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## Message from our President, Liz Doering

Dear Members,

We are pleased to announce a special Spring Clinic featuring Margaret Freeman. With the help of a select group of demo riders Margaret will walk us through the new 2019 USEF Dressage Tests (Training through 4th level) and provide insight on technique and approach from a judge's perspective.

Auditing is free! Bring your lunch and snacks.

Remember to renew your membership! If you're not sure, please send an email to our Membership Coordinator to find out. In order for your scores to count for the year-end awards, you must be an active member for the upcoming shows.

Speaking of awards, we had a wonderful turnout for the annual awards banquet and we received many positive compliments on the new venue. The new time appealed to everyone as well. It was great to see fellow dressage enthusiasts and catch up.

It may have well been one of the largest turnouts with approximately 70 people attending. The spring show dates are out and the 2019 CDA Omnibus. We look forward to seeing you all again at the 2019 banquet!

Be calm and ride on!

Liz Doering

*"Horses trust a rider who is 'consequent.' That is, the rider who expects a consequence from her aids is easiest for the horse to understand."*  
**Anonymous**

## Member Announcements

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### Clinic at Lost Run Farm

June 29 and 30, 2019 -- Clinic at **Lost Run Farm** with **Andy Thomas focused on Rider Symmetry Issues.**

For information, contact Virginia Leary at [lostrun@optonline.net](mailto:lostrun@optonline.net).

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

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### Upcoming Events

#### **New Test Clinic Location Has Been Changed to Sperry View Farm**

**March 30, 2019**

**Come and see 8 demo rides starting at 9:00 a.m.**

With the help of a select group of demo riders Margaret will walk us through the new 2019 USEF Dressage Tests (Training through 4th level) and provide insight on technique and approach from a judge's perspective.

No cost to auditors. Bring your lunch or snacks!

#### About Margaret:

Margaret Freeman, of Tryon NC, is a USEF senior dressage judge and an FEI-level competitor with her Friesian-cross mare. She's a freelance writer/editor for horse magazines and covered the equestrian events at seven Olympics for the Associated Press.

Margaret is the Executive Board secretary of the USDF and is active with youth dressage activities, including Dressage4Kids Inc. and Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival (NY). She's an experienced show organizer and was on the founding committees of CDCTA (VA) and Dressage at Devon (PA). [Details on Web site and application,](#)

### **Ride Review Ride**

**Apr 13 @ 8:00 am – Apr 14 @ 5:00 pm**

**Judge: Bobbi Carleton**

**Closing Date April 1, 2019  
Download Entry Form**

**Mail entries to: Liz Doering  
184 Sperry Road,  
Bethany, CT 06524**

The format will be 30 min sessions with the judge. The rider will ride the test of their choice, then the judge will review with the rider, make suggestions on how to improve the test and the rider will then be able to ride the test a second time.

\$75 for CDA youth members (u/21), \$80 per session for CDA adult members. \$95 per session for non--CDA members. Please include a negative coggins within 12 months of clinic date.

Complete the form on the [CTDressage.org](#) Web site and mail to Liz or email it to [ewdoering@yahoo.com](mailto:ewdoering@yahoo.com)

**Make checks payable to CDA.**

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### **Message from our CDA Youth Representative, Lily Koorejian**

The Dressage4Kids Weekend Equestrian Program took place on January 26-27, 2019. The featured equestrian for 2019 was Olympian Allison Brock.

CDA's your representative, Lily Koorejian, attended and shares her experience.

Olympian Ali Brock spoke each morning to all attendees. The first morning she described her personal path as a dressage professional. She stressed the importance of taking advantage of opportunities as they arose, but also about her work

ethic. She stressed the self-discipline and the willingness to work hard for what she believed in.

The second morning she talked about her specific path to the Olympics with her horse Roosevelt and her sponsor Fritz Kudurn. His support was wonderful, however, it was based on many years of her demonstrating that she was worthy of such generosity. She talked about a number of her mentors: specifically, Sue Blinks, Kyra Kyrlund, and Michael Barisone. Presently, Ali is devoting most of her time to teaching and mentoring younger riders, as she brings them along with the horses she and they are developing.

Throughout the day at D4K WEP, there were multiple sessions going on. There was a session about parasites and another session was a 'sit down' with Lendon Gray. One of my personal favorite sessions was Erin O'Neil's talk about incorporating cavalettis into dressage work. I thought this was a great introduction and easy learning curve for people who have never used cavalettis.

There are many different exercises for all kinds of athletic abilities. For example my horse does eventing. He loves to jump. so dressage is not his favorite type of work. When we use cavalettis in our dressage work, he becomes more focused. Cavalettis also help your horse engage their hind end.

I also really enjoyed Margaret Freeman's talk about the new dressage tests. She gave great insight about the new movements and she provided videos to show as a visual of what the judge is looking for.

I always enjoy D4K WEP because it is a great learning experience for riders of all ages and levels.

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

**For Information go to:  
[www.dressage4kids.org](http://www.dressage4kids.org)**

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## 2019 CDA Membership

Now is the time to act and become a 2019 CDA Member or renew 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.

New members, please go to the CDA Website for a form.

**Please include a completed membership form with your check. This will ensure that your membership is processed correctly.**

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!

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## *Letters to the Board*

*Please share your thoughts and ideas!*

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## USDF Region 8 News 2018

They say the groundhog did not see his shadow which means spring is coming sooner????, but evidence tells us otherwise as we had 14 inches of snow!!!! Mother Nature has given a mix bag of weather in the northeast. Cold then warm then mud then frozen then mud...I hope out Equine friends hang in there.

On the other hand the show season is coming!!! . It is time that you should research and plan the shows you are thinking about. Make some realistic goals! Are you going to do the Regional Championships? What about trying for the US Dressage Finals in November??? As a show manager, I am getting everything ready and competitors, you should too! For those who were not in Florida showing, get your memberships, registrations, vaccinations and Coggins done NOW!!!

New this year is safe sport requirement. Every rider, owner(s), trainers, and coach MUST take the safe sport or you cannot compete. This is important that you get this done.

I would love to see some adult clinics in our region. USDF has a program that sets aside \$3000 per region to be used as funding toward this new program. Each clinic can receive up to \$1000 of funding. Contact Victoria Trout, vtrout@usdf.org, at USDF to get more details.

On the Jr/YR scene, the NAYC will be held at Old Salem Farm, North Salem, NY, July 31-August 4, 2019. Region 8 teams will get the chance to host another welcome party! As for you, Juniors and Young Riders, don't forget to declare if you are going to compete for a place on the team. If you have any questions, please contact Jen, [Jen@dilloneq.com](mailto:Jen@dilloneq.com). Once you declare she will be contacting you for sure!

Nominations are still open for Participating Members to be delegates at the 2018 USDF convention. If you are interested or if you want to nominate someone, you need to contact Kate O'Connor, [Nativeross@charter.net](mailto:Nativeross@charter.net), quickly. As a PM Delegate you must attend the USDF convention next December and Kate can give you the scoop in more detail of what is expected. I would love to see some new faces.

REMEMBER another date....April 4th at 8pm will be our spring meeting via Conference call. I will send details out about a week before to the delegates and GMO Contacts. If you want to take part let me know and I will include you on that email. I know the agenda will have sub-committee reports on fund raising, discussions on possible off year adult clinic for the region, and more. This is YOUR region and you will have a huge opportunity to voice your opinion and to participate and get involved.

That is all for now. Stay Warm...give hugs and kisses to our equine friends!

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.

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## 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.

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## 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](http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/adult_amateurs/gifted.html)

## Calendar of Events

### Next CDA Board Meeting

Monday, April TBD, 6:00 PM  
Cheshire, CT | Contact Fern Feldman  
[fernfeldman@gmail.com](mailto:fernfeldman@gmail.com)

### CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows

#### Sperry View Farm

May 4, 2019  
Bethany, CT 06524  
Contact: Liz Doering, Hanna Calcagni [hanna@calcagni.com](mailto: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

Fox Ledgefarm.net | 860-873-8108 Ann Guptil

#### Conn Equestrian Center

April 14, 2019

860-942-3942

[athene@ctequestrian.com](mailto:athene@ctequestrian.com)

#### Five Oaks Equestrian Center

Kirsten Rothman 860-985-9052

### Recognized Shows

#### Sperry View Farm

May 5, 2019

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

#### R Folly Farm

Centerline Events - (203) 264-2148

### Clinics & Events

#### Ride Review Ride

April 13, 2019 @ 8:00 am

April 14, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

Sperry View Farm

Bethany, CT 06524

Contact: Liz Doering

## 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](#).

### Follow CDA on FaceBook



[CDA Facebook Page](#)

### 2018 Facebook Pictures Needed

Please submit pictures for the 2018 Facebook.  
Send to [president@ctdressage.org](mailto:president@ctdressage.org)



### Classifieds in the CDA Centerline

Members: free classified ads without picture; with picture \$15/month.

Non-members: \$10/month without picture; with picture, \$30/month.

## CDA Membership for 2019!

[Click here](#) to see all the fantastic benefits of membership!

E-MAIL: centerline@ctdressage.org  
We're on the Web!

*See us at: **www.ctdressage.org***

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and Opportunity.