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June President's Message



I received an email from our cheery editor saying and I quote: "I know that you are busy with the June show (what an understatement!!!), but could you please submit your June message and can I impose on you to try to make it a long one (enough to fill the front page). There is very little to put into the June issue." WELL..., yes I am very busy with the June show, i.e. it is only three weeks away, and yes, I was hoping to write a very short message since I am trying to layout the show program. However, the thought that when you read this message that the sixth annual CDA Recognized show will be over, at this point, seems to be nearly impossible. I sure hope you all enjoyed yourselves and your horses are all back safely and resting. As for my husband and I, we will be still trying to get the results in, finish up the paperwork, and paying the final bills.

A show of this quality takes many hours from many people for it to work well. Things are not always perfect. If you have any suggestions, comments or concerns regarding this show or the May schooling show, good or bad, please contact me or write a letter to the editor. CDA and I are always concerned that we are putting on event that satisfies the members.

Again, we have not heard from you regarding our up and coming elections. So no election will be held since the same people will be elected back on to the board. However, we do have a position open and the board would like it filled. Please come to the meetings, see what we are all about, and let us know you would like to be part of the board.

Getting back to the statement from my editor. This issue is a bit barren. Lets get started on some of those letters to the editor! Write your comments about the show(s). Have you been reading the articles about adult amateurs and professions in Chronicle? Maybe you would like to comment on that, or tell us about another show you went to. You can email or snail mail your letters, thoughts or questions to John. If they need a reply, he and I will find the appropriate person to answer your questions. These do not have to be long (but this month we would of loved long ones!).

Our next board meeting is June 8 at 7:30pm at Fern's and the main topic is election of officers, the recognized show clean up, who, how and what to do for next year's show, and the start of the Omnibus for 2000! Busy busy meeting and we could use your help.

Was this long enough, John???

See you on the centerline....

Debra

1999 CALENDAR

June 5-6, 1999

CDA AHSA/USDF
Recognized Dressage Show
Ox Ridge Hunt Club
Debra Reinhardt
(203) 264-2148.

June 11-14, 1999

Dressage Clinic with
Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel
Early Light Farm, Coventry Jocelyn
Audet.
860-742-1981

June 12-13, 1999

Mystic Valley Hunt Club Spring
Dressage (R)
Shirley Mitchell
860-464-7934

June 16, 1999

Dressage & Combined Test
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Deb Moynihan
203-393-3253

July 5-9, 1999

Adult Dressage Camp
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
(860) 567-1441.

July 11, 1999

Dressage in the Litchfield Hills
Schooling Show
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
(860) 567-1441

July 11, 1999

Dressage Schooling and Horse Trials
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Deb Moynihan
203-393-3253

July 24-25, 1999

CDCTA Kerry Milliken Clinic
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Libby Kachmor
860-644-4510

July 25, 1999

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

Report from Region 8

I recently returned from Lincoln, Nebraska for our mid-year meeting of the Executive Board. This year, we arrived early to continue work on strategic planning for USDF. This is an ongoing process, and we certainly made progress, but there is more to do.

If you like to plan ahead, we are, of course, going to Denver this year (December 1-5, 1999). But, perhaps you would like to know that in 2000 we will be in Cincinnati, and in 2001, Orlando. The latter two are tentative, pending suitable arrangements.

Some statistics: Region 8 has 1664 Participating Members (up from 1571 in 1998). Region 2 and Region 1 lead us. We have 2616 Group Members (up from 1626 in 1998); and Regions 1, 7, and 2 have more. (Region 2 has 2642-only a few more). We have 10 full business members, more than any other region. The total number of individuals who belong to USDF (we call them "belly buttons") is 27, 492 as of April, 1999. Membership total is 35,395; only 55% of Participating Members belong to GMO's. Remember that PM's can also be GM's, but do not have to be. I always encourage PM's to support the local GMO by joining it.

For those who wish to be in the 2000 Calendar of Competitions that USDF publishes, the deadline in August 30, 1999. So, be in touch with USDF and get your information to them.

So, how do you like your first edition of USDF Connection-the new USDF publication? The good news is that it will be mailed to every GM and PM member, providing us all with the same information articles, etc. Don't hesitate to keep USDF aware of your opinions.

I will keep reminding you that this year is an election year for all four officers. There will be a new President of USDF, as Ellin Dixon Miller is not running. As of this date (nominations close June 1, 1999), Sam Barish (present Vice-President) and Janet Brown Wysocki (present Region 5 Director) are running for President; George Williams is running for Vice-President; Joan Humphrey is running again for Secretary; and no one is confirmed for Treasurer. There will certainly be much written about each candidate, but if you have any questions or comments about the various candidates at this time, please let me know. It is so important that each GMO is represented at the USDF meeting either in person or by proxy, so be sure to keep up with the information that USDF sends out regarding this upcoming meeting.

Fern Feldman



For you Internet Savvy browsers...Did you know?

A new Web Site called Tack on the Web (<http://www.tackontheweb.com/>) has just arrived on the Internet. Sure you have seen the 'catalogues' and their web site, but this one is different. It has closeouts, overstock items or past season items at a great savings. Several white breech choices just in time for the show season including the new USDF Aquator breeches which are being discontinued. It is a secured site for purchasing. So check them out. See the ad they placed on the back cover this month's *Centerline*.

Connecticut Dressage Association
Spring Schooling Show
Sunday, May 2, 1999
USDF GMO #809

Fox Cliff Farm
175 Barndoor Hills Road, Granby, CT 06035

Judge: Janet Moulding (r) MA
Secretary: Penny Hawes 860 567-1441
556 South Plains Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759

Results

Class #1: USDF Intro Tests 1 and 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
S. Baker	Lucky Houston	62.105	1st
P. Karsunky	Kontiki	53.684	2nd
P. Karsunky	Kontiki	36.315	3rd

Class #2: Training Level Test 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
J. Cloud (JR)	Baratone Man	59.545	1st
R. Brown (JR)	Primeav	57.272	2nd
A. Finan (JR)	Polaris	55.000	3rd
S. Baker	Lucky Houston	52.727	4th
J. Wallace	Differentiate	52.272	5th
J. Ferrigno	Red Sky at Night	42.272	6th

Class #3A: Training Level Test 2 Jr/YR

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
R. Brown	Primeav	61.666	1st
J. Cloud	Baratone Man	61.250	2nd
A. Finan	Polaris	53.750	3rd

Class #3B: Training Level Test 2 Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
M.J. Zanolli	Hapsburg	65.833	1st
N. Blanchard	Arcadia	59.166	2nd
D. Leonessa	Dolce	51.250	3rd
J. Ferrigno	Red Sky at Night	50.833	4th
J. Wallace	Differentiate	46.666	5th

*****Second Level Test 1 H.C. Ride*******

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
B. Wilson	Adalrich	H.C.	H.C.

Class #4A: Training Level Test 3 Open

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
D. Leonessa	Dolce	65.384	1st
K. Bradshaw	Briar Bay	63.846	2nd
L. Arnold	Merlin	61.923	3rd
M. Fletcher	No Foolin	57.307	4th
P. Novak	Taylor	56.538	5th
L. Guelzow	Fiasco Amour	54.230	6th

Class #4B: Training Level Test 3 Jr/YR

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
C. Del Conte	Krztun El Hamal	56.538	1st
D. Bilodeau	High Renaissance	55.384	2 nd

*******Second Level Test 4: H. C. Ride*******

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
B. Wilson	Adalrich	H.C.	H.C.

Class #5: Training Level Test 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
M. Provence	Inca	66.40	1st JR
P. Novak	Taylor	63.200	1st OPEN
K. Bradshaw	Briar Bay	60.00	2nd OPEN
D. Bilodeau	High Renaissance	56.80	2nd JR
L. Arnold	Merlin	59.60	3rd OPEN
C. Del Conte	Krztun El Hamal	56.000	3rd JR
M. Fletcher	No Foolin	56.80	4th OPEN
L. Guelzow	Fiasco Amour	56.80	5th OPEN

Class #6: First Level Test 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
M. Provence	Inca	66.428	1st
J. Ducci	Sir Gallahad	58.928	2nd
V. Sherraden	Pico de Gallo	58.571	3rd
M. J. Zanolli	Hapsburg	56.428	4th
R. Cassella	Behren	51.785	5th

Class #7: First Level Test 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
V. Sherraden	Pico de Gallo	57.419	1st
J. Ducci	Sir Gallahad	56.129	2nd
R. Cassella	Behren	55.806	3rd

Class #8: First Level Tests 3 & 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
J. Ducci	Sir Gallahad (1st 4)	55.882	1st
M. Horan	A. F. Debussy (1st 4)	45.882	2nd

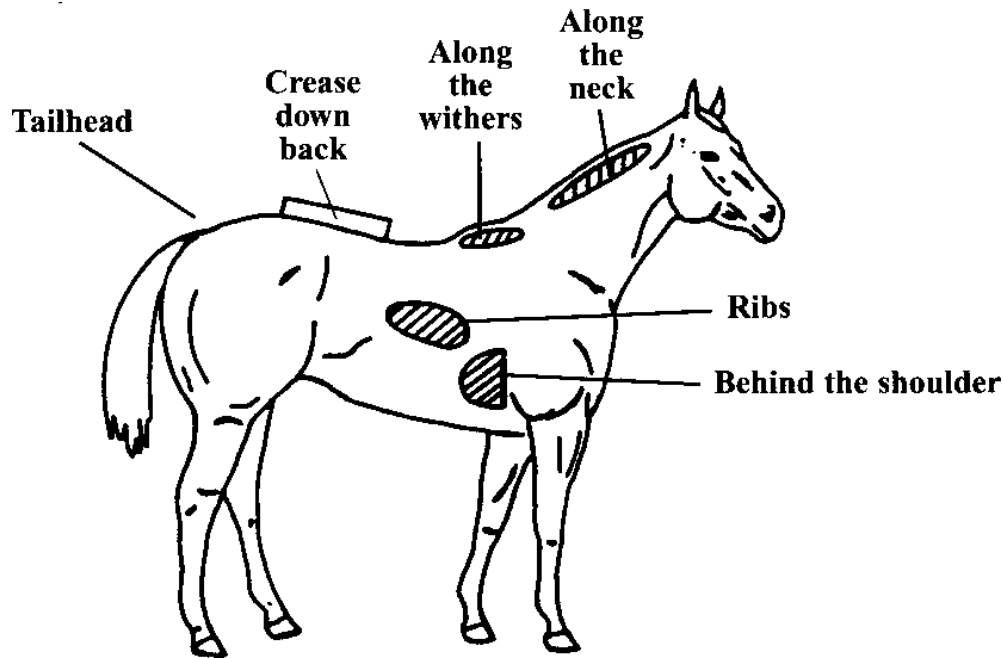
Class #9: Second Level and above - Test of Choice

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Placing</u>
J. Rossetti	Oliver(2 nd 1)	58.157	1st
J. Rossetti	Oliver (2nd 4)	55.581	2nd
D. Armata	Ansatz (4th 1)	47.948	3rd
M. Horan	A. F. Debussy (2 nd 1)	42.368	4th



Body Condition Scorecard

This numerical condition scoring system provides a consistent measure of the degree of body fat in horses of various breeds and sizes.



Condition Score	Descriptions
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| 1. | Poor: Animal extremely emaciated. Spinous processes, ribs, tailhead and hooks and pins projecting prominently. Bone structure of withers, shoulders and neck easily noticeable. No fatty tissues can be felt. |
| 2. | Very thin: Animal emaciated. Slight fat covering over base of spinous processes, transverse processes of lumbar vertebrae feel rounded. Spinous processes, ribs, tailhead and hooks and pins prominent. Withers, shoulders and neck structures faintly discernible. |
| 3. | Thin: Fat build-up about halfway on spinous processes, transverse processes cannot be felt. Slight fat cover over ribs. Spinous processes and ribs easily discernible. Tailhead prominent, but individual vertebrae cannot be visually identified. Hook bones appear rounded, but easily discernible. Pin bones not distinguishable. Withers, shoulders and neck accentuated. |
| 4. | Moderately thin: Negative crease along back. Faint outline of ribs discernible. Tailhead prominence depends on conformation, fat can be felt around it. Hook bones not discernible. Withers, shoulders and neck not obviously thin. |
| 5. | Moderate: Back level. Ribs cannot be visually distinguished but can be easily felt. Fat around tailhead beginning to feel spongy. Withers appear rounded over spinous processes. Shoulders and neck blend smoothly into body. |
| 6. | Moderate to fleshy: May have a slight crease down back. Fat over ribs feels spongy. Fat around tailhead feels soft. Fat beginning to be deposited along the sides of the withers, behind the shoulders and along the sides of the neck. |
| 7. | Fleshy: May have crease down back. Individual ribs can be felt, but noticeable filling between ribs with fat. Fat around tailhead is soft. Fat deposited along withers, behind shoulders and along the neck. |
| 8. | Fat: Crease down back. Difficult to feel ribs. Fat around tailhead very soft. Area along withers filled with fat. Area behind shoulder filled in flush. Noticeable thickening of neck. Fat deposited along inner buttocks. |
| 9. | Extremely fat: Obvious crease down back. Patch fat appearing over ribs. Bulging fat around tailhead, along withers, behind shoulders and along neck. Fat along inner buttocks may rub together. Flank filled in flush. |

Recommendations for Assigning Scores

Scoring is based on visual appraisal and handling (particularly in scoring horses with long hair) of horses. Conformation differences between breeds or types do not affect scoring when all criteria are applied. Muscle tone should not be confused with fatness. Scores can be assigned in half-point increments.

Opening Date: July 1, 1999

Closing Date: July 16, 1999

Sunday, August 1, 1999

**Connecticut Dressage Association
Summer Schooling Show, Jr/YR Fundraiser
Cloverlea Farm
266 Route 67, Columbia, CT 06237**

Secretary:

**Judge: Betty Thorpe (r) MD
Pam Bilodeau/Penny Hawes
556 South Plains Rd., Litchfield, CT 06759
860 567-1441**

Class List:

USDF 1996 Introductory Tests 1-2.
AHSA 1999 Training 1-4.
AHSA 1999 First 1-4.
AHSA 1999 Second and above-State test to be ridden.
AHSA 1998 Combined Novice Tests A & B.
AHSA 1998 Combined Training Tests A & B.
AHSA 1998 Combined Preliminary Tests A & B.
AHSA 1998 Combined Intermediate and above-state test to be ridden.
Dressage Equitation.

Fees:

CDA members \$15 per class.
Non-members \$25 per test.
Number deposit \$1
Checks payable to CDA.
No refunds after closing date.

Awards:

Up to six ribbons awarded in each class.

Rules:

Number of rides per horse/rider combination may be limited to two. State two preferred tests first on application. Current negative Coggins within 12 months is mandatory and must accompany entry. All competitors must wear hard hats. Classes may be combined, split, or canceled at the discretion of management. Family pets not allowed on the premises. CDA thanks Cloverlea Farm for the use of its facility. Please treat the grounds as you would your own property. Place all trash in designated containers; no alcohol, please.

Times:

Call show secretary only if you have not received your times by the Friday before the competition.

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

John Gordon
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Waterbury, CT 06708-3903

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They can be Emailed to me at ct_dress_assn@geocities.com

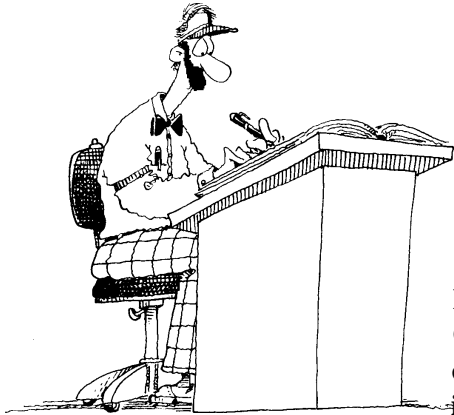
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Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

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

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 1998 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



*Twilight gathers and ends our play,
Hoofs in the distance echo away;
Shadows into the dusk we pass...
Come what may, we have had our day
Over the grass.*

Will H. Ogilvie
1869 Over The Grass



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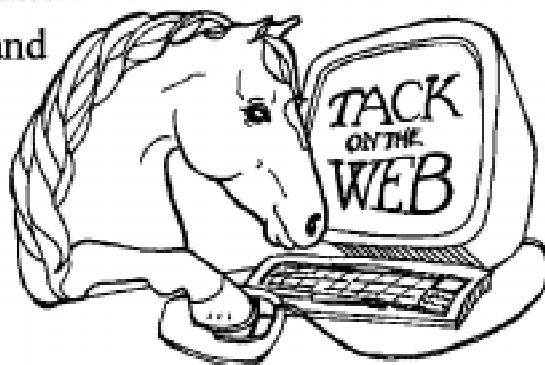
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