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

## President's Message

I hope all of you have been able to enjoy the summer months. I spent my vacation days trail riding in Vermont and volunteering at several horse shows, since I am not competing this year. As usual, I found that these activities are a great way to meet interesting people and get a change of scene. Once upon a time when I was just a "paper" member of CDA and CDCTA, I was cajoled into volunteering at a schooling show. I was greatly surprised to be welcomed and taught how to be useful. I have never looked back. This topic is sort of my "hobby horse." I keep talking about it because it was so unexpectedly satisfying. I hope those of you who have thought about it but haven't quite tried it will consider joining us in an activity or two. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kari Bradshaw, [rkhotshoe@aol.com](mailto:rkhotshoe@aol.com), for more information.

Even with all your board members taking their vacations, we have still gotten a lot of work done for the Club, so I have some news.

First, a correction. In last month's Centerline, the judge for our September schooling show at Once Again Farm is incorrectly listed as Kari Allen.. **Claudia Tarlov** will be presiding.

Also, some of you may receive your Centerline in time to audit the clinic with Shannon Oldham Dueck. The clinic is September 9, 10, and 11. In keeping with CDA's commitment to education, this clinic was specifically designed to benefit auditors. The riders will be taught patterns and exercises to help them with specific problems at each level. Handouts of these exercises will be made for each auditor so you can take them home and practice. There will be a preliminary meeting Friday evening for everyone. I urge all of you who can attend to contact Donna Leonessa, our Education Coordinator, at [dleonessa@hotmail.com](mailto:dleonessa@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Board is also in the process of updating our Club's bylaws to bring them more into line with changes at USDF. As we progress through the document, I will be updating you about changes.

All best,

*Leslie*

## 2005 Calendar of Events

### September 10 and 11, 2005

CDA Clinic  
Unlock Your Horse's Potential  
with Shannon Oldham Dueck  
Grandview Stables  
Columbia, CT  
Donna Leonessa  
dleonessa@hotmail.com  
860-742-8110  
Esther Roberts  
estherroberts@juno.com

### September 10, 2005

High Acres Farm  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Woodstock, CT  
Jennifer Kingsley  
860-928-5704  
860-928-5437(fax)

### 16, 17 & 18, 2005

Clinic with Mark Russell – author  
"Lessons in Lightness-The Art of  
Educating the Horse"  
White Wood Farm  
Killingworth, CT  
Contact: Maureen  
860-434-1169  
Mo@besobold.com

### September 18, 2005

The Magic Fund  
Dressage Festival Series  
Fortunate Farm LLC  
Killingworth, CT  
Stacey Hathaway  
themagicfund@yahoo.com  
860-663-270

### September 25, 2005

CDA Schooling Show  
Once Again Farm  
Meriden, CT  
Nancy Blanchard  
860-283-8748

### September 25, 2005

Tri-State Horsemen's Association  
Dressage & Two Phase  
Woodstock Fairgrounds  
Woodstock, CT  
Contact:  
Laurie Sigfridson  
860-774-8482S  
lsigfridson@juno.com

### October 2, 2005

Win Some Farm  
Dressage Schooling Show  
Morris, CT  
Margaret Deakin  
860-567-3545

### October 9, 2005

Dressage Schooling Show  
Coventry Equestrian Center  
Coventry, CT  
Colin Milne  
860-742-1900

## Cloverlea Farm

Welcomes

# Conrad Schumacher

September 30 - October 3

8 am - 5 pm

**Auditor Fees:** \$30 – Adult/day  
\$20 – Junior Young Rider/day  
Please bring a chair.

**Where:** Cloverlea Farm, Columbia, CT

Directions – From I-84 (which goes from Boston through Hartford to NY state) take I-384 toward Providence. At the end of 384, go right on Route 6 toward Willimantic. Stay on Route 6 for about 8 minutes. You will see the intersection of Routes 6 and 87. Go right on Route 87. The Farm is at #266 Route 87. Landmarks: You will go past Columbia Lake and also past Lake Road on your right. You will then notice a small stone house on your right and a cream-colored cape close to the road. The driveway for the farm is just after the cape. Please take care of the neighbors shrubbery near the entranceway.

For any questions please contact Jennifer Baumert at (860) 228-1393 or [cloverleajen@yahoo.com](mailto:cloverleajen@yahoo.com).

### Classifieds

Albion SLK Ultima  
17.5" seat  
M/W tree  
New  
\$3000.00

Amerigo Dressage Saddle  
17.5" seat  
M/W tree  
2 years old  
Excellent condition, \$2,000.00

Isabel Werth Synthetic Dressage Saddle  
Adjustable gullet  
17.5" seat  
Like new, \$500.00  
Please call 860.529.8805

**Opening Date: August 25, 2005**

**Closing Date: September 19, 2005**

**Sunday, September 25, 2005  
Connecticut Dressage Association  
Schooling Show**

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

**Judge: Claudia Tarlov (L)**

**Secretary: Nancy Blanchard  
P O Box 9  
Thomaston, CT 06787  
860-283-8748**

**Class List:** USDF 2003 Introductory Tests A-B.  
USAE 2003 Training 1-4.  
USAE 2003 First 1-4.  
USAE 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 Adult Amateur and Junior Young 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. or 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 \*\*

FRENCH CLASSICAL DRESSAGE CLINIC  
WITH  
DOMINIQUE BARBIER

AUTHOR OF  
DRESSAGE FOR THE NEW AGE

CLINIC DATES:  
OCTOBER 28, 29 AND 30<sup>TH</sup>

CLINIC LOCATIONS:  
THE MORRIS EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN MORRIS. CONNECTICUT  
IN THE LITCHFIELD AREA

LIMITED RIDER SPACE. AUDITORS WELCOME.

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