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## USDF Offers Contest for Junior/Young Riders

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is offering Junior/Young Riders the opportunity to showcase their photography and writing skills. Sponsored by the USDF Junior/Young Rider Council, the contests are open to anyone under the age of twenty one (21). Both the Essay Contest and the Photo Contest, focus on the sport of dressage, allowing entrants to show their creativity. All entries must be postmarked by November 4, 1998

Essay Contest entries will be judged on content, with attention to grammar, spelling and punctuation. All entries need to be 350 words or less and should incorporate dressage or horses. There are two divisions offered, non-fiction and fiction. Entries will be placed into three different age groups: 13 and under, 14 through 17, and 18 through 21. The Essay judges include Isabel DeSzinay, AHSA "R" judge; Lazelle Knocke, Past President of USDF; Judy Noone, Past Chair of USDF JR/Young Rider Council; and John Strassburger, Editor of The Chronicle of the Horse.

Photographers need to submit a 35 mm (non-Polaroid) 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 print. The photograph needs to focus on dressage. The two divisions are Posed and Candid. Like the Essay Contest, the entries will be separated in three age groups: 13 and under, 14 through 17, and 17 up to 21 years. Contestants are allowed to enter up to two photographs in each division, making sure to attach a name form to each photograph. Well-known equine photographers, Terri Miller, Mary Phelps, Sheri Scott and Susan Sexton, will judge the entries.

First place winners in each division of the Essay and Photography contests will receive a \$50 savings —bond and have their essay or photograph published in USDF's national publication, as well as on the USDF web site. Second place winners in each division will receive a \$25 savings bond. All the winners will be announced at the USDF Annual Convention in Savannah, GA, December 2-6, 1998.

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## CDA 1998 Year End Award Program

CDA's objective is to make our members happy they're involved in the organization and eager to participate in our programs. The board and a number of members took a hard look at the Year End Awards program and determined we had to make it easier to recognize *your* hard work and competitive efforts. We decided we had to make the awards program more inclusive, not exclusive. We also needed to make the qualification criteria easier to interpret and follow, and the score reporting process less cumbersome.

To increase the number of riders who earn CDA Year End Awards, we are revising the criteria used for determining winners. We also want to make the process more user-friendly and convenient for competitors. We recognize that it's difficult for you to compete all over the state or region for an entire show season. Work, family and other commitments mean some CDA members can only do a handful of shows. Also, recognized show scoring, even at the lower levels, has become more demanding and many amateur and junior riders who compete successfully in tests one or two at a particular level may not be ready for the higher tests, but nevertheless are the true stalwarts of our competitions.

CDA Year End Awards are a distinct honor. Winners receive lovely (large!) ribbons for champion, reserve champion and placings third through sixth. Champions also receive customized commemorative gifts. We hope all CDA members who make the time, effort, and not inconsiderable expenditures to show in 1998 will participate in our new, improved program!

## 1998 CALENDAR

### September 5

Hill Top Stables  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Kari Bradshaw  
860-485-0477

### September 15

Fall Schooling Show  
Kettle Drum Farm  
Southbury, CT  
Mary Michinski  
203-264-0462

### September 20

CDA USDF League Competition &  
Scholarship Fundraiser  
Once Again Farm  
Meriden, CT  
Frances Owles  
(860) 868-0077

### September 27

Litchfield Hills Equestrian Center  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Penny Hawes  
860-567-1441

### September 27

Babcock Hill Equestrian Center  
Dressage & Horse Trials

### October 3-4

WFDA Autumn Competition and Breed  
Show  
Region 8 Championships  
HITS Catskill Showgrounds  
Ellenville NY

### October 11

Dressage Schooling Show  
River Farm  
Pauline Schenck  
860-676-0122

### October 10-11

Paul Belasik Clinic  
Early light Farm  
Jocely Audet  
860-742-1981

### October 16

Litchfield Hills Equestrian Center  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Penny Hawes  
860-567-1441

### TBA

CDA Jr/YR Incentive Mini-Camp

### TBA

USDF League Show CDCTA

### November 15

Annual Region 8 Meeting  
NEDA Annual Meeting  
Radisson Inn, Marlborough, MA  
Fern Feldman  
203-272-0711

### December 2-6

USDF National Convention  
Savannah GA  
402-434-8550

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Here are the revised guidelines we will implement in 1998:

### Schooling Competitions

Open to all CDA members who compete in: (1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows, (2) USDF League shows and (3) schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the CDA Omnibus. **Please note: Shows listed only as part of advertisements will not count toward CDA awards. The prize lists must be separately published as well.**

Riders **must be CDA members before** entering the show, or they can join the same day **before** their first class.

Awards may go only to the **same horse/rider combination**. Championship awards cannot be earned by the same horse/rider combination more than **twice** at each level.

**Three scores from at least two different shows** must be earned. Scores from at least **two different judges per level and at least three tests**. At least **one score must be from a CDA schooling show**; the others may come from USDF league or schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the CDA Omnibus. **For example, a rider can submit two scores from two tests of the same level from one judge at a CDA schooling show, and one score at the same level from a different judge from a schooling show whose prize list is published in the CDA Omnibus.**

Scores must be a **minimum of 50%**.

Awards will be based on the **average score of the best three tests**.

Awards will be divided by Junior and Adult. Categories are: (1) Introductory, (2) Training, (3) First, (4) Second Level and Above.

Riders should submit their scores **at the end of the competition season**. A new form will be designed to document show names, dates, level/tests within the level, judge, score, etc.

We will **not** require the show secretary to sign the form. **We will require the rider to attest via his or her signature (or a parent's signature if the rider is a junior) that the scores are genuine.**

### Recognized Competitions

Open to all active CDA members who compete in AHSA recognized dressage shows.

Riders and horse owners must be CDA members **at the time of the show**. (The rider may count as owner if he or she has a leased horse.) Scores earned prior to this will not count.

Awards may go only to the **same horse/rider combination**. Awards cannot be earned by the same horse/rider combination more than twice at each level.

**Five scores at the same level** from at least **three different shows** must be earned. Scores from at least **three different judges per level and at least five tests**. The rider does **not have to compete at the highest test in the level**.

**Scores from tests at different levels cannot be combined** (e.g. a rider may not submit three scores from Training level and two from First level for one award), although riders who meet all the criteria at more than one level can receive awards at both levels.

Scores must be a **minimum of 52% for Training through Fourth levels, and 50% for FEI**. For FEI tests with more than one judge, the scores will be averaged and count as one score.

Awards will be based on the **average score of the best five tests**.

Awards will be divided by Junior, Adult/Amateur and Open categories.

Riders must submit their scores at the **end of the competition season**. A new form will be designed to document show names, dates, level/tests within the level, judge, score, etc.

We will **not** require the show secretary to sign the form. **We will require the rider to attest via his or her signature (or a parent's signature if the rider is a junior) that the scores are genuine.** Riders also may submit copies of their official show results summaries as provided by the USDF.

# CDA Schooling Show

## August 2, 1998

### Cloverlea Farm

### Show Results

<b>Class 1</b>		<b>Introductory 1 and 2</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sally Baker	Lucky Houston	60.520	1
Desiree Bilodeau	High Renaissance	60.000	2
Dennis Proll	Indigo	58.947	3

<b>Class 7</b>		<b>First Level Test 3</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Susan Hart	Northstar Cajendandy	59.714	1
Marion Severn	Albion	57.143	2
Christina Rock	Taibor	55.429	3

<b>Class 2</b>		<b>Training Level Test 1</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lisa B. Smithers	Scamtastic	62.273	1
Vicki Sherraden	Pico de Gallo	60.000	2
Desiree Bilodeau	High Renaissance	59.091	3
Jacqueline Cloud	Willie	57.273	4
Victoria Valenti	Touch a Gray	56.818	5
Jan Proll	Madison Ave	53.636	6

<b>Class 8</b>		<b>First Level Test 4</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Marion Severn	Albion	59.091	1
Christina Rock	Taibor	55.152	2
Mary Frances Denton	Isis	50.000	3

<b>Class 3a</b>		<b>Training Level Test 2 (Open)</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Vicki Sherraden	Pico de Gallo	64.615	1
Dawn M. Bradshaw	Karen-Anne's Rainbow	61.538	2
Lisa B. Smithers	Scamtastic	60.769	3
Alyce Walker	Dante	52.692	4

<b>Class 9</b>		<b>Second level Tests 1 thru 3</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Marty Astmann (3)	Yes Indeed	58.372	1
Marty Astmann (2)	Yes Indeed	57.632	2
Mary Frances Denton (1)	Isis	48.974	3

<b>Class 3b</b>		<b>Training Level Test 2 (JR/YR)</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lena O'Keefe	Irish Treasure	64.615	1
Elizabeth Sherraden	Mikala	58.846	2
Desiree Bilodeau	High Renaissance	57.692	3
Victoria Valenti	Touch a Gray	57.692	4
Jacqueline Cloud	Willie	56.538	5
Dennis Proll	Indigo	53.462	6

<b>Class 10</b>		<b>Preliminary Tests A and B</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Carolyn Denton Reed (A)	Big Spender	67.500	1
Carolyn Denton Reed (B)	Big Spender	64.000	2


<b>Class 4</b>		<b>Training Level Test 3</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jean Morrison	Eli	68.077	1
Victoria Valenti	Touch a Gray	59.231	2
Susan Hart	Northstar Cajendandy	58.846	3
Lena O'Keefe	Irish Treasure	57.308	4
Dawn M. Bradshaw	Karen-Anne's Rainbow	53.846	5

<b>Class 5</b>		<b>Training Level Test 4</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jean Morrison	Eli	65.200	1
Susan Hart	Northstar Cajendandy	60.000	2
Kathleen Mosure	Krugerand	58.800	3
Lisa B. Smithers	Scamtastic	57.600	4
Jeryl O'Keefe	Rye	56.400	5

<b>Class 6</b>		<b>First Level Test 1</b>	
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jean Morrison	Eli	61.071	1
Jeryl O'Keefe	Rye	60.714	2
Kathleen Mosure	Kugerand	57.571	3
Debra A.Serencko	Trillium's Sunday	50.352	4

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# News for Group Members

## Publication Change

(Excerpted from Ellin Dixon Miller's President's Message for the October issue of *Dressage & CT*)

**C**owles Enthusiast Media, publisher of *Dressage & CT*, was purchased by Primedia this past spring. Early this summer, Primedia bought Fleet Street, publishers of *Dressage Today*, *Horse Play*, and *Equus*. Due to this merger, Primedia will only publish one dressage magazine and has chosen to continue publishing *Dressage Today*. Unfortunately this means that *Dressage & CT*, the official publication of USDF, will cease publication after the December 1998 issue.

Members of the USDF Executive Board met with Primedia to discuss our contract. Technically, our contract does not expire until June 2000, but Primedia is asking for substantial changes. The Executive Board is evaluating a number of options and hope to have a resolution to the negotiations by the end of this December.

Your Executive Board has requested that Primedia give us until after the Annual Convention to review our options and consult with you, our members, for input. If you have ideas or questions, please contact your Regional Director or one of the USDF Officers.

If it is possible, attend the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention in Savannah. Here is where you can voice your ideas for all assembled to hear. There will be time set aside to discuss our official publication.

As disheartening as it is for us to lose *Dressage & CT*, it does not mean you will be without an official publication. Member communication is vital and USDF will strive to continue to provide you with the best communication possible.

## USDF Hall of Fame

It's not too early to begin thinking about nominations for the 1999 USDF Hall of Fame induction. If you know of a worthy individual or horse, prepare a short write-up detailing the nominee's accomplishments and send it to Susan Bender, Chair, USDF Historical Committee, at the USDF office by April 1 of 1999.

## GMO Delegates

**D**on't forget every GMO, depending on its size, is authorized to elect a certain number of GMO delegates as representatives. These delegates have the important role as the voice of your OMO. The elected GMO delegate (s) are qualified to vote the entire year, not just at the Annual Convention.

An important aspect of a GMO delegate is voting at the upcoming 1998 USDF Annual Convention, December 2-6, in Savannah, GA. Any new rules or changes that affect USDF members are voted on and decided during the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. In order to ensure that your GMO's opinions are heard at the BOG, your delegate (s) should attend the Convention. USDF hopes it can become the goal of every GMO to send their delegate(s) to the Annual Convention, not just a proxy. If your GMO delegate(s) can't attend the convention, please assign your votes to a proxy, who will be attending the Convention.

## GMO Sessions

Another session has been added to the roster of GMO specific sessions at the Annual Convention in Savannah. American Bankers Insurance agents, including Shawna Dietrich, from Dietrich and Company, who is a provider of equine insurance services to USDF, will discuss insurance issues for GMOs. This is a topic that has been requested by many of our GMOs and Shawna hopes to provide valuable information for GMOs and also clarify frequently asked questions regarding insurance.

## Automatic Membership Renewals

USDF is now offering automatic membership renewals with your credit card. As a convenience to our members, this program simplifies renewing your USDF membership and will also prevent membership lapses.

Any member can sign up for automatic renewal, what is needed is your credit card and expiration date. That information is kept in a secured, password-protected site. When your renewal is up, USDF will charge your credit card and send a credit card receipt along with your new membership card. Call USDF today to participate in this member benefit.