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President's Message

As Corrie steps down to devote her full attention to personal responsibilities, I will be taking on the position of President for CDA. I am extremely lucky to have a solid team of board members to assist me in this endeavor. Hopefully I am a familiar face to many of you through my past position as CDA board member as well as my involvement in CDA sponsored competitions over the past few years. I plan on being very active in CDA activities again this year and look forward to meeting many more of you at upcoming events.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Marcie Gordon to our CDA team. Marcie has agreed to take over the CDA Awards and Scholarships position and we look forward to having her input at our monthly board meetings.

By the time this edition of Centerline goes to print we will have completed our first CDA schooling competition for 2002 at Once Again Farm. As Show Secretary for this competition, I begin with an apology to those of you who were caused concern over meeting the closing date by our unavoidable delay in getting out the 2002 CDA Omnibus and show entry forms. On a positive note, all who contacted me were able to work out an arrangement that ensured a spot in their class of choice so final impact was minimal.

Our next focus now becomes the CDA Spring Competition at Ox Ridge which, thanks to Deb and Steve Reinhardt, will be especially exciting in that it is being run in conjunction with Centerline Events CDI*** competition. See you all there!!!

Nancy

Jr/Yrs Plan Trip to Gladstone

This June, we are planning a trip for all CDA Jr/Yrs! We will be attending the Gladstone Horseshow on June 22-23. We will need at least 4 juniors to go if we are to attend, and are also looking for chaperones. The trip is free for all CDA members attending. You must be 12 or older. This should be a very fun trip, and hope you can join us! Please call or e-mail me (860-585-8693 or DesireeBilodeau@hotmail.com) if you plan on coming, or have any questions.

Also, to support the Jr/YR's, we will be having a car drive, if you or your barn would like to participate, please contact me for further information.

I would like to thank Amanda Braverman, and all who contributed to raising the \$1700 for our Jr/YR fund. Without the generous support of her and many others, we would not be able to put on such activities as Gladstone. So, once again thank you!

Desiree Bilodeau
Jr/YR Representative

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but rather we have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

- Aristotle

2002 Calendar

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
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July 27, 2002

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

West brook Hunt Club
Qualify for the
USDF/ABIC Region 8 Championships
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For Sale

3rd Level Dressage mare for sale NYS.
Shown 3rd, schooling 4th & PSG. Bay
11 year, 16 hand, branded Oldenburg
mare. Elegant, good mover, forward,
willing, good manners. Professionally
trained with Ron Postleb - Reitlehrer for
3+ years. Asking price \$29,900.
DDJacob2756@cs.com
or (845) 278-7804

DRESSAGE SHADBELLY. Custom
made, finest 100% wool, black, size 12,
\$550 firm. Classic top hat, silk/fur blend
finish, 1 1/2" brim, 4" crown, black, size
7 1/4, \$100 firm.
Marilyn Nodiff, 203.266.7118 or
marilyn@cthorsefarms.com

USDF Names Stephan Hienzsch as Executive Director

Lincoln, Nebraska (April 25, 2002) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Executive Board has named Stephan Hienzsch of Castle Rock, Colorado as its Executive Director, effective May 1, 2002. "We conducted an extensive search and were very pleased with the overall quality of the approximately 70 applications received for the position," said Miki Christophersen, Chairman of the Search Committee. "We are looking forward to Mr. Hienzsch's leadership of USDF as we relocate our headquarters to Lexington, Kentucky on June 1, 2002," she said.

Mr. Hienzsch (pronounced "Hinch") served as Head Coach and Director of the United States Disabled Ski Team for four years, while he was an employee of the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Association (USSA) - the national governing body for Olympic Skiing and Snowboarding. He has many years of experience with a non-profit sports organization. The organizational structure, issues, and agendas of USSA are very similar to those of USDF.

As an athlete, Mr. Hienzsch was a member of the U.S. Ski Team from 1974 to 1978, a four-time NCAA All American, and the 1977 NCAA National Slalom and Giant Slalom Champion. He also has experience as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Volant Sports where he produced \$18 million in annual sales. Mr. Hienzsch earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Marketing from the University of Colorado. His wife, Carol, owns five show horses and is an adult amateur competitor in hunter/jumper and eventing.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to contribute to achieving the goals and objectives of USDF during this time of organizational growth. The future relocation to the Kentucky Horse Park affords USDF the opportunity to improve not only its exposure to the equestrian community but also the stimulus to take educational programs and membership services to the next level," said Mr. Hienzsch.

Since January 21, 2002, Dan Brown has served as USDF Acting Executive Director and Regine Scheck-Seberger has served as Acting Deputy Executive Director. "I would like to thank Mr. Brown and Ms. Scheck-Seberger for their fine work over the past three months during this challenging transition period," said USDF President Sam Barish.

By now, we hope that all of you have received your copy of the CDA Omnibus for 2002. We apologize for the lateness this year, and promise to do better in 2003. If you have gone through the Omnibus, and notice that pages are upside down or in the wrong place, please contact Kim Lombardi, 23 Daniel Road, Bristol, CT 06010; 860-585-8278. You may call her or return your defective Omnibus to her, and she will send you a new one. We had a problem with the printer, Netcom Graphics and Printing, Southington, and we certainly do not want you, our members, to be inconvenienced.

As a board, we wish to thank Corrie Harreys for serving as President for as long as she did. Her job commitments have changed drastically, and have necessitated her stepping down. We are thrilled that Nancy Blanchard has been willing to step in as interim president, at least until January, 2003. We are confident that as a superb leader, she will do such a good job that we can convince her to stay a long time!

Her main goal: to strengthen the board by making more of you out there just dying to get involved. We really do have a wonderful time, and we feel that we do contribute to the workings of this organization. Can we encourage some of you to join us? Come and check us out.

From Fern Feldman,
CDA secretary

May 12, 2002

Opening date for entries

June 14, 2002

Closing date for entries

May 12, 2002

Opening date for entries

June 12, 2002

Closing date for entries

Saturday, June 29, 2002**Centerline Events at Westbrook Hunt Club I**

Westbrook Hunt Club, Westbrook, CT

ASAE # 317032, USDF # 86375

Manager:Kim Lombardi
(860) 585-8278
kim@centerlineevents.com**Secretary:**Kim Lombardi
23 Daniel Road
Bristol, CT 06010
(860) 585-8278**Judges:**Margaret Freeman, NJ, (S)
Natalie Lamping, IL, (S)
Bill Warren, RI, (r)**TD:** Jane Gilbert, NJ, (R)**Class List:**

1. Training Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
2. Training Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
3. Training Level Test 3 Open Sat./Sun.
4. Training Level Test 4 Open/ ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
11. First Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
12. First Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
13. First Level Test 3 Open Sat./Sun.
14. First Level Test 4 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
21. Second Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
22. Second Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
23. Second Level Test 3 Open Sat./Sun.
24. Second Level Test 4 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
31. Third Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
32. Third Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
33. Third Level Test 3 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
41. Fourth Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
42. Fourth Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
43. Fourth Level Test 3 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
50. FEI Test of Choice* Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
60. FEI YR Team Region 8 Selection Trial Sat.
61. FEI YR Individual Region 8 Selection Trial Sun.

*FEI Test of Choice will be split if entries warrant.

Sunday, June 30, 2002**Centerline Events at Westbrook Hunt Club II**

Westbrook Hunt Club, Westbrook, CT

ASAE # 317032, USDF # 86375

Manager:Kim Lombardi
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Bill Warren, RI, (r)**TD:** Jane Gilbert, NJ, (R)**Class List:**

1. Training Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
2. Training Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
3. Training Level Test 3 Open Sat./Sun.
4. Training Level Test 4 Open/ ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
11. First Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
12. First Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
13. First Level Test 3 Open Sat./Sun.
14. First Level Test 4 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
21. Second Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
22. Second Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
23. Second Level Test 3 Open Sat./Sun.
24. Second Level Test 4 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
31. Third Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
32. Third Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
33. Third Level Test 3 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
41. Fourth Level Test 1 Open Sat./Sun.
42. Fourth Level Test 2 Open Sat./Sun.
43. Fourth Level Test 3 Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
50. FEI Test of Choice* Open/ABIG/USDF Qualifying Sat./Sun.
60. FEI YR Team Region 8 Selection Trial Sat.
61. FEI YR Individual Region 8 Selection Trial Sun.

*FEI Test of Choice will be split if entries warrant.

Levels: Training through Grand Prix, ABIG/USDF Qualifying, and North American Young Rider Championship Region 8 Qualifier.**Awards:** All 1st places will receive a trophy. Six ribbons will be presented in each class.

Entries: a) Training thru Second-\$30 per class. Third thru Fourth-\$35 per class. All FEI classes-\$40 per class. Qualifying classes add \$10 to class fee. b) A \$10 drug fee (\$7 Drug & Med fee, \$3 USAE fee), a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of show date, and copy of USAE and USDF cards for Rider, Owner, and Trainer; and USAE and USDF papers for the horse, if qualifying, are required with each entry. Please include \$15 USAE non-member fee and/or \$5 discipline fee if applicable. c) Make checks payable to Centerline Events. d) No refunds after closing date. e) Incomplete entries, including missing USAE cards, will be subject to \$10 fee. f) Non-negotiable check will be charged \$25. 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 available at \$110 for duration. A stall cleaning deposit of \$25 on a separate check is required. Tack stalls available only if space permits. No refunds on stabling after closing date (except for stall deposit). May arrive on Friday afternoon, must vacate by 7pm Sunday.

Accommodations:Maples Motel, Boston Post Rd, Westbrook, (860) 399-9345
Comfort Inn, 100 Essex Rd, Old Saybrook, 1-800-221-2222
Call Secretary for more hotels if needed.Waters Edge Inn, Boston Post Rd, Westbrook, (860) 399-5901
Days Inn, 1430 Boston Post Rd, Old Saybrook, (860) 388-3453**Directions:**

From I -95: Take Exit 65 to Route 153. Travel North on Route 153 to McVeagh Road on Left. Follow McVeagh Road to the end and Turn Left onto Pond Meadow Road. Westbrook Hunt Club is 1/8 mile up on your right.

From Route 9: Take Exit 3 to Route 153. Go Straight off Exit Ramp to Second stop sign. Turn Right onto Route 153 and go about 4 miles. Turn Right onto McVeagh Road. Follow McVeagh Road to the end and Turn Left onto Pond Meadow Road. Westbrook Hunt Club is 1/8 mile up on your right.

Footing: Three sand arenas with sand warm up. Main Sand Arena has all new footing.**Entertainment:** Food available on the grounds beginning 7am.**Other:** Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel any class. Farrier on the grounds. Veterinarian on call. All dogs must be leashed.

Region 8 Symposium

PROPER INTRODUCTIONS with LENDON GRAY & MICHAEL POULIN

Geared toward Adult Amateurs, Juniors, Young Riders, and their Instructors

May 18-19, 2002- Gleneden Dressage, Bedford, NY 10506

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday; 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sunday

Two of our most famous competitors and trainers—Lendon and Michael—will work together for this outstanding opportunity for Adult Amateurs, Juniors, Young Riders, and Instructors. The focus of the symposium will be the **Proper Introduction of Movements to Horses and Riders**. In an effort to offer a reality-based experience, Lendon and Michael will use all possible combinations of horses and riders to demonstrate and teach how the training scale is implemented to further the education and development of horses and riders.

How do you introduce a green horse to leg yield, half pass, flying changes, piaffe, passage, etc.? How do you introduce the rider to reinback, shoulder-in, counter canter, pirouettes, etc.? And, what if you are teaching both horse and rider at the same time! As a rider, every time you are on your horse, are you aware that you become the “trainer”—are you doing perfect practice? Do you and your horse have the proper pre-requisites before starting something new? Is your riding as correct as it can be so that your horse understands? Let these two experts share their years of experience, expertise and success. As a true “training conference”, there will be discussion sessions and handouts.

Michael Poulin attributes his success to self-discipline: the discipline necessary to perfect an art. As an artist, Michael’s best know work of art is Graf George, a 17 hand Hanoverian gelding that he developed from the start and then rode for the United States’ bronze medal team in 1992 at the Barcelona Olympics. Michael has won numerous USDF titles at all levels on a variety of horses that he has developed through the levels. As a trainer and instructor, he has worked with many: Lendon, Carol Lavell, Pam Goodrich, Mary Howard, and NAYRC multiple gold medalist daughters Katie and Gwen Poulin. He is an “I” dressage judge. Michael runs the School of Dressage in DeLeon Springs, FL with his wife Sharon, also a top FEI competitor and “R” judge.

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 USA Equestrian 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 authored an extremely popular series with Practical Horseman for a number of years. She and Michael are both examiners for the USDF’s Instructor Certification program.

For reservations and information, please contact Fern Feldman, 203-272-0711, FernF@cox.net; 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—big horse farm with yellow buildings. Enter the driveway with the big yellow mailbox.

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 but the furthest away—about 20 minutes.)

Please bring your own chair and dress appropriately (we hope to be outside)!
Breakfast (coffee and...) and a delicious box lunch will be available for purchase.
USDF University credit can be applied for on site.

FEES:

Registration for both days: \$100.00; juniors: \$65.00.

Registration for one day: \$65.00; juniors \$35.00.

Registration for a group of four people for both days: 4 for the price of 3 (\$300 for 4 adults; \$195 for 4 juniors). Names must be specified on registration form and must be sent in as a group with a check or checks.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: envelopes must be postmarked by May 10, 2002.

Registration on-site and after May 10: 2 days: \$125.00; one day: \$75.00; juniors: \$75.00/\$50.00

Checks should be made payable to USDF REGION 8.

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 registering as an adult for both days at \$100.00. _____

I am registering as a junior for both days at \$65.00. _____

I am registering as an adult for one day (please specify which one) at \$65.00. _____

I am registering as a junior for one day (please specify which one) at \$35.00. _____

I am registering a group of four adults for both days at \$300.00. _____

The four names are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

I am registering a group of four juniors for both days at \$195.00.

The four names are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

My address and e-mail are: _____

(Please give this info for each member of your group, if applicable.)

To help you plan, I am expecting to purchase some of your delicious food for breakfast and lunch.

Yes _____

No _____

Maybe _____

Opening Date: April 9, 2002

Closing Date: May 3, 2002

Friday, May 31, Saturday, June 1 and Sunday June 2, 2002

Centerline Events CDI */CDI-Y and Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition**

Because of space constraints (Recognized Show Prizelist is 6 pages long) you may view the entire prizelist at CDA's website at http://www.geocities.com/~ct_dress_assn/ or in the 2002 CDA Omnibus.

Early Light Farm
Invites you to attend
The Performance Horse Therapy Clinic
on May 1st
Give your horse the spring tune up he needs to go into the season with a great attitude and a relaxed and comfortable body.
Do all the necessary checks in one place, at one time!
Chiropractic and Acupuncture
Massage and Myotherapy
Shoeing for balance and soundness
Equine Dentistry
Saddle Fitting
Training Problems Addressed
Please email at ELFarm@aol.com or call at 860-742-1981
and speak with Jocelyn

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CDA BOARD MEETING Wednesday May 22 , 2002 at 7:30 PM
Call Fern Feldman at 203-272-0711 or Email - fernfeld@cox.net for directions and times.