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USDF Group Members.

March President's Message

On February 10, CDA members spent a wonderful evening at Fern Feldman's house wining and dining, shopping and chatting. If you missed the Annual Awards Party and Membership Meeting, do plan to come next year. There were quite a few new faces, many of whom won awards. Congratulations! Kate Lussier stood out in the cold night directing the parking. Blessings! Kari Bradshaw and Chris Rogers did all the cooking and decorating. Many thanks for a very classy menu. This party is held every year to do about 5 minutes of Club business (we elected half of the Board of Directors), and to celebrate ourselves. Whether you ride or not, please consider coming next time. Bring friends and family, shop the silent auction to raise some funds to support our education program.

Speaking of education.... Save March 25. The Workshop "A 360 Review of the 2007 Dressage Tests" will be conducted by Margaret Freeman, a USEF dressage judge and CDA member. Margaret has successfully judged, competed, trained and coached many riders and horses. In the morning, all attendees will have the opportunity to review the 2007 tests by video with Margaret's expert commentary. In the afternoon, selected riders will have their tests judged by Margaret. She will review both the new movements and the scoring system used by judges. This will help all attendees to better understand what goes into determining the score for each movement. Each auditor will be provided with the tests so that they may have the opportunity to follow along and to compare their marks with Margaret's. During the workshop, Margaret will share her tips for bringing scores higher, whether you are riding the smaller quarterhorse or the large warmblood. This review is sure to help all of us become more aware of how we can gain points during our test rides this show season. It will also help those of us who do not compete to hone our skills by correctly riding figures. **A registration form for this workshop is included in this issue of Centerline.** If you plan to come, bring a chair, wear warm clothes and bring some paper and a pen for taking notes. If you register before March 20 will have lunch provided. Otherwise plan to bring your own food. This workshop will be held at Once Again Farm in Meriden beginning at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Donna Leonessa at 860-933-1854, or dleonessa@hotmail.com.

Regards,

Leslie

2007 Calendar of Events

March 2, 2007

Gleneden Dressage
Bedford, NY
Contact:
Lendon Gray
[graydressage@optonline.net/](mailto:graydressage@optonline.net)
914 234-4158

March 25, 2007

CDA Clinic
Review of 2007 Dressage Tests
Once Again Farm
Meriden, CT
Contact:
Donna Leonessa
860-933-1854
dleonessa@hotmail.com

April 20, 2007

Gleneden Dressage
Bedford, NY
Contact:
Lendon Gray
[graydressage@optonline.net/](mailto:graydressage@optonline.net)
914 234-4158

April 28, 2007

Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Coventry, CT
Terry Glendinning
860-742-0616
tm09g@yahoo.com

May 5, 2007

WFDA Competition
Ox Ridge Hunt Club
Darien, CT
Contact:
M. Chris Rogers Aquilio
216 Hammertown Road
Monroe, CT 06468
203-268-1633
mchrisrogers@sbcglobal.net

May 6, 2007

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

May 13, 2007

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

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CDA'S NEW LESSON LOTTO

CDA is beginning a new program to raffle off a "Lesson Voucher" worth up to \$50. Five lucky people who attend our upcoming workshop, "A 360 Review of the 2007 Dressage Tests" will have their names randomly drawn. CDA will contribute up to \$50 for each person toward the cost of a lesson with a clinician other than your regular trainer. We are excited to be offering this new benefit to our members!

For more information on this program, contact Donna Leonessa, Education Committee chairperson at 860-933-1854, or dleonessa@hotmail.com.

ECO-GOLD AIR COOLER RAFFLE

This year we are thrilled to have an Eco-Gold cooler to raffle. It was donated by Judy Fransisco, our regional EcoGold representative. All money raised will be used to support CDA's educational events. The EcoGold Air cooler is made with the best material to quickly cool down and dry a hot, wet horse. This cooler retails for \$300.00. **Raffle tickets will be sold at all CDA events during 2007.** The winner of the raffle will be chosen at the Annual Awards Party in 2008. To learn more about EcoGold products, contact Judy Fransisco at 508-826-9750.

For more information about the raffle, contact Donna Leonessa at 860-933-1854 or dleonessa@hotmail.com.

Thanks!

I would like to extend special thanks to Kate Carty of O'Halloran Company for her generous donations to the silent auction. Cathleen Cordova, the founder and creator of the O'Halloran Company, has become well known and much loved for her elegant and fashionable horse blankets as well as her creative line of equestrian inspired clothing and accessories. Kate will be taking over the shop at 5 Main Street in Millerton, NY this February. Kate will carry the O'Halloran line as well as others. (518) 789-4785

USDF Announces Clinicians for 2007 FEI Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series Supported by The Dressage Foundation

Lexington, KY (December 21, 2006) - United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced the clinicians for the 2007 FEI Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series. Clinicians are Sue Blinks, George Williams and Kathy Connelly, a new clinician for the series.

The clinics are generously supported by The Dressage Foundation, whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage. "We are glad to be able to provide financial support for these clinics, as these young riders will become the dressage instructors, competitors, and judges of the future," said John Boomer, president and CEO of The Dressage Foundation.

FEI Jr/YR clinics are open to riders between the ages of 14-21 currently riding at Third Level or above. However, auditors of all ages and levels are encouraged to attend as all can benefit from observing the training methods of these respected clinicians.

Sue Blinks qualified for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia aboard the Hanoverian gelding Flim Flam, and helped the United States earn its third consecutive Olympic team bronze medal. Blinks was a member of the United States Equestrian Team (USET) silver medal team at the 2002 World Equestrian Games. She was also a member of the fourth place USET squad at the 1998 World Equestrian Games in Rome, Italy, where Blinks rode to an individual twelfth place finish. In 2002, Sue Blinks was named United States Olympic Committee Female Equestrian Athlete of the Year.

George Williams traveled to Germany at the age of 17 to study with Egon Von Neindorff. After winning two AHSA and USDF National titles, Williams followed his mentor, Karl Mikolka, to Tempel Farms in 1981. In 2001, he began his partnership with the charismatic and popular black Westfalen mare, Rocher, owned by Chuck and Joann Smith of Gypsy Woods Farm in Richwood, Ohio. In 2003, Williams and Rocher achieved fifth place in the World Cup in Sweden,

USDF Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle Horse of the Year Awards, as well as being named Dressage Horse of the Year by The Chronicle of the Horse. After an injury forced withdrawal from the 2004 Olympic Selection Trials, Rocher returned to competition in 2005 earning the title of the 2005 USET/Collecting Gaits National Grand Prix Champion, as well as a team bronze at the CHIO Aachen. However, the crowning moment of 2005 was winning the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Freestyle at Dressage at Devon for an unprecedented third time. Williams has coached many Young Riders to Medal finishes and was also instrumental in developing the USDF Guide to Dressage booklet and the USDF booklet on arena footing, Underfoot.

Kathy Connelly is a USEF "S" judge and a popular clinician. She has won National titles at all FEI levels, including United States Grand Prix Champion and United States World Cup Champion. She has represented the United States at the World Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden and was a member of the Grand Prix bronze medal team at the North American Championships. Connelly's additional achievements include training and coaching horses and riders to all National and FEI level titles in the United States, and coaching successfully abroad. Among the riders with whom she has worked, are the 1995 United States Young Rider Champion, the 1999 Individual Silver Medalist at the Pan American Games, the 2003 Canadian World Cup Champion, and the 2003 Silver Medal winning United States Young Rider Team.

Complete clinic information, rider applications and online registration are on the USDF web site at <http://www.usdf.org/Programs/AdvancedYoungRider/index.asp>. For more information on the FEI Jr/YR Clinic Series, contact Sharon Vander Ziel, Programs and Education Coordinator, at (859) 971-7047 or via email at jryoung rider@usdf.org.

Succeed FEI Level Trainer's Conference Loxahatchee, FL
Jan. 14-15, 2007

The Equus Projects



Patricia Norcia riding Nebrijo, an Andalusian owned by Mary Sue McGuirk with dancers Gina Paolillo and Blake Pierson performing "Eclipse" in Liberty Park, NYC.

Have you ever dreamed of riding your half passes and shoulder ins to music, you and your horse in total synchrony with a human partner as adept as a ballroom partner?

The Equus Projects offers dressage riders that partner as well as useful information to help you find complete fluidity in space.

Patricia Norcia will be hosting a clinic with the Equus Projects on Saturday, April 28th from 9am to 5pm at Idlenot Farm in Clinton, Ct. The clinic will be taught by Equus Projects director, JoAnna Mendl Shaw, teacher and choreographer at The Juilliard School, assisted by dancers from the company and by Patricia Norcia, dressage trainer and Equus Projects rider.

The morning session will be unmounted and participants will focus on finding deep muscular connections to increase balance and harmony with the horse. After lunch mounted improvisations will include riding one on one with a dancer, creating effortless movement conversations between human and horse. The clinic concludes with group rides with the focus on spatial awareness.

True harmony in riding is a combination of artistry and sport—learn how artistry and sport can come together in this unique clinic.

For more information call Patricia Norcia at 860-669-4244 or email at pnorcia@mac.com.

For more information on The Equus Projects: www.dancingwithhorses.org

Fee: \$150 for riders, \$50 for auditors (auditors may participate in the morning session).

Lunch is included.

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The Equus Projects
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2006 CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT

Membership: In 2006 we registered 241 members and updated the USDF roster for all members. 18 members donated \$505 for scholarships—many thanks! Our silent auction held at the party in 2006 offered 74 donated items and raised \$1327 for educational events.

Education: the Education Committee offered two unmounted clinics, “It’s All in Your Seat, parts II and III” taught by Vicki Hammers-O’Neil and Ann Guptill. Two mounted clinics were also conducted with Silke Rembacz and Shannon Dueck. All of these activities were very well attended.

Janet Edgette, Psy.D. conducted a half-day workshop on strategies to improve your performance and to manage show nerves.

Schooling shows: CDA offered 4 schooling shows in 2006. Volunteers are needed to help run these shows. If you would like to learn to help, or to manage a schooling show, please contact any board member.

Recognized show: Once again, CDA conducted a recognized show at Ox Ridge Hunt Club, with the sponsorship of the Equestrian Centre, our ever-faithful supporter. The Hunt Club is under new management and for 2007 we will hold the recognized show at Kasson Ridge, with the option to return to Ox Ridge if the new management proves accommodating.

Here is a financial report from the show:

- Entry Income— \$35,233
- Sponsorship— \$2265
- Balance — \$2329.53

You will see that our profit just about equals our sponsorship support. If any of you are good at soliciting donations and ads, we can use volunteer help getting sponsorship for this show.

Volunteers: In 2006 we had fewer volunteers than usual, but many of these people put in more hours. We are very grateful to those of you who help conduct CDA’s activities. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet people and to learn what goes on “behind the scenes.” If you cannot or do not ride in the club’s activities, this is still a great way to participate. **It is not too soon to think about volunteering to help**

with the recognized show, any schooling show, or workshop in 2007. Contact Kari Bradshaw, our volunteer coordinator.

Charitable contributions: CDA donated monies to the USDF National Education Center, fulfilling our pledge early. We have been recognized by USDF as a leading donor for GMO’s of our size (see the plaque). We continue to support High Hopes Therapeutic Riding program. The Region 8 NAJYRC sent a team to both the junior and youth championships, which we helped support. Our own Frederica Crafts was on the bronze medal junior team. Lastly, we donated to the “Ride for the Cure” in support of breast cancer awareness.

Youth: Once again, CDA supported two teams of young riders at Lendon Gray’s Youth Dressage Festival. Centerline Events and Performance Enhancement Services were co-sponsors. In 2006 our teams were called “The CDA Cats in the Hat” and “The CDA Whos from Whoville,” with our own Dr. Seuss Does Dressage theme.

The Cats in the Hat team consisted of Kate Lussier, Erin O’Neil, and Kirsten Walleck. The Whos from Whoville was made up of Ashely Negri, Courtney Eaton and Marissa Lorzak. Both teams finished in the middle of a pack of 24 placings, out of over 40 teams! Some of our riders won individual medals also. Congratulations, girls!

Children who compete at this show must take a written test, and ride in both equitation and dressage tests at their level. In order to enter, they must donate volunteer time. Our teams are fine young citizens and horsewomen. We are proud to have them wear our “colors.”

Awards: Congratulations to our competition Award winners for 2006. CDA’s awards program is now named in honor of Marcie Gordon, former board member and general “sunshine lady.” Congratulations also to our volunteers. Our Volunteer Award program is named in honor of Philla and Charles Osborne, who best typify the spirit of volunteerism in their long service to CDA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Weiss

CDA

CONNECTICUT DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

2006 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance: \$13,095.83

Income:

Membership	10,875.00	
Clinics	5535.00	
Schooling Shows	5535.00	
Omnibus Ads	2147.00	
Centerline Ads	180.00	
Silent Auction	1327.50	
Donations	611.00	
Total Income:		\$26,210.50

Expenses:

USDF Membership	4334.19	
Centerline/Omnibus	3644.34	
Clinics	9237.39	
Schooling Shows	1919.00	
Awards	2487.97	
Postage/Office	1146.61	
USDF Annual Convention	600.00	
Insurance	220.00	
Donations:	3050.00	
USDF National Education Center-2000		
High Hopes "Adopt a Horse"-500		
Region 8 NAJYRC- 500		
Ernie "Ride for the Cure"-50		
Catering	900.67	
Ads	250.00	
Accounting/Legal	600.00	
Web Renewals	219.61	
State Fees	50.00	
Refunds (Entry fees for Youth Festival)	420.00	
Bank Fee	8.00	
Correction	.25	
Misc.	42.14	
Total Expenses:		\$29,130.17

Ending Balance: \$10,176.16

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



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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 2003 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**

When you come to the end of all the light you know, and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen: Either you will be given something solid to stand on or you will be taught to fly.

- Edward Teller

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CDA BOARD MEETING Thursday March 8, 2007 at 6:15 PM
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CDA Newsletter for March, 2007

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USDF REGION 8 ADULT CLINIC WITH JANE SAVOIE

Katherine Robertson of USDF informed me that the clinic with Jane Savoie, to be held April 14 and 15 at Carbery Fields Farm in Lebanon, CT, is generating tremendous excitement. Over 40 riders have applied, from which demonstration riders will be chosen. About 80 auditors have already registered. USDF has acknowledged that help from CDA will be very welcome. The CDA Board will be working with the Carbery Fields Farm managers to provide volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Fern Feldman. You can reach her at 203-272-0711 or fernf@cox.net.

You can find out more information about this event at the USDF website, or you may already be receiving emails directly from USDF. If you wish to attend, you can register online through USDF.

Leslie Weiss