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## President's Message

After such a hot, humid summer the crisp falls air is a welcome reprise. Once again it is time to start preparing our horses for the cooler days and nights ahead. What a great time of year for a trail ride to enjoy the beautiful colors of fall.

The Vista Vintage Region 8 Recognized Show Award was awarded in August at the Centerline Events HITS on the Hudson Show. Congratulations to our own CDA member, Elizabeth Braverman and Gucci for their outstanding performance in the show ring in 2011 and receiving the award. Gucci is a 23-year-old Dutch Warmblood competing at Fourth Level. Honorable mention was awarded to Erin Shea on Marshal, a 22 year Old Swedish Warmblood shown at I 2. Another amazing pair who deserved special consideration.

Why not take a nice foliage trip to Mystic this month to show your support for the NRADC?! While CDA does not have a team this year, many CDA members will be taking part in the competition of which CDA is a sponsor. The Northeast Regional Adult Amateur Dressage Championships at the Mystic Valley Hunt Show in Gales Ferry will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. It is a beautiful show grounds and is a great outing on a lovely fall day!

Thanks again to all of our volunteers who helped out at our CDA schooling show on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Once Again Farm. Although entry numbers were down, all who attended the show had a great time and found it to be an educational and rewarding experience. A huge thank you to Once Again Farm for offering us their beautiful facility and fabulous grounds for our shows. We appreciate your great generosity.

October is a great time to nail down those final scores needed to qualify for year-end awards. Please note the final submission deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>. It is also the deadline for the Vista Vintage Schooling Show Award. We really want to acknowledge you for all of your hard work throughout the year so make sure you get those scores in!

Once again we are busy gathering information and ads for our omnibus. If you are interested in placing an ad or having your schooling shows listed in the omnibus to qualify for year-end awards let us know. The early bird due date is not until December but it is a good idea to get started on it now.

Time to renew your membership already?! I cannot believe it, but it sure is. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the end of our current membership year. There are so many benefits to membership. Our members receive reduced entry fees at our schooling shows and reduced riding and auditing fees at our clinics and workshops. They also receive the CDA omnibus, which has one of the most comprehensive collections of dressage tests out there. Our members stay on top of news and happenings with our Centerline newsletter that is produced each month. We hope you enjoyed and continue to enjoy being a member of CDA. It is the goal of CDA to bring you quality programs and shows that will help you grow in your knowledge of and enjoyment of the sport and art of dressage. So show your support for dressage in Connecticut and renew today! We look forward to having you as our member!

See you soon at one of the upcoming events!!!!

Chris

## 2011 Calendar of Events

### October 1, 2011

Equi-Yoga with Marty Whittle  
Top Cat Farm  
Killingworth, CT  
Heidi Nottelman  
(860) 779 – 7816  
membership@ctdressageassoc.org

### October 23, 2011

Dressage Schooling Show  
Wells Valley Farm  
New Milford, CT  
Pamela Lund  
(860) 350-5296

### November 3, 2011

Lollipop Farm Dressage Schooling  
Show  
Brooklyn, CT  
Isigfridson@juno.com

## Ann Guptill Announced as New USDF Certification Examiner

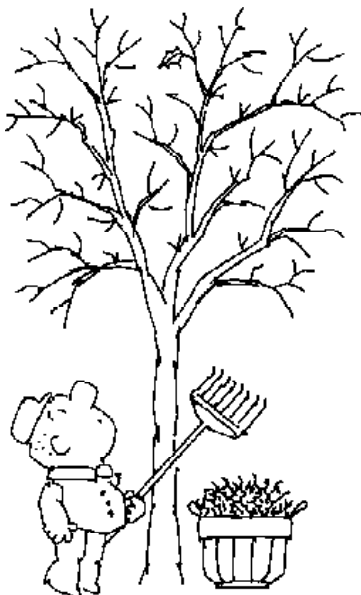
Lexington, KY (September 1, 2011) – The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is proud to announce that Ann Guptill of East Haddam, CT, joins the team of USDF Certification Examiners. “I am looking forward to contributing to the USDF Instructor Certification Program as an Examiner. I have been a strong believer in the program since completing my certification in 1993 and have enjoyed teaching workshops throughout the country as a senior member of the faculty,” stated Ann.

Ann, a professional dressage rider, trainer and instructor, with a base operation at Fox Ledge Farm, competes with a variety of breeds and types of horses in dressage. Throughout her career, Anne placed 5<sup>th</sup> individually at the 1987 Pan American Games and helped to secure the Team Silver Medal, competed in the final Dressage Selection Trials for the Olympic Games in 1992, placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the US League Finals for the Dressage World Cup in 1991 and 1992, and has won numerous regional and national titles at all levels of competition. In 2010, Ann chaperoned The Dressage Foundation’s Young Rider Olympic Dream Program trip, which takes four top young American dressage riders to Europe for a two week introduction to European Dressage each year.

As a member of USDF, Ann has served as past chair of the Test Writing and Musical Freestyle Committees and currently serves as a member of the Instructor/Trainer and Freestyle Committees. She is a graduate “A” of the United States Pony Club, serves as the District Commissioner of the Connecticut Valley Pony Club, her alma mater, and has mentored many young riders in their progress through the Pony Club ratings.

Katherine Robertson, USDF Senior Education Programs Coordinator, states, “As a member of the faculty for over 10 years, Ann becomes the second member of our team of examiners who has been through the certification program. She has been a dedicated member of our program and I am looking forward to her future involvement.”

For more information on the USDF Instructor Certification Program, visit the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), e-mail [instructorcertification@usdf.org](mailto:instructorcertification@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.



# CDA Schooling Dressage Show Results

## Sunday, August 7, 2011

### At Weatogue Stables, Salisbury, CT

**Intro "A"**

1. Wendy Luscombe	Octane	70.6
2. Kevin Delahanty	Rascal	61.3
3. Nancy Trevor	Take to the Chase	60.6
4. Lula Langdon	Frosted Bandit	51.9

**Intro "B"**

1. Wendy Luscombe	Octane	71.9
2. Emily Kamenovsky	Nickoline	70.6
3. Nancy Trevor	Take to the Chase	67.5
4. Kevin Delahanty	Rascal	61.3
5. Lula Langdon	Frosted Bandit	52.6

**Intro "C"**

1. Holly Hansen	Lancer	68.5
2. Hailey Woolf	Frosted Bandit	57.0

**Training Level, Test 1**

1. Caitlin Tierney	Davenport	68.3
2. Liz Piacentini	Schoentell	66.3
3. Mariko Williams	Obie	64.6
4. Rhett Brandon	Carinio	64.2
5. Holly Hansen	Lancer	58.3
6. Dianne Saunders	Baldwin	56.3

**Training Level, Test 2**

1. Nancy Deming	Isabella	69.2
2. Samantha Rand	Oberon	63.2
3. Liz Piacentini	Schoentell	61.4
4. Hope Ropke	Bay Rhythm	61.1
5. Treacy Gaffney	Fernhill's Mr. Taldi	60.0
6. Ali Borgert	Sundance Sonata	59.60

**Training Level, Test 3**

1. Molly Maloney	Mr. P	65.2
2. Caitlin Tierney	Davenport	60.0
3. Samantha Rand	Dream Weaver	59.2
4. Katrin Hoferfay	Belle	58.4
5. Hope Ropke	Bay Rhythm	58.4
6. Teresa Bills	Cherda Happiness	56.8

**First Level, Test 1**

1. Heather Fitzhenny	Tequila Sunrise	65.9
2. Jen Nagy	Flying W Farms Cleopatra	63.8
3. Heather Morrival	Wollering	62.8
4. Mariko Williams	Jane	62.4
5. Christee Przewlocki	Marconi AGG	61.4
6. Lori Chatfield	Cathari	57.9

**First Level, Test 2**

1. Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	68.7
2. Katherine Kane	Finn MacCool	60.5
3. Heather Morrival	Wollering	58.4
4. Christee Przewlocki	Marconi AGG	57.8
5. Lori Chatfield	Cathari	57.3
6. Heather Fitzhenny	Tequila Sunrise	56.8

**First Level, Test 3**

1. Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	66.1
2. Katherine Kane	Finn MacCool	62.3
3. Kathy Motashami	Flying W Farms Cleopatra	58.7
4. Ali Borgert	Dream Weaver	58.4

**Second Level Tests**

5. Roxanne Bok	Leonardo	59.7
6. Mariko Williams	Oktane	59.3
7. Sharon Gallagher	Napoleon +	57.6
8. Deb Marsden	Cesar	57.4
9. Sharon Gallagher	Napoleon +	55.7
10. Roxanne Bok	Dream Weaver	51.7

**Third Level and above**

1. Jayne Marino	Oostenwind	63.4
2. Bobbi Carleton	Rawleigh	59.7

**Event Tests**

1. Michele Marrin	Nacho	30.9
2. Meghan Licata	Oberon	33.4
3. Michele Marrin	Nacho	34.0
4. Meghan Licata	Oberon	34.3

High Score Intro	Wendy Luscombe	Octane	71.9
High Score Training Level	Nancy Deming	Isabella	69.2
High Score First Level	Kari Bradshaw	Briar Bay	68.7
High Score Second and above	Jayne Marino	Oostenwind	63.4
Overall High Score and High Score adult	Nancy Deming	Isabella	69.2
High Score Junior	Caitlin Tierney	Davenport	68.3

## **A HISTORY OF CDA EDUCATIONAL EVENTS** **From Donna Leonessa, your Education Chair**

We thought we would take a minute to reflect on the educational events that we have run over the last ten years. CDA has committed a considerable amount of time, effort and monies into putting on educational events for our members. The feedback that we have received from our members for the educational events is extremely positive and we encourage our members to keep sharing your ideas for new events with us.

### **2003**

Show Prep Clinic with Vicki Hammers-O'Neil  
Roel Theunissen Riding Clinic

### **2004**

Roel Theunissen Riding Clinic  
Eyes Wide Open Review of Tests with Margaret Freeman  
Scribe Clinic with Margaret Freeman

### **2005**

It's All in Your Seat, Part I with Vicki Hammers-O'Neil  
Roel Theunissen Riding Clinic  
Jorn Kulbelke Riding Clinic with CDCTA  
Unlock your Potential with Shannon Dueck – Full (approx 20)

### **2006**

It's All in Your Seat, Part II with Vicki Hammers-O'Neil  
It's All in Your Seat, Part III with Ann Guptill  
CDA Riding Clinic With Silke Rembacz  
CDA Riding Clinic With Shannon Dueck

### **2007**

360 Review of Dressage Tests with Margaret Freeman  
Roel Theunissen Riding Clinic  
Balimo Clinic with Alison End  
Luis Denizard Riding Clinic

### **2008**

Musical Freestyle Clinic with Ann Guptill  
Test Riding Clinic with Margaret Freeman  
Balimo Clinic with Alison End

### **2009**

USDF Instructor Mega Workshops (16 Instructors)  
Teaching – Private/Group, Lunging, Riding  
Musical Freestyle Clinic with Ann Guptill

### **2010**

Winter Series 3 Mini-Workshops  
USDF Pre Certification  
USDF Testing  
Musical Freestyle with Ann Guptill

### **2011**

Balance Your Frame Clinic with  
Riding Simulator Clinic at Avatar Enterprises  
2011 Test Review with Margaret Freeman  
Equi-Yoga with Marty Whittle

# CDA Membership Renewal Time!!!

**CDA Membership Renewal Forms will be mailed to you by 10/15/2011.**

If you don't receive a renewal form, please feel free to print one from the CDA Website, or contact Heidi Nottelman @ [membership@ctdressageassoc.org](mailto:membership@ctdressageassoc.org), or if you do not have computer access, please call (860)779-7816 to have a form mailed to you.

**We have made some changes this year, so please read the top of the form carefully!**

- Due to costs of printing and postage, there will now be a charge for paper copies of the Centerline.
- Renew early and save money with our Early Bird Special!

**CDA Membership benefits include:**

- Reduced Fees at CDA Shows and Clinics,
- Year-End Awards
- Omnibus listing shows, advertisers, and all of the dressage tests!
- CDA Bucks for Volunteers (1 volunteer hour = \$3 toward CDA Membership/Entry/Clinic)
- **Did you know that \$20 of your CDA Membership funds go directly to the USDF, as a group member.**

**Are You Enjoying All of Your USDF Group Member Benefits?**

Did you know that you are entitled to a discount on merchandise in the USDF store and discounts on memberships and subscriptions with USDF's educational partners? The discount codes are listed below for your convenience.

[USDF Store](#) (10% discount) - **MEM2011**

[DressageTrainingOnline.com](#) (15% discount) - **95121521**

[DressageClinic.com](#) (15% discount) - **USDF20108070**

Please click on the SUBSCRIBE button on the home page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on COUPON, fill out all the information and click on PROCEED, choose the membership package and continue to sign in.

- [Barnby Notes](#) (Free one-year basic subscription) - **USDF2010**
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Click on the FEI TV link from the USDF home page and you will be able to subscribe at the USDF member-discount rate.

- [FarmVet](#) (5% discount on online orders) - **FVUSDF**

**Remember to renew by December 15<sup>th</sup> to get your USDF Connection Annual Magazine!**



# *Timothy F. Malin*

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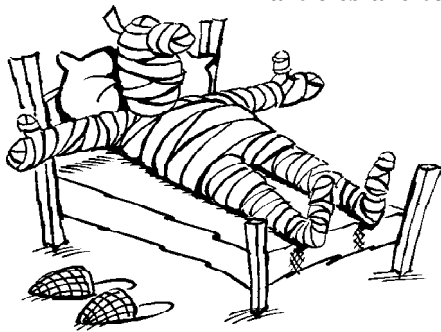


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in as an Attachment in either Word for Windows, WordPerfect, RTF or in a plain text file Format if possible.

Attention Show and Clinic Organizers, Trainers, Stables and Organizations:

Don't forget to send us information about your activities for the 2011 CDA Calendar of Events!!! Send a one-line description, dates, locations, and contact person's name and phone number. We'll be delighted to include it in Centerline's regular calendar at no cost.

Remember to visit us on the web at <http://ctdressageassoc.org>

Thanks,  
John

“Horses have hooves to carry them over frost and snow;  
hair, to protect them from wind and cold.  
They eat grass and drink water, and fling up their heels....  
such is the real nature of horses.”

- Chang Tzu

## 2011 Advertising Rates

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## Drew Carlin Named 2011 USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year

Lexington, KY (September 15, 2011) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that Drew Carlin of Columbia, SC, has been selected as the recipient of the 2011 USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. This prestigious award honors one outstanding youth volunteer who has contributed on a national and local basis to USDF and dressage.

As the recipient of this award, Drew's name will be engraved on a perpetual trophy, housed in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame. This trophy was donated by the Akin family of Warwick, NY, in honor of Lendon Gray. Drew will also receive a \$500 scholarship provided from funds raised through the Youth Silent Auction, held annually at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention.

At only sixteen years of age, Drew's volunteer efforts and innovative projects have left an inspiring mark on dressage. For the past five years, Drew has been a vital junior representative for the South Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association (SCDCTA). In order to provide an educational opportunity to fellow youth, Drew took it upon herself to organize an annual junior dressage clinic at no cost to the riders. Through her determined efforts, Drew works to gather donations to run the clinics for free each year. Each rider walks away with a video of their rides and a gift basket with donations from local tack shops and businesses. In addition to Drew's efforts creating educational opportunities, she also began her own manure composting business called *Drew's Poo*, in which 100% of the proceeds go toward youth activities for her local GMO, SCDCTA.

Jill Allard of Region 3 stated, in Drew's nomination, "I feel Drew's contributions are unique because she is a self-starter. Not only has she put in countless hours planning, finding quality clinicians, fundraising and organizing, but the entire project has been initiated by her for the purpose of helping other junior riders."

The USDF Youth Programs Committee selected Drew for her innovativeness and ability to think outside the box in volunteer efforts. The committee wholeheartedly commends Drew for her dedication to dressage and ability to be a positive role model for other youth through exceptional volunteerism.

For more information about the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award or the USDF Youth Silent Auction, please visit the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), or contact the USDF office at [youth@usdf.org](mailto:youth@usdf.org).

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