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September's President's Message

It does not seem possible that summer is coming to a close. The *Centerline* took a month off and so did the board. When you get this message the Region 8 Championships will be over, final shows will be within days of occurring, and we all will be preparing for the winter.

Bad NEWS! Our editor was badly injured when a horse kicked him in the knee. John has been sitting out the summer and hopes to back in the saddle in 6-8 weeks. Bummer! This did not stop him from showing me the front page of the newsletter at the board meeting saying, again, I need you to fill it. Of course, since I am the Show Manager for the Ox Ridge Show in three weeks, I knew I could write forever. HA! I did think about putting a large picture of my greatest news that happened this summer! After 9 months of looking, vetting several horses, and having several disappointments, I have found a horse. I am ssssoooo very happy to be back into the saddle on a regular base. But I have no picture yet; hence, you will all have to wait to see him in the show ring.

Getting back to CDA, the board meets, make decisions, and go off for another month usually each with a job to get done. I thought I would take time to let you know that CDA gives money to other organizations to show support. This money is from your membership dues, and show profits. This year we have given to each of the following: the Hooved Animal Humane Society, High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, and Animal Humane Society. At the last meeting, we voted to give to Ginny Devlin who rescued a horse, called Amadeus with lots of vet bills, from owner neglect. We all should recognize Amadeus 's name. He was a famous Jumper. At 24 year old, the horse is beautiful and has been restored to health. The board also voted to give to the Ox Ridge Summer Dressage Show, which is also the Region 8 Championship and a benefit to the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Several GMOs have contributed to support the Region's largest function and great benefit. CDA being so active in the region wanted to take part. So we give almost a \$1000 each year to these types of associations. You should be proud as a CDA member!

The second schooling was a huge success. The CDA's Jr/YR ran the show under the direction of Pam Bilodeau. I want to thank all the volunteers, Pam and of course, the parents who had to get up early to get their child to the show. Great Job! One more schooling show on September 26 at Once Again Farm. See you all there!

Our next board meeting is September 14 at 7:30pm at Fern's and the main topic is election of officers, Omnibus, and planning for 2000. Busy, busy meeting and we could use your help.

See you on the centerline....

Debra

1999 CALENDAR

September 11, 1999
Region 8 Jr/YR Regional Championships
Ox Ridge Hunt Club
Fern Feldman
203 272-0711.

September 12, 1999
Schooling Horse Trials
River Farms
Pauline Schenck
860-676-0122

September 15, 1999
Dressage in the Litchfield Hills
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
860 567-1441.

September 26, 1999
CDA's Fall Schooling Show
Scholarship Fundraiser.
Once Again Farm
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441

September 26, 1999
Schooling Dressage and Horse Trials
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Deb Moynihan
203-393-3253

October 2, 1999
Dressage Schooling Show
Fox Cliff Farm
Lisa Smithers
860-653-0288

October 3, 1999
Schooling Horse Trials
River Farms
Pauline Schenck
860-676-0122

October 10, 1999
Dressage in the Litchfield Hills
Schooling Show
The Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
(860) 567-1441.

October 17, 1999
CDCTA/USDF League Dressage Show
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Deb Moynihan
203-393-3253

Oct./Nov.
CDA Jr/YR Incentive Clinic
with Chris Hickey.
Pam Bilodeau 860-585-8693
Jen Baumert 860-228-9242.

USDF Names Development Director

USDF has established a new Development Director position to administer fund-raising campaigns for the only national non-profit membership organization devoted exclusively to the sport of dressage.

The USDF Development Committee chaired by Margee Koffler, KY, headed the search and reviewed over 100 applications. The person chosen for the position is no stranger to USDF. Kindra Wilson, formerly Kindra Smith, was previously employed by USDF as a Program Coordinator. Now residing in Kansas City, KS, Wilson will telecommute.

"We are excited about this new position and are very confident with Kindra.

She knows the members, she knows the programs and she is a dressage rider. Her public relations degree, her USDF background, and recent experience in banking and finance combine to make her an outstanding candidate for this position," said Koffler.

As Development Director, Kindra will be working with the Development Committee to establish annual giving goals and develop giving programs. She will also oversee the Circle of Friends campaign, planned giving, as well as the new Educational Endowment Fund, which was established last year with a \$125,000 bequest.

Kindra can be reached by calling the USDF office 402/434-8550 or email USDFKindra@aol.com.

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USDF Advanced Young Riders Clinic Series Continues with Conrad Schumacher

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announces the return of Conrad Schumacher of Germany as the clinician for a series of Advanced Young Rider clinics. Held in five locations throughout the country, this unique program offers top European training to riders who may one day represent the United States in international competition. Auditors are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Schumacher has trained European Young Rider Championship First place team and Individual medal winners Thomas Losch, Sebastian Heinemann, Sven Rothenberger, Anja Ploenzke and Oliver Klinnert from 1979 through 1989. He also trained European Championship, World Championship and Olympic riders Ellen Bontje, Sven Rothenberger and Gonnellen Rothenberger. Most recently Mr. Schumacher coached Sven and Gonnellen Rothenberger to their Silver medal team finish and Sven to his Individual Bronze medal in the 1996 Olympics. Mr. Schumacher's students have won 37 international medals.

Locations and Dates

Pacific Northwest - Oct. 8-10, Issaquah, Washington
West Coast - Oct. 12-14, Highland, California
Central States - Oct. 15-17, Wadsworth, Illinois
East Coast - Oct. 19-21, Bedford, New York
Rocky Mountain - Dec. 6-8, Parker, Colorado

The clinics are run as a three-day intensive learning program. Mr. Schumacher will work with the young riders in private lessons on all three days of the clinic. When not riding, participants watch and learn from Mr Schumacher as he instructs others and explains his methods. One or two lectures will also be featured in the clinics.

Auditors are welcome, and daily auditor rates are available. The clinics are an unparalleled opportunity to learn from one of the master trainers of today. Both juniors and adults are welcome.

Auditors have several options to choose from: \$70 for all three days, \$30 per day. Group discounts are available. To register as either an auditor or rider, contact USDF at 402/434-8550, fax: 402/434-8570, or email at: usdressage@navix.net

For more information about dressage or the USDF Advanced Young Rider clinic series, contact USDF; P.O. Box 6669; Lincoln, NE 68506 402/434-8550 Fax:

402/434-8570 e-mail: usdressage@navix.net, or see the USDF web site at www.usdf.org.

Opening Date: August 26, 1999

Closing Date: September 13, 1999

Sunday, September 26, 1999

**Connecticut Dressage Association
Fall Schooling Show**

**Once Again Farm,
750 Allen Av., Meriden, CT 06451**

**Judge: Claudia Tarlov (L) CT
Secretary: Penny Hawes
556 So. Plains Road, 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 Once Again 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.
- Directions:** *From I-91 North:* Take exit 17 to 691 West. Take Exit 4 off 691W. Turn left at the end of ramp. ****Turn right** onto third residential street, Gwen Road. At the end of Gwen Rd. turn right onto Johnson Ave. Take the first left onto Finch Ave. Go 7/10 miles on Finch to Allen Avenue, turn left. Once Again Farm is 100 feet ahead on the right. *From I-91 South:* Take Exit 18 onto 691 West. Then follow directions from I-91 North. *From I-84 East and West:* Take Exit 27 onto 691. Take Exit 4; at end of ramp, turn right. Then follow directions from I-91 beginning with ******

Sunday, August 1, 1999

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

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

SHOW RESULTS**INTRO TEST 1 & INTRO TEST 2**

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Janice Callahan	UC Curtain call	61.05	1
Jeryl O'Keefe	Zoe	60.53	2
Patricia Gilbert	Sweet Music Man	49.47	3
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TRAINING LEVEL TEST 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jeryl O'Keefe	Zoe	64.55	1
Jennifer Bagley	Cider	60	2
Corrie Harreys	Poncho	59.09	3
Janice Callahan	UC Curtain call	57.73	4
Debbie Murphy	Shadow Dancer	55.45	5

Shannon O'Keefe JR/YR	Irish Treasure	62.73	1
Victoria Valenti JR/YR	Touch A Gray	59.09	2
Anna Pederson JR/YR	Milmar's Sweet Serenity	52.29	3

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jennifer Bagley	Cider	64.58	1
Corrie Harreys	Poncho	63.33	2
Kathleen Lachance	All My Nerves	54.17	3

Shannon O'Keefe JR/YR	Irish Treasure	64.17	1 Tie
Sarah Bouckoms JR/YR	Wee Willy Winky	64.17	1 Tie
Victoria Valenti JR/YR	Never Embrace	61.25	2
Victoria Valenti JR/YR	Touch A Gray	54.58	3
Anna Pederson JR/YR	Milmar's Sweet Serenity	52.29	4

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Vicky Sherraden	Neapolitano Bonamia	60	1
Kathleen Lachance	All My Nerves	58.85	2

Victoria Valenti JR/YR	Never Embrace	59.62	1
Sarah Bouckoms JR/YR	Wee Willy Winky	57.31	2

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Vicky Sherraden	Neapolitano Bonamia	65.6	1

COMBINED NOVICE TEST A

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Carolyn McEvitt	CKC Katie	45	1

COMBINED NOVICE TEST B

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Paula Donahue	Andrew	35	1
Carolyn McEvitt	CKC Katie	51	2

FIRST LEVEL TEST 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Paula Donahue	Andrew	60.36	1
Marty Astmann	After The Fox	53.57	2

Elena McSherry JR/YR	Bold Tobit	67.14	1
Adria Peerson JR/YR	Gideon	61.79	2
Jaqueline Cloud JR/YR	Starks Tegwch	61.09	3

FIRST LEVEL TEST 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Marty Astmann	After The Fox	53.23	1

Jaqueline Cloud JR/YR	Starks Tegwch	63.23	1
Adria Peerson JR/YR	Gideon	60.97	2

FIRST LEVEL TEST 3

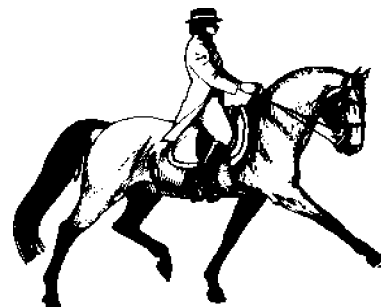
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Elena McSherry JR/YR	Bold Tobit	62.85	1

FIRST LEVEL TEST 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Meegan Horan JR/YR	A.F. Debassy	48.52	1

SECOND LEVEL TEST 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Meegan Horan	A.F. Debassy	46.58	1



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-Unknown

Region 8 Report

I am delighted to let you know that the two Region 8 Advanced Young Riders teamed up with another two from Region 9 and the combined team came in an impressive fourth in the team competition of the North American Young Rider Championships. Our riders-Anne Barbarick and Amber Walker- rode with Kristin Wasemiller and Nyssa Wittliff from Region 9.

Kristin received the silver medal as an individual, and her impressive 68.1 on the team test certainly benefited her teammates. Amber rode Rabelais and Anne rode Evident. Mary Howard went as the chef d'equipe.

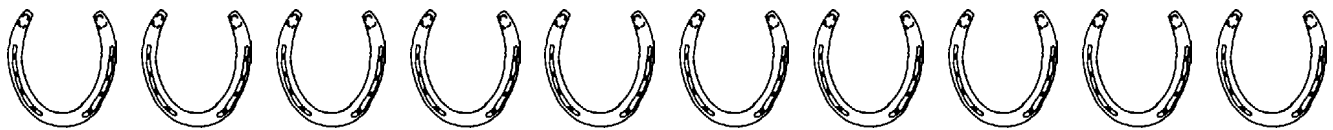
Thanks to the generosity of NEDA, \$1000.00 was donated to our Region 8 team to defray some of their travel expenses. The money had been raised by NEDA in their junior/young rider clinics, and originally, they had planned that half would go to the team and half to their GMO. Their generosity should be noted, however, as the total amount was given to the 2 girls. NEDA has indicated that the success of these clinics was such that they will again be planned for next year. The clinicians donated their services for this program.

The following GMO's—NEDA, Connecticut Dressage Association, and Heritage Dressage Association—have all contributed to the ABIG/USDF Region 8 Championships held August 27th-29th at the Ox Ridge Hunt Club, Darien, CT. Debbie and Steve Reinhardt, manager and secretary, were thrilled with the donations of \$500.00, \$250.00, and \$250.00, respectively. Hopefully, these donations along with others contributed by individuals, businesses, and dressage barns, etc. will enable the show to be successful and give a nice contribution to the beneficiary, NARHA. I will certainly report all that information to you following the show.

Also at Ox Ridge Hunt Club on September 11, 1999 is Lendon Gray's Junior/Young Rider Northeast Dressage Championships. I hope that a good number of you will be there, as this promises to be quite a spectacular event. This, too, has garnered incredible support and sponsorship, as "kids" seem always to be an "easy sell." I'll keep you posted.

Fern Feldman

USDF Region 8 Director



CDA JR/YR RAFFLE

3 GREAT PRIZES ARE BEING RAFFLED OFF

- 1) One free lesson with Jennifer Baumert
- 2) One free equine trigger point myotherapy treatment by Pam Bilodeau of "Talking Hands"
- 3) A \$50 gift certificate from Fox Ledge tack shop

The tickets will be sold at the CDA fall schooling show at Once Again Farm in Meridan on September 26, or call Pam Bilodeau at 860-585-8693 or e-mail at takhads@aol.com

The cost of the tickets are 1/\$2.00 or 3/\$5.00

The drawing for the prizes will be September 26 at the end of the show.

So come show your support for the CDA JR/YR's

FINAL SALUTE



Dr. Reiner Klimke, one of the world's greatest horsemen, and winner of the most Olympic medals in any equestrian discipline ever, passed away in his sleep on the morning of August 17th in Munster, Germany during a second and fatal heart attack.

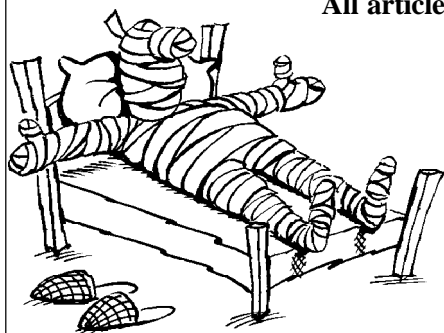
Dr. Klimke suffered the first heart attack on the train while traveling from his home in Munster to a meeting in Bonn, Germany on August 10th. Due to the emergency care provided to Dr. Klimke by a physician who happened to be present in the same train car, Dr. Klimke survived the initial attack, even despite the fact that over a half-hour elapsed before he was able to be transported to a hospital. Physicians had been very positive about Dr. Klimke's recovery, and had just recently stated that he would be able to return home soon. When informed that he would be going home later this week, Dr. Klimke humorously had replied that "he would therefore work only half a day on Sunday."

Biotop, Dr. Klimke's current Grand Prix horse, had been entered in a dressage show in Riesenbeck this past weekend. After Dr. Klimke had been stabilized and became cognizant, he insisted that his daughter Ingrid, current German National Three Day Champion, ride the horse in the competition. Biotop, ridden therefore by his daughter, Ingrid Klimke, went on to win both the Grand Prix and the Grand Prix Special.

Klaus Balkenhal, head of the German Dressage Team, said, "His loss to riding is beyond belief. He was our model—a horseman through and through—always fair to the other competitors and their horses. He was a person who should have contributed to the riding world for another 20 to 25 years."

A memorial service was held on Friday, August 20th in a large stadium in downtown Munster, allowing the many thousands of Dr. Klimke's admirers and disciples to take part in the farewell to the beloved German rider, trainer and competitor. Those wishing to send condolences directly to Dr. Klimke's family may do so by going to his symposium's web site at <http://www.klimke.com/>, where addresses and further information is posted.

A very nice Thoroughbred gelding available to ride or lease with option to buy. Needs a gentle, experienced rider who values slow training. 14 yrs., 16.1 hands, chestnut, sensitive, sound, show lightly at Training and 1st level. Matching him with right person is priority. Phone - 203-938-2390.



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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

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