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## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

The show season has officially begun in New England. Remember, a great way to make your life so much easier when entering shows is to print your membership cards off of eqverification.org. It puts all the Horse, Rider, and Owner information on one simple page. Send this page along with your entry form and coggins, and you are all set. You will also make your show secretary very happy too : )

Our recognized show is just a month away we still have so many volunteer positions to fill. We need ring stewards, runners, parking attendants, awards people... Please let me know if you have some free time to help out and let me know what you are interested in doing. Thank you to those who have contacted me already to help. It is greatly appreciated by all. I will also be sending out an e-mail to those who made a note on their membership renewals. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you.

As I mentioned last month, we are putting together a CDA Adult Amateur Team to compete in Mystic this October. Donna has had quite a few responses, and is the one in charge of putting together the teams. If this sounds of interest to you please contact Donna Leonessa right away so you will not miss out on this fun opportunity. It is sure to be a blast and great learning experience.

Due to such positive feedback, we will be hosting another Clinic with Alison End. This time it will be held at Grandview stables in Columbia, CT. Alison employs the Eckart Meyners method in her training to help horse and rider achieve total harmony. The results are almost always amazing. She can spot any bit of tension in your body that is affecting your seat and gives you exercises to help relax your muscles. Auditors and Riders alike are always fascinated by her. It is a clinic not to be missed. As a CDA member you get a reduced rate to ride or audit

Speaking of CDA membership perks, did you know that as a CDA member you have access to free classified advertising in the Centerline newsletter? This newsletter reaching over 200 members a month! We also offer our members a free link for their farm or business on our website.

I want to thank Ann Guptill for such a fantastic Freestyle clinic. It was held April 20<sup>th</sup> at Fox Ledge Farm in East Haddam, CT. Riders and auditors learned what is involved in creating a musical freestyle that properly suits their horse and their own personality. Ann expertly explained every aspect of the creation of a musical freestyle from beginning to end and what makes a successful freestyle in the show ring. A huge thank you to Luis Denizard and Karola, who performed their musical freestyle designed for the upcoming Olympic Games. We all loved the performance and are truly appreciative that he came all that way to do his freestyle for us. To learn more about Lou and his Olympic dream about to be realized go to [www.delanteddressage.com](http://www.delanteddressage.com).

We have quite a few activities this month. Check out our up to date calendar on the website to see what is in store. We don't want you to miss out The Board and I work hard to try and bring you schooling shows and clinics that will help you grow and develop as a rider and in your love of the sport.

Bye for now,

Chris

## 2008 Calendar of Events

### May 3, 2008

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

### May 4, 2008

CDA Schooling Show  
Once Again Farm  
Meriden, CT  
Marisa Evans  
203-217-6150

### May 11, 2008

Wells Valley Farm  
New Milford, CT  
Katja Eilers  
44 Blackrock Turnpike  
Redding, CT. 06896

### June 7 and 8, 2008

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

### 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.  
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### July 16 2008

Fox Ledge Farm Schooling Show  
East Haddam, CT  
Contact:  
Ann Guptil  
860-873-8108

## Classifieds

### WORKING STUDENT WANTED

At Lost Island Farm in Falls Village, CT.  
We are a fun barn with great customers  
and nice horses. For more information  
contact Corinna at:  
860-490-6604 (cell)  
860-824-0897 (barn)  
or  
[lostislandfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:lostislandfarm@yahoo.com)  
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## New Draft and Survey for USEF Dressage Performance Standards Proposal Now Available

By Joanie Morris

**Lexington, KY** - The USEF Dressage Committee has released a new draft of the Performance Standards Proposal for review and feedback from USDF and USEF members. This proposal would establish a qualification process for competing at Fourth Level and above at USEF-Licensed Dressage Competitions beginning with the 2011 competition year.

The Committee invites USEF and USDF members to review the new draft, and then log-in through the USEF website to fill out an on-line survey. This survey will be used to collect member feedback and comments which will be reviewed by the Committee members at their July 1 – 2, 2008 meeting.

Please visit this link for more information, and click on “Dressage Performance Standards Proposal Information”:

<http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>.

For more information please contact Jennifer Keeler, USEF Director of Dressage, National Programs, at [jkeeler@usef.org](mailto:jkeeler@usef.org).

## *Fascinating talk at Post on Chiropractic work for humans and horses*

The enthusiasm for their craft was very obvious when Dr. Wendy Coren and Dr. Dave Lundquist not only explained their work with horses, but also had many in the audience try their hand at balancing on the Equi-Balance Board. This is not as easy as it looks and really shows how the rider can adversely affect the horse and visa versa through misalignment. Then, from what they saw from this exercise, they then actually ‘adjusted’ the people who needed this help (all of us did!) It was amazing what a difference a few inches in the way you, say, carry your shoulder or perhaps how aligned your hips are, can have a huge and detrimental affect on your horse’s health and performance.

As they explained, ‘EQUALIGN CHIROPRACTIC SYSTEMS is about **synergy**. It’s about achieving a balance that blurs the line where rider ends and horse begins. It encompasses every aspect of performance through the only fully integrated system of wellness care, address the team from the ground up’. We heard about the many top ‘partnerships’ they had helped at Lexington recently and many stories of success for both horses and riders after both had been ‘put straight’ – let alone the cows that lined up for treatment!.

It was altogether a very informative and fun evening – the extra bonus was the free adjustment! You can learn more about their work at [www.equalign.com](http://www.equalign.com) - both doctors are based in Redding, CT and Florida but travel extensively around the U.S. - they will be at Rolex this weekend. This was the last in the QUIZ THE EXPERTS series for this academic year, but they will start up again in the fall – so look out for the announcements.

**The Connecticut Dressage Association is sponsoring a team (or teams) to  
compete  
at  
Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival.  
July 18 - 20, 2008, Saugerties, NY**

**For full information on the LGYF, go on the web to  
[www.dressage4kids.com](http://www.dressage4kids.com)**

**Qualifying rules for the team(s):**

**Youth must be a CDA member in good standing at the time the score is earned.**

Youth must send a letter of intent to compete on a CDA team and state rider's division, age and shirt size, to Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, 19 Falcon Ln. Meriden, CT 06451, by **April 1, 2008**.

Youth must send the highest qualifying score – as stated in the prize list for the LYDF – with copies of the test to Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, 19 Falcon Ln, Meriden, CT, 06451, by **June 6, 2008**. **There will be no scores accepted after this date. NO EXCEPTIONS. This score is my way of having official notification that you are eligible for placement on a CDA team.**

Teams will consist of 3 or 4 horse/rider combinations. CDA will send as many as two (2) 4-member teams. Teams will be selected by scores, with the top 4 youth on the first team, then the second 4 youth on the next team, etc.

**All Youth participating on a sponsored team must volunteer a minimum of eight (8) hours at a CDA sponsored function.** This can be a schooling show, the recognized show in June, or one of the clinics coming up this spring and summer. Verification of this volunteer time is received by Volunteer Coordinator Kari Bradshaw. **Your volunteer hours must be completed by the time of the Festival. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All Youth chosen for a team will receive a team saddle pad, and a CDA team polo shirt.

CDA will sponsor \$80 of each individual's entries, and the team member will be responsible for paying the remainder of the fees.

All team members will be responsible for their own lodging and meals.

Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, CDA Youth Coordinator, will be traveling to the competition as chef d'equipe.

Vicki will organize prep sessions to study for the written test and organize tack stall decorating. Check future Centerlines for dates and times. Vicki or Erin will be in touch!

**There will be a meeting at Haley Nemeth's house on Wed, Apr 23 at 6:30. If you are on the membership list you will receive directions by e-mail.**

Opening Date: April 29, 2008

Closing Date: May 22, 2008

**Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition**  
**2008 Official Region 8 Qualifier for the NA YR & NAJr Championships**  
**and YR, Developing Horse Program, and Brentina Cup Qualifier**  
 Kasson Ridge Farm, Bethlehem, CT  
 Saturday & Sunday, June 7 & 8, 2008

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 Doreen Horsey, CAN (S)  
 Debby Savage, NJ (R)

**Technical Delegate:** Debra Reinhardt, CT (R)

**Class List:**

1.	Training Level Test 1	Open	Sat./Sun.
2.	Training Level Test 2	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
3.	Training Level Test 3	Open	Sat./Sun.
4.	Training Level Test 4	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
11.	First Level Test 1	Open	Sat./Sun.
12.	First Level Test 2	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
13.	First Level Test 3	Open	Sat./Sun.
14.	First Level Test 4	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
21.	Second Level Test 1	Open	Sat./Sun.
22.	Second Level Test 2	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
23A.	Second Level Test 3	Open/Dover Adult Amateur Medal	Sat.
23.	Second Level Test 3	Open	Sun.
24.	Second Level Test 4	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
31.	Third Level Test 1	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
32.	Third Level Test 2	Open	Sat./Sun.
33.	Third Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
41.	Fourth Level Test 1	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
42.	Fourth Level Test 2	Open	Sat./Sun.
43.	Fourth Level Test 3	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
50.	FEI Test of Choice***	Open/GAIG/USDF Qual	Sat./Sun.
51.	FEI YR Team*	NAJYRC Qual/GAIG/USDF Qual	Sat.
52.	FEI YR PSG*	NAJYRC Qual/GAIG/USDF Qual	Sun.
53.	FEI Junior Team*	NAJYRC Qual/GAIG/USDF Qual	Sat.
54.	FEI Junior Individual*	NAJYRC Qual/GAIG/USDF Qual	Sun.
155.	FEI Young Horse TOC**	Open	Sat.
255.	FEI Young Horse TOC**	Open/Markel YH Qual	Sun.
56.	USEF Developing Horse*	USEF Qual/GAIG /USDF Qual	Sun.
57.	USEF Brentina Cup*	USEF Qual/GAIG/USDF Qual	Sun.
60.	USDF Freestyle TOC*	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying/CFC	Sun.
61.	FEI Freestyle TOC*	Open/GAIG/USDF Qualifying/CFC	Sun.
62.	FEI YR Freestyle* Reg. 8	Qual/ GAIG/USDF/NAJYRC Qual/CFC	Sun.
63.	FEI Junior Freestyle* Reg. 8	Qual/GAIG/USDF/NAJYRC Qual/CFC	Sun.
70.	Dressage Equitation	Jr/YR/AA	Sat./Sun.

\*\*\* Class will be split if entries warrant. Please specify test. Quadrille and Pas de Deux are accepted.

\*\* YH 4 yr old test is the USEF 4yr old test

Please note the class number, day, and Open, AA, Jr/YR or Qualifying if applicable on your entry.

\*Class will be double judged.

#### 1. Levels:

Training through Grand Prix, GAIG/USDF Qualifying, North American JrYR Championship and, Region 8 Qualifier, Markel Young Horse Qualifier, Developing Horse Qualifier, Brentina Cup Qualifier, and CFC.

#### 2. Awards:

All 1st places will receive a trophy. Six ribbons will be presented in each class. Awards for high scoring Open, Jr/YR, Adult Amateur, and CDA Member. To qualify for CDA, member award you must be a member by closing date. To qualify for Adult Amateur award you must be an USEF AA. "It's Majik" High Score JrYR Award, donated by Erin Keane & Lost Island Farm. Breed High Point Awards must have the Horse's Dam and Sire indicated on the entry form, and a copy of registration must be provided to be eligible for the award. Score must be 58% or better. MFS or YH Tests do not count.

—The American Hanoverian Society Trophy for the high score Hanoverian.

—The American Trakehner Assoc Award for the high score Trakehner.

—The Friesian Sport Horse Registry Award for the Friesian high score each day of show. Please direct inquires to Barbara Schwartz at 908-995-7380.

#### 3. Entries:

Class #70–\$30. Training thru Fourth, USDF Freestyles–\$40 per class. All FEI classes– \$50 per class, Double judged classes (noted) are \$65. GAIG/USDF qualifying classes add \$10 to class fee. All entries MUST submit USEF and USDF documents for rider, owner, trainer and horse as appropriate for entry, a \$12 drug fee (\$7 Drug & Med fee, \$5 USEF fee), and non-refundable \$15 office fee. No entry accepted without a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show. Please include \$20 USEF non-member fee and/or \$5 discipline fee if applicable for non-Jrs, and the \$20 USDF non-member fee. All entries must have three signatures including emergency info. Make checks payable to CDA. Refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing, email, or fax before the closing date less \$15 office fee. Unconditionally, no refunds after closing date or for 'acts of god' which require management to cancel classes or day(s) of competition. Non-negotiable check will be charged \$25. Post entries will be accepted to fill scratches with a \$20 post entry fee. Non-competing horses if space available, \$45 plus office fee.

#### 4. Times:

Times will be on the website, [www.centerlineevents.com](http://www.centerlineevents.com), at least one week prior to the competition. If you wish for your times to be sent, please include SASE.

#### 5. Stabling:

All stabling will be in the indoors. No Tent stabling. Limited number of temporary stalls with full doors available at \$125 for duration. No shavings provided. A stall cleaning deposit of \$25 on a separate check is required. Tack stalls only if space permits. No refunds on stabling after closing date (except for stall deposit). May arrive on Friday afternoon, must vacate by 7pm Sunday.

#### 6. Accommodations: (\* Please mention "CDA Show" for special rate)

Crown Plaza, Exit 16 off I-84, Southbury, Pets allowed, 15mins–(203) 577-4877\* Holiday Express, Waterbury, 20 minutes–(203) 575-1500  
Hampton Inn, Waterbury, 26 minutes – (203) 753-1777

#### 7. Directions:

From New York: Take I-84 East to exit 15; left onto Rte 6 (Main Street). \*Follow thru Woodbury and take left onto Rte 61 North. At intersection Rte 61 and Rte 132 (red blinking light) go straight. The farm is 1/2 mile on the right (#116). From Mass: Take I-84 West to exit 15; right onto Rte 6. Follow above directions from \*. From CT Shoreline : Take Rte 8 North to exit 38; left at end of ramp, Next traffic light make left. At stop sign go left and immediately bear right onto Rte 109 West. \*\*Take Rte 109 to Morris. At intersection of Rte 109 and Rte 61, make left onto Rte 61 South. Farm is 1 mile past the Bethlehem Fair Grounds on the left. (#116) From North CT: Take Rte 8 South to exit 38; at light go straight onto Rte 109. At the next light bear right and continue on Rte 109 West. Follow above directions from \*\*.

#### 8. Footing:

Two sand arenas with indoor and outdoor sand warm up. All competition arenas are 20m x 60m.

#### 9. Entertainment:

Food available on the grounds beginning 7am each day.

#### 10. Other:

Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel any class. Farrier on the grounds. Veterinarian information will be posted. All dogs must be leashed

## Alison End

# Improve Your Dressage with the Balimo Program

Are you having “training issues” with your horse and just can’t figure out what’s going wrong? Or maybe you know you’re stiff, or tight and want to unblock your body—and thus your horse. The Balimo Program may be just what you need.

Lost Island Farm hosted a Balimo (balance in motion) clinic with Alison End on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Balimo Program is sponsored by Equestrian Education Systems, Inc and is based on the work of German Eckart Meyners, a sports physiologist and professor at the University of Luneburg. Meyners has spent years researching movement and techniques for improving athletic performance.

End has been involved with the program for four years and is now an acting executive co-director and a supporting faculty member. She is a USDF Certified Instructor as well who has competed through Intermediaire I and twice rode in the North American Young Riders Championships. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College, where she was a neuroscience major.

End’s exposure to the Balimo method “opened her eyes to a lot of possibilities.”

She first worked with Meyners in Germany, where she watched him make a huge difference in people in just half an hour. One of the great things about the training program is that riders find that when they are flexible and moving in harmony with their mounts, it all becomes easier and requires less effort.

End doesn’t tell people “to do this and that, because they become a pretzel and get too much in their heads.” Instead she helps people find their own way to a result. This teaches riders to be more involved in their own process, and “more in their body, less in their head.” Instead of just saying “Shoulders back,” etc, End’s “toolbox” is filled with exercises to unlock riders’ bodies so they can go where they need to go.

As riders at the clinic entered the arena, End would discuss with them what they felt their challenges were. Then she would watch them ride for a bit. She would observe where their difficulties originated, and then have the riders dismount for some ground work. There were exercises to be done on a chair, or a blanket or on foot in the ring, depending on the individual’s needs.

The Balimo chair was designed by Meyners to find a better range of movement in a rider’s pelvis. The chair helps identify blockages and then enables users to work through them. Use of the chair improves flexibility, balance and symmetry and helps riders follow their horse better. It’s great for use as a warm-up, helping riders become aware of their

body. End says that quite often riders don’t know how to use their pelvis correctly, and the Balimo chair helps them learn.

After working with the chair, people find it not only helps with their riding—they walk better, ski better, stand better and often have less back pain! While observing the clinic, this writer tried the chair, and then found it much easier to climb into her very low to the ground car.

Mr. Meyners’ exercises are based on a six point structure, separated into the different body parts: head, sternum, tendon and muscle reflexes, spine and ilio-sacral joint, pelvis and hips, and legs. Observing riders on the horse with this six point structure in mind makes it easy for End to assess where the blockages are located and to choose an appropriate exercise. Meanwhile, the exercises help the riders unblock and get back on their horse a different person.

When one of the clinic participants, Kristin Spurgeon, got back on her horse after working with the chair, she said “My seat feels so Zen.” Another rider, Juergen Frank, said “I feel like I’m poised on the edge of a swimming pool” (in perfect balance). Now all his trainer has to do is say “swimming pool” and Frank can go to that place of perfect balance.

Initially the exercises need to be performed under expert supervision. Once they get the hang of them, riders do them on their own at home before coming to ride. And in time, they no longer have to do them because muscle memory takes over.

It was interesting to watch some of the exercises and wonder how they would affect the riders. Chris Rogers Aquilio was instructed to basically skip down the arena, twisting her body and bringing her knee towards the other side as she did so. It may have looked a little silly, but it sure was effective! As End says, “some riders don’t understand how an exercise will affect them, but when they get back on, it seems like magic!”

Aquilio was riding her big Lipizzan gelding, Basilio, who had a strong, unbalanced canter. She did other exercises besides skipping and then got back on her horse. The change was miraculous. Basil was softer, lighter, more balanced. Aquilio was looser, and moving with her horse instead of against him.

“I’m loving this!” she said.

“You have a new horse,” said End.

And she did.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Balimo Program, contact Alison End at [aend@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:aend@alum.dartmouth.org). Lost Island Farm will be holding additional Balimo clinics with End; contact the farm for future dates at 860 824 0897.

## Preliminary Award Standings and Archived Award Results Available Online

Lexington, KY (April 10, 2008) - The United States Dressage Federation announced today that 2008 preliminary award standings for the Adequan/USDF Year-End Awards, including the Adequan/USDF All-Breeds Awards, are now available on the USDF Web site as well as archived award results for the previous two competition seasons. Anyone who logs into the USDF site can access the most up-to-date award standings and monitor these standings throughout the competition year. Archived results are available only to those individuals who are logged into the USDF Web site and have a participating or business membership (PM/BM).

The preliminary awards standings for Adequan/USDF Year-End Awards are obtained by selecting an award category (i.e. Dressage Horse of the Year, Adult Amateur, Junior/Young Rider) and level (Training - Grand Prix). In the case of the Adequan/USDF All-Breeds Awards, the standings are available by selecting an all-breeds participating organization (PO), category and level. However, only the standings in categories awarded by the chosen PO are accessible.

The preliminary award standings search function is available to determine a person's or horse's standing for the specified year-end awards. By entering a horse's or person's USDF number, one can access a full listing of their ranking for all respective awards.

"These new features not only provide additional benefits to our members, but will also maintain the accuracy of award standings throughout the year by enabling members to monitor their progress and address any issues prior to the year's end," stated Chad Compton, Director of IT Services.

For more information on USDF awards or related online services, contact the competitions department at [competitions@usdf.org](mailto:competitions@usdf.org) or call the USDF office at (859) 971-2277.

## USDF Welcomes New All-Breeds Participating Registries/Organizations

Lexington, KY (April 16, 2008) - The United States Dressage Federation welcomes all of its new and returning all-breeds participating registries/organizations (POs). The newly added POs for the 2008 competition season include: the Palomino Horse Breeders of America, the Fell Pony Society of North America, the United States P.R.E.

Association, the Canadian Horse Breeders Association, the Friesian Sport horse Association, the Friesian Heritage Horse & Sport Horse International, and the Nokota Horse Conservancy.

All POs, by partnering with USDF, recognize the accomplishments of their breed or registry on a national level through the Adequan/USDF All-Breeds year-end awards program. Currently, USDF has 62 POs and over 15,015 horses declared to participate in the program.

"Through combined efforts with all of our participating organizations in the all-breeds awards program, we are able to promote dressage within the various breed organizations, as well as to highlight the contributions of different breeds within the world of dressage. Also, with the support of all of our POs, this program has come to embody the mission of USDF by serving as a catalyst for education, recognition of achievement and promotion of dressage," stated Krystina Firth, Senior Competitions Coordinator.

For more information on Adequan/USDF All-Breeds awards or to view a full listing of current USDF POs, visit the USDF Web site at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), e-mail [allbreeds@usdf.org](mailto:allbreeds@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.

## Get USDF News Live on Your Desktop!

Lexington, KY (March 26, 2008) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today that it has created a new Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feed to enable members and businesses to receive the most up-to-date USDF news and headlines. RSS is an internet protocol that transmits a news feed in real time and is automatically updated as new items become available. These feeds make it possible for people to keep up with all of the current news and happenings at USDF on their personal Web pages or homepage, with RSS capabilities. Anyone who wishes to add the USDF RSS feed can do so by clicking on the [RSS icon](#) on the USDF Web site.

Director of IT Services Chad Compton stated, "The availability of this feed to all of our members, affiliates, and partners will enable us to keep the public informed of important news and updates from USDF instantly and help us to establish ourselves as the primary resource for dressage news in the United States. Additionally, the development of this feed ties directly into the USDF Strategic Plan by using technology to make dressage news available to people outside of our membership and to create a world class Web site."

## CDA Recognized Show Sponsorship And Advertising Opportunities

Dear CDA Members and Friends,

This year marks the fourteenth annual CDA Recognized Competition. The show will be held this year on June 7 & 8. Historically, our superbly run horse show has attracted riders from all over the region. We will continue our management with Centerline Events, recognized nationally for the high quality of its horseshow management.

Sponsorship and Advertising promotions included in our show program reach hundreds of riders, their families and friends, many of them outside the CDA community. It is a wonderful opportunity to support The Connecticut Dressage Association, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation. Enclosed in this issue is an insert outlining sponsorship and advertising opportunities. Please consider promoting your business. Remember, equestrians use many other services for themselves and their animals. We eat out, go to spas, and buy jewelry and clothes in addition to the predictable goods and services most often associated with horses.

This year we are offering additional advertising exposure independent of sponsorship benefits and/or show program advertising: vendor space, banner space, and placement of your materials into competitors' packets. Please also note that several categories of sponsorship offer CDA website exposure with the opportunity for links.

Please consider an ad cheering on your competing family member, remembering with fondness a best animal friend, or recommending your favorite restaurant. Use your imagination and ask all your favorite businesses and friends to support CDA's efforts to offer dressage to the Connecticut equestrian community in a user-friendly manner, as well as providing high quality clinics and workshops.

Please take a moment to review the list of rates for these wonderful opportunities included in this issue. The deadline for submission of advertisements and sponsorships is May 15, 2008. Many thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

M. Chris Rogers Aquilio  
CDA President

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# *Timothy F. Malin*

**USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist**

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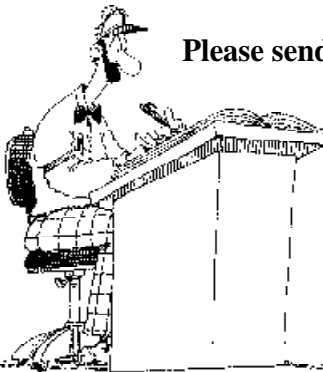
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