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CDA is a USDF member, and the GMO's members are automatically USDF Group Members.

President's Message

We were blessed with another great day for our fourth of the six CDA run Schooling Shows we are offering this year. Cindi Rose-Wylie was our judge for the day, and provided great feedback to all our riders. Thanks to the hard work of Margaret Deakin and the staff of Win Some Farm, the grounds and rings were in excellent condition. Thank you also goes out to our volunteers for this competition as without the generosity of those willing to donate their time, these competitions could not be held.

As many of you are aware Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, our CDA Youth Coordinator has been attempting to put together a team of riders to compete at the 2004 Youth Dressage Festival. Prior to this competition we had only received one confirmed eligible rider who submitted to be part of this team. We were quite excited to have two additional youth riders obtain the final scores they needed to become eligible for this team event. Information on the names of those participating in this team will be forthcoming in an upcoming issue of *Centerline*. For those interested in more information on the Youth Dressage Festival, visit the website www.dressage4kids.com.

And just a reminder, there are only 2 more CDA competitions left for this year which will offer the Dressage Seat Equitation Classes. They are our upcoming August 8th Stone Ledge and September 26th Once Again Farm competitions. Give some thought to signing up for these classes; they normally are scheduled for mid-day to accommodate all levels of riders. The winner of this Year-end Award will have the honor of receiving a special award presented and sponsored by Lendon Gray at our Awards Celebration.

The Year-End Awards submission forms (electronic and mail-in) will be available online as of September 1st. Mail-in forms will also be included in the September and October issues of *Centerline*.

Until next month,

Nancy

CDA "Web" News

Bookmark the CDA website www.ctdressageassoc.org as one of your "favorite" sites so you can easily check new additions on a regular basis. Here are some new items you can access right now:

- ❖ **CDA Volunteer Submission Form:** is now available online. When you volunteer for CDA you become eligible for our new 2004 Volunteer Awards Program.
- ❖ **Electronic Year End Awards Submission Forms:** these will be available on line on September 1, 2004.
- ❖ **Mail-in Year End Awards Submission Forms:** you may print these out on September 1, 2004.
- ❖ **Ride times for CDA Sponsored Schooling shows:** Usually posted Saturday prior to show if not sooner.
- ❖ **CDA Sponsored Schooling Show Results:** Usually posted once results are received from show secretary.
- ❖ **2004 CDA Calendar** ~ check out the new format complete with contacts!
- ❖ **2004 CDA Year-End Awards Program** ~ details are worth reviewing now since the CDA Competition Year will end on October 31, 2004.
- ❖ **Sign the Guest Book** and let us know how you like our new additions!

2004 Calendar of Events

August 1, 2004

Xenophon Farm
Dressage and Combined Tests
Contact: Elaine Kachavos
413-548-9918
www.xenophonfarm@aol.com

August 8, 2004

CDA Schooling Show
StoneLedge Farm
Contact: Pam Bilodeau
860-585-6782

August 8, 2004

Tri State Horsemen's Assoc.
Dressage and Two Phase
Woodstock Fair Grounds
Contact: Alicia Cugini-Mucatelli
or Jackie Cugini
401-233-3363
Alicia@Tristatehorsemen.com

August 14, 2004

High Acres Farm
Dressage Schooling Show
Contact: Jennifer Kingsley
860-928-5704
www.highacresfarm.com

August 22, 2004

CDCTA Schooling Show & Combined
Test
Wishing Rock Farm
Contact: Deb Moynihan
860-646-8841
djmoynihan@snet.net

August 27 - August 29, 2004

Sixth Annual Youth Dressage Festival
(formerly the Northeast Junior/Young
Rider Dressage Championships)
www.dressage4kids.com

August 29, 2004

Xenophon Farm
Dressage and Combined Tests
Contact: Elaine Kachavos
413-548-9918
www.xenophonfarm@aol.com

September 5, 2004

Litchfield Equestrian Centre
Schooling Show
Contact: Penny Hawes
860-567-1441
penny@litchfieldequestrian.com

September 11, 2004

High Acres Farm
Dressage Schooling Show
Contact: Jennifer Kingsley
860-928-5704
www.highacresfarm.com

September 16/17/18/19, 2004

Region 8 Dressage Championships
At NEDA Fall Festival of Dressage
Fieldstone Farm
Contact: Beth Jenkins
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USDF Convention Scholarships for Youth Members

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Youth Executive Board is pleased to announce the availability of the 2004 USDF Youth Convention Scholarships. Packed with educational programs, fun events, a great trade expo, and the USDF National Symposium, the USDF Annual Convention is a valuable event for anyone interested in dressage, including USDF's youth members, who are the future of the sport. The USDF Youth Convention Scholarship will award \$750 to four youth members to help defray their costs of attending the convention.

Funds for the scholarships have been raised by the USDF Youth Executive Board through a silent auction held each year at the USDF National Convention & Symposium. The board hopes to be able to continue to increase the funds available for the scholarships and to support special youth-oriented educational programming at future conventions. The USDF Youth Executive Board requests the donation of new or gently used items for this year's silent auction, where convention attendees will be able to bid on such things as custom saddles and art. All auction proceeds will benefit the Youth Executive Board's Convention Scholarship Fund.

One featured item in the 2004 silent auction will be a bronze statue by artist Laran Ghiglieri, titled "Colt's Frolic." This beautiful statue is a limited edition bronze, appraised at more than \$29,000.

To apply for the USDF Youth Convention Scholarship or to donate items for the silent auction, contact USDF Director of Programs Sheila Forbes at (859) 271-7879 or at sforbes@usdf.org. The scholarship application is also available at www.usdf.org.

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit www.usdf.org, e-mail usdressage@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277.

2004 CDA Year-End Awards Reminders

The CDA 2004 Competition Year encompasses scores earned from November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004. With this in mind, all CDA members are encouraged to review the 2004 Year-End Awards Program and Criteria. This information is found in numerous places including this edition of *Centerline*, on the CDA website at www.ctdressageassoc.org and in the CDA 2004 OMNIBUS pages 20-23.

I want to remind CDA members submitting scores for 2004 Recognized Show Awards of the changes in criteria printed in OMNIBUS (see page 22). As a result, there will be **two electronic submission forms** available online for the Recognized Show Awards (*one for Training through Fourth Level and the other for FEI*). If you are submitting electronically make sure you fill out the proper form.

All printed submissions forms (for mail-in entries) will be included in the September and October 2004 issues of *Centerline*. These forms will also be available September 1, 2004 on our website for you to print for your use.

Electronic submissions forms (for online entries) will be available September 1, 2004 on our website for your use. Each year more and more members have been using this format for their submissions. Why not give it a try this year! The deadline for all submissions is November 5, 2004.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at home (203) 573-0919 or email me at Awards@ctdressageassoc.org.

Enjoy the remainder of the season!

Marcie Gordon
Awards Coordinator

Opening Date: August 27, 2004

Closing Date: September 20, 2004

Sunday, September 26, 2004
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show

Location: Once Again Farm
750 Allen Ave.
Meriden, Ct 06451

Judge: Bill McMullen (r)

Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
PO Box 9
Thomaston, Ct 06787
860-283-8748

Class List: USDF 2003 Introductory Tests A-B.
USEF 2003 Training 1-4.
USEF 2003 First 1-4.
USEF 2003 Second and above-State test to be ridden.
Dressage Seat Equitation. (Youth and Adult Amateurs only)

Fees: CDA members \$25 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.
CDA High Point Award Medal: Awarded to the rider with the High Percentage Score of the show (excluding Equation Class)
Bit of Britain High Point Award: Monogrammed polar fleece cooler awarded to the rider with the High Percentage Score of the show (excluding Equation 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. 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 **

Sunday July 18, 2004

Connecticut Dressage Association Schooling Show

Location: Win Some Farm
380 West Morris Rd.
Morris, CT 06763

Judge: Cindi Rose-Wylie

Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
PO Box 9
Thomaston, Ct 06787
860-283-8748

Results

INTRO A

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Danielle Burgess	In the Nick of Time	Youth	65	1
Lisa Weiner	Majestic	AA	62	1
Shannon Bartkus	Windfield Hotshot	Youth	61	2
Cindi Fainer	Nigel	AA	60	2
Celia Wagner	Now Just a Minute	AA	57.5	3
Marissa Lorczak	Eclipse	Youth	56.5	3
Maryanne Little	Just Call Me William	AA	57.5	4

INTRO B

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Danielle Burgess	In the Nick of Time	Youth	71.9	1
Nicole Benevento	Belmont	AA	66.2	1
Lisa Weiner	Majestic	AA	63.3	2
Marissa Lorczak	Eclipse	Youth	61.9	2
Cindi Fainer	Nigel	AA	61.4	3
Celia Wagner	Now Just a Minute	Youth	60	3
Maryanne Little	Just Call Me William	AA	57.6	4

TRAINING 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Helena Smith	Falcon	Youth	71.8	1
Nicole Benevento	Belmont	AA	65	1
Mae Janiga	Reach for the Stars	Youth	63.6	2
Holly Leaver	Mackie	AA	62.7	2
Reverie Panioto	Demand Better	AA	60.5	3
Shannon Bartkus	Windfield Hotshot	Youth	59.5	3
Katie Hill	Demand Better	AA	60	4
Mariele Marki	Magic	Youth	54.5	4
Katie Hill	Zachary	AA	55.9	5

TRAINING 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Helena Smith	Falcon	Youth	73.8	1
Holly Leaver	Mackie	AA	61.5	1
Mae Janiga	Reach for the Stars	Youth	63.1	2
Amy Goodusky	Billabong	AA	61.2	2
Desirae Bilodeau	Amolia	Youth	62.7	3
Theresa Licata	That's Right Again	AA	58.5	3
Megan Moloney	My Diamond In The Rough	Youth	61.9	4
Elizabeth Braverman	Freedom Fire Espresso	AA	55.8	4
Bobbi Carleton	Oberon	AA	55.4	5

TRAINING 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	AA	63.5	1
Desirae Bilodeau	Amolia	Youth	61.2	1
Megan Moloney	My Diamond In The Rough	Youth	60.4	2
Theresa Licata	That's Right Again	AA	55.4	2

FIRST 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	AA	57.8	1
Gigi Cassesse	Linus	AA	55.6	2

FIRST 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Gigi Cassesse	Linus	AA	55.6	1

FIRST 3

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Thorn Rosenthal	Ravel	AA	62.0	1
Thorn Rosenthal	Raprise	AA	56.6	2

FIRST 4

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Thorn Rosenthal	Ravel	AA	59.7	1
Thorn Rosenthal	Raprise	AA	58.6	2
Thorn Rosenthal	Raif	AA	55.3	3

SECOND 1

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mady Mixon	Raif	AA	58	1
Mady Mixon	Rhapsody	AA	57.4	2

SECOND 2

<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mady Mixon	Rhapsody	AA	56.2	1

Congratulations!

Helena Smith riding Falcon were the winners of CDA's High Point Awards with a score of 73.8

October 30th and 31st, 2004
CDA and CDCTA CLINIC
 WITH INTERNATIONAL RIDER AND TRAINER, Jorn Kulbelke, at Coventry
 Equestrian Center in Coventry, CT

RIDER AND AUDITOR CLINIC SIGN UP

Name _____ Telephone: _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

RIDER / AUDITOR FEES
(INCLUDES BREAKFAST/LUNCH WITH ADVANCE SIGN-UP)

PLEASE CIRCLE:

<u>CDA/CDCTA Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<u>Private/Semi*/Auditor</u>	<u>Private/Semi*/Auditor</u>

SATURDAY, 10/30/04	\$80/45*/20	\$120/65*/35
SUNDAY, 10/31/04	\$80/45*/20	\$120/65*/35
BOTH DAYS	\$160/\$90*/35	\$240/130*/65

***Semi-private sessions will be available only if 2 riders sign up together. Negative Coggins and Rabies Certificate required for all participating horses.**

Please send Rider and Auditor Sign Up Form with check payable to CDA to: Donna Leonessa, 3080 South Street, Coventry, CT 06238. Contact Donna at dleonessa@hotmail.com or call work (860) 549-8795 ext. 9614 or home (860) 742-8110 with questions. CDA will have five slots available to members based on earliest postmarks. If further selection is required it will be at the absolute discretion of the organizers. No refunds will be permitted unless a substitute rider/horse is located by the original rider or the organizer.

Directions to Coventry Equestrian Center: From I-91 north or south take 291 east, bear right at split onto 384 east, bear left at split onto 44 east, turn right onto 31 south/Main Street, turn right onto Talcott Hill Road. Farm is about 1/2 mile on the right, just before the S curve. From I-84 heading east take 384 east and follow above directions. From I-84 heading west take exit 70 onto 32 toward Willington/Williamantic, bear right onto 44/Boston Tpke, turn left onto N. River Road, turn left onto 31/Main Street, turn right onto Talcott Hill Road.

CLINIC- RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS BEFORE YOU SIGN IT

In consideration for _____ (the "Rider") being permitted to participate in the horseback riding clinic sponsored or organized by The Connecticut Dressage Association, Inc. ("CDA") on October 30 & 31, 2004 at Coventry Equestrian Center, Coventry, Connecticut, the Rider and his/her parents (if Rider is under 18 years of age) agree that CDA, Coventry Equestrian Center, the clinician, and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants shall not be liable for, and agree to hold them harmless from, any accident, personal injury, death or property damage that may be sustained by any person or entity, including without limitation the Rider, as a result in whole or in part from the Rider's participation in the clinic. This agreement is binding on the Rider and his/her parents whether or not said accident, personal injury, death or property damage is due in whole or in part to the negligence of CDA, Coventry Equestrian Center, the clinician or any of their agents, members, volunteers or assistants. The Rider and his/her parents (if Rider is under 18 years of age) agree to defend and indemnify CDA, Coventry Equestrian Center, the clinician and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants for any claims, demands, or suits arising from the Rider's participation in the clinic, including without limitation those arising in whole or in part from the negligence of CDA, Coventry Equestrian Center, the clinician or their agents, members, volunteers or assistants.

This release is signed on _____, 2004.

RIDER: (MUST SIGN)

RIDER'S PARENT (IF RIDER IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD):

CDA 2004 YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM

CDA's goal is to provide a variety of programs, activities and competitions during the 2004 calendar year. CDA strives to involve our members in the organization and we encourage active and eager participation in our programs.

This year there are many more opportunities for current members of CDA to compete and earn scores in schooling shows throughout the state. Another choice for competition is the recognized show arena where current CDA members can compete and earn scores

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 that all CDA members who make the time, effort and expenditure to compete in 2004 will participate in our Year-End Awards Program!

GENERAL AWARDS CRITERIA FOR 2004

- **CDA has defined its "membership year" and "competition year". These changes were originally printed in the November 2003 *Centerline* newsletter. Please refer to the rules below, as they will reflect these changes.**
- **All the below criteria apply to schooling shows, recognized competitions and the Lendon Gray Dressage Equitation Seat Class.**

NEW CDA MEMBERSHIP YEAR: January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004

NEW CDA COMPETITION YEAR: November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004

- You are a **current member** of CDA if your 2004 membership dues are paid in full **prior** to earning the scores that you will submit for Year-End Awards consideration.
- Riders **must be current CDA members before** entering the show. Riders may join CDA the same day of a show but **before** riding in their first class. Scores earned prior to becoming a current CDA member **will not be considered**.
- Riders must submit their scores at the end of the competition season. **The deadline for submission will be November 5, 2004.** Any and all submissions postmarked or emailed after this date **will not** be considered. Hand deliveries of submissions to the awards coordinator **will not** be accepted.
- The official CDA score submission form **must** be used to document show names, dates, level/test within the level, judges, scores, etc. The required submission forms for Schooling Show, Recognized Show and the Lendon Gray Equitation Award will be printed and included in CDA's newsletter *CENTERLINE* in early spring and again in the September and October issues. When using printed submission forms please print information **clearly**.
- Electronic submission may also be used via CDA's website at www.ctdressageassoc.org. The appropriate submission forms will be available online on September 1, 2004.
- We **do 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 submitted are genuine.** Electronic submissions include a statement of truth upon filing.
- All scores submitted are subject to random auditing for accuracy.

Schooling Show Competition Awards Criteria for 2004

- Open to all current Youth and Adult Amateur CDA members who compete between November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004 in:
 - 1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows
 - 2) Schooling shows whose prize lists appear in this 2004 CDA OMNIBUS
- **All scores submitted must be a minimum of 55%.**
- At least **one score must be from a CDA sponsored schooling show**. The other scores may come from schooling shows whose prize lists appear in this 2004 CDA OMNIBUS.
- **Three scores from at least two different shows** must be earned. Scores from at least **two different judges per level**.
- Awards will be given in both Youth and Adult Amateur divisions. Please be sure to specify your division on the submission form.
- Awards for levels Introductory, Training, First, Second and above will be based upon the **average of the three scores submitted**.
- Awards will be awarded only to the **same horse/rider combination**.

Recognized Show Competition Awards Criteria for 2004

- Open to all current CDA members who compete in USEF recognized dressage shows between November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004.
- CDA **membership** requirements apply to **riders and horse owners**. Both must be current members prior to earning scores for submission.
- The rider **may** count as “owner” if he or she is competing with a leased horse.
- Awards **may** go only to the **same horse/rider combination**.
- **All scores submitted must be a minimum of 55% for Training through FEI.**
- Five **scores** at the same level from at least **three different shows** must be earned for Training through Fourth Level. Scores must be from **at least three different judges per level**.
- Three scores for FEI at the same level from at least **three different shows**. Scores must be from **three different judges per level**.
- **Note: FEI** and Regional Championship tests with more than one judge, the scores will be averaged and will count as one score.

- Awards for Training through Fourth Level will be based upon the **average score of the best five tests**.
- **Awards** for FEI will be based upon the **average score of the best three tests**.
- **Awards** will be given in Youth, Adult Amateur and Open divisions. Please be sure to specify your division on the submission form.

Lendon Gray CDA Schooling Show Equitation Trophy **Award Criteria for 2004**

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 2004. This program hopes to promote and reward correct seat, position and use of aids in dressage by Youth and Adult Amateurs in CDA schooling show competitions.

- Open to **all** current CDA members (Youth and Adult Amateur) who compete between November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004 in:
 - 1) CDA sponsored schooling shows
- **Riders** must ride the Dressage Equitation Seat Class test in a **minimum of 3 CDA sponsored Schooling Shows during 2004** to be eligible for award consideration.
- **High** score awards will be based on the **average of the three scores submitted**.
- **One** high score Youth and one high score Adult Amateur will be awarded a special trophy. Please specify your division on the submission form.

2004 Volunteer Awards Program

Earn points for every hour you volunteer at a CDA sponsored Show or Clinic. You will be awarded a Gift Certificate from The Equestrian Center at the annual awards party. There will also be a "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Volunteer Awards Criteria for 2004:

- In order **to** qualify for volunteer points you must be a CDA member at the time the hours are worked.
- You **must** fill out a "Verification of Volunteer Activity" form and have it signed by the event organizer in order for it to be eligible towards year end points. (Forms will be available at each event and on the web site)
- All **verification** forms must be mailed to the Volunteer Coordinator by November 5th 2004 in order for points to count towards year-end award.
- **Points** can only be earned at CDA sponsored Schooling shows, Clinics or the Spring Competition.

Great American Insurance Group / United States Dressage Federation
REGION 8 DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP
 Recognized by US Equestrian Federation
 at
New England Dressage Association
FALL FESTIVAL OF DRESSAGE

for benefit of
JOSLIN DIABETES CENTER

"Conquering Diabetes in All of Its Forms"

Thursday / Friday / Saturday / Sunday ~ September 16 / 17 / 18 / 19, 2004 ~ Fieldstone Farm, Route 106, Halifax MA

Joslin Diabetes Center and New England Dressage Association have joined hands to provide diabetes awareness and education to the equestrian community. Established in 1898, 23 years before insulin was identified, **Joslin Diabetes Center** has become the undisputed world leader in diabetic research, treatment, and patient and professional education. As a nonprofit organization, Joslin benefits from the generosity of donors in advancing its mission. Visit: www.joslin.org.

The Festival consists of four competitions, featuring over 400 horses to compete in classes from Training Level, the first step on the dressage ladder, to Grand Prix, the pinnacle of the sport as seen at the Olympic Games.

New for 2004 are the New England **Region 8 Regional Championships** sponsored by the Great American Insurance Group and United States Dressage Federation, and recognized by US Equestrian Federation. Championship classes will be held each day, with focus on Adult Amateur classes on Thursday and Friday; Open and Junior/Young Rider classes will be featured on the weekend.

Secondly, this event is one of the few internationally recognized American competitions (**CDI/Y Halifax**) recognized by the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI). International competitors earn scores toward representing their countries at competitions such as the World Games or the Olympics. Specifically, Fall Festival is a qualifying event for the 2005 USET Grand Prix and Intermediaire I Championship and for the US Grand Prix Freestyle Championship, which selects the American representative at the annual FEI World Cup competition. On Thursday afternoon the **International Competition** begins with the formal inspection of the horses by FEI Officials, certifying their identity and their fitness to compete. Riders from Denmark, Israel, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Canada and other countries will compete. Classes are held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with the **Grand Prix de Dressage** on Saturday afternoon and the crowd favorite musical freestyles Sunday early afternoon.

Thirdly, all day Thursday and Friday, in the **Sport Horse Breed Show** horses (from weanlings to stallions) are shown "in hand". This competition is a both a qualifier for and regional finals for the **Cosequin/USDF Breeders Championship New England Series**; finals classes will be held late Friday afternoon. Earlier on Friday, this competition features a \$3,500 New England Sport Horse Breeder's Futurity, as well as special classes for Amateur Handlers, IBC classes for specific breeds of horses, and classes for ponies.

Finally, throughout all four days, a **National Competition** features hundreds of local competitors, amateurs and professionals, as well as riders who have competed at the Olympics, the FEI World Cup, the World Games and the Pan American Games. Within this competition, the **Fall Festival Sweepstakes** takes place, with final awards late on Friday late afternoon. On Sunday high scoring performers will be selected for the **Adult Amateur Championships** and the **Junior/Young Rider Championships**.

Sunday features all levels, national and International, as well as regional championship classes. Freestyles will be held for Young Riders, Intermediaire and Grand Prix competitors, riding their horses to music in specially choreographed programs reminiscent of the famous "dancing" Lipizzan horses of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Because there are very few competitions in this country featuring world class horses and musical rides, ringside will be packed with excited spectators. Everyone loves to watch!

Ride on the Side, an educational forum will be offered Saturday and Sunday. Participants sit in covered comfort and listen with private headsets, as each ride is taking place, to commentary of learned experts. Charge: \$15 per half day.

A large **Equestrian Trade Fair** will be held, featuring artists, horse supplies, boutiques, trailers.

New England Dressage Fall Festival is a benefit for **Joslin Diabetes Center, Boston** as well as therapeutic riding programs through **New England Special Activities Resources, Inc.**

Admission: \$5.00 for adults over 15 and \$5 for program.

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Fieldstone Farm is located on Route 106 in Halifax, MA, twelve miles west of Plymouth. The farm is one and two tenths miles east of the intersection of Routes 106 and 58. The grounds are set back from the street. Watch for signs.

Classical Master Walter Zettl to Conduct Clinic at Hadley Farm

One of the world's foremost classical trainers, Walter Zettl, will conduct a clinic October 16-17, 2004 at Hadley Farm in Hadley, MA. This clinic, hosted by the University of Massachusetts and organized by USDF Region 8 Adult Education Coordinator Paul Cormier, is part of the USDF/Premier Dressage Adult Clinic Series. Rider participation in this clinic series is open to amateur and professional adults at all dressage levels, while auditors of all ages and from all disciplines benefit from interaction with a true master of classical horsemanship in a symposium-style format. A lecture will precede the clinic the evening of Friday, October 15, allowing Mr. Zettl to explain his training theory and exercises prior to the clinic to enhance the learning experience for auditors and riders alike.

Mr. Zettl, author of *Dressage In Harmony* (1998, Half Halt Press), is known throughout the world for his sympathetic approach to training. *Dressage In Harmony* is the first English-language book on the subject of dressage to be translated into German by the German national equestrian federation. Mr. Zettl has trained top riders such as the 1984 Canadian Olympic eventing team and Ontario's young riders, whom he coached to three consecutive team gold medals at the FEI North American Young Riders' Championships. German-trained under Colonel Herbert W. Aust, Mr. Zettl is a longtime resident of Canada, now focused on sharing his training philosophies in regular clinics throughout North America.

Rider applications are being accepted by USDF through August 20, 2004; applicants must be current USDF participating, group, or intercollegiate/interscholastic members over the age of 21. Current USDF members who pre-register to audit by October 11, 2004 receive discounted rates; all walk-in auditors must pay a higher fee, regardless of membership status. For further information, rider applications, and auditor registration, visit www.usdf.org/adultclinics.asp, or contact USDF at (859) 271-7877 or adultclinics@usdf.org.

Premier Dressage, which manufactures dressage arenas and accessories, is proud to sponsor this clinic series to help promote Walter Zettl's message of working in harmony with the horse. Visit www.dressagearena.net to view Premier's product line or to order *Dressage in Harmony* and Mr. Zettl's video series, *A Matter of Trust*, produced by Dancing Deer, LLC.

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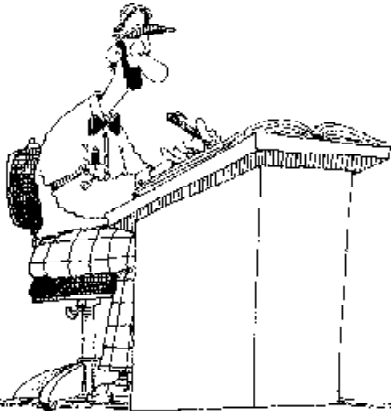
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