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Message from our President, Liz Doering

Dear Members,

As the days begin to get longer and the excitement of green grass and warm days excite horses and people both, we find ourselves cleaning out tack- rooms, trunks and closets. Tap in to the feeling of growth and revitalization and set your riding goals for 2019.

The Spring Clinic featuring Margaret Freeman was a huge success. Margaret exceeded expectation and provided a judge's perspective on test riding techniques and approaches that can improve scores and as importantly the movement of the horse outside of the show arean.

Remember to renew your membership! If you're not sure if you have done so already, 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. No longer showing? Your membership dollars will be philanthropic by supporting the education events sponsored by the CDA.

The CDA Board was sadden to learn the loss of John Caron. John was the father of Liz Caron, our Youth Program Coordinator and an active supporter of dressage. A donation in his name was made to The Equus Effect.

Be calm and ride on!

Liz Doering

"The biggest enemy to the partnership of dressage is impatience and the human nature to dominate other creatures."

Walter Zettl

Member Announcements

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.

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

Recap of 'New Test Clinic' with Margaret Freeman

My Ride with Margaret Freeman
By Denise Clark

On Saturday, March 30, CDA sponsored a clinic at Sperry View Farm in Bethany with Margaret Freeman. Margaret is a USEF senior judge, an FEI Level competitor and Executive Board secretary for USDF. Margaret is also a freelance writer for several equestrian publications and is involved with D4K.

Eight riders participated and we each had a 45 - minute session with Margaret. The day was perfect, sunny and 65 degrees. Spring at last and the perfect inspiration to get our horses ready for the upcoming show season.

I believe all riders came away with something significant from their session with Margaret. My own experience with Margaret was enlightening. She asked about my goals and what I wanted to work on. She watched me ride and quickly knew what my issues were. Margaret is a wealth of knowledge and explained what I was doing and the effect it was having on my horse. It's interesting I can do so many things and not realize I am doing them!

With the changes Margaret was suggesting to me, my horse became soft in my hand and relaxed in his movement, a real "aha moment."

One important piece of information Margaret left with me is that my horse is my mirror. If things aren't going right, stop and review my equitation and then start over.

Thank you Margaret Freeman and I am sure my horse thanks you too.



Upcoming Events

Baroque Equestrian Games New England
Competition
July 13, 2019

The Baroque Equestrian Games (BEGI) is a competition that rewards balance, lightness and harmony between the horse and rider. The competition is open to all breeds of horses.

Go to the ctdressage.org website for more information.

Message from our CDA Youth Representative, Lily Koorejian

D4K: will there be a CDA team in 2019? Are you interested?

Contact Liz Caron, CDA Youth Program Coordinator, with your questions about D4K or reach out to Lily Koorejian, the CDA Youth Representative

**For Information go to:
www.dressage4kids.org**

2019 CDA Membership

[Click here](#) to see all the fantastic benefits. 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.

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!

USDF Region 8 News April 2019

I always open with the weather but in this case that has not been very newsy! Spring is here and so is mud season or did we have mud season all winter!? Last night, April 4th, we had an awesome Regional meeting via conference call. We had 18 on the call including some new GMO members. First, thank you all for attending! Here is short synopsis of what was discussed.

Kate O'Connor, Region 8 Representative to Nomination Committee, reminded us the deadline for Nominating PM Delegates is April 15th. As a Participating Member, you are represented by delegates that you vote into that position.

Our Region has the Fern Feldman PM Travel Fund that is able to pay something to each delegate who was not getting funded for their expenses to the

convention. These delegates have agreed to go to the convention, taking time out of their busy schedule, and vote on issues at the BOG, (Board of Governors meeting), for you.

We had a discussion and Kate made a motion and Paul Cormier seconded that "PM Delegate applying for Fern Feldman PM Travel Fund must attend both regional meetings and the entire BOG meeting at the USDF convention. With the approval of the Regional Director, exceptions can be made with conflicts that might occur during the BOG meeting, but they must be available to return to the meeting to vote. These PM Delegates must also contribute to the fundraising for this fund; Motion carried.

This is very important to make sure the PM members are represented and delegates are fully educated on the issues coming in front of the BOG.

Speaking of Fund Raising for the Fern Feldman PM Travel Fund, Linda Mendenhall will be doing an online auction. So keep your eyes open for announcements. If you would like to donate something to the auction, and it can be anything from lessons to dinner out, please contact Kate O'Connor, Nativeross@charter.net.

Anita Jaffe, a member of the Competition Committee, informed us of various topics for education that was still being decided for this year's convention. She also informed us about the Task Force studying the idea of splitting JR/YR division into two groups. However, at the moment the numbers do not support this even though the concept is well received.

Stan Horton, our GMO representative to the GMO committee, told us about a new award for the GMO gift baskets. At the USDF convention the GMOs bring in gift baskets which are raffled off during the BOG meeting. They will honor the best baskets per GMO size, ie. small, medium and large GMO...SOOOOO GMOs, get creative!

The Executive Board meets April 18-19 in Lexington, KY for our spring meeting. I will report any earth shattering news in next month's letter.

Our first shows in Region 8 are open. Have you prepared yourself? Do you have a current Coggins? Are your memberships all up to date? Do I sound like a show secretary? Sorry but I know how those first shows are. So be proactive and get the paperwork done.

Our website is becoming more and more important. We have many notices and a lot of information on the site. So please check 1 to 2 times a month. If you want to get Regional notices, please go to contact us on <http://www.usdfregion8.org/> and give us your email address. We are also keeping our Facebook page updated with posts. So if you have not 'liked' us yet...please do so.

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 2019 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, May 20, 6:00 PM
Cheshire, CT | Contact Fern Feldman
fernfeldman@gmail.com

CDA Sponsored Schooling Shows

Sperry View Farm

May 4, 2019 and September 8, 2019

Bethany, CT 06524

Contact: Liz Doering, Hanna Calcagni hanna@calcagni.com

Grand View Stables

June 30, 2019 and September 29, 2019

Rochelle McPherson 860-933-1939

Carbery Fields Farm

July 7, 2019

Liz Caron 860-208-6151

R Folly Farm

September 1, 2019

Weatogue Stables

August 11, 2019

Bobbi Carlton 860-824-7908

Schooling Shows - Scores Eligible for CDA Year End Awards

Abacus Events at R Folly Farm

June 9, July 7, August 4, 2019

Nancy Blanchard 860-618-2420

Conn Equestrian Center

June 2, August 25 and October 27, 2019

860-942-3942

athene@ctequestrian.com

Recognized Shows

Sperry View Farm

May 5, July 10, October 27, 2019

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

R Folly Farm

June 23, 2019

Centerline Events - (203) 264-2148

Clinics & Events

Ride Review Ride

April 13 & 14, 2019 @ 8:00 am

Sperry View Farm

Bethany, CT 06524

Contact: Liz Doering

Baroque Equestrian Games

July 13, 2019

Genie Dethloff; geniede@comcast.net

Schooling Show Competitions Awards Criteria for 2019

Open to Youth, Adult Amateur and Open CDA members who compete between November 1, 2018 and October 31, 2019 in:

- 1) CDA-sponsored schooling shows.
- 2) Schooling shows whose prize lists appear in the 2019 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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2019 Facebook Pictures Needed
Please submit pictures for the 2019 Facebook.
Send to 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!

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

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and Opportunity.