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May President's Message

Can you believe it. Seems like yesterday that we never thought we would be done shoveling out. Then we never thought it would stop raining and now we totally skipped spring and went to 80-degree days. Welcome to New England and that brings the show season.

By the time you receive this newsletter, CDA's first schooling show on May 6 at Once Again Farm in Meriden, CT will be completed with the Recognized Show on June 2-3 at Ox Ridge right around the corner.

With the Recognized Show around the corner, sponsorship letters and calls for volunteers will be happening. Without you we could not have a successful show. So when you get that call to volunteer please don't be afraid to help out. Even if it is just for a couple of hours. Every little bit helps. Do not be scared if you have never done it before. It is a great experience and we will even train you.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at Fern's house. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Corrie

Ballywhim Pony Awards Go National!

The Ballywhim Pony Awards, started by Lendon Gray and Nancy Burr Montanarro, have been so successful that, for the first time, they will be awarded nationally across all regions of the United States in the 2001-show season. Many ponies and riders have already been recognized for their accomplishments, at a variety of levels in Dressage, after the program began in USDF Regions 1 and 8 and it has been wonderful to follow the success of these riders and their small partners, who have competed so enthusiastically since the inception of the award scheme!

Owing to the interest this competitor driven awards program has produced, it is now being expanded throughout the country! The awards scheme is simple to administer and requires only a listing of the scores of all ponies competing in a show from the show secretary, faxed or phoned to (914)234-4158 or mailed to Ballywhim Pony Awards, Gleneden Dressage, 825 S. Bedford Road, Bedford, NY 10506 or awards to be given. For more information on the 2001 Ballywhim Pony Awards please refer to the dressage4ponies website or contact Ann Pereira at annper1@aol.com

I am in the process of compiling an e mail pack for show secretaries and am happy to fax hard copies! To quote Mrs. Anderson and Lindsey - Go Dressage Ponies!!!!

Thank you for all your support -
Lendon Gray and Ann Pereira

2001 CALENDAR

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.

May 13

Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Dressage Schooling Show
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441
ctrackrite@aol.com

June 2 & 3

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

June 24

Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Dressage Schooling Show
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441
ctrackrite@aol.com

August 5

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

August 18-19

Northeast JR/YR Dressage
Championship
Ox Ridge Hunt Club
Darien, CT.

- '89 Baron Traillet -

This 2 horse extra tall and extra wide tag-along has been well maintained and in good condition. Alloy wheels with lots of extras on this anniversary edition. Asking \$3500. Call 203 264 2148 or debreinhardt@earthlink.net.

USDF Symposium

I just returned from the USDF Symposium in Scottsdale, Arizona with Isabell Werth. She was an excellent clinician, and the riders benefited from her consistency and exactness. Isabell's English was quite good, and whenever she fumbled for a word, someone from the audience was able to supply the correct English translation. Her concentration was definitely on the rider, and she often had little interaction with the audience. Her approach to each horse and rider was absolutely consistent, but she developed each pair individually. For example, one horse offered wonderful elasticity and a natural feeling for passage and piaffe. Another was above the bit, so throughness had to be developed. Another was behind the bit and had to be encouraged to come up to meet the connection. Another rider had trouble keeping the outside rein, so Isabell had her use a little outside flexion so that she could establish and feel the connection and then keep it as she asked for slight inside flexion. She was tough if a rider used too much inside rein!

Of course each horse and rider had warmed up outside, but as they came in, she spent a great deal of time in walk: making it clear, clean, soft, through. She used walk-halt transitions constantly, and didn't allow the trot until the walk was to her liking. In all gaits, she constantly used "little whoas and little goes"—forward and back, forward and back. She was absolute: rhythm, forwardness, outside rein, inside flexion, low hands (especially the outside hand.) Other constant phrases:

Keep the contact

As soft as possible; but as strong as necessary

Collection is later; first is to go free and easy

He [the horse] should say "yes"

More with your legs than hand

Always from behind to the mouth

Keep the outside rein

Let him jump [in canter]

To keep him together does not mean to ride backwards

Little stops all the time to get him more engaged from behind

"Weak in the hands"—to describe the rider's contact.—This was one of my favorites.

Another constant: "the introduction has not good enough—do it once again." This applied to the preparation and transition. For example, if the goal was a half-pass from K, then the whole movement involved the approach to the corner, going through the corner, and then starting the half pass. If one section was not seamless, Isabell asked the rider to circle and start again. The point: absolute preciseness; each perfect part led to a perfect whole.

The audience of between five and six hundred had varying opinions about the symposium. Many I talked to thought it was absolutely fantastic, but some felt that it was a bit tedious. Isabell's approach was absolutely classical—all the phrases above are no different from any in the literature. And as one of the world's top riders, she provided us with a look at how she applies these classical principles. As soon as something was done well, she immediately pushed to the next level. Occasionally this got her into overtime (and running late), because if there were mistakes there, that new problem had to be addressed and worked through until it was also perfect. By day two, with the marked improvement of the horses' way of going, Isabell was able to finesse the situation. It was essential that the horse and rider end on a good note ("he must say yes").

Fern

Connecticut Dressage Association Jr/YR Meeting

Well, we had our third meeting of the year March 18, 2001. We had Cathy and Jackie Cloud, Diane and Jordan Witic, and Cheryl and Toni Ericson, along with myself and my mom, Pam Bilodeau. We had our meeting at Chute Gates in Terryville. We started off discussing our plans for Saratoga, and decided on a hotel for the trip. If you want to go, we can accept a few people. If you are a junior, you must attend the next two out of three meetings (April 8th, April 22 when we make cookies, and May) You must also volunteer part of the day at the May 6th show at Once Again Farm in Meridan, CT.

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We also did some researching for our cookie-making meeting. We are going to choose the shape, recipe, and other descriptives for our batches. We will be making mugs with our logo on it, and selling them at horse shows. They will be ceramic, or travel mugs, and hold our Horsey Kisses in them.

We are developing a team for the Northeast Jr/YR Dressage Championships August 18-19. Our name is The CDA's Grand Prix Soon to Be. So far, our team is made up of Jacqueline Cloud, and me. We are looking for a couple more juniors to join.

In the centerline, we will be having two of our attending juniors, Toni Ericson, and Jordan Witic, will write a story each month for it. It will be called "Gallop through the Gaits". Each month will leave off on a cliffhanger, and then pick up where it left off. We are also adding photos to the website of the fun we had at shows, clinics, or fundraisers. Don't forget you can add photos to the website yourself!

If anyone would like to donate food (brownies, cookies, sodas, flowers, chips, or yourself!) please call me at (860)-585-8693, or e-mail me at dressagegurl1887@aol.com. We always need the donors. We will give each junior a separate job, whether it is volunteering, or getting volunteers. They are going to have the challenge of getting an ad in the show program.

Soon we will be getting shirts for the juniors that have our logo in the upper left side of it for the NEJYRDC.

Don't forget, our next meeting is April 8, and then we will be baking cookies April 22. If you would like to come, and want to go to Saratoga (don't forget the guidelines!) Please call, to e-mail me for questions, ideas, or anything, or please check our website (<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Track/8856/>). We have a new forum, and we would love to have you join us there. It is for you to put whatever you want on involving dressage and juniors. You could put a question, idea, or answer someone's question. I hope to see you on the website, and at the meetings. My e-mail is dressagegurl1887@aol.com, and my telephone number is (860)-585-8693.

Thanks,
Desiree Bilodeau

Hi Junior/Young Riders!

This is going to be another great year! More and more young horse enthusiasts are becoming interested in dressage and the Jr/Young Riders already involved are becoming more and more successful and accomplished. Our region's Jr/YR program is very impressive. Not only because of the number or quality of riders, but because we also have lots of programs geared directly to us (the junior/young riders) to help us learn and progress and we have many wonderful supporters who always make these things happen for us.

Starting this spring are several clinics throughout the region created especially for Jr/Young Riders with very accomplished instructors. Not only are these clinics an incredible learning experience, but they're fun too!! You have the opportunity to work with top dressage riders and meet lots of other junior/young riders; it's a blast!! If you can bring your horse along, the two of you will make great progress, but it isn't necessary to take your horse. Sometimes you can absorb just as much from the clinic by watching as you can by riding. I encourage you to look for a clinic near you and try to go because it will be a terrific experience. If there isn't a clinic near you then contact the president of your GMO and ask if maybe you could have one in your area. It never hurts to ask!

Also happening again this year is the Northeast Jr/Young Rider Dressage Championships August 19th and 20th in Darien, CT. This show is a blast for everyone! If you are relatively new to the showing experience and are looking for good shows to get your feet wet, this is definitely a good one. But, this is no ordinary show!! The three phases, the Dressage test, Equitation class and written test, make the event very exciting. As the show approaches more information will be available as far as entries and specific info. In the meantime check out the show's website, www.Dressage4kids.com

I want to wish everyone the best of luck at their shows this season. Remember that it's all about having fun!! And try not to forget to thank the very important people who make it possible for you to show. Sometimes we (myself included ☺) get all caught up in the experience that we forget to say thank you to our trainers, horse owners and parents. Their wonderful support is what makes all the fun possible.

As always, the Junior/Young Rider Executive Board is open to any concerns, questions, or ideas that you have, so please let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss. Also, if you have any ideas for future activities in our region, I would love to hear them.

Have Fun!!
Lindsay Whipple
Whipple@plainfield.bypass.com

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

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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.

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About Lindsey McLean.... She is an active biochemist whose research work has earned her 9 U.S. patents including one for the program that is so successfully restoring health to horses with environmental illness, including EPM and herpes. She has formulated both custom and commercial supplements for the United States Equestrian Team including their Olympic Team.

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Wednesday, June 20th Judge: Aimee Kraaijvanger

Wednesday July 25th Judges TBA

(Judges to be announced)

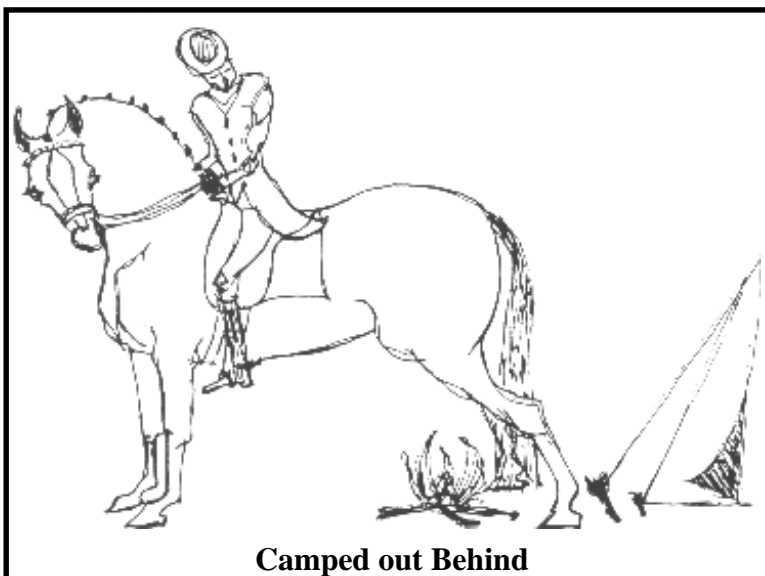
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Call Maureen at 860-434-1169

Visit the Early Light Website at www.earlylightfarm.com

Correction 2001 Omnibus

The second CDA Schooling Show, August 5, 2001 will be held at Once Again Farm, not at Cloverlea Farm as was listed in the 2001 Omnibus



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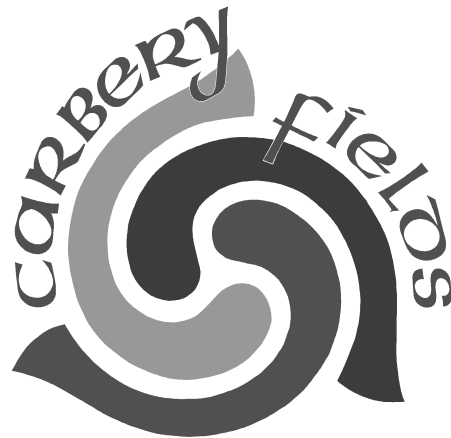
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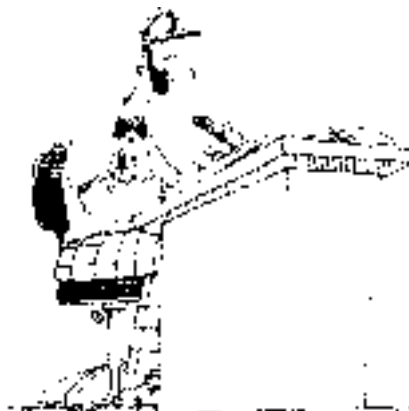
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Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

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

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