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President's Message

Well I can't say the weather cooperated with us for our recognized competition at Ox- Ridge this year but thanks to the hard work of Debra Reinhardt and the staff of Centerline Events it did not turn into a washout. Many of the rides were truly impressive despite the damp footing and our wine and cheese party under the tent was very cozy. As part of our CDA booth at Ox Ridge, we solicited participation in a survey aimed at gaining an insight into the interests and needs of members and potential members. All who completed this survey had their name entered in a drawing for a "Daily Planner". The winner for this prize was Penny Hawes. Thanks to Penny and all the others who took the time to complete this survey as the information will be very beneficial in our future planning.

We had a very productive June planning meeting and have put into motion the beginning of a very active clinic and competition season for 2004. We also have 3 more CDA schooling competitions being held this year in which to qualify for our year-end awards. I would like to remind our competitors to give the Dressage Seat Equitation classes a try. The word is that they are fun and challenging and CDA has a special year-end award (sponsored by Lendon Gray) for our Youth and Adult winner.

As I seem to say in all of my messages, if you think you may be interested in becoming more involved in CDA, please take the time to come to one of our board meetings. You will not be obligated to continue if you feel it is not for you, but you may just find that you enjoy it, in which case we will be sure to make you feel welcome.

Until next month,
Nancy

GETTING TO KNOW YOU....."

Featuring CDA member Peter Howe

By: Marcie Gordon

Peter Howe recently wrote: "Information is the fuel that fires democracy; we need it to be accurate and compelling to help us make difficult decisions as a nation."

CDA member Peter Howe is a writer and author of non-fiction. He was also a photographer for thirteen years during which time he photographed two civil war conflicts. His most recent book is *Shooting Under Fire: The World of the War Photographer* published by Artisan Books. This book is a compilation of Peter's interviews with ten combat photographers and their photographs. He explained that one of his goals for writing it "is to give the reader an appreciation of the risks taken and the hardships suffered by war photographers to bring home this information to the front page of a newspaper or magazine."

Peter was born in England and is now a US citizen who resides in Litchfield, CT and New York City with his wife Anthea Disney and their dog, "Bobby Blue", a 9 year-old Samoyed. When asked about his hobbies Peter replied, "Dressage, Dressage, Dressage, some tennis, a lot of reading, going for walks with my wife and dog, cooking, running and swimming."

2003 Calendar of Events

July 13

CDA Schooling Show
Once Again Farm
Kari Bradshaw
860-677-2600

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 23

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

October 10

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

Classifieds

Horse Board Available

Northfield, CT.
24 hour Turnout
Box Stalls - \$300/month
Convenient to Route 8
For further details
Contact: 1-860-283-1166

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Continued from page 1

While in New York City every Tuesday, Peter and Bobby Blue visit the pediatric surgical unit on the 10th floor of Beth Israel Hospital. Peter explains, "Many of the children have had brain tumors, especially brain stem tumors. This hospital has the reputation of being the finest in the world for this type of surgery so there are often foreign children as patients. As you know, interacting with animals is universal language, and the children can enjoy Bobby Blue where they might not be able to enjoy television because of a language barrier. Bobby is also a welcome distraction in the outpatient pediatric area where the children receive their chemotherapy. Bobby is therapy dog who was trained and qualified by the Good Dog Foundation and he has more certificates of achievement than I do."

Recently Peter recalled his early riding experiences in England: "As a teenager I had the opportunity to ride on the gallops with a string of horses trained by the Queen Mother's trainer at the time, Colonel Harry Ryan Price. The South Downs are chalk hills in the south of England. The combination of turf on top of the chalk makes ideal footing for training racehorses. Ryan Price's gallops went on for miles on the flat top of these hills. If a horse ran away with you, all you had to do was hang on because the animal would run out of steam before getting into any danger. As an experience, galloping next to these horses over the South Downs is one of the feelings of pure freedom that stays with me today." Riding from the age of 8 to 15, Peter remembers being distracted from the equestrian sport by girls and motorcycles!

He returned to riding about 8 years ago after his brother, who was an avid rider, died of cancer. Peter explains, "The last time my brother rode was with me here in Connecticut and this ride reminded me how much I enjoyed it. After his death, I decided that I would ride for both of us."

With his goal in mind, Peter has formed a dressage partnership with his horse Windsor Lad, a 6 year-old Hanoverian. Peter fondly describes Windsor Lad: "He is an 18 hand chestnut package of mischief whose most recent escapade was chewing through the automatic watering hose in his stall in Florida and flooding the barn. He was once described by his veterinarian as the biggest golden retriever in the world!" Windsor Lad is also known as "Will" which Peter says is "short for Will Work for Sugar"!

Will is currently boarded at Far Meadow Farm in Morris, CT where Peter receives invaluable support from the dressage trainer Stephanie Bonin. His primary trainers are Jennifer and Beth Baumert of Cloverlea Farm in Columbia, CT where Will is boarded one week a month.

Peter's commitment to his goals and his hard work with Will were rewarded in 2002 with two championships for First Level Adult Amateur in both Recognized Show and Schooling Show competitions. They were also third in the NEDA Championships and sixth in the USDF Region 8 championships.

Explaining his future goals Peter said, "Everyone agrees that Will has Grand Prix potential. Whether I have Grand Prix potential or not remains to be seen, and if it turns out that I don't, then my intention is to make it possible for him to achieve the highest level that he can without me. However, I hope that we can get there together."

Peter would like to see more men participate in dressage: "Anything CDA can do to make the sport more popular with my gender would be great. One possible way is to make sure that they know how many terrific women participate in dressage." He would also like CDA to offer more programs geared to the Adult Amateur rider.

Peter Howe is a talented writer and author who strives to make a positive difference in our world through his journalism. His volunteer time spent with Bobby Blue at Beth Israel hospital touches the young lives of cancer patients with a gentle hand and smile. Peter's personal commitment to "ride for both of us" is a true honor to the memory of his brother. We wish him and Will much success and as they ride **together** down the centerline toward their long-term goals.

Opening Date: July 3, 2003

Closing Date: July 27, 2003

Sunday, August 3, 2003
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show

Location - Stoneledge Farm
Bethlehem CT

Judge: Claudia Tarlov
Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
 P. O. Box 9
 Thomaston CT 06787

Class List: USDF 1996 Introductory Tests 1-2.
 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 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. 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: BlanchardN_E@msn.com to have the schedule emailed to you.

Directions from all areas to Stoneledge Equestrian Center
From Fairfield County and New York

Take Rt 84 East to Exit 15 – at bottom of ramp go left onto Rt 6, which is also Main Street. Follow through the center of Woodbury. At the intersection of Rt 6 & Rt 61, which is Bethlehem Rd./Main St., take a left onto Rt 61 North. At the intersection of Rt 61 North and Rt 132 (single red blinking light/4 way stop), proceed straight. The farm is ½ mile on the right, #116.

From Hartford

Take Rt 84 West to Exit 17 – follow to light. At the light take a right onto Rt 63 (Straights Turnpike). Follow through the center of Watertown. Take a left onto Rt 132 (which is also Judd Farm Rd) and follow to the intersection of Rt 132 and Rt 61 (single red blinking light/4 way stop). At the intersection, take a right onto Rt 61 North. The farm is ½ mile on the right, #116.

From Winsted and Torrington

Take Rt 8 South to Exit 38 – at the light at the end of the ramp go straight across onto Rt 109. At the next light bear right and continue west on Rt 109. Follow Rt 109 into the center of Morris. At the intersection of Rt 109 and Rt 61, which is a 4 way stop, turn left onto Rt 61 South. Go past the Bethlehem Fair Grounds. From the fair grounds, the farm is approximately 1 mile down on the left, #116.

From the Connecticut Shoreline and Rt 95

Rt 95 to Rt 8 North to Exit 38 – at the end of the ramp, take a left. Follow to next traffic light. Go left at the light and follow to stop sign. At stop sign go left and immediately bear right onto Rt 109. Follow Rt 109 into the center of Morris. At the intersection of Rt 109 and Rt 61, which is a 4 way stop, turn left onto Rt 61 South. Go past the Bethlehem Fair Grounds. From the fair grounds, the farm is approximately 1 mile down on the left, #116.

Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition

Days & Dates: Saturday, May 31 and Sunday June 1, 2003

Official Name: Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition, Official Region 8 USDF Qualifying Competition for the 2003 North American Young Riders' Championships, BLM Qualifier

SATURDAY - MAY 31, 2003 RESULTS

USAE Training Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Sean Cunningham	Ulysses	Open	65.909%	1
Alexandra Szabo	Dot-Com	JR/YR	56.818%	2
Helen Muessel	Targets Advocate	Adult Amateur	55.455%	3
Connie Schmotzer	Lindgren	Adult Amateur	55.000%	4
Mary Ann Greco	Duke	Adult Amateur	49.091%	5
Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen	Rossignol	JR/YR	45.455%	6

USAE Training Level Test 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Alexandra Putnam	Rocco SSF	Open	77.692%	1
Sean Cunningham	Ulysses	Open	76.538%	2
Amy Eisenstadt	Copacetic	Adult Amateur	73.462%	1
Lisa Fiore	Rossini M	Open	2.692%	3
Isabelle Leibler	Get the Picture	JR/YR	7.692%	1
Abigail Gordon	Jumala	Adult Amateur	67.308%	2
Anna Nicole Bruno	Colby	JR/YR	66.154%	2
Beth Georges	Ranah	JR/YR	65.000%	3
Lisa Landis	Prince Charming	JR/YR	64.231%	4
Sheila Gins	Sebastian	Adult Amateur	63.077%	3
Joy Bahniuk	Solaris	Open	63.077%	4
LeAnn Scherer	Whoopie	Adult Amateur	61.154%	4
Alexandra Szabo	Dot-Com	JR/YR	61.154%	5
Helen Muessel	Targets Advocate	Adult Amateur	55.000%	5
Lynndee Kemmet	Quondo	Adult Amateur	51.154%	6

USAE Training Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Lisa Landis	Prince Charming	JR/YR	58.750%	1
Lynndee Kemmet	Quondo	Adult Amateur	52.500%	2

USAE Training Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Courtney King	Rondo Veneziano	Open	70.385%	1
Karyn Merrill	Time Flies	Open	66.154%	2
Elizabeth Nadeau	Honore	Adult Amateur	65.385%	3
Amy Eisenstadt	Copacetic	Adult Amateur	61.923%	4
Lisa Pierson	Amador TCV	Open	60.769%	5
Courtney Haley	Corvallis	JR/YR	60.000%	6
Brenda Barrier	Murphy Brown	Adult Amateur	59.231%	1
LeAnn Scherer	Whoopie	Adult Amateur	56.154%	2
Emma Mulvey	Divides Touch of Sun	JR/YR	54.615%	3
Lisa Pierson	Passé Partout	Open	54.615%	4
Donna Leonessa	Reixend	Adult Amateur	53.462%	5

USAE Training Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Ron Postleb	Roby WII	Open	68.846%	1
Lauren Gardner	Pendrag	Open	66.923%	2
Yvonne Ceparano	Picasso	Open	65.385%	3
Isabelle Leibler	Get the Picture	JR/YR	60.769%	4
Lisa Fiore	Rossini M	Open	56.923%	5
Sheila Gins	Sebastian	Adult Amateur	56.154%	6
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	Adult Amateur	55.769%	1
Bonnie Jo Cheron	Theodore Roosevelt	Adult Amateur	55.385%	2
Joy Bahniuk	Solaris	Open	54.615%	3
Megan Schlichtig	Nestor	JR/YR	53.846%	4
Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen	Rossignol	JR/YR	53.462%	5

USAE First Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Jennifer Baumert	Rubikan	Open	74.815%	1
Amanda Seminara	Rani	Open	67.407%	2
Lisa Pierson	Amador TCV	Open	67.037%	3
Regina	Ranah	Open	66.667%	4
Hannah Bo Madsen	Pumpkin	JR/YR	66.296%	5
Marie Pettersson	Rhamsus	Open	64.815%	6
Karyn Merrill	Time Flies	Adult Amateur	62.963%	1
Kate Lussier	Starks Tegwch	JR/YR	62.963%	2
Lauren Gardner	Div	Open	62.593%	3
Abigail Gordon	Jumala	Adult Amateur	62.222%	4
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	Open	61.481%	5
Beth Stadnicki	Sir Walburg	Adult Amateur	56.296%	6
Brittany Medeo	Mountain Dew	JR/YR	55.926%	1
Courtney Haley	Corvallis	JR/YR	55.185%	2
Barbara Wilson	Petronius	Adult Amateur	54.815%	3

USAE First Level Test 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Jennifer Baumert	Rubikan	Open	70.000%	1
Ann Guptill	Oshin	Open	69.118%	2
Amanda Seminara	Rani	Open	67.647%	3
Beth Stadnicki	Sir Walburg	Adult Amateur	63.529%	1
Hannah Bo Madsen	Pumpkin	JR/YR	61.765%	2
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	Open	59.706%	4
Brenda Barrier	Murphy Brown	Adult Amateur	58.824%	3
Chandra Morency	Thornbeck Carreg Llwyd	JR/YR	57.941%	4
Nancy Ziegler	CHA Rudy Valentine	Adult Amateur	57.059%	5
Brittany Medeo	Mountain Dew	JR/YR	55.588%	1
Natalia Pena	Marshmallow	JR/YR	55.588%	6

USAE First Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Natalia Pena	Marshmallow	JR/YR	63.714%	1
Chandra Morency	Thornbeck Carreg Llwyd	JR/YR	60.286%	2
Marissa Hoe	Whitnes	Adult Amateur	58.857%	3
Abigail Gordon	Jumala	Adult Amateur	58.000%	4

USAE First Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Ann Guptill	Oshin	Open	69.444%	1
Ron Postleb	Roby WII	Open	67.500%	2
Katherine Norkus	Buona Sera	JR/YR	66.389%	3
Brenna Kucinski	Regent	Adult Amateur	65.833%	4
Suezy Partelow	Topaz	Open	63.611%	5
Peter Howe	Windsor Lad	Adult Amateur	62.222%	6
Elizabeth Nadeau	Honore	Adult Amateur	61.389%	1
Nancy Ziegler	CHA Rudy Valentine	Adult Amateur	58.611%	2
Patricia Ferrerio	Schatzi	Adult Amateur	58.333%	3
Marissa Hoe	Whitnes	Adult Amateur	53.611%	4

USAE Second Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Courtney King	Zydeco	Open	66.842%	1
Peter Howe	Windsor Lad	Adult Amateur	63.684%	2
Alexandra Putnam	Quo Vadis	Open	61.053%	3
Suezy Partelow	Topaz	Open	56.053%	4
Patricia Ferrerio	Schatzi	Adult Amateur	55.000%	5

USAE Second Level Test 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Chandra Morency	Ballywhim Ardan Mor	JR/YR	57.027%	1
Nancy Ziegler	CHA Rudy Valentine	Adult Amateur	53.243%	2
Ashley Caparell	Penrhyn Royal Banner	JR/YR	52.973%	3

USAE Second Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Judy Sloan	Leonardo	Adult Amateur	64.681%	1
Olav Drehn	Wren	Open	64.468%	2
Colleen O'Connor	VDL Navarone	Open	61.489%	3
Chandra Morency	Ballywhim Ardan Mor	JR/YR	60.000%	4
Silene White	Prince of the Moon	Adult Amateur	58.298%	5
Barbara Putnam	Penelope	Adult Amateur	57.660%	6

USAE Second Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Emily Gershberg	Pancratius	Open	66.471%	1
Colleen O'Connor	VDL Navarone	Open	63.725%	2
Ruth Toporoff	Wellington	Adult Amateur	63.529%	3
Silene White	Prince of the Moon	Adult Amateur	54.902%	4
Denise David	Prince of Saxton	Open	53.922%	5

USAE Third Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Ashley Holzer	Blues for Allah	Open	68.056%	1
Christopher Hickey	Lightning	Open	68.056%	2
Birgit Ostergaard	Wilton	Open	65.278%	3
Pamela Goodrich	Lamborghini	Open	65.000%	4
Danielle Gavriluk	Ghotcha	Open	63.889%	5
Diana Mukpo	Landfurst	Open	63.889%	6

Jennifer Baumert	Orion	Open	62.778%
Sara Bradley	Baffin	Open	61.944%
Elizabeth Niemi	Qandel	Open	59.722%
Rhonda Dretel	Lucido	Adult Amateur	59.722%
Lisa Pierson	Farida III	Open	58.611%
Ashley Holzer	Aegis Ommen	Open	58.056%
Melissa Bilodeau	Asterix	Open	50.278%

USAE Third Level Test 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Corinna Scheller	Pyro 009	Open	68.889%	1
Elizabeth Niemi	Qandel	Open	66.222%	2
Danielle Gavriluk	Ghotcha	Open	66.000%	3
Rhonda Dretel	Lucido	Adult Amateur	65.333%	4
Sara Bradley	Baffin	Open	64.444%	5
Jovanna Stepan	Nebel Laureate	Open	62.889%	6
Martha Burr	A Dozen Roses	Open	61.333%	
Jessica Coffield	Windy Hill Nimbarra	Open	61.111%	
Sean Cunningham	Lukas	Open	60.889%	
Caroline Diczok	Dance Master	JR/YR	60.444%	
Doreen Johnston	Harley	Open	58.889%	
Melissa Bilodeau	Asterix	Open	57.111%	
Marissa Toomey	Mandela	R/YR	57.111%	
Virginia Leary	Kells	Open	56.667%	

USAE Fourth Level Test 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Lynne Kimball-Davis	Pompidou	Open	69.535%	1
Darrin Lawrence	Lilly	Open	66.047%	2
Gunnar Ostergaard	Casu Quo	Open	65.116%	3
Yvonne Zuther	Westport	Open	63.488%	4
Tine Zinglensen	Sirius	Open	61.628%	5
Martha Burr	A Dozen Roses	Open	56.744%	6
Katja Eilers	Kapriool II	Open	55.116%	
Susan Rubin	Don Surprise	Adult Amateur	51.395%	

USAE Fourth Level Test 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Christopher Hickey	Lantario	Open	69.302%	1
Yvonne Zuther	Westport	Open	60.233%	2
Terry Rodriguez-McKee	Ava	Open	58.837%	3

USAE Fourth Level Test 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Christopher Hickey	Lantario	Open	68.696%	1
Annie Morris	Domingo	Open	64.130%	2
Liselotte Zinglensen	McGregor	Open	63.913%	3
Emily Gershberg	Irie	Open	63.478%	4
Jessica Coffield	Lord Goya	Open	61.087%	5
Yvonne Zuther	Westport	Open	60.870%	6
Rita Brown	Surprice	Open	59.565%	
Virginia Leary	Lexus	Open	53.696%	

FEI Prix St. Georges

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Ashley Holzer	Elliot	Open	68.750%	1
Ron Postleb	Pik Primo	Open	64.500%	2
Birgit Ostergaard	Lauritz	Open	64.000%	3
Courtney King	Alten Gold	Open	63.125%	4
Jennifer Baumert	Kharisma	Open	62.750%	5
Rita Brown	Daktari	Open	61.375%	6
Katherine Bateson	Ramazam	Adult Amateur	61.250%	
Tom Noone	Judge	Open	60.875%	
Diana Rose	Drum Excellence	Adult Amateur	59.750%	
Darrin Lawrence	Ask Me Anything	Open	59.250%	
Heather Ward	Aegis Macho	Adult Amateur	58.125%	
Brandilee Hilbert	Zantos	Open	58.000%	
Lisa Pierson	Anam Cara	Open	56.750%	

Fern Feldman	Le Noir	Adult Amateur	55.625%
Yvonne Ceparano	Marnix	Open	55.500%
Rachel Gioia	King Solomon	Adult Amateur	54.000%
Jane Springer	Jardine	Adult Amateur	53.875%
Lisa Pierson	Gallant	Open	53.000%
Fern Feldman	Godzilla	Open	50.500%

FEI Intermediate I

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Vicki Hammers-O'Neil	Harrison	Open	62.125%	1
Roberta Sawyer	Galaxy	Adult Amateur	61.750%	2
Danielle Gavriluk	Pinot	Open	60.875%	3
Melissa Bilodeau	Tolerant	Open	60.875%	3
Olav Drehn	Debussy	Open	59.000%	5
Fern Feldman	Esprit	Adult Amateur	57.000%	6

FEI Intermediate II

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Christopher Hickey	Levin	Open	62.805%	1
Diana Rose	Anastasia	Adult Amateur	58.415%	2
Dorothy Demis	Fabian	Open	57.805%	3

FEI Grand Prix TOC

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Katherine Bateson	Rainier	Adult Amateur	64.896%	1
Jan Brons	Fernando	Open	64.792%	2
Birgit Ostergaard	Admiron	Open	61.458%	3
Tracy Durham	Emperor	Open	53.333%	4

FEI Young Rider Team

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Elizabeth Austin	Hierarch	JR/YR	63.111%	1
Marissa Mastronardi	Ustinov	JR/YR	62.000%	2
Dawn Sapanaro	Muchacho	JR/YR	58.000%	3
Lindsay Whipple	Hermes	JR/YR	56.333%	4
Courtney Budd	Dakar	JR/YR	55.222%	5

USDF Freestyle First thru Fourth

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Corinna Scheller	Pyro 009	Open	66.042%	1
Katja Eilers	Kapriool II	Open	60.146%	2

FEI Freestyle

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sue McKeown	Marshal	Adult Amateur	65.188%	1
Tracy Durham	Honey Mint	Open	64.375%	2

FEI Junior Team

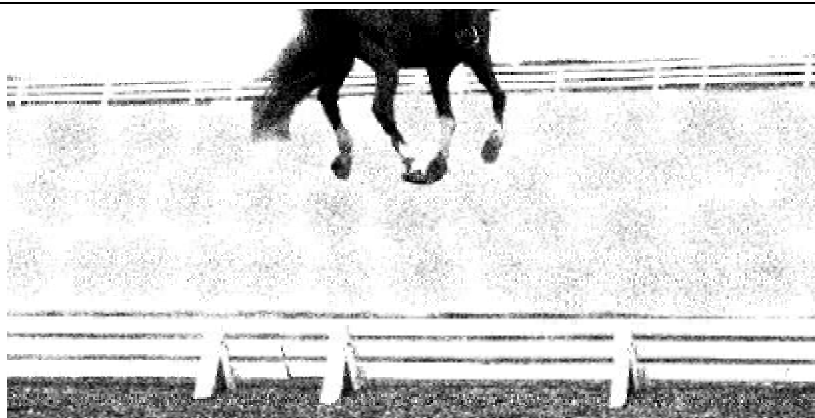
<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Jocelyn Wiese	Chopin	JR/YR	64.615%	1
Ana DiGironimo	Cadanz	JR/YR	63.333%	2
Alexandra Diczok	Bucephalas	JR/YR	61.026%	3
Alexandra Diczok	Dance Master	JR/YR	60.256%	4
Marissa Toomey	Mandela	JR/YR	59.487%	5

FEI Pony Team

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Julie McKean	Leah	JR/YR	59.333%	1
Ana DiGironimo	Orion	JR/YR	58.000%	2
Julie McKean	Nachu Peakin	JR/YR	57.000%	3

USAE Dressage Equitation

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Katherine Norkus	Buona Sera	JR/YR	81.300%	1
Ana DiGironimo	Orion	JR/YR	80.500%	2
Emma Mulvey	Divides Touch of Sun	JR/YR	75.200%	3
Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen	Corvallis	JR/YR	70.100%	4
Alexandra Szabo	Dot-Com	JR/YR	69.800%	5



Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition

Days & Dates: Saturday, May 31 and Sunday June 1, 2003

Official Name: Connecticut Dressage Association Spring Competition, Official Region 8 USDF Qualifying Competition for the 2003 North American Young Riders' Championships, BLM Qualifier

SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2003 RESULTS

USAE Training Level Test 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Beth Georges	Ranah	JR/YR	64.615%	1
Joy Bahniuk	Solaris	Open	63.846%	2

USAE Training Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Amanda Wells	Aziano	JR/YR	62.500%	1
Nancy Trautenberg	Jackson Hole	Adult Amateur	60.417%	2

USAE Training Level Test 4-Qualifying

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Sheila Gins	Sebastian	Adult Amateur	66.538%	1
Stefanie Georgakis	Cut to the Chase	JR/YR	65.385%	2
Jennifer Bagley	Steel the Show	Adult Amateur	64.615%	3
Joy Bahniuk	Solaris	Open	61.538%	4
Rachel Chowanec	Peek-A-Boots	JR/YR	61.538%	4
Courtney Haley	Corvallis	JR/YR	60.000%	6

USAE Training Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Amanda Wells	Aziano	JR/YR	67.308%	1
Nancy Trautenberg	Jackson Hole	Adult Amateur	60.769%	2
Marina Richey	Danzig	Open	59.231%	3

USAE First Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Kate Lussier	Starks Tegwch	JR/YR	65.926%	1
Courtney Haley	Corvallis	JR/YR	64.074%	2
Stefanie Georgakis	Cut to the Chase	JR/YR	62.963%	3
Holly Hansen	Pantera	Adult Amateur	61.111%	4
Marina Richey	Danzig	Open	57.778%	5

USAE First Level Test 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Kate Lussier	Starks Tegwch	JR/YR	63.824%	1
Holly Hansen	Pantera	Adult Amateur	62.941%	2
Rachel Chowanec	Peek-A-Boots	JR/YR	57.353%	3

USAE First Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Emily Gershberg	Pancratius	Open	71.111%	1

USAE Second Level Test 1

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Katherine Norkus	Buona Sera	JR/YR	63.421%	1
Deborah Moynihan	Irish Bricin	Open	60.000%	2

USAE Second Level Test 2

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Deborah Moynihan	Irish Bricin	Open	55.946%	1

USAE Second Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Olav Drehn	Wren	Open	67.234%	1
Colleen O'Connor	VDL Navarone	Open	63.191%	2
Silene White	Prince of the Moon	Adult Amateur	60.638%	3

USAE Second Level Test 4

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Colleen O'Connor	VDL Navarone	Open	64.510%	1
Judy Sloan	Leonardo	Adult Amateur	61.373%	2
Silene White	Prince of the Moon	Adult Amateur	60.588%	3

USAE Third Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Elizabeth Niemi	Qandel	Open	61.778%	1
Martha Burr	A Dozen Roses	Open	61.333%	2
Jessica Coffield	Windy Hill Nimbarra	Open	56.889%	3

USAE Fourth Level Test 3

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Rachel Gioia	King Solomon	Adult Amateur	56.739%	1

FEI Prix St. Georges

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Emily Gershberg	Irie	Open	63.875%	1
Heather Ward	Aegis Macho	Adult Amateur	61.875%	2
Vicki Hammers-O'Neil	Harrison	Open	61.250%	3

FEI Intermediate I

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Tracy Durham	Honey Mint	Open	62.500%	1
Olav Drehn	Debussy	Open	62.500%	2

FEI Grand Prix TOC

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Tracy Durham	Emperor	Open	59.792%	1

FEI Young Rider Individual

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Marissa Mastronardi	Ustinov	JR/YR	60.769%	1

FEI Young Rider Freestyle

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Elizabeth Austin	Hierarch	JR/YR	67.625%	1
Lindsay Whipple	Hermes	JR/YR	65.000%	2
Dawn Sapanaro	Muchacho	JR/YR	62.625%	3
Courtney Budd	Dakar	JR/YR	62.438%	4

FEI Junior Individual

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Ana DiGironimo	Cadanz	JR/YR	63.846%	1

FEI Pony Individual

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Ana DiGironimo	Orion	JR/YR	60.645%	1
Julie McKean	Nachu Peakin	JR/YR	60.000%	2
Julie McKean	Leah	JR/YR	59.677%	3

USAE Dressage Equitation

Rider	Horse	Level	Score	Place
Katherine Norkus	Buona Sera	JR/YR	85.000%	1
Ana DiGironimo	Orion	JR/YR	80.000%	2
Amanda Wells	Aziano	JR/YR	75.000%	3
Rachel Chowanec	Peek-A-Boots	JR/YR	70.000%	4
Stefanie Georgakis	Cut to the Chase	JR/YR	70.000%	4

"To train and/or ride a horse successfully, your repertoire of correction must be better than the horse's repertoire of evasion."



USDF Spring Executive Board Meeting

The USDF Spring Executive Board Meeting was May 8-11 and was held in Lexington, KY at our new headquarters. It was exciting for me, as I had not been there before. (Remember that our Annual Meeting in 2005 will be in Lexington.) Although we are certainly anxious to build our own building and educational center, our present rented space is well done. As a special treat, we toured the Kentucky Horse Park and had a special viewing of the present exhibit, All The Queen's Horses. I was very impressed with the size, quality and comprehensive nature of the exhibit. Our docent was Margee Koffler, a Lexington resident, and the chair of our Development Committee. The Horse Park itself is a wonderful facility, and our "lot" is in an excellent location for traffic flow, exposure and view. It will be exciting as we proceed with our plans to create our permanent home.

The business of the meeting is, in a sense, to monitor the progress from our last Annual Meeting in 2002, and to prepare for the upcoming one in Dallas, as the latter is only time that the Board of Governors meets. Since major decisions are discussed and voted on by the BOG, our executive board meeting is more concerned with office issues, policies, and programs that are underway. For example, we heard an update on the two Adult Clinics with Walter Zettl that have already taken place in Regions 5 and 6. These have been very successful, with excellent feedback from both riders and auditors. A reminder: our Walter Zettl clinic will be August 2-3, 2003 at the University of Massachusetts. Information can be found on the USDF website, or by contacting Paul Cormier, Region 8 Adult Education coordinator, marquisdemud@aol.com.

This year's convention in Dallas is being billed as a Super Week, and will combine the symposium concept with the meeting. Saturday and Sunday will feature Lisa Wilcox and Ernst Hoyas. The fact that NEDA brought them here in April of this year should only whet everyone's appetite, as that event essentially sold out on its opening date. For those who were able to see them, here is another opportunity, and for those who did not, I hope that you will consider going to Dallas for them and for the business of USDF. There are many other educational programs during the convention, and it is a wonderful chance to meet people and learn about USDF and dressage. If you do get a chance to discuss this with someone who went, I think that their enthusiasm for a "business meeting" will surprise you—I hope that we have a large contingent from Region 8.

I also attended the 2003 USDF National-Level Trainers Conference that was held April 29-30, 2003 at Morven Park International Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA and featured Mr. Ralph-Michael Rash. This event was organized locally by Alison Head, Region 1 Director, under the auspices of USDF's Instructor/Trainer Council. Because there were only 100+ in attendance, the exchange with the auditors was frequent and very much in keeping with the trainers conference concept. The riders were of varied abilities and levels, as were the horses (from Hanoverian to Friesian to ½ Andalusian.) Mr. Rash was particularly good at explaining the importance of various exercises based on the level and confirmation of the specific horse/rider combination. For example, he pointed out that the balance of the

horse—where the horse can work and feel comfortable—depends on the training level and the confirmation, and is individual to horse and rider. On the Saturday evening, Mr. Rash gave a technical lecture on the physiology and anatomy of the horse. His point was that with that understanding applied to everyday training, the result would be a mentally satisfied and physically sound athlete who moves powerfully and beautifully.

As many of you know, the Colorado National-Level Trainers Conference was cancelled. Pre-registration was minimal, and it was felt that there was not a large enough pool of people in the immediate area that would come to audit. In Virginia, Alison and the USDF office did some last minute advertising and publicity that brought the number of attendees up. A decision is not yet made as to what the plan will be for 2004, as the financial ramifications of each program has to be considered.

On May 17-18, Region 8 held its Symposium at Gleneden Dressage with Lendon Gray and Shannon Dueck. This event also had a small turnout, but I know that those who were able to come benefited. The focus of the week-end was on the new movements in our new national level tests, with Lendon and Shannon taking turns discussing and analyzing them for the audience. The demo riders were Lendon's regular students or working students, so the audience was certainly able to see a variety of horses and riders—both of many ages! One highlight was a pas de deux by Rachel Chowanec (9 years old) and Isabel Liebler (8 years old) on their ponies. The other was to watch Karen Clarke (NJ) as she prepares her horse for her first Intermediare II experience. Lendon and Shannon interspersed the riding demos with talks on showing and the training scale, and were able to answer excellent questions from the auditors.

Rather than complain about the poor attendance at some of these events, I'm going to assume an opposite point of view: WE HAVE SO MANY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE, THAT WE JUST HAVE TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH ONES ARE MOST VALUABLE. Great!! (I, for example, missed Lisa and Ernst with NEDA because of a family obligation....) I know there are wonderful clinicians doing private clinics that allow auditors. I know that various GMO's are hosting educational programs, workshops, recognized shows, schooling shows, etc. I know that people have scant free time and have to balance that with their work schedules and personal resources. If all this is true, then I commend each and every one of you who have expanded their dressage knowledge in some way over the last year. If it's not, then get out there and do something about it!!

Fern Feldman
Region 8 Director