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September President's Message

Well, nobody said being president would be easy. Guess I missed the fine print in the job description. Everyone is being very supportive as I learn the ropes and get up to speed. I will be looking to you for more guidance as we continue to grow.

August 6, 2000, Westbrook Hunt Club Schooling Show. First off, thank you very much to all of you for all of your help and patience that day. Someone had managed to take down the dressage arena between late Saturday and early Sunday morning. Not the best way to start off a schooling show day. So with help from all, we set up the arena and got off to a bit of a late start. But the weather was nice after all the rain we have had, and everyone had fun.

Next up on the CDA's agenda is the September 24 Schooling Show at Once Again Farm in Meriden, CT. Opening date for entries was August 24. Pam Bilodeau is the show secretary and can be reached at 860.585.8693 or takhads@aol.com. We are always looking for volunteers to help us out. Please contact Pam even if you only have a few hours of time to donate. Hope to see you all there.

And what else is going on? Well you can check it out on the web! John Gordon does a great job of maintaining our site. Go to http://www.geocities.com/~ct_dress_assn/ for all the latest and greatest information, show results, forms and much more!

And by the time you read this, the Region 8 Championships will have occurred August 25-27, 2000. Check these stats out...370 horse/rider combinations, 350 horses stabled, and 1100 rides over three days. What can one say about that except WOW! Once again this year, like last, the CDA board voted to give the Ox Ridge Summer Dressage Summer Show hosting the ABIC/USDF Region 8 Dressage Championship and a benefit for the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, NARHA a sponsorship donation of \$250.00 on behalf of the Connecticut Dressage Association.

It was nice to see some new faces join us at the last board meeting. Maybe word is getting out how great Fern's cooking is. Please come and join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, September 13 at 7:30pm at Fern's house where some of the topics will include the September 24 Schooling Show, L Program and the Omnibus 2001. Don't let those topics scare you off. We also have fun, swap stories, educational information and a lot more! Looking forward to meeting you.

Corrie

GMO

For those who attended the Region 8 Symposium on July 6-7, 2000 at Gleneden Dressage in Bedford, NY with Lendon Gray and Lilo Fore, thanks for coming. We offered evaluations to auditors and received a good many back. The response was fabulous, with some minor but accurate criticisms of the audio: when Lilo and Lendon were each conducting a session simultaneously, no microphones could be used. That meant that it was a bit more difficult to hear all that each had to say.

One organizational issue over which we had no control: the weather. Here it was, early July; it could have been hot, humid, pouring, a million degrees. Instead, we had crystal clear skies and comfortable weather. Sheer luck. A highlight: the rapport between Lilo and Lendon. They shared, they worked independently, they followed one another. It did not matter. Their philosophies and approaches to the material at hand were so similar, that they practically finished each other's sentences. The topic: Basic Building Blocks—enabled them to use the German training scale as they approached each session. For example, they showed how to teach the rider to do shoulder-in, and (with a different combination of horse and rider) they showed how to teach the horse shoulder-in. Another highlight, certainly, was having a working student who had never done a canter pirouette execute a credible one by the end of the session. The audience applauded the pair's efforts. The advantage to having two such experts was that they were able to divide the audience into students and teachers, and conduct different sessions geared to each. Another complaint: everyone wanted to hear both!

True to life (and to barns everywhere), the demo horses and riders represented all ages (4-18), levels and breeds. There were warmbloods, thoroughbreds, Arabians, etc.; there were beginner, intermediate and advanced riders. A highlight at the end of each day were Suzy Dutta (first day) and Courtney King (second day) doing their musical freestyles—just to send us home with beautiful pictures to remember. But, truly, it was two days of learning that the German training scale, when followed in principle and correctly, produces horses and riders that are a pleasure to watch, specifically because they are working together in a comfortable and correct manner.

And the best news: May 12-13, 2001 will be Lilo Fore and Lendon Gray with Basic Building Blocks II: Show and Tell. Lilo and Lendon will again use their expertise as rider, trainer and judge to educate the amateur, the trainer, and the competitor. Note that it's a week-end next time—we try to accommodate! So, plan ahead!

Fern Feldman
Region 8 Director

2000 CALENDAR

August 6

CDA Dressage Schooling Show
Westbrook Hunt Club
Pam Bilodeau
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August 13

Three Phase Farm,
Brewster NY 10509
Marybeth Gordon 914-248-7136

August 19-20

Northeast Jr/Yr Championships
Ox Ridge Hunt Club

August 25-27

Region 8 Championships
Ox Ridge Hunt Club

September 10

Adult Team Competition
Letter Perfect Farm
Uxbridge, Ma
Kelli Mason
508-278-9905

September 10

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

September 24

CDA Dressage Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Pam Bilodeau
860-585-8693
takhads@aol.com

October 15

Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441

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To GMO's:

It rained a lot in Aachen, Germany, but we simply wore the same outfits for a week. We didn't care. We were there to see, not be seen. We watched some of the world's best, but became accustomed to noticing differences among them. Beautiful horses all, but some more beautiful than others. Just like at home—except on a higher scale!

A highlight of the trip was "listen and learn" with Dr. Joseph Knipp (thanks to Beth Baumert's efforts and USDF support). Dr. Knipp definitely wanted the rider's thumbs upright—otherwise, the criticism was that the rider was "too hard on the horse's mouth." If he felt that a rider was too strong with his or her hands, he pointed out that the horse will evade by pushing his quarters to the side. He liked a horse that looked "steady and safe on the bit." His explanation of a good walk: "the front leg waits until the hind leg kicks it away." (What a clear image that is!) He described the walk as a "marching pace" the trot as a "swinging pace" and the canter as a "springing pace." He said, "Extension has nothing to do with riding with speed; and collection has nothing to do with riding slowly." And finally, in going from canter to walk, "immediately the horse takes the rhythm of the walk and the seat and the weight of the rider."

It was wonderful to see Isabell Werth and the 17 year old Gigolo. We watched Michael Klimke, Kyra Kyrklund, Louise Nathorst, Rudolf Zeilinger, Margit Otto Crepin, Lars Petersen, Karin Rehbein, Monica Theodorescu, and Americans: Carrie Schopf and Lisa Wilcox. Hubertus Schmidt—not well-known to most of us—seemed to be our favorite. What an amazing catalog of names.

On the last day, a small group of us traveled the short distance to Belgium to watch a CDI for ponies, juniors and young riders. An interesting sight. First of all the site was the parking lot (!) in front of a castle. They had taken some flooring, added some footing that was impossible to determine because of the rain, and put up a temporary dressage arena. There was even a sump pump working on the side, trying to pump out the water. And, like a true dressage event here, the spectators were few (but the weather was truly abominable.) These kids and their mounts were great. There was no warm-up area, so the class was allowed to warm up in the arena for about 15-20 minutes, all but one exited, and the class began. As one finished, the next entry came back in, rode around again for a few minutes, waited for the bell, and then simply came up the center line. The judges' boxes were literally on top of the arena, and the judge had to stand up and lean over to see the halt, rein-back at C. We were not able to stay long, but saw excellent ponies and riders who seemed extremely comfortable with the competitive scene. A nice touch: to hear various national anthems played honoring the first place winner's country.

Dr. Knipp will, of course, be coming to NEDA the first week-end of November and it will also be the NEDA and Region 8 Annual Meetings. I encourage all to attend, as his knowledge and expertise should make for an excellent educational opportunity.

Fern Feldman

Region 8 Director

Again the early-morning sun was generous with its warmth. All the sounds dear to a horseman were around me - the snort of the horses as they leared their throats, the gentle swish of their tails, the tinkle of the irons as we flung the saddles over their backs - little sounds of no importance, but they stay in the unconscious library of the memory.

Wynfors Vaughan

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show, Jr/YR Fundraiser

Sunday, August 6, 2000

Westbrook Hunt Club

Judge: Dee Loveless "r"

Secretary: Pam Bilodeau

145 Mine Road

Bristol, CT 06010

860-585-8693

e-mail: takhads@aol.com

Show Results

INTRO TEST 1

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Bernadette Keyes	Savoir Faire	66.32	1
Kathleen Marchant	Zachary	65.79	2
Diane Morrison	Pompee	63.16	3
Stephanie Sittnick	Andy	61.58	4

INTRO TEST 2

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Bernadette Keyes	Savoir Faire	68.95	1
Diane Morrison	Pompee	65.26	2
Stephanie Sittnick	Andy	65.26	3
Kathleen Marchant	Zachary	64.47	4

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 2

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Cheryl Mattewson	Pompee	67.5	1
Gretchen Geromin	Nietszche	65.42	2
Kristy Murning	Shoam	62.92	3
Robin Cassella	Holiday	59.17	4
Susan Brewster	Oak Lawns Eve	52.5	5
Jamison Wallace	Differentiate	50.83	6

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 1

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Cheryl Mattewson	Pompee	71.82	1
Robin Cassella	Holiday	57.73	2

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 3

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Gretchen Geromin	Nietszche	63.08	1
Tracy Hall-Britt	Jazz	61.15	2
Kristy Murning	Shoam	61.15	3
Susan Brewster	Oak Lawns Eve	57.69	4
Jamison Wallace	Differentiate	50.38	5

TRAINING LEVEL TEST 4

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Tracy Hall-Britt	Jazz	60	1

FIRST LEVEL TEST 1

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Casey Del Conte	Ham	63.57	1

FIRST LEVEL TEST 2

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Megan Horan	A.F. Debussy	50.88	4

FIRST LEVEL TEST 4

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Casey Del Conte	Ham	62.65	1
Sandy Rabinowitz	Stryker	59.41	2
Megan Horan	A.F. Debussy	54.52	3

FOURTH LEVEL TEST 3

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Laurie Sigfridson	Capella	60.95	1

SECOND LEVEL TEST 1

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Sandy Rabinowitz	Stryker	62.11	1
Alison Corey	Night Court	58.68	2
Sarah Matters	Tia	57.63	3

SECOND LEVEL TEST 2

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Alison Corey	Night Court	62.5	1
Sarah Matters	Tia	59.44	2

PRIX ST GEORGE

Rider	Horse	Score	Placing
Laurie Sigfridson	Capella	61.5	1

The CDA schooling show at Westbrook Hunt club had started with a bit of an obstacle, the ring was accidentally taken down, so when Corrie Harreys and Pam Bilodeau arrived there in the morning, there was no ring. But there is a good thing that did come out of this! CDA showed its true colors as a organization that works together as a team! There was such an abundance of people willing to help (CDA members and non-members) they were jumping right in to help us out. I really must commend Dee Loveless for everything she did! Dee just rolled up her sleeves and started helping us out. I want to thank everyone for being so helpful and patient! The rest of the show did run smoothly.

We did have the judging of the Jr/Yr run photo contest. All the competitors and spectators of the show were the judges. We had three winners. The first place went to Pam Bilodeau, second place was Kari Allen, and we had a tie for third place between Desiree' Bilodeau and Christine Cataldo.

Congratulations everyone!

The next CDA schooling show is on September 24 at Once Again Farm in Meriden. I hope to see you then!

Pam Bilodeau

Opening Date: August 24, 2000

Closing Date: September 18, 2000

Sunday, September 24, 2000

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

Once Again Farm

750 Allen Ave, Meriden, CT 06451
Judge: Ann Villani "L"
Secretary: Pam Bilodeau
145 Mine Road
Bristol, CT 06010
860-585-8693
e-mail: takhads@aol.com

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 the show secretary the Friday evening before the show between 6 - 9 pm or email ctrackrite@aol.com to have the schedule emailed to you.

Directions: From 1-91 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 1-91 South: Take Exit 18 onto 691 West. Then follow directions from 1-91 North. From 1-84 East and West: Take Exit 27 onto 691. Take Exit 4; at end of ramp, turn right. Then follow directions from 1-91 beginning with **

The horse, the noblest, bravest, proudest, most courageous, and certainly the most perverse and infuriating animal that humans ever domesticated.

*Anne McCaffrey
The Lady (1987)*

2000 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 placing 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 2000 will participate in our new, improved program!

Here are the revised guidelines we will implement in 2000:

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.

2000 Connecticut Dressage Association Recognized Competition Awards Score Report

Qualification Criteria (Please refer to 2000 CDA Omnibus for complete details.)

- Eligible Shows: 2000 AHSA Recognized Dressage Competitions.
- Rider AND owner must be CDA members prior to earning scores. Leased horses eligible.
- Same horse/rider combination per level. Championships may not be earned by the same horse/rider combo more than twice at the same level.
- Five scores at same test level from three different shows. Three different judges and at least five tests. Tests need not be highest tests in level, but scores from different levels may not be combined for the same award.
- Minimum score must be at least 52% for Training through Fourth, and 50% for FEI. Only the top five highest scores will be averaged to determine award placing. FEI classes with more than one judge may have scores averaged to count as one score.

Rider's Name _____ Adult() Junior()

Address _____

Telephone/Fax/e-mail _____

Horse's Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____

Competition Level for Award Purposes (e.g. Training, First, etc.) _____

Show Name And Location	Date	Level/Test #	Score Percent	Judge's Name

Average of top five scores: _____

Certification that this is a true report: Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Junior) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's Year-End Recognized Competition Award criteria.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit this form to Patricia Sheeran, 6 Gale Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 by November 1, 2000. Please do not send copies of tests!

2000 Connecticut Dressage Association Year-End Schooling Competition Awards Score Report

Qualification Criteria (Please refer to 2000 CDA Omnibus for complete details.)

- Eligible Shows: CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows; USDF League Competitions; Other Schooling Shows whose Prize Lists are published in the 2000 CDA Omnibus.
- Rider must be CDA member prior to earning scores.
- Same horse/rider combination per level. Championships may not be earned by the same horse/rider combo more than twice at the same level.
- Three scores at same test level from two different shows. Two different judges. One score must be from a CDA Schooling Show.
- Minimum score must be at least 50%. Only the top three highest scores will be averaged to determine award placing.

Rider's Name _____ Adult() Junior()

Address _____

Telephone/Fax/e-mail _____

Horse's Name _____ Breed _____ Sex _____

Competition Level for Award Purposes (e.g. Intro, Training) _____

Show Name and Location	Date	2000 CDA Omnibus page #	Level/Test #	Score Percent	Judge's Name

Average of top three scores: _____

Certification that this is a true report: Your signature (or your parent's if you are a Junior) attests that these are accurate scores earned in accordance with CDA's Year-End Schooling Competition Award criteria.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit this form to Patricia Sheeran, 6 Gale Road, Bloomfield, CT 06002 by November 1, 2000. Please do not send copies of tests!

EQUINE EMERGENCIES (Part 3 of 3) **“What to do until the vet gets there...”**

*Dr. Laura Cannel and Dr. Katrina Altinajer
Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine*

LACERATION AND PUNCTURE WOUNDS

Symptoms:

bleeding
pus
swelling
pain, lameness

First Aid:

if excessive bleeding, apply pressure to stop
assess heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature
assess lameness, soreness, swelling, discharge
note location, size and depth
clip wound to fully visualize wound (apply sterile KY jelly to exposed tissues to prevent hair from sticking to the wound)
gently hose and scrub with betadine, rinse well and dry area
apply antibiotic ointment or spray to scrapes or abrasions
if on the lower leg, wrap with clean quilts or sheet cottons to keep the dirt out

Call Veterinarian: if there is a puncture through the skin over joints, tendons sheaths and bone,
if the skin edges of the wound can be separated
if there is bone, muscle, tendon, joint capsule or tendon sheath exposed
if there is any fresh or old wound with pronounced lameness, swelling or fever
if there is any doubt over the assessment of the wound
* a wound that appears small on the surface of the skin could be just the opening to a very deep, long puncture wound

Be able to tell the veterinarian when your horse received their last Tetanus vaccine.

BLEEDING

Symptoms:

a continuous flow of blood

First Aid:

apply pressure
if attempting to bandage a lower leg, do not apply too tight, make sure bandage is well padded so as not to injure tendons
assess heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature
try to keep horse calm

Call Veterinarian: if wound continues to bleed if wound needs suturing

HIVES

Allergic Reaction

Symptoms:

raised welts
itching

First Aid:

assess vital signs
bathe with gentle shampoo to remove possible irritants
bring into barn to get away from the flies
give bute or banamine after veterinary recommendation
give antihistamines after veterinary recommendation
give steroids after veterinary recommendation

Call Veterinarian: if signs of distress, i.e. increased respiratory rate, or difficulty breathing if bumps are not regressing or increasing in size

ACUTE EPISODE OF COPD

Heaves

Symptoms:

increased difficulty breathing
flared nostrils
increased respiratory rate
abdominal effort in breathing
extended neck anxious

First Aid:

if inside, bring out into the fresh air
if outside, bring in to a cool, well ventilated area
in summer, cool down with a sponge bath
assess heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature
give antihistamines after veterinary recommendation
give steroids after veterinary recommendation

Call Veterinarian: at the appearance of clinical signs

DYSTOCIA

Symptoms: second stage labor (delivery of foal) over 15 minutes

First Aid:

if fetal membranes appear first, tear them open so that the foal can be seen if you see two legs *and* a nose, you can apply gentle traction to the legs

Call Veterinarian:

If in labor over 15 minutes if you see just one leg two legs without a nose a nose without any legs one leg and a nose

RETAINED PLACENTA

Symptoms:

unpassed fetal membranes (third stage labor) over 3 hours

First Aid:

take whatever tissues are exposed and tie them in a knot if it hangs below the hocks so it will not be torn
assess heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature
walk or slowly jog the mare

Call Veterinarian: if the placenta is still retained after a total of 3 hours

if the mare's heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature are elevated
if the mucous membranes are not normal pink
if placenta tears or does not come out complete

I hope that the series on veterinary emergencies has been of value and interest to all of our readers. If you would like to download the entire series as one article, it will be available to you at the CDA website: http://www.geocities.com/~ct_dress_assn/. Just click on Vet. Emergencies in the CDA EXTRAS box.

John