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Lendon Gray and Michael Poulin Pair Up to Provide “Proper Introductions”

by Theresa Davidson

Adults, Juniors, Young Riders and Instructors in search of perfecting their partnership with their horses now have an outstanding opportunity to participate in a reality-based dressage symposium conducted by two of our nation's most famous competitors and trainers—Lendon Gray and Michael Poulin at Gray's training facility in Bedford, New York, on May 18 and 19, 2002.

The focus of the symposium will be the **Proper Introduction of Movements to Horses and Riders**. Gray and Poulin will work with all possible combinations of horses and riders to demonstrate and instruct how the training scale is employed to further the education and development of the horse and rider pair. Are you a rider struggling to introduce your green horse to leg yields, half passes and flying changes? Are you an instructor straining to teach your student rein-backs, shoulder-ins, counter canter and pirouettes? How do you teach the rider and train the horse at the same time? Are you riders aware that you are simultaneously students of dressage and trainers of your horses? What are the proper pre-requisites before starting something new? Examine your practice – exactly what is it you are training your horse to do? Many riders will be surprised by the answer to this simple question!

Gray and Poulin are a perfect pair to conduct this symposium. Gray, a two-time Olympian, is also the winner of more national championships than any other rider in the United States, all on self-trained horses. An examiner for the USDF's Instructor Certification program, Gray has also written numerous articles and authored the extremely popular series with Practical Horseman for a number of years. Poulin, who attributes his success to self-discipline, developed Graf George, a 17 hand Hanoverian gelding, from the start of his career and then rode for the United States' bronze medal team in 1992 at the Barcelona Olympics.

To better share their years of experience, expertise and success, Gray and Poulin will conduct the symposium as a true “training conference” by guiding the horse and rider pairs through a series of level-appropriate movements with the training pyramid in mind. Handouts will be distributed and Q-and-A sessions will be run. Audience participation is virtually a pre-requisite to maximizing the learning experience, so, pay attention, as Gray and Poulin have been known to ask as well as answer some tough training questions! Not just any ordinary “hands-on” symposium, **Proper Introductions** is surely to be a seat-on, brain-on and heart-open experience for all as well.

Registration fees for two days are \$65 for juniors, \$100 for adults. One-day fees are \$35 for juniors, \$65 for adults. A group of four riders may register for the two-day symposium at the rate of \$195 for 4 juniors and \$300 for 4 adults. To receive these rates, envelopes must be postmarked by May 10, 2002. On-site registration fees for two days are \$75 for juniors, \$125 adults; and for one day, fees are \$50 for juniors and \$75 for adults. Checks should be made payable to USDF REGION 8.

For reservations and information contact:

Fern Feldman at 203-272-0711 or email FernF@cox.net

Ruth Toporoff at 914-666-2191 (leave message during day; calls will be returned between 7PM and 9PM.) or email at Ruthtop@aol.com.

2002 Calendar

Apr. 7, 2002

CDCTA 10th Annual Auction
See page 3 of this issue for information

Apr. 18, 2002

Early Light Farm
Performance Horse Therapy Clinic
Contact: Jocelyn Audet
1 860-742-1981

Apr. 22, 2002

Fox Ledge Farm
"How to Achieve Your Best Performance"
see page 4 this issue

May 16, 2002

Early Light Farm
Performance Horse Therapy Clinic
Contact: Jocelyn Audet
1 860-742-1981

June 29 and 30, 2002

West brook Hunt Club
NAYR Champion Region 8 Qualifier
Contact: Kim Lombardi,
860-585-8278
kim@centerlineevents.com

July 27, 2002

West brook Hunt Club
Qualify for the
USDF/ABIC Region 8 Championships
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July 28, 2002

West brook Hunt Club
Qualify for the
USDF/ABIC Region 8 Championships
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Education / Employment Opportunity:

The Robert O. Mayer Riding Academy
Pittsburgh, PA
Teaches Classical Dressage to Olympic standards; For riding, training, competition

APPRENTICESHIPS: 3 new openings.
(Short - term internships available by appointment.) Riding Instructor certification

More information on Website:
www.romra.com

Contact ROBERT:
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Opening Date: April 4, 2002

Closing Date: April 29, 2002

Sunday, May 5, 2002

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

Once Again Farm

750 Allen Ave, Meriden, CT 06451
Judge: Claudia Tarlov "L"
Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
PO 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 sent to you.

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 I91 beginning with **

THE CDCTA 10TH ANNUAL AUCTION AND TAG SALE

Sunday, April 7th, 2002

Boothe Memorial Park
#5774 Main Street Putney
Stratford, CT

Hours – 10:00am – 4:00pm
Auction Preview at 11:00am
Auction starts at 1:00pm

**Come bid on Horsey and Non-horsey items.
Many products and services.

Directions:

From Route 15 South: Take Exit 53. At end of exit turn left onto Rte 110 South. Go to 3rd light and turn right onto Main St. Putney. Go 6/10 mile and turn left Into Boothe Memorial Park.

From Route 15 North: Take Exit 53. At end of exit turn right onto 110 South. Take immediate right onto Main St. Putney. Follow as above.

To reserve a tag sale table or donate an auction item please contact:

Jennifer Ford (203) 389-5873 Or
Sue Ellen Wierzbicki (203) 215-1044



FOX LEDGE FARM

29-A Daniels Road, East Haddam, CT 06423 860-873-8108

**“How to Achieve Your Best Performance”
Sports Psychology Seminar
Featuring Kip Rosenthal
Monday, April 22
6:00 p.m.**

Kip Rosenthal is well known for her accomplishments in applying sports psychology in equestrian sports. Her education includes: AAS in Early Childhood Education, BS in Psychology, MA in Psychology and Education and a PHD in Clinical Counseling.

She is the owner of Benchmark Farms, Inc. and is a licensed AHSA judge. Her students have won in the Equitation Finals in the AHSA Medal, Washington International, ASPCA and USET and have ridden in Young Rider Championships in both the U.S. and abroad.

Her horses have been champion in both Jumpers and Hunters at shows including Devon, Lake Placid, Harrisburg, and Washington

The seminar will begin with a 1½-hour lecture presentation by Kip.

At 7:30 a buffet dinner will be served and Kip will be available afterward for questions and answers.

Fee: \$35 with a \$5 discount to FLF boarders, and members of CDA and CDCTA. Only one discount will apply per person.

R.S.V.P. required to reserve a space. Please bring a folding chair.

Call Ann Guptill 860-873-8108 or email eqarts@snet.net.

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

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

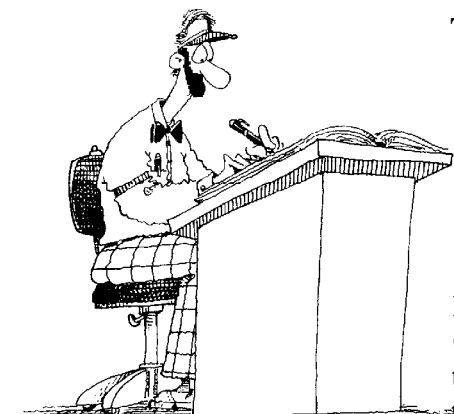
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Please send them as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

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

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 2002 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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