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

November President's message

Just a reminder: CDA's membership year has changed. It now ends October 31, so THANK YOU to all of you who have renewed your membership by HALLOWEEN! It was a treat for Heidi, our membership chairperson, to be able to process all the memberships and get the roster update to the USDF on time. The trick for the rest of you will be to renew before you lose the treat of the Centerline and the USDF Connection! If you have not received your membership renewal in the mail, please contact Heidi at (860) 779-7816 or print the membership for from the CDA web site ASAP. Remember, the USDF membership year has changed, so as a result the CDA has too. The new trick is that your membership expires on HALLOWEEN! Hope you were able to see lots of goblins and witches and had more treats than tricks.

Congratulations to two youth riders from Region 8, Colleen Akin from New York, and Mary Bahniuk Lauritsen from Connecticut. Both have received scholarships to attend this year's USDF Convention. These young ladies were chosen based on their commitment to the sport of dressage, their keen desire to pursue continuing education and their willingness to share what they learn at the convention with others.

Their scholarships were funded by money raised at the convention through a silent auction. The USDF Youth Executive Board is presently accepting donations for this year's auction. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Karin Glassman at (859) 271-7879, or kglassman@usdf.org.

It is time for CDA to accept nominations from the membership for board positions that will be opening for next year. Six positions open. Current directors are interested in running again, but now there is the opportunity for any of you to recommend a member to the board. To place someone's name in nomination, you must write to the board, and your nominee must agree to have their name placed on the ballot. Send your nominations to Fern Feldman, 890 Mountain Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410. A list of nominees will be presented to the membership a few weeks before the Annual meeting and Awards Party, this year to be held on February 3, 2007.

Another reminder: If you are submitting scores for CDA's Marcie Gordon Year-End Award Program, the deadline is November 6, 2006. You can send in your scores electronically, or download the forms from our website. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Awards Dinner, whether you compete or not!

Leslie

2006 Calendar of Events

November 11 and 12, 2006
Cindy Sydor Clinic
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November 18, 2006
Preventative Health Care
For the Equine Athlete
Fox Ledge Farm
East Haddam, CT
Ann Guptill
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(See page this issue)

New Dressage Test Symposium

Hello-

My name is Karen Penney and I am president of Mid-Hudson Dressage and Combined Training Assoc., as USDF GMO.

The reason I am contacting you now is to tell you about a symposium our club, along with the assistance of a USDF grant, is sponsoring on November 19, 2006 introducing the new USEF Dressage Tests. This event is being held at Mistover Farm, Pawling, NY. Our clinician is Margaret Freeman, 'S' and the format will include an hour of classroom style review of the revisions and changes of the test. Following this we will move into the lighted, heated indoor arena and there will be demo riders that will ride through each test. During the demo riding portion of the program, Margaret will provide a running commentary of each movement as it is ridden. A hot/cold buffet is also being offered as part of this event.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could help to spread the word about this event amongst your membership. As a club, MHDCTA has really struggled through some difficult times and it is my hope that this event will prove to be a major fundraiser, and will allow us to offer more events in 2007.

I also have demo rider slots that are still open that I am in need of riders to fill. Those spots are as follows:

2nd-1 3rd-1
2nd-2 3rd-2
2nd-4

I am hoping to have each demo rider do two test rides in an effort to cut down on the number of day stalls that would be needed and to also make this portion of the symposium run more efficiently. Since I am now in the position of having an odd number of openings, I would be hoping that one rider might be willing to ride three tests; otherwise, we just go ahead and take on one extra rider to fit in getting all the tests done. If a day stall is required, then arrangements for that must be made directly with Jayne Marino of Mistover, www.mistoverllc.com. In exchange for the demo riders participation in the event, they would get to audit the entire symposium for free. Any additional participants would still be subject to paying the auditing fee. For more information about this event, please do not hesitate to contact me or to visit our club website.

Thank you in advance for any help/consideration you would be willing to provide our club in this matter.

Kind regards,

Karen Penney
President
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Ride for the Cure

You may remember that CDA donated \$50 to Jessica Bauer of CDCTA, to "Ride for the Cure," a recent breast cancer fund raiser. Here is the note that I got back from Jessica:

I raised more than \$700 for the ride for the cure and I appreciate all that you did to help me reach that. Ernie was a star even though the weather was awful. Send your mailing address and I will send you some of the pictures from the event. Even though I have to give Ernie up on Nov. 1, I will continue to ride in this event.

Jess

Ernie is a horse willed by the late Mary Schmidt of Guilford, to CDCTA to be ridden by a youth event rider. CDCTA so far has provided him with at least two outstanding young riders who have campaigned him happily. Jessica has aged out of the program and Ernie is just about to find a new home. Those of you in Eastern Connecticut, or who are also CDCTA members, may know more about him, but CDA is also a big fan of his.

Leslie

USDF Names Youth Representatives to the USEF Youth Council

October 13, 2006 (Lexington, KY.) - United States Dressage Federation (USDF) congratulates Claire Darnell of Georgetown, Texas, for her nomination to serve as the USDF representative and Susan E. Walker of San Diego, California, for her nomination to serve as the alternate representative to the newly created USEF Youth Council. The USEF Youth Council will be comprised of youth members, age 21 and under, who are active in a breed or discipline's affiliate organization. The Youth Council's mission will be to provide leadership for equestrian sport in the United States to advance the level of horsemanship across all disciplines.

Darnell, 19, was recognized for her accomplishments in dressage competition, her dedication to the sport, and for her demonstrated leadership in promoting dressage for youth.

Darnell currently serves as President of the USDF Youth Executive Board, whose mission is to convey the thoughts and needs of youth throughout the country to the USDF Executive Board and Board of Governors. She has also served as webmaster and as newsletter editor for the Central Texas Dressage Society. An accomplished equestrienne,

Darnell has earned the USDF Silver Medal, represented Region 9 at the North American Young Rider Championships in 2002, earned 8th and 9th places respectively in the 6 year-old and 4 year-old divisions of the 2006 USEF/Markel National Young Horse Championships, and has been named year-end champion or reserve champion in Training through Prix St. Georges levels at the Southwest Dressage Championships over the past six years.

Walker, 16, currently serves as Secretary for the USDF Youth Executive Board, has represented Region 7 on the Youth Executive Board since 2005, and also serves the California Dressage Society as a Youth Representative. Walker is an accomplished dressage competitor, competing on the Region 7 North American Junior Championships Team in 2006, finishing fourth individually, and earning a Team Silver medal and individual seventh place at the 2006 USEF Junior Dressage Team Championships.

For more information about USDF Youth Programs, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org, or contact Karin Glassman, Director of Programs and Education at kglassman@usdf.org or 859-271-7879.

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