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

## President's Message

Wishing all CDA members a very Happy New Year!

Hope your year is filled with health, happiness, and many wonderful times shared with your horses. Thank you again for showing your support for the Connecticut Dressage Association by renewing your membership. We have quite a few schooling shows and some valuable educational events planned; it will be a great year for furthering your knowledge and enjoyment of the sport of dressage.

If you have not done so already, make plans to attend the **CDA year-end member appreciation party on January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will celebrate the accomplishments of our members in the show ring and have a good night of fun, food, and shopping with our silent auction. If you have items that you would like to donate it is not too late, just let Heidi Nottelman know. We truly appreciate the kindness and generosity of all those who have contributed to this and have always contributed in the past. The proceeds from our silent auction go to supporting our educational events.

Speaking of educational events, our educational committee has been hard at work planning a great year for you. We are very excited to be offering the **USDF Instructor/Trainer Mini Workshop Program!** What is a mini workshop? They are one day educational sessions that focus on the USDF training principles and that look to provide tools for instructors to use in training horses and teaching students. They will offer a unique opportunity for those enrolled in the USDF Instructor Certification Program to expand upon their knowledge and be given additional opportunities to receive constructive feedback on their training/teaching methods by a highly experienced and knowledgeable faculty member. These mini workshops are also open to auditors and will provide an excellent occasion to learn as well. So if you missed auditing the USDF Instructor Certification Workshops last year these mini workshops offer another chance to sit in on very valuable educational sessions. So far we have two of these mini workshops planned on **January 15<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> at Mistover Farm in Pawling, NY**. Please see our website for a link to the information or go to [http://www.mistoverllc.com/usdf\\_instructor\\_trainer\\_mini\\_workshop.htm](http://www.mistoverllc.com/usdf_instructor_trainer_mini_workshop.htm)

This year the CDA will be holding the pre-certification and final testing for those enrolled in the USDF Instructor Certification Program at Mt Holyoke in Massachusetts. This is a huge undertaking and has required a great deal of planning. We are very happy to have taken part in this valuable program offered by the USDF to certify instructors through 4<sup>th</sup> Level. Congratulations to the instructors in our region who took part in the workshops last year and passed in an earlier testing session!

If you still have shows and advertising for the CDA Omnibus you still have a week or so to get those in. The **final deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2010!** Send your items to John Gordon and he will be sure to get them in.

Hope all is well...see you soon,  
Chris

## 2010 Calendar of Events

### January 23, 2010

CDA 2008 Members' Appreciation Party  
Leslie Gordon  
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lesweiss47@yahoo.com

### January 15, 2010

USDF Instructor  
Trainer Mini Workshop Program  
Mistover Farm  
Pawling, NY  
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March 12, 2010

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## CDA donates to Mitchell Farm

In alignment with our CDA Awards Program to honor vintage horses through the Vista Vintage Award, CDA recently contributed a cash donation to **Mitchell Farm, Equine Retirement, Inc.** Mitchell Farm's Mission is **"To provide a safe and comfortable retirement alternative for aged and infirm horses to live out their lives, and offer educational opportunities to the public on senior equine care and management."**

Mitchell Farm was founded in 2004 and received IRS 501 (C)3 status in 2005. They currently are caring for 24 retired horses and have over 58 on the waiting list. With 25 stalls and 50 acres of fenced pasture and many dedicated volunteers, it is a wonderful home for horses that have provided decades of service and happiness to their families.

They have a wonderful website, including their current 'wishlist' for their horses: <http://www.mitchellfarm.org/donations.html>, incredible photos for a \$10 donation: <http://www.mitchellfarm.org/merchandise.html>, and for more information on volunteering and education, please contact: [dee@mitchellfarm.org](mailto:dee@mitchellfarm.org)

## USDF Announces New Certified Instructors

Lexington, KY (December 16, 2009) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce and congratulate its new USDF Certified Instructors from the testing held October 19-20, 2009 in Bedford, NY. The USDF Instructor Certification program is designed to set a standard of excellence in dressage training and instruction in the United States and to educate dressage riders, instructors, and aspiring instructors.

New USDF Certified Instructors include; Kevin Greelish of Coventry, CT, and Cheryl Reeve of Strubridge, MA, at Training through Second Level and Micaela Mabragana and Annie Morris, both of Bedford, NY, at both Training through Second Level and Third through Fourth Level.

"It is our pleasure to recognize these accomplished individuals and we are proud to have them as representatives of the USDF Instructor Certification Program," stated Kathie Robertson, USDF Senior Education Programs Coordinator.

For more information on the USDF Instructor Certification Program, to view a calendar of workshop or testing dates, or to obtain details on hosting a workshop or testing session, please visit the USDF Web site at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or contact the USDF education programs department at [instructorcertification@usdf.org](mailto:instructorcertification@usdf.org).

## “What a Weekend”

By Kari Bradshaw

On October 9th, 10th and 11th the Mystic Valley Hunt Club in Mystic CT hosted the Northeast Regional Adult Amateur Dressage Championships for the second year in a row. To my good fortune I was able to join the CDA team along with Lara Ceppi and Sherri Pasquale as my team members. Susan Franz, our fourth team member, was unable to ride due to an injury to her horse just before the show. We can only hope for his speedy recovery so they can join us next year.

My year has been great with every intention of going to the NRADC and winning with a wonderful team. Briar and I showed at several schooling shows this year and received the two required scores to qualify for the team, a 72% and a 69%.

We arrived at the show on thursday to get everything ready for the team and set up the tack room since I was appointed the Team Captain by our President, Chris Rogers Aquilio. Briar was behaving in her temporary stall until everyone started to show up and all the other horses started to fill in. Around noon on friday she decided to start digging a hole to china so she was moved to a permanent stall in the big barn to calm her down. Everything was going fine until just before we went into the ring for our test. Briar decided she no longer wanted to be at the show and we had a less than desirable ride. Fortunately for me my team members did a wonderful job on their horses and pulled us through to win the team championship. Oh what a feeling! Sherri and Lara made up the difference in the points that we needed to bring home the champion ribbons. We looked great in the awards ceremony thanks to our many sponsors. The Equestrian Centre donated our saddle pads, Blue Seal donated our white polo wraps and Bevals donated beautiful dress sheets for the horses to wear.

During this past year I can honestly say I have connected with my horse more than I ever have in the time that I have owned her, which has been her whole life. Riding is like second nature to me, it's something I love to do. I love to go to the schooling shows and be able to feel what my horse is thinking and know that she has put all her trust in me. This year has been no exception. My goal was to get to the NRADC, do well and help our team win. I have not showed at a recognized show in years and it was very apparent that Briar had not either. So the new goal for 2010 is to push for a better behaved horse and get a score that show's what we can do in the ring.

I meant to get this to you much sooner but life got in the way...I do plan to get something into the omnibus as well but I'm waiting on the NRADC board members to give me any rule changes or updates. I attached two photos of the team, pick the better one.



## ***CDA 2009 Members' Appreciation Party***

**This is a busy time of year.....take a moment now to mark your 2010 calendar and RSVP. Below you will find the updated information about our CDA 2009 Members' Appreciation Party** on January 23, 2009

**Who:** ~ All current CDA members (you may bring your spouse or a guest)

**What:** ~ Catered buffet dinner courtesy of CDA ~ B.Y.O.B. please ~ setups and soda provided

~ Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with M-Z(next year...A-L)

~ **Silent auction:** This was a very popular attraction at last year's party! Bring you checkbook!

All proceeds will help to reduce member costs for future CDA clinics.

~ Door prizes ~ Meet new friends ~ See old friends ~ Have a great time!

**When:** Saturday evening, January 23, 2010 at 6pm.

**Where:** 890 Mountain Road , Cheshire, CT - home of Fern and Barry Feldman

**Why:** To celebrate YOU, the members of CDA and to honor our 2009 Year-end Award Winners.

**RSVP:** If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Leslie Gordon **before Wednesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Phone: 203-573-0919

Email: [lesweiss47@yahoo.com](mailto:lesweiss47@yahoo.com) (Please type "CDA Party" in subject line)

### **Directions:**

From I-84: take exit 26. At end of ramp, go south, towards Cheshire, on Routes 68/70. Follow 70 (68 goes to the right), then make a right onto Mountain Road, right after a gas station. Go straight on Mountain Road; stop sign; go straight for 6/10's of a mile more. White ranch on left; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.

From New Haven: take 91 North to exit 10. Follow the "connector", route 40, to the end. Make a right onto Route 10, go about 8 minutes. Make a left onto Higgins Road, go to the very end, stop sign. Make a left onto Mountain Road, go 6/10's of a mile. White ranch; circular drive; 890 Mountain Road, 203-272-0711.

## COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE 2010 CDA SILENT AUCTION!!!

Here are some items that will be available for you to bid on at the Silent Auction at the CDA Member Appreciation Party on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. I hope you will be able to find something on the list that interests you. Remember all funds that are raised support CDA educational events!

Blue Seal Sentinel - Senior Formula	CDA Schooling Show Ride
Blue Seal Sentinel - Safe Start Formula	Vicki Hammers-O'Neil Private Lesson (2)
Uckele Optimize - 50 lb.	Ann Guptill Private Riding Lesson
Uckele Devils Claw Plus - 5 lb.	Ann Guptill Semi-Private Lesson
Uckele Herbal-Mune Plus - 5 lb.	Weatogue Schooling Show - 2 Classes
Uckele Equi-Base Grass - 10 lb.	Bobbi Carleton Private Lesson
Uckele MSM - 5 lb.	Yoga on Horseback Book, Marty Whittle
Uckele QUADRA-FAC 2000 - 5 lb.	\$100 GC to Saybrook Point Inn & Spa
Uckele Equi-Sweet, Cherry - 1 gallon	Professional Choice Bell Boots
USAN Ultra-Elite Lytes - 10 lbs.	Purple Blanket, 78 (small)
USAN UE CMO EQ - 30 days	Dressage Whip
Stagecoach West Duratote Stool	Lunge Whip
SW Oster Equine Care Series Set	Dressage Horse T-Shirt
JP North Dressage Pad	Sea Horse Pin
Walkabout Farm Breyer - Idocus	Silver Sailboat Bookmark
Crazy Legs All Purpose Pad	Pewter Horsehead Pin
Crazy Legs Leg Wraps (2)	Sterling Three Running Horses Pin
Crazy Legs Helmet Cover (7)	Looking for Seabirds Book
Crazy Legs Helmet Cover w Neck Warmer	Brass horse key rack
Crazy Legs Multi-color Fleece Ball Cap	Picture Frame
CDA Membership	Christmas Ornaments
	International Riding Helmet, Large
	Dimensions Needlepoint Kit

### Thank you to all of our Silent Auction sponsors!

U.S. Animal Nutritionals (USAN)	Blue Seal	Fox Ledge/Ann Guptill
Crazy Legs	JP North Tack	Leslie & John Gordon
Stagecoach West (SW)	Vicki Hammer's-O'Neil	Fern Feldman
Walkabout Farm	Top Cat Farm/Marty	Whittle Kari Bradshaw
Uckele	Weatogue/Bobbi Carleton	Margaret Freeman

*Thank you for your support of CDA Educational Events!*

*I hope to see EVERY CDA MEMBER at the Annual CDA Party,  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Let's bid and have a blast!!! 😊*

## Schleese Saddlery Signs on to Sponsor USDF Programs

Lexington, KY (December 11, 2009) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that Schleese Saddlery Service Ltd. has signed an agreement to provide prizes and support for various USDF programs. Schleese has donated a saddle to benefit the USDF Youth Executive Board Silent Auction, and provided a tack award for selected nominees from the nine USDF regions that were considered for the USDF national nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award sponsored by Breyer Animal Creations®. They will also work with the USDF to supply educational content on saddles and saddle fitting. The 2009 nominees for this award include; Jessica Kuc of Kinkletown, PA, for USDF Region 1; Rachel Fischer of Oshkosh, WI, for USDF Region 2; Jordon Schulz of Stuart, FL, for USDF Region 3, McKinley Harvey of Castle Rock, CO, for USDF Region 5; Paige Haas of Eagle, ID, for USDF Region 6; Marina Riker of Haiku, HI, for USDF Region 7; and Taylor Noonan of Portland, ME, for USDF Region 8.

“Because of Schleese Saddlery's and USDF's dedication to providing education, this partnership is a great

match. In addition to providing product to support a number of programs, Schleese will also be with us to provide educational opportunities through podcasts, videos, and clinics related to saddle fit,” stated USDF Director of Marketing Linda Schultz.

“Schleese's commitment to educating riders and professionals on the importance of maintaining optimal saddle fit, not only protects horse and rider from long term damage, but positively effects improved comfort, performance and communication for horse and rider”, states Graham Wood VP, Sales and Marketing. “We teach the Saddlefit 4 Life® philosophy to Bereiters and Reitlehrer at the German National Riding School in Warendorf, and are excited to bring these concepts to the US through partnering with the USDF.”

For more information about Schleese or USDF programs, visit their respective Web sites at [www.schleese.com](http://www.schleese.com) or [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), or contact the USDF office at [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org).

## USDF Announces 2009 USEF Youth Sportsman's Award National Nominee

Lexington, KY (December 15, 2009) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that Taylor Noonan, seventeen, of Portland, ME, has been chosen as the USDF national nominee for the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Youth Sportsman's Award, sponsored by Breyer Animal Creations. Nominees must demonstrate an ongoing dedication to the promotion of the horse, exhibit positive sportsmanship principles, and serve as a role model for their peers.

Noonan was also considered for the overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award, and recipient of a \$1,000 educational scholarship, trophy and a lifetime membership to USEF. As the USDF national nominee, Noonan will receive a one-year USDF Participating Membership (PM), a certificate, a lapel pin, and an exclusively designed hat from USEF. She also wins an expense-paid Career Workshop Program sponsored by USEF in Lexington, KY, in June 2010.

The USDF Executive Board was impressed with all components of Taylor's application, including academic and equestrian achievements, commitment to volunteerism, and participation in extracurricular activities. She demonstrates strong leadership qualities, and serves as a positive role model for her peers.

Taylor has already achieved an impressive academic and equestrian competition record, while also devoting numerous hours giving back to her community through volunteer activities. In addition to placing fourth, individually, in the 2009 North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships Junior competition, Taylor is also a member of the National Honor Society, is a hospital volunteer, and is active in the Haitian Solidarity Club which, among other things, helps to raise awareness of global poverty and focuses on finding solutions.

For more information on this and other youth awards, visit the [USDF Web site](http://USDF Web site) or contact the USDF Youth Council Liaison at [youth@usdf.org](mailto:youth@usdf.org).



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**CDA BOARD MEETING at 6:15 PM**

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