	61.167	1

#### FEI Grand Prix

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Baumert	Weltgraf	63.987	1
Tracy Durham	Emperor	61.296	2

### Musical Freestyles

#### First Level Freestyle

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Margaret Freeman	Windsong	67.778	1

#### Fourth Level Freestyle

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Ann Guptill	Magnum	67.187	1

#### FEI Grand Prix Freestyle

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Tracy Durham	Emperor	65.208	1

### Schooling Show Competitions

#### Intro Level - Adult

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mary Chris Rogers Aquilio	Basilio	65.333	1
Lisa Weiner	Majestic	60.477	2
Marcia Blake	Molly	57	3

#### Intro Level - Jr

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sarah Janner	Dewy	69.667	1
Victoria Voutour	Crimson War Sonny	62.507	2

#### Training Level - Adult

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Cindi Cappabianca	Little Wing	65.443	1
Bethany Kahl	Bogart	65.083	2
Joanne Ives	Sarrick	64.357	3
Gail Alexander	Cranky Gent	62.478	4
Lisa Weiner	Majestic	59.100	5
Tara Manion	Breanna	57.427	6

#### Training Level - Jr

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	63.783	1
Victoria Voutour	Crimson War Sonny	61.061	2
Lyndsi Green	Noah's Dream	58.833	3

#### First Level - Adult

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Robin Cassella	Holiday	63.277	1

## **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" are some ideas to consider. We had some wonderful donations last year....THANK YOU for your donations of riding lessons, fly whisks, leather therapy, supplements, books, pads, equine and people massages, sports psychology session, clothing, kitchen ware, variety baskets, artwork, jewelry and more! Please take a moment and look around ...hopefully you'll find something you might wish to donate this year! Remember all proceeds from the Silent Auction will help reduce member costs for future CDA education clinics in 2007. You will also be sent a letter acknowledging your donation for tax purposes.

Please contact Heidi Nottelman before January 15<sup>th</sup> if you have an item to donate – please have a description of the item and a 'retail' value (for purposes of the auction forms and taxes). If you have any questions – email from the Contacts Link on the CDA web page <http://ctdressageassoc.org/>, or call Heidi at (860) 779-7816.

Thank you for helping support dressage education!  
Heidi

### **ARE YOU READY FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!!!**

Here are some items that will be available for you to bid on at the Silent Auction at the CDA Year End Awards Party on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. I hope you will be able to find something on the list that interests you. Remember all funds that are raised support CDA educational events!

Autographed Sketch – Shannon Dueck	Solitude IGP, 6 lbs
Book - Heads Up	Next Level, 32 oz
Book - The Rider's Edge	10 Horse Light Set
\$25 Smart Pak Gift Certificate	Rocking Horse Photo Holder
Lubrigen, 5 lbs	Awantec Stirrup Irons
E + Se Antioxidant 10X, 1lb	Pony Napkin Holders
Powerflex	Sterling Silver Horse Head Pin
Winning Touch EZ Hoof, 25 lbs	Glass Mugs (2)
Winning Touch Omegatin, 25 lbs	CDA Membership
Platinum Performance, 17.5 lbs	CDA Clinic
Sport Horse Grass, Vit/Min/AA, 15 lbs	CDA Ride

### **Thank you to all of our Silent Auction sponsors!**

Sandy Rabinowitz	Select	Farnum
Janet Edgette, PsyD	Blue Seal	Stagecoach
Smart Pak	Platinum	Fern Feldman
Uckele	Pfizer	Margaret Freeman

*Look for an updated list in the February Centerline!*

## Education Committee News

The Education Committee recently looked back over the last couple of years to determine whether we had met the needs of our members with the Education Strategy put together in 2004. The Strategy includes:

- Two riding clinics per year (Regional level Clinician and National level Clinician)
- One Focused Workshop per year (Increase to two when attendees reach 25 – 50)
- Adult Camp

Our goals and objectives of the riding clinics are to offer high quality instruction at reduced rates for all CDA members. We felt that asking the clinicians to commit to 2 successive years would help build the trust and confidence of members who attend the clinic as a rider or auditor. We determined that the best way to objectively review our efforts was to put together statistical information on the riding clinics and workshops. **We are happy to report to the membership that 48 unique members have ridden in the clinics since 2004 which is 20% of the membership. The chart below provides some insight as to how the rides broke down by the level of horse/rider teams.**

	2004 Riding Clinics		2005 Riding Clinics		2006 Riding Clinics	
	# of Rides	% of Total Rides	# of Rides	% of Total Rides	# of Rides	% of Total Rides
<b>Training</b>	26	62%	10	26%	9	25%
<b>First</b>	10	24%	13	34%	10	28%
<b>Second</b>	3	7%	10	26%	10	28%
<b>Third</b>	3	7%	2	5%	5	14%
<b>Fourth</b>	0	0%	3	8%	0	0%
<b>FEI</b>	0	0%	0	0%	2	6%

The goals and objectives for the Workshops were to educate CDA members on basic and advanced theory of dressage. We wanted to produce quality events at a low cost to CDA members. Encourage Workshop clinicians to use interactive mental and physical exercises to keep audience engaged during the workshops. Use demo and real riders for workshop. As members became aware of the workshops and the number of attendees increased, we would add additional events. **We are happy to report to the membership that the Workshops were well attended by members.**

- 2004
  - Show Clinic (approx. 25 attendees)
  - Scribe Clinic (approx 15 attendees)
- 2005
  - Seat Workshop I (approx. 50 attendees)
- 2006
  - Seat Workshop II (half day approx. 30 attendees)
  - Seat Workshop III (half day approx. 30 attendees)

CDAs contribution for the riding clinics was between \$500 to \$1200 per year. The monies contributed to the riding clinics came primarily from the auction held at the Year End Party. We were also able to obtain approximately \$1420 in Grant monies from The Dressage Foundation in order to help offset the costs of the Workshops and Riding Clinics to our members.

We want to THANK all of you for providing your support of these events by attending them yourself and helping to encourage other members to attend. We appreciate you taking the time to share your ideas with us. Please keep the feedback coming to us as Esther, Kevin and I all enjoy talking to you. We hope to see more of you at the 2007 events.

Happy Holidays,

Donna Leonessa, Esther Roberts and Kevin Greelish  
Your Education Committee

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