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President's Message

It has been quite a few weeks since I put my fingers to this keyboard and there are lots of tidbits to tell you about. We are in the midst of our planned activities, including schooling shows and another clinic with Shannon Dueck. We have two more shows in September to round out the season. Volunteers would be welcome. It is a great way to learn about holding an event in a low pressure situation.

The Board is already at work on ideas for next year, so if there is something specific that you would like us to do for you, please don't keep it a secret! Otherwise you are subject to our imaginations!!! For instance we are considering holding a 3 day camp for adult amateurs. Would this appeal more to lower or upper level riders? Let us hear from you.

USDF has changed its membership year to align with USEF, so CDA's membership must renew on **October 31**. You will be receiving a letter (so watch the mail!) explaining all about this and including your annual renewal form. It is important for us to have this back by October 31 so that there will be no interruption in your subscription to USDF Connection magazine. Hopefully our parent organizations will sit still for a long time to come.

NEDA will be conducting an especially interesting symposium during its annual membership gala weekend, November 3-4. Klaus Balkenhol and Gerd Heuschmann will be presenting essentially the same material offered at the last USDF convention. It was highly compelling and very stimulating. This is a fabulous opportunity in our backyard and there is more information in this issue.

CDA will be electing half the Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting and Party this winter. It is time to open up for nominations. If you are interested in being on the board or want to nominate someone please contact Fern Feldman or myself. We will be circulating the list of nominees well ahead of the meeting for your consideration. Some of the current directors may want to run for another term, but must be voted back in. Please be alert for more information about this.

Congratulations are in order to Region 8's team of Junior riders who went to the National Championships for the first time. The team included CDA's own Frederica Crafts! More information is available about the Junior and Young Rider National Championships in this issue. CDA also donated \$500 to help the Region 8 teams defray the huge costs of participating in the selection process and competition.

Lastly, I also want to congratulate CDA's two teams of riders who went to Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival. They all came home with ribbons. There will be more information about their adventures and accomplishments in a future issue. Many thanks to Vicki Hammers-O'Neil and Alison Johnson, who served as Chefs-de equipe for the teams. Centerline Events and Performance Enhancement Services co-sponsored the teams along with CDA. Many thanks to all of the parents and friends of our young riders.

All best,

Leslie

2006 Calendar of Events

September 10, 2006

CDA Schooling Show
Win Some Farm
Morris, CT
Nancy Blanchard
860-283-8748

September 9, 2006

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

September 24, 2006

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

October 1, 2006

CDCTA USEF Recognized Dressage Show
Hearthstone Farm
North Franklin, CT
Deb Moynihan
860-646-8841
djmoynihn@snet.net

October 8, 2006

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

October 22, 2006

Grand View Stable
Dressage and Combined Tests Schooling Show
Columbia, CT
Alena Orszak
860-228-5021
Email alenagvs@sbcglobal.net

October 22, 2006

CDCTA Introduction to Centered Riding Clinic
With Deb Moynihan
Locket's Meadow Farm
Bethany, CT
Ruth Beardsley
203-393-3253

November 11 and 12, 2006

Cindy Sydor Clinic
Carbery Fields Farm
Lebanon, CT
lizcaron@carbertfields.com
or go to
www.carberyfields.com

Mark Calendars Now for the USDF 2006 National Symposium in Kansas City

Ingrid Klimke to focus on Equine Fitness and Health

You don't want to miss this one!

The United States Dressage Federation's (USDF) 2006 National Dressage Education Symposium, scheduled December 1-3 in Kansas City, MO, is bringing two-time Olympian and World Champion equestrian, Ingrid Klimke of Warendorf, Germany to the Midwest as a clinician.

A popular competitor among world-class eventers, Klimke also ranks among top international dressage riders. As a nationally certified riding instructor and daughter of the late six-time Olympic gold medalist, Dr. Reiner Klimke, Ingrid Klimke has starred in numerous German, European and World Championships. Last year she captured individual bronze at the European Championships in Blenheim, Great Britain and placed second at the 2006 Badminton Horse Trials in Great Britain.

Training with some of the world's best equestrians since 1999, Klimke placed fourth overall on Sleep Late in the 2000 Sydney Olympics and, again, in 2004 with a sixth place overall in cross country and eighth place in dressage at the Athens Olympics.

Klimke's topic for the USDF symposium is equine fitness. She will focus on the importance of cavalletti exercises as detailed in her book, *Cavalletti: The Schooling of Horse and Rider Over Ground Poles*.

"It is the variety, dressage, jumping, hacking, that builds up different muscles in the horse, making him strong," she explains. "Classical training is always multi-faceted, and fitness is the one result."

Klimke's approach to training follows the classical training pyramid. She is especially concerned with starting young horses and developing them into champions, much like she did with Sleep Late, her then seven-year-old World Champion eventing horse.

"Until the horse is six, I do not specialize them, instead choosing to build up the muscles needed to become an athlete," she says. "By using different training techniques such as cavalletti work, gymnastic jumping, free jumping while hacking out, and hill work for strengthening the hind and back muscles and increasing overall condition, the horse improves step by step, growing and building a personality that is motivated to learn and give the best."

Klimke is equally concerned with the development of the pony rider, young rider or adult rider. "Whether the discipline is dressage, jumping or crossing country, I want my students to try hard and give their best at every level." She began her own formal competition career while still in her early teens, and graduated with the highest possible marks on her national examination.

Joining Klimke during the event, also from Germany, is PhD veterinarian, Dr. Ina Gosmeier, who is an excellent dressage rider in her own right and who will address homeopathic medicine for the equine. Dr. Ina Gosmeier promotes horse health using alternative techniques such as Chinese herbs.

Opening Date: August 20, 2006

Closing Date: September 4, 2006

**Sunday, September 10, 2006
Connecticut Dressage Association
Schooling Show**

**Location – Win Some Farm
308 West Morris Rd
Morris, CT 06763**

Judge: Kari Allen (L)

**Secretary: Nancy Blanchard
P. O. Box 9
Thomaston, CT 06787**

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 Adult Amateur and Junior Young Rider with the High Percentage Score of the show (Training level and above - 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 ASTM approved helmets while mounted or head gear appropriate to the level. 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. @ 860-283-8748 or check the CDA Website www.ctdressageassoc.org on the Saturday before the show.

Directions: See the "Directions to 2006 CDA schooling Shows and Clinics" section of the 2006 Omnibus or online at www.ctdressageassoc.org.

Opening Date: September 3, 2006

Closing Date: September 18, 2006

**Sunday, September 24, 2006
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**

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Gosmeier served as the official equine vet for the German team at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, as well as the 2002 World Horse Games in Jerez and the European Championships of Eventing in 2003. Her specialties are acupuncture, chiropractic and kinesiology. She teaches and has published three books on these subjects.

As a Grand Prix dressage rider, Gosmeier concentrates her practice on sport horses.

“Acupuncture is a regulating therapy, meaning it does not address the affected organ alone, but treats the whole individual,” she says. “Therefore, the task of acupuncture is

to solve the underlying imbalances and blocked energies with the goal of bringing them back into harmony.”

For more information on Dr. Gosmeier’s approach to equine health, visit www.goesmeier.de.

Tickets for USDF’s 2006 Symposium, in conjunction with the annual convention, go on sale in September. Riding schedule for the clinic is not yet determined and will be advertised later in the year.

Contact Kathie Robertson at 859-271-7877 or krobertson@usdf.org for more details.

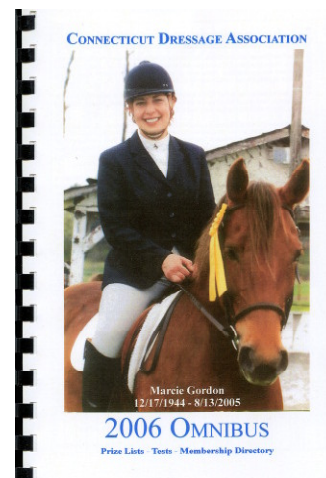
Don’t Forget the CDA 2007 Omnibus Cover Contest

Remember to take your digital photos at CDA events listed in the 2006 CDA Omnibus. You may be the one to have their picture on the 2007 CDA Omnibus.

CDA has decided to have a full color picture of a member and their horse on the cover of the Omnibus from now on. So, we are holding a contest to pick the picture that will grace the cover of the 2007 CDA Omnibus.

The rules are simple.

1. The picture/pictures must be received by December 1, 2006.
2. It must be of a CDA member and their horse at a **CDA event/events** that are listed in the 2006 CDA Omnibus.
3. Mounted or unmounted
4. Pictures must not be by a professional photographer, unless the member is a professional photographer.
5. Digital pictures only, either from a digital camera or scanned.
6. A brief paragraph or two of who you are and what you like doing with your horse.
7. Send the picture/pictures to omnibus@ctdressageassoc.org



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NEDA FALL WEEKEND SYMPOSIUM '06

November 3rd- 5th

**With Mr. Klaus Balkenhol
And Dr. Gerd Heuschmann**

Friday will be a late morning start featuring a standard mounted clinic format with the riders and Mr. Balkenhol getting to know each other. Saturday morning we will begin with a breakfast lecture including a Power Point presentation by Dr. Heuschmann at the Student Union Ballroom. Mr. Balkenhol will set the goals for the upcoming afternoon and weekend rides. Lunch will be on your own Saturday. After lunch, everyone will go the indoor arena at Hadley Farm to view the first portion of the demonstration starting with a two-year-old on the lunge, then progressing our way up through the levels.

Saturday evening is the NEDA Year End Awards Banquet & Gala with Mr. Balkenhol as the guest speaker. Sunday will continue where Saturday left off, finishing the weekend with Grand Prix. If you can't attend all three days, we recommend coming Friday for the clinic, or coming two days for Saturday & Sunday to see the symposium as a whole.

As you may have noticed, the rates for this event are higher than past events. We have tried to keep the costs down, but the truth is that an event of this magnitude costs tens of thousands of dollars to produce. While no one on the NEDA volunteer committee gets paid and we make every effort to offer these events at cost, the costs are always increasing. International airfares have gone up and the costs for clinicians of this caliber are substantial. In addition, we must rent the facility and house the people necessary to produce this event.

If you are not a NEDA member, we hope you will consider joining our organization for the coming year. The amount saved exceeds the cost of membership. The 2007 Early Bird Membership form will be available on the NEDA website. NEW 2007 memberships should be included with this sign-up form to entitle you to member rates for this event and all other upcoming events in 2007. **2006 NEDA members need only include a copy of their member card to receive the member rates.**

At UMass Hadley Farm, we have plenty of room for auditors and are hoping to accommodate almost everyone. Auditor parking for the farm will be a five-minute bus ride away. The buses will run all day, so you can get to your cars anytime. You will receive your symposium tickets in the mail. They are non-refundable, but can be transferred as needed within the same day only. Box lunches will be available for pre-purchase only on Friday and Sunday. Area hotels and directions will be listed on the website www.neda.org. Please be sure to reserve your rooms early to get special "NEDA" rates, as it is a very busy college area. The closest area airport is Bradley International (BDL) in Hartford, CT.

Please contact Linda Mendenhall at maple_brook@juno.com with auditor questions, all others can be directed to Angela Prenosil at aprenosil@verizon.net. The website www.neda.org is your best resource for up to date info.

Can't wait to see you there!

Fall Weekend Symposium 06

With Klaus Balkenhol & Dr Gerd Heuschmann

~ AUDITOR SIGN-UP ~

Presented by the New England Dressage Association

UMass Hadley Farm, Nov 3-5th – Hadley, MA

Name _____ E-mail _____

*Please submit a SEPARATE form for each person at a DIFFERENT address UNLESS all tickets will be going to same person.
(Please mark how many tickets needed for each day below)*

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____

NEDA members must include a photocopy of their membership card to receive member discount. You can join NEDA early for the 2007 season and get into this event and the educational events next year at the member rates. You must send in your new membership application and separate payment with this form. No refunds. If you cannot make it, you can sell or give your ticket to another person for the same day only. Seating is first-come, first-serve. Junior/Young Riders (under 21) must provide proof of age.

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP IS OCTOBER 6TH BY POSTMARK. AFTER CLOSING DATE WALK-INS RATES WILL APPLY, IF SEATING IS AVAILABLE.

Friday, November 3rd – Mounted Clinic Seating

_____ NEDA Member: \$60 _____ Non-Member: \$80 _____ Under 21: \$40 \$ _____

_____ Box Lunch \$10. (reg or veg) please circle one \$ _____

Saturday, November 4th – Am Lecture & Symposium Seating

_____ NEDA Member: \$75 _____ Non-Member: \$95 _____ Under 21: \$55 \$ _____

Breakfast (included)

Sunday, November 5th – Symposium Seating

_____ NEDA Member: \$75 _____ Non-Member: \$95 _____ Under 21: \$55 \$ _____

_____ Box Lunch \$10. (reg or veg) please circle one \$ _____

NEDA Package Special –Friday, Saturday & Sunday

_____ NEDA Members Only \$190.00 \$ _____

(lunch not included, please choose options above)

(Payable to NEDA) TOTAL \$ _____

Fall Weekend 2006

C/o Linda Mendenhall, 401 Nashua Road, Groton, MA 01450

Questions? Contact Linda at maple_brook@juno.com or (508) 527-4946

You will receive your confirmation/ ticket via US mail.

USDF Announces Dressage Winners for 2006 CN North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships

Lexington, KY (Tuesday August 15, 2006) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) congratulates the FEI Junior and Young Riders who competed in dressage at the 2006 CN North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships (NAJYRC), August 1-6, at the Virginia Horse Center, in Lexington, Virginia.

USDF Region 1 won the Gold Medal in the inaugural year of the North American Junior Team Championship, with Team Canada winning the Silver Medal and **USDF Region 8 Team winning the Bronze Medal.** Medal winners for the first Individual Competition were Hannah Holland Shook, USDF Region 1, riding Cape Town, winning the Gold, Julie McKean, USDF Region 1, riding Heslegaard's Stravinsky, earning the Silver, and Amanda Sterns, USDF Region 3, on Mitchell, earning the Bronze. The top 15 moved on to compete in the Freestyle, the second Individual Competition. The Freestyle winners were Julie McKean, USDF Region 1, winning the Gold, Hannah Holland Shook, USDF Region 1, earning the Silver and Amanda Sterns, USDF Region 3, bringing home the Bronze. Complete results, including Team and Individual results and scores, can be found at www.youngriders.org.

The North American Young Riders Team Championship competition was close, with Team Canada West winning by less than one point. Canada Team West earned the Gold Medal with a score of 202.489, USDF Region 2 Team won the Silver Medal with a score of 201.866 and the USDF Region 3 Team won the Bronze with a score of 201.644. Medal winners from the Individual Competition were Pia Fortmuller, Canada West Team, on Donagna, winning the Gold, Bobbie McKee, USDF Region 5, on Jamalone earning the Silver, and Caroline Roffman, USDF Region 3, and Bulgari 5, taking the Bronze. The top 15 from the Individual Competition qualified to compete in the Freestyle Championships. The Freestyle Championships winners were Bobbie McKee, USDF Region 5, on Jamalone earning the Gold, Amanda Harlan, USDF Region 7, on Liberte, earning the Silver, and Caroline Roffman, USDF Region 3, riding Bulgari 5, earning the Bronze. Complete results, including Team and Individual results and scores, can be found at www.youngriders.org.

The NAJYRC is the premier competition for FEI Junior and Young Riders, age 14-21, in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of eventing, dressage, and show jumping. Riders are invited to compete from each province of Canada, US Equestrian Federation zone (for show jumping), USDF region (for dressage), and US Eventing Association area (for eventing), as well as from Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean Islands, and Bermuda via each country's national equestrian federation.

There were two significant changes to the Dressage Championships this year. The first was the addition of the FEI North American Junior Championships held in conjunction with the North American Young Rider Championships. The second was a change to FEI Article 452, pertaining to prizes. The Article now reads: "FEI Medals will be awarded for the first three teams in the Team Championships and for the first three individuals in each of the two Individual Championships."

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.