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By the time you read this we will have completed our 3rd and 4th CDA schooling shows of the season. (Once Again Farm and Stoneledge Farm). As we have added 2 additional schooling shows to our competitions this year, this leaves one more to be held at Once Again Farm on September 21st. We have also added another clinic to our plans for the fall. Details on this clinic have not yet been finalized but will be relayed shortly.

We continue to solicit ideas on potential activities/clinics of interest to our members. Please feel comfortable giving me a call or sending me an email/letter with any suggestions you may have for 2004 activities. CDA is dedicated to meeting the needs of its members and can only do that with feedback from each of you.

As some of you may have already heard, USDF will be increasing membership dues beginning in 2004. I have attached a copy of the notification from USDF that provides detailed information on this increase. As indicated in this notice, the group membership fees paid by GMO's such as CDA will also be increasing by \$7.00. Currently CDA pays USDF \$10.00 for each member and in 2004 this will increase to \$17.00. Unfortunately, CDA will be unable to absorb this increase and will be increasing CDA memberships for 2004 as well. CDA has also been dealing with increased expenses in many areas, such as printing and postage associated with Centerline and Omnibus. Since CDA has not made an increase in membership fees in the past 10 years. We are also considering taking an additional \$3.00 increase, which would result in an overall \$10.00 increase to our members for 2004. The final decision on this increase has not been made, and anyone who would like to comment on this proposal can call, write, or email me, or can attend our next board meeting on August 27th to voice their opinion.

You will be hearing more on this subject in an upcoming issue of Centerline.

I will be working the Awards booth at the Region 8 Dressage Championships again this year. Good luck to those of you riding, I look forward to seeing you there!!

Until next month,

Nancy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JUNE 2, 2003

USDF Members Approve First Dues Increase in Four Years

The new membership rates as of January 1, 2004 will be as follows:

GM (Group Member) and Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member (IM) dues will be \$17, paid by the Group-Membership or Intercollegiate/Interscholastic-Membership Organization to USDF.

PM dues will be \$62.

Dues for a PM who is also a GM will be \$47.

2003 Calendar of Events

August 3

CDA Schooling Show
StoneLedge Farm
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

August 10

Hannover Dressage Series
East Windsor
Kelly Cordes
860-386-0747

September 7

Dressage in the Litchfield Hills
Litchfield Hills Equestrian Centre
Penny Hawes
860-567-1441

Sept. 5-6

Clinics with Dr. Cesar Parra
Columbia, CT
Visit his website:
<http://www.piaffe-performance.com>
Contact Dee Loveless
860-228-4879

September 21

CDA Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Pam Bilodeau
860-565-8693

October 10

Hannover Dressage Series
East Windsor
Kelly Cordes
860-386-0747

New USDF Online Verification Service

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has announced a new, free, online membership and horse-registration verification service for USDF members. This new Web service allows members to search and view their current membership status as well as the current registration status of their horses. All information in the USDF online database is updated daily and is current as of 5 p.m. the previous business day.

In addition to viewing membership status online, USDF members will also be able to print an online Letter of Verification which can be used as proof of membership at competitions until the membership card arrives from the USDF office. This will eliminate the need to fill out membership and registration affidavits at competitions.

USDF Senior Director of Member Services Cindy Vimont sees this as a time saver for members as well as for the Member Services Department staff. "Having this information on our Web site enables members to access information quickly when they need it. A Letter of Verification printed from the Web site can be taken to the show and presented as proof of membership, thus decreasing time spent filling out paperwork at the shows."

USDF Director of Competitions Sally Davenport added, "This new service will allow competitors to check their current membership and horse-registration status prior to the competition in order to determine their eligibility for USDF awards programs."

This new service has been developed with input from show secretaries, technical delegates, competition management, active competitors, USDF Executive Board members, and third-party software vendors.

"USDF is working with third-party software vendors to make this system compatible with their own systems, enabling them to be able to access USDF membership information in their own system. We are hopeful that this cooperative effort will also allow competition management to work more efficiently in determining USDF membership and horse registration at the time of the show," said William Adams, USDF director of information technology.

To learn more and to try the new USDF online verification service, visit <http://www.usdf.org>.

(This is a great new service, however, it fails to mention the backlog in renewing and adding members to USDF. The May roster list was not updated until July. The July roster list will not be updated for several weeks as per USDF.

*Donna Leonessa
Membership Secretary)*

Membership News:

As a CDA member, you benefit from being a USDF GMO member. USDF is notified of your CDA membership status on a quarterly basis. USDF is making every effort to update their membership records in a timely manner. Please remember that you can complete the Affidavit verifying your USDF membership at the show. The pink copy of the Affidavit can be reused until your membership has been updated on the website or your new card has been received.

Sunday, July 13, 2003
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show

Location - Once Again Farm
750 Allen Ave.,
Meriden, CT 06451

Judge: Grace Golden

Secretary: Kari Bradshaw
 110 Goshen East Street
 Norfolk, CT. 06058
 860-542-5375

Results

Intro A

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alison Johnson	Finn Mac Cool	60.500	1
Jordan Witick	High Renaissance	57.500	2
Robert Palumbo	The Triple Rerun	55.000	3

Intro B

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Marisa Evans	Worth the Wait	63.809	1
Alison Johnson	Finn Mac Cool	57.619	2
Jordan Witick	High Renaissance	53.809	3

Training 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Emily Enhalt	Whisper	60.454	1
Molly Singer	Napitam	60.000	2
Laura Whitcomb	Ballarde	58.181	3
Marisa Evans	Worth the Wait	56.818	4
Stefanie Georgakis	Redkist Sun	54.545	5

Training 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Emily Anhalt	Whisper	60.000	1
Molly Singer	Napitam	56.923	2
Laura Whitcomb	Ballarde	54.230	3
Stefanie Georgakis	Redkist Sun	53.461	4

Training 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Robin Cassella	Holiday	52.500	1

Training 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Robin Cassella	Holiday	56.153	1

Second 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Nicole Mazzeo	Beau Ceil	53.947	1
Susan Mortensen	Fancy Me	50.263	2

First 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alison Johnson	Solomon	59.629	1

First 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Alison Johnson	Solomon	58.235	1
Nicole Mazzeo	Beau Ceil	57.647	2
Georgian North	Symphony in K	57.058	3
Cheryl Matthewson	Zilbergeist	53.823	4

First 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Cheryl Matthewson	Zilbergeist	55.428	1

Dressage Eq

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Pat Sheeran	Harrison	82	1

What you can do, or dream you can do, begin it; boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

- Johann von Goethe

Opening Date: August 21, 2003

Closing Date: Sept. 15, 2003

**Sunday, September 21, 2003
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show**

**Location - Once Again Farm
750 Allen Ave.,
Meriden, CT 06451**

Judge: Dee Loveless (R)

Secretary: Pam Bilodeau

Class List: USDF 2003 Introductory Tests A and B.
USAE 2003 Training 1-4.
USAE 2003 First 1-4.
USAE 2003 Second and above-State test to be ridden.
Dressage Equitation.

Fees: CDA members \$20 per test.
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 to 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 P.M. or email: talking_hands19@hotmail.com to have the schedule emailed to you. You will be able to view the ride times on the CDA website on Saturday before the show.

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 **

CDA 2003 YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM

CDA's goal is to provide a variety of programs, activities and competitions during the 2003 calendar year. CDA strives to involve our members in the organization and we encourage active and eager participation in our programs.

We recognize it is difficult for most of us to compete all over the state or region for an entire show season. Work, family and other commitments mean that some CDA members can only compete in a few shows. In addition, recognized show scoring, even at lower levels, has become more demanding and many amateur and Youth riders who compete successfully in tests one or two at a particular level may not be ready for the higher tests, but nevertheless they are the true stalwarts of our competitions. You all deserve to be recognized.

CDA Year End Awards are a distinct honor. Winners receive ribbons for champion, reserve champion and third through sixth places. Champions also receive customized commemorative gifts. We hope all CDA members who make the time, effort, and expenditure to show in 2003 will participate in our new, improved program!

AWARDS SUBMISSION RULES FOR 2003:

Schooling Competitions:

Open to all current CDA members who compete in: (1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows, (2) USDF League shows and (3) schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the 2003 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 current CDA members prior to earning scores.** Riders may join CDA the same day of a show but **before** riding their first class. Scores earned prior to becoming a CDA member will not be considered.

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.

All scores submitted must be a minimum of 55%.

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.

Awards will be based on the **average score of the best three tests.**

Awards will be divided by Youth, Adult Amateur and Open. **PLEASE** be sure to specify your category. Levels are: (1) Introductory, (2) Training, (3) First, (4) Second Level and above (5) Equitation Dressage Seat.

Riders should submit their scores at the end of the competition season. **The deadline for submission will be November 1, 2003.** Any and all submissions postmarked or emailed after this date will not be considered.

The official CDA score submission form **must** be used to document show names, dates, level/tests within the level, judges, scores, etc. The required form will be printed and included in CDA's *CENTERLINE* in early spring and again in the September and October issues. When using the printed submission form please print information **clearly.**

Electronic submission may also be used via CDA's website at www.ctdressageassoc.org. The appropriate submission form will be available online on September 1, 2003.

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 Youth) that the scores are genuine.** Electronic submissions include a statement of truth upon filing.

Recognized Competitions:

Open to all current CDA members who compete in USAE recognized dressage shows.

Riders and horse owners must be current CDA members prior to earning scores. (The rider may count as "owner" if he or she has a leased horse.) They may join CDA the same day of a show but **before** riding their first class. Scores earned prior to becoming a CDA member will not be considered.

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.

All scores must be a minimum of 55% for Training through Fourth levels and for FEI.

Five scores at the same level from at least **three different shows** must be earned. Scores must be from **at least three different judges per level and at least five tests**. The rider does **not have to compete at the highest test in the level**.

Scores from tests at different levels cannot be combined (e.g. a rider may not submit three scores from Training level and two from First level for one award), although riders who meet all the criteria at more than one level can receive awards at both levels.

Note: FEI and Regional Championship tests with more than one judge, the scores will be averaged and count as one score.

Awards will be based on the **average score of the best five tests**.

Awards will be divided by Youth, Adult/Amateur and Open categories. **PLEASE be sure to specify your category!**

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Lendon Gray CDA Schooling Show Equitation Trophy:

Lendon Gray has honored CDA by giving us the opportunity to present her special trophies in High Score Dressage Seat Equitation as part of our Year-End Awards Program for 2003. This program hopes to promote and reward correct seat, position and use of aids in dressage by Youth/Young Riders and Adult Amateurs in CDA schooling show competitions.

Riders submitting scores for this award must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Riders **must be current CDA members prior to earning scores**. They may join the same day of the show but **prior** to riding their first class.
2. Riders must ride the Dressage Equitation Seat Class test in a **minimum of 3 CDA sponsored Schooling Shows during 2003** to be eligible for award consideration.

High score awards will be based on the **AVERAGE SCORE OF THE BEST THREE TESTS**.

One high score Youth Rider and one high score Adult Amateur will be awarded a special trophy. **PLEASE be sure to specify your category!**

Riders must submit their scores at the end of the competition season. . **The deadline for submission will be November 1, 2003**. Any and all submissions postmarked or emailed after this date will not be considered.

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