



CENTERLINE



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Connecticut Dressage Association



Message from our President, Liz Doering

Dear Members,

On Oct. 6 Ann Guptill came to Sperry View Farm for an unmounted session on musical freestyle. Ann reviewed components of the musical freestyle such as matching the horse's rhythm and tempo to music. She shared that a musical freestyle is acceptable at Training Level through Grand Prix and showed two different Grand Prix musical freestyles using distinctly different music for each one.

The mounted musical freestyle session is scheduled for Dec. 2, 2018 at Sperry View Farm. If you did not get a chance to attend the unmounted session you still have time to attend the mounted session. If you have music and would like help with choreography or have an idea for choreography but need help with musical selection, this session will address these needs and you can spend the winter creating a very special dance with your horse. See the **Upcoming Events** section for more details.

Discussions and planning are underway for the 2018 Annual Awards Banquet and we have changed it up quite a bit. Read on to learn more about the changes and put it on your calendar. Check out the newsletter calendar and the CDA Web site information on the second musical freestyle clinics coming this December and 2019 educational events.

Catch up on Region 8 news from our director, Debra Reinhardt. Deb works hard for our Region and is excellent about communicating the important news from the USDF.

Send us your news, stories and pictures about your training and horse show experiences. We especially need pictures for the Awards Banquet slide show!

Be calm and ride on!

Liz Doering

Dres-sage: n. the art of riding and training a horse in a manner that develops obedience, flexibility, and balance.

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Upcoming Events

Learn to Dance With your Horse!

Seize the opportunity to get your musical freestyle underway!

CDA is offering the second part of the Musical Freestyle Clinic at Sperry View Farm with Ann Guptill, FEI trainer and owner of Equestrian Arts Productions, a musical freestyle company.

The well received first session was unmounted at Sperry View Farm on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018. Ann discussed Music Selection, and Choreography Design and basic How To's and Rules for Freestyle Competitions.

The second session is a mounted session at Sperry View Farm on Sunday Dec 2, 2018 starting at 9:00 am. You did not have to participate in the first session to participate in the second session.

To sign up, please go to the CDA Website to get the registration form. Send to Denise Clark, 337 Park Ave. Naugatuck, CT 06770, 203-809-3614. deniseclark1211@gmail.com

Ann Guptill – Musical Freestyle Second Session

Mounted Session 2-Dec-2018

Monday November is cut-off date to register

1 hour riding session CDA member \$90

1 hour riding session non-member \$125

Auditor Fee CDA member \$25; Non-member \$35

Contact: Denise Clark,
deniseclark1211@gmail.com, 203-809-3614 or
CDA's website, ctdressage.com for more information.

CDA Annual Awards Banquet

19-Jan-2019

Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cheshire Youth Center

Mark your calendars and take note that there have been several changes for 2019. There is a new venue, the Cheshire Youth Center in Cheshire, CT, and a change in time to later afternoon, early evening.

Riders must submit their scores at the end of the competition season. **The deadline for submission will be November 7, 2018.** All submissions must be done using the online form on the CDA Website. The online form will be unavailable after November 7.

Awards will not be mailed to recipients. If you cannot attend, please arrange to have someone accept the reward on your behalf.

Send us your pictures for the banquet slide show!

Go to the CDA Website for full details on year end awards go [Competition Awards then Forms](#).

R.S.V.P to Fern Feldman by email:
fernfeldman@gmail.com.

Member Announcements

Send us your announcements and news to share with our members.

Message from our CDA Youth Representative, Lily Koorejian

If there are questions about D4K reach out to Lily Koorejian or the youth director Liz Caron.

USDF Region 8 Youth News; Jennifer Dillon,
Coordinator

2019 CDA Membership

It's a good time to think about becoming a 2019 CDA Member or renewing your membership. Enjoy the following benefits: Reduced Fees at CDA Shows and Clinics, Eligibility for Year-End Awards, and access to the 2019 Omnibus which lists shows, sponsors, and all of the dressage tests! Membership options are adult, youth or family.

For 2018 members, 2019 membership forms will be mailed out over the next few weeks. New members, please go to the CDA Website for a [form](#).

This is a reminder for new and longstanding members, that the CDA does not issue membership cards. This is because we use your USDF number as your CDA membership number. Less to keep track of!

Letters to the Board

Please share your thoughts and ideas!

Dear Friends at CDA,

From all of us in the High Hopes Family, thank you and the Connecticut Dressage Association for your generous donation for our Adopt-A-Horse program, for Hummer, he is lucky to have an organization such as yours supporting him.

Hummer is wonderful guy and devout therapy horse who always does his job with professionalism and dedication. He was very happy during our recent cold snap and enjoyed the colder weather. He and His buddies kept warm frolicking together in their paddock. High Hopes is very fortunate to have Hummer in our program. He is a steady, reliable stead and all of his riders fall instantly in love with his big size and his even bigger heart.

From Hummer, and all of us here at High Hopes, we are very thankful for your support of our program and our horses! Due to generous donations, such as yours, High Hopes is a place where great things happen each day in the lives of the more than 1,674 individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities.

Greatful thanks,
Kitty Stalburg, Executive Directioon

High Hope Therapeutic Riding is a recognized 501c organization by the IRS.

USDF Region 8 News Debra Reinhardt October 2018

Fall is here! After that hot beginning in September or really the whole summer, the cool nights will be refreshing. Before too long our equine friends will be growing a winter coat and body clipping will begin!

Let's start with our region's championship. NEDA's Fall Festival was another successful year and the weather cooperated. However, going from the 90 degrees to fall temps did give the horses some spirit! As I mentioned in my last month's letter, entries were

down. We had 601 entries compared to 724 in 2017. Total rides were 1442 (1546 in 2017), and Championship rides were 512 (572 in 2017).

Breed show was down to one ring and done early each day, and CDI had only six riders. However, this year we did not have the influx from Region 1 or Region 2 riders declaring Region 8 as we did last year. So to me this was a much more Region 8 championships. The numbers still make Region 8 one of the largest Regional Championships and still make NEDA Fall Festival the largest show in the world.

Now the US Dressage Finals are just around the corner in November; I hope to see many of you there! There were many Wild Card scores this year giving riders the opportunity to come! Our riders will get a Region 8 saddle pad and hat again. However, we are a bit short of funds. So if anyone would like to fund them, let me know and it is tax deductible!!!!

Also, October usually signals the end of the year for Awards for GMOs. So take a look at your GMOs award criteria and see if you are eligible!!! I find it as rewarding if not more rewarding than a national award. Plus they are certainly more achievable!

Our regional Meeting was held on October 21st at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA starting at noon! Discussion topics will be show attendance in 2018, gearing up for 2019 NAYC, GMO proposed increase dues from USDF, Executive Board elections and ideas in general for 2019.

Remember to put Nov 28-Dec 1 on your calendar! The convention is just around the corner and will be in Salt Lake City, UT. I am hoping to see many new and old faces!

See you on the Centerline...
Debra Reinhardt
USDF Region 8 Director

CDA Scholarships CDA Scholarships for Youth & Amateurs Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship

CDA offers one or more scholarships per year, per category for CDA members. Check out the details for 2017 on the [CDA Scholarship Web](#) page.

The Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship



Through the continued generosity of Vista Vintage Award founder, Ted Plaut, CDA is excited to announce the formation of the Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship.

The Vista Vintage Award was started in 2008, to honor Ted's long time equine companion, Vista GeeWiz, a Morgan/Trakehner gelding. It is Ted's philosophy that horses are living longer, healthier lives, often working and competing well into their late teens and early twenties.

The Vista Vintage Award acknowledges that accomplishment. Following along the same line of thought, the Vista Vintage Educational Scholarship will be given to further the education of horse and rider. It is Ted's feeling that better training at any age leads to a happier, healthier horse.

The Vista Vintage Fund also supports Dressage4Kids at its Weekend Educational Program.

The Dressage Foundation Century Club Scholarship Opportunities



The Century Club recognizes Dressage riders and horses whose combined age totals 100 years or more. The Century Club was formed at The Dressage Foundation in 1996, at the suggestion of Max Gahwyler (CT). To learn more, go to the Dressage Foundation Web page – [About the Century Club](#).

Browse the [Website](#) to learn more about the programs, grants and ways to support the dressage community.

Gifted Memorial Fund for Adult Amateurs

This Scholarship enables Adult Amateurs to set aside quality-time, in concentrated training away from the daily pressures of job and family, with a horse the recipient owns or formally leases (as documented by USDF or USEF paperwork).

Up to nine \$1,000 grants are available each year (one in each USDF Region), plus two additional \$1,000 wild card grants (which can be awarded in any Region). Follow the below link for details and guidelines.
http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/adult_amateurs/gifted.html

Calendar of Events

Next CDA Board Meeting

Monday, November 26, 6:00 PM
Monday, December 17, 6:00 PM
Cheshire, CT | Contact Fern Feldman
fernfeldman@gmail.com

CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows

Sperry View Farm

Hanna Calcagni hanna@calcagni.com

Grand View Stables

Rochelle McPherson 860-933-1939

Carbery Fields Farm

Liz Caron 860-208-6151

Weatogue Stables

Bobbi Carlton 860-824-7908

Schooling Shows - Scores Eligible for CDA Year End Awards

Abacus Events at R Folly Farm

Nancy Blanchard 860-618-2420

Fox Ledge Farm

FoxLedgefarm.net | 860-873-8108 Ann Guptil

Conn Equestrian Center

athene@ctequestrian.com

Five Oaks Equestrian Center

Kirsten Rothman 860-985-9052

Recognized Shows

Sperry View Farm

<http://www.centerlineevents.com/>

R Folly Farm

Centerline Events - (203) 264-2148

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Clinics & Events

Baroque Equestrian Games

geniede@comcast.net

Schooling Show Competitions Awards Criteria for 2018

Open to Youth, Adult Amateur and Open CDA members who compete between November 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018 in:

- 1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows.
- 2) Schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the 2018 CDA OMNIBUS.
- 3) Schooling show prize lists that are published in the CDA Newsletter "Centerline" or on the CDA website.

Full details and requirements are outlined on the [CDA Competition Web page](#).

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[CDA Facebook Page](#)

2018 Facebook Pictures Needed

Please submit pictures for the 2018 Facebook.
Send to president@ctdressage.com



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