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Young Rider European Program Postponed Due to FMD Uncertainties in Europe

LINCOLN, NE — Due to the ongoing crisis in Europe with Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and the uncertainty of what the summer may bring, the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and The Dressage Foundation (TDF) have announced the postponement of their joint Young Rider European Training and Education program for 2001. The summer program designed to broaden the understanding and experience of advanced young dressage riders planned to take a small group to stables and competitions in Germany and Holland. Assuming all animal health issues are resolved within the year, the program will resume in the summer of 2002.

Although Foot & Mouth Disease does not effect horses or humans, both can be carriers of the highly contagious viral disease of cattle, sheep, hogs, deer and other animals with cloven hooves. Access to farms in affected areas can be restricted or denied and extreme precautions, including laundering of all clothing and disinfecting of shoes and vehicles, must be taken when going from farm to farm. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommendations for those returning to a U.S. farm from farms in affected areas are unwieldy for those on a short tour.

“With FEI competitions being cancelled in several countries and the continuing spread of this disease into Europe, the committee voted to err on the side of caution in postponing the program for one year,” said John Boomer, President and CEO of The Dressage Foundation, which funds the program. “The possibility of the educational value of this experience being compromised by lack of easy access to training stables, or having to cancel the trip at the last minute after donor funds had been spent helped the committee make this hard decision.”

Plans will proceed for the 2002 program, with dates being announced by the end of the year. Because riders who turn 22 this year will have missed the opportunity to participate in the 2001 trip, the committee will look at including such riders as candidates next year.

For more information about this program and other programs of USDF and TDF, visit their websites at www.usdf.org and www.dressagefoundation.org.

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation made up of more than 31,000 members throughout all 50 states and serves as the national voice of the dressage community. Through volunteer directors, committee members and an office staff in Lincoln, Nebraska, USDF promotes dressage, provides education, and rewards excellence in dressage competition performance. Membership in USDF is achieved by joining one of the 129 affiliated dressage groups, or by joining USDF directly to receive additional benefits of membership. For more information, contact USDF at PO Box 6669; Lincoln, NE 68506, or call 402/434-8550, e-mail usdressage@usdf.org, or visit www.usdf.org.

The Dressage Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage. For more information contact the Foundation at 130 North Tenth, Lincoln, NE 68508; phone: 402/434-8585; or email to johnboomer@aol.com. Visit our website at www.dressagefoundation.org.

2001 CALENDAR

April 7/8

CDCTA
Saddle Fitting Clinics
with Master Saddler
David Young.
Ledyard CT (7th),
Guilford CT (8th)
Contact:
Judy (203) 888-3975
j.t.beliveau@worldnet.att.net

April 14

CDCTA
Riding to Music Clinic
Ann Guptill
Fox Ledge Farm
East Haddam CT,
ride/audit available.
Contact:
Kari (860) 535-0152
allenkl@groton.pfizer.com

April 22

CDCTA
Dressage Schooling Show
Babcock Hill Equestrian Center
Coventry, CT.
Aimee Kraaijvanger (L) judge.
Contact
Deb
(860) 646-8841 for entry info
djmoynihan@snet.net

May 6

CDA Dressage Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748
BlanchardN_E@msn.com

May 12

Clinic with Gunnar Ostergaard
Deerwood Farm
Chester, VT
Rebecca Schurink
(413) 253-7216.

June 2 & 3

CDA Spring Competition
Ox Ridge Hunt Club
Steve Reinhardt
203-264-2148

August 5

CDA Dressage Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Alix Szepesi
203-266-5834
alixszep@msn.com

September 23

CDA Dressage Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Pam Bilodeau
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To all Region 8 GMOs

Suddenly calendars are getting filled up with weekend activities as the weather improves. Whether you are going to clinics, shows, trail rides, lessons, etc., it seems that our busy lives have just gotten busier. As always, I encourage you to support your local GMO activities and those of our region. Please plan on attending our Region 8 Symposium, **SHOW AND TELL WITH LILO AND LENDON**, which is taking place on May 11-12, 2001. (Contact me for info!). I know it's Mother's Day (sorry—the only available weekend it was!), but why not ask your family to have that be your special treat—an excellent educational opportunity for you. (Please see page 6 of this issue for more information about the Symposium).

I have received Omnibuses from both NEDA (New England) and from WNYDA (Western New York). Both contain listings of recognized shows. In fact, WNYDA lists 8 USDF/AHSA recognized shows, and NEDA lists 23 of them—not bad for our region. If you need info on the NEDA Omnibus, contact Pres. Sybille Crafts (508-746-9675) or Kathy Hickerson, Membership Services Coordinator, 603-673-4344. For the WNYDA Omnibus, contact Kit Jones, 716-442-0686, kjone77@frontiernet.net. In addition, Region 1's Omnibus can be obtained by contacting Goals Unlimited, c/o Hilltop Farm, 1089 Nesbitt Rd., Colora, MD 21917.

Region 8 is in need of someone who is willing to put together a newsletter that is mailed 2-4 times a year to PM's. This is coordinated by you, but printed and mailed through the USDF office. My former newsletter editor, Suzy Fraser, is, unfortunately, swamped with work presently, and can't continue. Are you or someone you know available? Please contact me ASAP! Thanks.

If you are either a junior or a young rider, remember all that you have available to you this summer. NEDA is conducting special clinics, as is Gleneden Dressage/Ann Pereira, organizer. There are the Cosequin Junior Dressage Team Championships, the FEI North American Junior Dressage Championships, the North American Advanced Young Rider Dressage Championships, and, of course, the Northeast Junior/Young Rider Dressage Championships at Ox Ridge, Darien, CT on August 18-19, 2001. Any questions hurry and call, as you should not want to miss out on these fabulous opportunities.

Last year's Adult Team Competition was held in September, and will be again. This event, organized by Kelli Mason, was a wonderful success. For further information, contact Kelli, kelferm@aol.com.

At last year's NEDA/Region 8 Annual Meetings, I was asked about the dispute between AHSA and USET. My response was that we should follow with interest all that is going on, but that our individual opinions probably do not have much sway with either organization. That sounded rather callous then, but unfortunately, I believe that is still quite true. We have had the opportunity to follow the dispute both in our horse publications and also on the web, and it has certainly gotten bitter. People I respect have tried to persuade me that their opinions are correct—for both sides, albeit more for the AHSA's proposal. Either way, the outcome will certainly affect USDF. My main hope: that the final decision made by the USOC is truly accepted by both organizations without further lawsuits and delay. Again, if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Fern
Region 8 Director

Opening Date: April 6, 2001

Closing Date: April 30, 2001

Sunday, May 6, 2001

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

Once Again Farm

750 Allen Ave, Meriden, CT 06451

Judge: Claudia Tarlov "L"

Secretary: Nancy Blanchard

Turtle Rock Farm

P O Box 9

Thomaston CT 06787

860-283-8748

email: BlanchardN_E@msn.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 \$20 per class.

Non-members \$30 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: BlanchardN_E@msn.com to have the schedule 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 **

Opening Date: April 16, 2001

Closing Date: May 14, 2001

Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition

Days & Dates: Saturday, June 2 and Sunday June 3, 2001
Location: Ox Ridge Hunt Club, Darien, CT
AHSA # 243861
USDF # 96560
Manager: Debra Reinhardt
(203)264-2148
debra.reinhardt@snet.net

Secretary: Steve Reinhardt
160 Woods Way Drive
Southbury, CT 06488
(203)264-2148
steve.reinhardt@snet.net

Judges: Marilyn Heath, PA, (S)
Max Gahwyler, CT, (S)
Dorothy Maxfield, NJ, (R)
Jan Jacobson, NY, (r)

Technical Delegate: Gail Majauckas, MA, (r)

Levels: Training through Grand Prix, including FEI Jr/YR Selection Trial for Region 8. AA and Jr/YR classes offered as noted if entries warrant. ABIC/USDF Qualifying including Connecticut Freestyle Champion (CFC) Qualifying classes offered.

Awards: All 1st place will receive a trophy sponsored by the **Equestrian Centre**. 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 AHSA AA.

Entries: a) Leadline class-\$10. Training thru Second-\$35 per class. Third thru Fourth, USDF Freestyles-\$40 per class. All FEI classes - \$45 per class. Qualifying classes add \$10 to class fee. b) An \$8 drug fee(\$5 Drug&Med fee, \$3 AHSA fee), a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show date, and copy of AHSA and USDF cards for Rider, Owner, and Trainer; and AHSA and USDF papers for the horse, if qualifying, are required with each entry. Please include AHSA non-member fee and/or \$5 discipline fee if applicable. c) Make checks payable to CDA. d) **No refunds after closing date.** e) Incomplete entries, including missing AHSA cards, will be subject to \$10 fee. f) Non-negotiable check will be charged \$20. g) Refunds will be given for cancellations received in writing before the closing date less \$10 office fee. h) Post entries will be accepted to fill scratches with a \$20 post entry fee.

Times: Times will be mailed at least one week prior to the competition.

Stabling: Limited number of temporary stalls with full doors available at \$125 for duration. **A stall cleaning deposit of \$25 on a separate check is required.** No refunds on stabling after closing date (except for stall deposit). May arrive on Friday afternoon, must vacate by 7pm Sunday.

Accommodations:

Holiday Select, 203-358-8400. Pets allowed! Host Hotel, \$89
Double Tree managed by Hilton, 203-853-3477, \$89
Howard Johnson, 203-655-3933

To receive the above special published rates, you must call before May 18th and ask for CDA Spring Competition rate.

Directions:

From New York: Exit 10 off CT I -95; left off ramp, right at fourth light, Middlesex Rd. Two miles to entrance on right.

From New Haven: Exit 10 off CT I-95; (Noroton Heights), bear left at island, and continue uphill to stop light, turn right, go to third light, turn right onto Middlesex Road. Two miles to entrance on right.

From New York or New Haven on Merritt (cars only): Exit 37, Rte 124 south, right off ramp, 1.5 miles to Middlesex Rd, turn right and bear left at stop sign, entrance on left.

Footing: Two sand arenas with sand warm up. One sand arena on grass and warm-up. One grass arena and warm up on closely mowed Polo Field.

Entertainment: Food available on the grounds beginning 7am each day. Competitors Party after classes end on Saturday.

Other: **Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel any class.** Farrier on the grounds. Veterinarian on call, Fairfield Equine (203) 261-7724. All dogs must be leashed.

Class List:

100. Leadline	4 to 10 yrs old	Sun.
1. Training Level Test 1	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
2. Training Level Test 2	Open	Sat./Sun.
3. Training Level Test 3	Open	Sat./Sun.
4. Training Level Test 4	Open/ ABIC/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	Sun.
14. First Level Test 4	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
21. Second Level Test 1	Open	Sat./Sun.
22. Second Level Test 2	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
23. Second Level Test 3	Open	Sat.
24. Second Level Test 4	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
31. Third Level Test 1	Open/AA/Jr-YR	Sat./Sun.
32. Third Level Test 2	Open	Sat.
33. Third Level Test 3	Open/ABIC/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/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
51. FEI Prix St. George	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
52. FEI Intermediaire I	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
53. FEI Intermediaire II	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
54. FEI Grand Prix	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sat./Sun.
55. FEI Jr Team Test	Region 8 Selection Trial	Sat.
56. FEI Jr Individual Test	Region 8 Selection BIC/USDF Qualifying	Sun.
57. FEI YR Team Test	Region 8 Selection Trial	Sat.
58. FEI YR Individual Test	Region 8 Selection ABIC/USDF Qualifying	Sun.
60. Freestyle First thru Fourth	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying/CFCSun.	
61. FEI Freestyle	Open/ABIC/USDF Qualifying/CFCSun.	

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

** Leadline class held during lunch break, participants will be asked to salute judge; clean & neat attire, shoes with heels, and helmet required.



Region 8 Symposium

SHOW & TELL WITH LILO AND LENDON
With LONDON GRAY and LILO FORE

May 12-13, 2001- Gleneden Dressage, Bedford, NY 10605

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; food available for purchase

Fees: Pre-registration for both days: \$100.00; juniors: \$50.00

Pre-registration for one day: \$65.00; juniors: \$30.00

Pre-registration for a group of four people for both days: 4 for the price of 3 (\$300 for 4 adults; \$150 for 4 juniors). Names must be specified on registration form and must be sent in as a group with a check or checks.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: envelopes must be postmarked by May 1, 2001.

On-site registration: 2 days: \$125.00; one day: \$75.00; juniors: \$65.00/\$35.00

Checks should be made payable to USDF REGION 8.

One of the most successful competitors (Lendon) and one of our top judges (Lilo) will work together for this outstanding opportunity for Adult Amateurs, Juniors, Young Riders, and Instructors to broaden their experiences. This rider's perspective and judge's perspective will demonstrate and teach how the training scale can develop the horse and rider toward improved training and more successful showing.

With handouts, lecture sessions, and demonstration horses and riders, Lilo and Lendon will demonstrate and teach how the training scale and the AHSA and FEI levels relate. As a true "training conference", there will be discussion sessions on theory and teaching problems.

Have you always wondered how to make your "5" a "7" or your "8" a "10"? Are you sure of the difference between schooling to progress and schooling to show? Do you know how to finesse (cover-up!) a movement in the show ring without negatively affecting your horse's training? And, learn to love the movement you hate the most!

In an effort to offer a reality-based experience, Lilo and Lendon will use all possible combinations of horses and riders from the super-talented to the just plain average but affordable models that we all have to work with. The situations will be realistic: the tank of a horse; the frantic horse; the horse without the lengthening; or the horse that is always crooked; probably even the ex-jumper or hunter you need to make into a dressage horse. You never have every answer, but let these two experts share their years of experience and expertise.

Lilo Fore has her FEI "I" judges license and has judged many CDI-W shows, qualifying international shows and USET Selection Trials. She was involved with the USDF Instructor Certification program from the outset, is an Examiner for the program (as is Lendon) and is Chair of the Instructor/Trainer Council for USDF. Lilo is also an examiner for the USDF Sporthorse breeding program, as well as a sporthorse breeder herself. She has trained both horses and riders nationally and internationally.

Lendon Gray is a two-time Olympian who started her professional career at 15 years old. A Graduate A Pony Clubber, Lendon is actively involved with various committees with both AHSA and USDF. She is the winner of more national championships than any other rider in the United States, all on self-trained horses, and has coached many national and regional champion riders as well. Lendon has written numerous articles, and has authored an extremely popular series with Practical Horseman for a number of years.

For reservations and information, please contact Fern Feldman, 203-272-0711, FernF@home.com; or Ruth Toporoff, 914-666-2191 (leave message during day; calls will be returned between 7-9 p.m.) Ruthtop@aol.com.

Directions to Gleneden Dressage: from I-684 north or south, take exit 4 East towards Bedford, Route 172. Go approx. 1 mile, Sunnyfield Farm/ Gleneden Dressage is on your left (yellow sign on fence).

Lodging recommendations: Heidi's Inn, Rte. 22, Brewster, 845-279-8011; Holiday Inn, Mt. Kisco, 914-241-2600; Ramada Inn, Armonk, NY 914-273-9090. (Heidi's will be the least expensive.) Please bring your own chair!

Registration form: (please detach and send with your check to RUTH TOPOROFF, 12 ALICE ROAD, BEDFORD CORNERS, NY 10549.) **Checks should be made payable to USDF REGION 8.**

- I am pre-registering as an adult for both days at \$100.00. _____
- I am pre-registering as a junior for both days at \$50.00. _____
- I am pre-registering as an adult for one day (please specify which one) at \$65.00. _____
- I am pre-registering as a junior for one day (please specify which one) at \$30.00. _____
- I am pre-registering a group of four adults for both days at \$300.00. _____

The four names are: _____

I am pre-registering a group of four juniors for both days at \$150.00. _____

The four names are: _____

My address and e-mail are: (Please give this info for each member of your group, if applicable.)

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

John Gordon
Attn. CENTERLINE
24 Darren Court
Waterbury, CT 06708-3903

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

In the Subject line: Centerline

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 2001 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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