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President's Message

Hello,

It's hard to believe that the recognized show is already upon us and the first day of summer is just a few weeks away. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather and is having fun with their horses.

I want to thank all of our members who have stepped up and offered to volunteer at our recognized show. It is because of you that we can even have a show in the first place since it requires lots of help to make a show happen. Once again Kasson Ridge in Bethlehem has proved to be a very popular site. The entries came in quickly and the show filled very fast with a waiting list.

Marisa reports that our first CDA sponsored schooling show at Once Again Farm in Meriden went well. We had a very good turnout and lots of wonderful volunteers to make it happen. Thank you so much!

We hope to offer you another great opportunity to attend a clinic with Alison End this month. Donna will give you more details as she has them. Whether you just enjoy riding your horse around your property or are a competitive FEI rider, you will certainly have something to gain from attending an Alison Clinic.

It was very nice to see many of you at Westbrook and I hope to see you at our recognized show as well. Even if you just come to watch a few rides.

See you soon,
Chris



USDF Launches Multi-Lingual Feature of New Web Site

Lexington, KY (May 13, 2008) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) launched a multi-lingual translating feature, located on the bottom of every page, on its Web site. Visitors to the site can translate it into ten different languages: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and Russian.

Chad Compton, Director of IT Services, added that "By making this feature available, USDF is one step closer to its goal of developing a world class Web site that will help establish USDF as the recognized voice and information portal for dressage."

For more information on upcoming Web site enhancements or the language translator, please contact the IT Services department at webmaster@usdf.org or call (859) 971-2277.

2008 Calendar of Events

June 1, 2008

Dressage is for Every Horse
Clinic Demonstration
With Lendon Grey
2nd Company Governors Horseguard,
Newtown, CT
www.wfdadressage.com

June 7 and 8, 2008

CDA Recognized Show
Kasson Ridge Farm
Bethlehem, CT
M. Chris Rogers Aquilio
(203) 268-1633

June 10-11, 2008

Cloverlea Farm
Test-Riding Boot Camps
Prep for Mystic Show
Contact:
Morgan Adair
860-933-0514
Beth Baumert
860-228-9242

June 20-23, 2008

Cloverlea Farm Dressage Clinic
Columbia, CT
Adult Camp
Contact:
Morgan Adair
860-933-0514
Beth Baumert
860-228-9242

June 22, 2008

Wells Valley Farm
New Milford, CT
Pam Lund
101 Fern Ave
Litchfield, CT. 06795

June 22, 2008

Dressage, Combined Training
and Jumping Schooling Show.
Oakendale Farm LLC
Bristol, CT
Contact:
Alison Kost-McCallum
860-314-9514
www.oakendalefarm.com

June 22, 2008

Dressage Schooling Show
Cedar Brook Equestrian Center
Sutton, MA
Jamie Greenebaum
508-395-6682
Jamie@g2partners.com

July 7, 8 and 15, 2008

Cloverlea Farm
Test-Riding Boot Camps
Prep for Lendon's Youth Festival
Contact:
Morgan Adair
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New USEF Draft of the Performance Standard Published 23 April 2008 - Deadline for Survey Input is 15 June 2008

The USEF Dressage Committee released the newest draft of the proposed Performance Standard on 23 April 2008. It is available for you to read and review on the USEF National Dressage Page . The USEF has also established a survey on their website (follow the links to the survey) to collect member comments and opinions on the draft. The survey will be available until 15 June 2008, and the information collected will be used by the Dressage Committee during their summer meeting, 1-2 July 2008.

This survey is open to USEF members, USDF Participating Members, and USDF Group Members. If you do not know your membership number, you can search the USDF Website .

Whatever your position or opinion on this proposed rule change, we encourage all members of USDF and USEF to complete the survey. There is a free text comment box at the end for you to add in any concerns you might have that are not addressed by the survey questions. Your input on this subject will be vital to creating a final recommendation that best serves the dressage community.

The current draft of the proposed standard is more detailed than the version released at the 2007 USDF convention and subsequently tabled at the January 2008 USEF convention. The current version specifically addresses issues such as of the status of eventers, includes the current USDF Medal System as part of the qualifying process, specifically states who will be grandfathered in at which levels, and provides an appeal process. Scores for advancement to 4th Level can be earned with any Third Level Test, rather than solely with 3rd Test 3.

A review of the points assigned at each of the qualifying score ranges shows that 75% of all 3rd Level rides and 74% of all PSG rides will be able to earn the points needed to move to the next level. Riders scoring at the lower end of the range will have to do more rides to earn the required points to move up, which will impose costs in terms of entry fees, transportation and stabling, and time on those riders.

There are some issues that were raised in the many discussions that occurred in the dressage community that are not yet addressed:

- What will it cost to administer the record-keeping?
- How will this cost be funded?
- Will qualification changes be recorded / available in a timely manner?
- How will issues of judging inconsistencies be handled, i.e., high scores given to poor rides?
- How will poor riding in the warm-up area be handled?
- What will the impact be on the All Breeds Annual Awards?
- If the rule is implemented, will there be a process for evaluating the impact of the qualification rules in the year or two after it is fully implemented?

In addition, many posters have questioned what the problem statement is for this rule change; under USEF rule changes procedures, when a rule change is put forward, it must state a specific problem that it will address (and solve), as well as other options that were considered as possible solutions. None of this information has been made available in conjunction with this rule change.

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

**Once Again Farm
750 Allen Avenue
Meriden, CT 06451**

RESULTS

Intro A

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Heather Ashe	LR Ami Bald Eagle	Youth	68.5%	1 st
Linda Ashe	LR Ami Taj	AA	67%	2 nd
Michele Poreda	Dreamer	Youth	56.5%	3 rd
Canning Robb	Masterpiece Theater	Youth	55.5%	4 th

Intro B

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Debra Thomas	Hilbrand fan Fjildsicht	AA	70.5%	1 st
Linda Ashe	LR Ami Taj	AA	66.5%	2 nd
Heather Ashe	LR Ami Bald Eagle	Youth	69%	1 st
Annie Peavy	Baby Blue	Youth	63.5%	2 nd
Canning Robb	Masterpiece Theater	Youth	56.5%	3 rd
Michele Poreda	Dreamer	Youth	51.5%	4 th

Training 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Debra Thomas	Hilbrand fan Fjildsicht	AA	62.6%	1 st
Annie Peavy	Baby Blue	Youth	60.86%	1 st
Rebecca Smith	Flight of Fancy	Youth	49.5%	2 nd

Training 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Cornelia Hamilton	Belladonna Kovara	AA	67.14%	1 st
Susan Franz	Romulus	AA	60.35%	2 nd
Jannike Gray	Jorrit Van Hoeve Jacolie	Youth	63.92%	1 st
Jessica Bielawski	Salute	Youth	62.85%	2 nd
Rebecca Smith	Flight of Fancy	Youth	57.5%	3 rd

Training 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Rebecca Beebe	Knight the Mac	AA	66.4%	1 st
Susan Franz	Romulus	AA	62.4%	2 nd
Kimberly Antol	Mad Hatter	Open	50.40%	3 rd
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	Youth	56.8%	1 st

Training 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Rebecca Beebe	Knight the Mac	AA	74%	1 st
Kimberly Antol	Mad Hatter	Open	58.4%	2 nd
Erin Burke	Precious Jewel	Youth	73.2%	1 st
Olivia D'Angelo	Robin Hood	Youth	65.6%	2 nd
Jannike Gray	Jorrit Van Hoeve Jacolie	Youth	64%	3 rd
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	Youth	63.2%	4 th

Dressage Seat Equitation

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Erin O'Neil	Starks Tegwch	Youth	83%	1 st
Jessica Bielawski	Salute	Youth	75%	2 nd
Kirsten Walleck	Shadow Dancer	Youth	68%	3 rd

First Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Erin Burke	Precious Jewel	Youth	67.66%	1 st
Susan Anderson	Daiquiri	AA	67.66%	2 nd
Amy Swingle	Roswell	Open	65%	3 rd
Kerrie March	On the Spot	Open	63.66%	4 th

First Level Test 2, 3 and 4 Combined

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Susan Anderson (2)	Daiquiri	AA	71.38	1 st
Erin O'Neil (4)	Starks Tegwch	Youth	65.26%	2 nd
Kerrie March (3)	On the Spot	Open	64.28%	3 rd
Amy Swingle (2)	Roswell	Open	64.16	4 th
Tanya Frazier (3)	Michael	AA	53.14%	5 th

Second Level Test 1, 2 and 4 Combined

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Sandy Rabinowitz (4)	Sequoia	AA	60.71	1 st
Tanya Frazier (1)	Michael	AA	52.89%	2 nd
Herb Robie (2)	Xanel HM	Open	51.35%	3 rd

Fourth Level Test 1 and 3 Combined

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Nancy Hutson (1)	Polo HI	AA	60%	1 st
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	AA	55.12%	2 nd
Patricia Sheeran	Harrison	AA	47.9%	3 rd

Prix St. George

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	AA	42.75%	1 st

Second Level Freestyle

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Sandy Rabinowitz	Sequoia	AA	66.67%	1 st

High Point Awards

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Test
Rebecca Beebe	Knight the Mac	AA	74%	T 4
Erin Burke	Precious Jewel	Youth	73.2%	T 4



Invites you to the following 2008 Clinics

Henk van Bergen

May 24 and 25

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Bo Jena

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Prep for Westbrook Show: Tues. May 13th and Wed. May 14th

Prep for Mystic Show: Tues. June 10th and Wed. June 11th

Young Rider Prep for Lendon's Youth Festival:

Tues July 7th, Wed. July 8th and Tues, July 15th

For info on the Adult Camp or Test-riding Boot Camp

Call Morgan Adair: (860) 933-0514

Beth Baumert: (860) 228-9242

June 21, 2008 - 9am

“CDA Spring Clinic with Alison End”

Grandview Uptown, 86 Hennequin, Columbia CT

CLINIC RIDER AND AUDITOR SIGN UP

Riders - First Come, First Served. Auditors who pre-register by 6/14 will have lunch included with fee

Name _____ Email Address _____

Telephone: _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

RIDER FEES

<u>RIDER LEVEL/EXPERIENCE</u>	<u>CDA Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
	\$65.00	\$90.00

Please provide a copy of Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate for your horse.

AUDITOR FEES

<u>PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:</u>	<u>CDA Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
	\$10.00	\$25.00

Please send Rider and Auditor Sign Up with check payable to CDA to: Donna Leonessa, Dleonessa@hotmail.com (860) 933-1854, 3080 South Street, Coventry, CT 06238. Riders will be contacted with clinic details.

In order to keep clinic rates down, we are asking that auditors bring their own chairs. We appreciate your help in this effort.

RIDER'S RELEASE OF LIABILITY- READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS BEFORE YOU SIGN IT

In consideration for (the "Rider") being permitted to participate in the riding clinic sponsored or organized by The Connecticut Dressage Association, Inc ("CDA") on June 21, 2008 at Grandview Uptown (the "Farm"), the Rider and his/her parents (if Rider is under 18 years of age) agree that CDA, the Farm, the clinician, and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants shall not be liable for, and agree to hold them harmless from any accident, personal injury, death or property damage that may be sustained by any person or entity, including without limitation the Rider, as a result in whole or in part from the Rider's participation in the clinic. This agreement is binding on the Rider and his/her parents whether or not said accident, personal injury, death or property damage is due in whole or in part to the negligence of CDA, the Farm, the clinician or any of their agents, members, volunteers or assistants. The Rider and his/her parents (if Rider is under 18 years of age) agree to defend and indemnify CDA, the Farm, the clinician and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants for any claims, demands, or suits arising from the Rider's participation in the clinic, including without limitation those arising in whole or in part from the negligence of CDA, the Farm, the clinician or their agents, members, volunteers or assistants.

This release is signed on _____, 2008

Rider or Rider's Parent (please print) _____

Rider or Rider's Parent (signature) _____

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



John Gordon
Attn. CENTERLINE
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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. Files should be less than 1mb in size.

Attention Show and Clinic Organizers, Trainers, Stables and Organizations:

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 2008 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**

Somewhere in time's own space
There must be some sweet pastured place
Where creeks sing on and tall trees grow
Some paradise where horses go,
For by the love that guides my pen
I know great horses live again.

~Stanley Harrison

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